

Huron Valley Schools
Oak Valley Middle School

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Dear Oak Valley Families:

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! It's that time again, we are requiring all students and parents to complete the Back-to-School packet, an online registration process. Families are encouraged to complete this process at home through [Skyward Family Access](#). PLEASE NOTE: It is crucial that you complete/update ALL information including **Emergency Contacts for your child**. Without identification in Skyward, we cannot release a student to **anyone other than those listed as an Emergency Contact**. In addition, please make sure your contact information is correct, including up-to-date emails and phone numbers. Please delete any old phone numbers no longer in use.

OAK VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL MEDIA

<p>SCHOOL WEBSITE</p> <p>Please visit the OVMS website here:</p> <p>https://www.hvs.org/o/oakvalley</p> <p>See links for athletics, eFunds, lunch menus, and more.</p>	<p>PRIVATE GROUP ON FACEBOOK</p> <p>Join the "Oak Valley Hornet Hub" private Facebook group, for news and dialogue.</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/groups/oakvalleyhornethub</p>
<p>EMAIL COMMUNICATION</p> <p>We email the HIVE newsletter each Friday during the school year, with all communication in one place. It is the most comprehensive source of "what you need to know" for OVMS, so please read the HIVE newsletter each week!</p>	<p>INSTAGRAM</p> <p>If you use Instagram, please follow our live feed here:</p> <p>https://www.instagram.com/oakvalleyhornethub/</p>

- **TO STAY ENGAGED:** For all parents/guardians listed in Skyward Family Access, please make sure the email addresses are current and accurate.
- **FREE/REDUCED LUNCH:** For those families who are eligible for free/reduced lunch, please complete this year's application, which can be found in Family Access. The application must be completed each year.

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- **ONLINE BACK TO SCHOOL PROCESS:** The Online Back to School Process will go live in Family Access on August 1st. Families who need assistance with this process can visit the Media Center at Oak Valley Middle School, during open lab times on Tuesday, August 8th 5:30pm-8:00pm, and/or Wednesday, August 23rd 5:30pm-8:00pm.
- **STUDENT SCHEDULES:** Student schedules will be available on Skyward Family Access beginning August 24th after 4:00pm. These schedules can only be accessed by families who have completed the back-to-school process on Family Access. Please be aware that schedules will not be viewable to families until completion of the back-to-school process.
- **SKYWARD/FAMILY ACCESS:** Student schedules, locker assignments, and combinations will be available through Skyward. Much of the information you need is located in the “Student Information” section of Family Access. To access Skyward, you will need to have an account. If you do not have a Family Access account, please fill out this [Family Access Google Form](#) and you will be contacted via email with your Family Access login information within three business days. ***Please note that the information you put into Skyward is what we use to contact you, and/or emergency contacts, should we need to speak with you, or provide you important information. Please keep this information up-to-date.**
- **6th GRADE ONLY WELCOME ORIENTATION:** Our 6th grade Welcome Back Orientation will take place at Oak Valley Middle School on Thursday, August 31st. 6th grade students should report to the Oak Valley main entrance by 8:00am, and will need to be picked up at 12:00pm. Our 8th grade Oak Valley WEB Leaders will be here to help facilitate. Parents, you are invited to join Mrs. Durso and Mrs. Fraza at 8:30am in the LGI for a parent welcome meeting. This meet-and-greet should last about an hour.
- **IMMUNIZATIONS: 7th grade students are now required** to have the following immunizations before entering 7th grade (these additional vaccines were in past years a requirement for 6th grade students):
 - 2 doses of Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine or history of the disease by the first day of school
 - TDAP booster at 11 years of age or older
 - Meningococcal conjugate (MenACWY vaccine) at 11 years of age or olderYou must send proof of your immunizations to Oak Valley **before** the first day of school. Any immunization questions should be directed to our Records Clerk, Mrs. Rebecca Krawczyk (Rebecca.Krawczyk@hvs.org).

Note: Waivers are no longer offered through the school. You must contact Oakland County to obtain a waiver. For more information, go to www.oakgov.com/health or contact Nurse on Call at 1-800-848-5533.
- **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:** The first day of school is Tuesday, September 5th. The start time for Oak Valley Middle School will be 8:23a.m., and dismissal time will be 3:01 p.m. Any bussing questions should be addressed to our Transportation Department @ (248) 684-8200. Bus routes and times can be seen in Skyward Family Access.
- **INTRAMURALS:** Intramural activities will be available to students throughout the year, and provide a great opportunity for student connection to Oak Valley! They include events such as Open Gym, Craft Club, and Minecraft. The cost is a one-time fee of \$35 for the entire school year, and can be paid via E-Funds or by cash/check to the main office.
- **YEARBOOKS:** Yearbooks can be purchased online at:
<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1018839/Oak-Valley-Middle-School/>. We recommend purchasing early since the price increases later in the school year. Questions can be directed to Kathy Adriansen in the main office.

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- **PHYSICALS:** All students who want to try out for a sport **must** have a physical dated after April 15, 2023 on file in the main office, or uploaded in [Final Forms](#). The physical form is available [here](#). **Participation in sports is subject to MHSAA and the State of Michigan approval for middle school athletics.**
- **PARKING LOT:** The parking lot can be a very dangerous place for our students, as parents/guardians maneuver to pick up/drop off. Please show extra caution when driving through the parking lot, stopping for the crosswalk and vigilantly watching for other drivers and our students walking through the lot. We realize that mornings and afternoons can be a hectic time, but we ask that you exhibit patience and cooperation to ensure the safety of our children and families.
If you are dropping off students in the morning, please use the sidewalk lane adjacent to the building, and avoid dropping off students in the staff parking lot.
When dropping off/picking up, please note buses that unload/load students at the front of the building need ample space. Parents are asked to not park along the curb designated as a loading zone. The loading zone is the area to the north of the crosswalk and flagpole.
When picking up your student(s) at the end of the school day, please line up south of the crosswalk in the fire lane. Once your student(s) have entered your vehicle, when pulling forward and driving through the crosswalk, please stop before continuing through the crosswalk. This will ensure all students, staff, and visitors have a safe opportunity to cross. We appreciate your cooperation to ensure our students arrive safely.
*Oak Valley will be open and accessible to students each day at 7:30am (unless participating in a morning intramural or invited earlier by OV staff). Students dropped off early will be asked to remain in the lobby until 8:05am.
- **DROPPING OFF FORGOTTEN ITEMS:** If dropping off forgotten items, please deposit on the entryway table with a note attached. Your fabulous OV Office Staff will gather the items from the front foyer table, and make sure your students receive these items. You will find “Visitor” parking spaces in our parking lot. The emergency lane should not be used for any reason when you must park and leave your vehicle.

Please watch your emails for correspondence in August regarding our Back to School open house, and more! We look forward to welcoming your child(ren), and encouraging them to Belong, Believe, and Become as a member of the Oak Valley Family!

In collaboration,

Shawn Durso

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