



# June and July 2023 Newsletter

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## Summer Hours for the District Office:

The District Office hours throughout the summer are as follows:

District Office:

- 8:00-3:00 Monday - Thursday
- 8:00-12:00 Friday

Note: The District Office will be closed on June 19 and July 4.

**Online Registration for 2023-2024 School Year** - Online registration opens on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, for ALL returning students. Online registration will be **REQUIRED** for all returning students for the 2023-2024 school year. Preferably, you can complete this process from your own home; however, you may come to the District Office (beginning July 5 within the hours listed above) to complete the process if you do not have access to a computer with internet service. Please go to <http://www.teacherease.com> and log in to your child(ren)'s account to begin the process. (Please contact your child(ren)'s school or the District Office if you have not yet created your TeacherEase account.) Online registration will close at midnight on Friday, August 11, 2023.

ALL school fees may be paid online using your credit card. This includes registration fees, student lunches, athletic fees, etc. The District will credit the \$2.00 convenience fee for each payment of \$50.00 or more to your child's lunch account. If you prefer to pay school fees with cash and/or checks, please stop by the District Office at the office hours listed above. One check for ALL fees for all family members will be accepted! Bussing information will be completed through the online registration process (except for new students).

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Completed physical and dental forms may be mailed to the School Nurse, P.O. Box 189, Orion, IL 61273; or dropped off at the District Office (open all summer), 1002 11th Avenue, Orion. **Completed physical forms are required for all new students to the district, kindergarten students, 6th grade students and 9th grade students. Completed dental forms are required for all kindergarten, 2nd grade students, 6th grade students and 9th grade students. Physical and dental exams need to be completed and returned to the School Nurse by the first day of school (Tuesday, August 15, 2023).**

Students who are new to the district may register on Wednesday, August 2, or Thursday, August 3, 2023. Please call the District Office (309-526-3388) during the month of July to make an appointment or call the appropriate school office in August to make an appointment.

C. R. Hanna Elementary School (Grades Preschool-5th): (309) 526-3386  
Orion Middle School (Grades 6th-8th): (309) 526-3392  
Orion High School (Grades 9th-12th): (309) 526-3361

Additional student registration information for the 2023-2024 school year will be included in the August/September 2023 Newsletter. The first day of student attendance for the 2023-2024 school year is Tuesday, August 15, 2023.

### **Congratulations and Best Wishes to this Year's Orion School District Retirees!**

Dawn Coe, Paraprofessional ~ 25 years of service  
Deana Fox, Bus Driver & Custodian ~ 26 years of service  
Marcia Womac, Cook ~ 14 years of service



### **BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION RESULTS**

The school board election for Orion Community Unit School District #223 was held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. Five seats on the seven-member board of education were filled at the election. One seat is an Unexpired 2-Year Term expiring in April 2025 and four seats are Full 4-Year Terms expiring in April 2027. The official election results are as follows:

<u>Unexpired 2-Year Term</u>	
Amy Blommer (Colona Township)	496
<u>Full 4-Year Term:</u>	
Julie Abbott (Rural Township)	471
Kimberly A. Nightingale (Rural Township)	407
Jonathan Stockton (Western Township)	374
Sonia Berg (Colona Township)	262
Hayley Voorhees (Western Township)	252
Jamee Sovey (Osco Township)	237

Amy Blommer was elected for the Unexpired 2-Year Term expiring in April 2025. Julie Abbott, Kimberly A. Nightingale, Jonathan Stockton, and Sonia Berg were elected for Full 4-Year Terms expiring in April 2027. Thank you candidates for your interest in Orion Community Unit School District!

### **SUBSTITUTE PARAPROFESSIONALS**

Orion Community Unit School District has openings for substitute paraprofessionals. Substitute paraprofessional pay is \$14.00 per hour. If interested, please contact the Administration Office at [\(309-526-3388\)](tel:309-526-3388).



# JUNE 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Calendar Key</b> SB - Softball Camp BBB - Boys' Basketball Camp SO - Soccer Camp GBB - Girls' Basketball Camp VB - Volleyball Camp				<b>1</b> 9:00-11:30 GBB Camp Grades 9-12 1:00-3:00 GBB Camp Grades 6-8 3:30-5:00 GBB Camp Grades 3-4 5:00-6:00 GBB Camp Grades 1-2	<b>2</b> 9:00-11:30 GBB Camp Grades 9-12 1:00-3:00 GBB Camp Grades 6-8 3:30-5:00 GBB Camp Grades 3-4 5:00-6:00 GBB Camp Grades 1-2	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8:00-10:30 BBB Camp Grades 9-12 3:00-5:00 GSB Youth Camp 5:30-7:00 SO Camp	<b>6</b> 8:00-10:30 BBB Camp Grades 9-12 3:00-5:00 SB Camp 5:00-6:30 OSC United Soccer U8-U11 Tryouts	<b>7</b> 8:00-10:30 BBB Camp Grades 9-12 3:00-5:00 SB Camp 5:00-6:30 OSC United Soccer U12-U18 Tryouts	<b>8</b> 8:00-10:30 BBB Camp Grades 9-12 3:00-5:00 SB Camp 5:00-6:30 OSC United Soccer Tryouts Makeup Day	<b>9</b> 8:00-10:30 BBB Camp Grades 9-12 3:00-5:00 SB Camp	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Final Transcript Requests, Good Student Discount Requests and Work Permit Requests Due 8:00-10:30 BBB Camp Grades 6-8; 10:45-12:30 BBB Camp Grades 3-5 5:30-7:00 SO Camp	<b>13</b> 8:00-10:30 BBB Camp Grades 6-8; 10:45-12:30 BBB Camp Grades 3-5	<b>14</b> 8:00-10:30 BBB Camp Grades 6-8; 10:45-12:30 BBB Camp Grades 3-5	<b>15</b> 8:00-10:30 BBB Camp Grades 6-8; 10:45-12:30 BBB Camp Grades 3-5	<b>16</b> 8:00-10:30 BBB Camp Grades 6-8; 10:45-12:30 BBB Camp Grades 3-5	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>District Office            Closed</b> 8:00-10:00 VB Camp Grades 9-12 10:15-12:00 VB Camp Grades 3-5 5:30-7:00 SO Camp	<b>20</b> 8:00-10:00 VB Camp Grades 9-12 10:15-12:00 VB Camp Grades 3-5	<b>21</b> 8:00-10:00 VB Camp Grades 9-12 10:15-12:00 VB Camp Grades 6-8 7:30 Board of Education Meeting	<b>22</b> 8:00-10:00 VB Camp Grades 9-12 10:15-12:00 VB Camp Grades 6-8	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 5:30-7:00 SO Camp	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	



# JULY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Calendar Key</b> BSO - Boys' Soccer Camp FB - Football Camp						1
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# Free Summer Meals

All children 18 and under.



**HEALTHY AND NUTRITIOUS SUMMER MEALS**  
are available for children (18 and under) when school is out.  
To find a site close to you, call or text the numbers below.

Call **(800) 359-2163**

Text **FoodIL** To **304-304**

or visit **SummerMealsIllinois.org**

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# SCHOOL & SPORTS PHYSICALS!

CALL EARLY TO RESERVE YOUR DATE & TIME!



✓ IMMUNIZATIONS

✓ BLOOD LEAD  
SCREENINGS

**KEWANEE CLINIC 309-852-5272**

**COLONA CLINIC 309-792-4011**



## News from the Nurse's Office

The Orion School District is offering sports physicals for the 2023-2024 school year.



**The Cost:** \$10.00 (cash)  
**The Place:** Orion Middle School  
**The Time:** 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (first come, first serve)  
**The Date:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 (excluding 6th graders and incoming freshmen)

**Students who would be interested:** Any students entering grades 7, 8, 10, 11, or 12 who are planning to go out for a school sport including cheerleading and spirit squad. 6th and 9th graders **do not need a sports physical** as they will need a complete school physical for middle school or high school. Doctor **must** check **Interscholastic Sports** on bottom portion of the physical form. A **copy** is to be turned in to the Athletic Director.

If you have had your child's 6th or 9th grade physicals done early, you may have to have a sports physical done if they are going out for a sport at the end of the school year. Physicals are only good for 390 days.

NOTE: All sports physicals must be on the IHSA cards provided by the school. These will be available at both schools and **need to be filled out with parent's signature along with the attached questionnaire PRIOR to the sports physical.** Bring the required forms to the Middle School when getting the sports physical.

PARENTS: Please note the attached physician's form needs to be filled out entirely and signed before a physical will be given. The doctors will not complete a physical on your child if these forms are not filled out properly.

All physicals are good for 390 days from the date they are issued. This is an IHSA State Rule.

### **As A Reminder:**

The students in the following grades for the school year 2023-2024 will need the appropriate forms turned into the office on the state of Illinois forms.

**Preschool:** Physical, immunizations, lead test/screening

**Kindergarten:** Physical, immunizations, dental, vision, and lead test/screening

**2nd Grade:** Dental

**6th Grade:** Physical, immunizations and dental

**9th Grade:** Physical, immunizations and dental

**12th Grade:** Updated immunizations

Physicals and immunizations are due on the first day of school or your child will be held out of school. We also recommend making a copy of your forms for your records.

If you are a new student coming to our district and have never attended an Illinois school before, you will be required to turn in a physical with immunization records, dental, and vision exam.



# Immunization Schedule

Attention Parents: Please check the below immunization recommendations from the IDPH for the 2023-2024 school year. Please make sure your child is in compliance.

## 2023-2024 RECOMMENDED IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE

### Preschool

**Physical Examination**  
**Lead Test/Screening**

### Immunizations

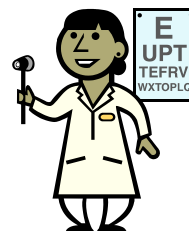
4 or more doses DTaP (booster after 4th birthday)  
4 or more doses Polio (booster after 4th birthday)  
1 dose MMR (first one must be after first birthday)  
1 dose Varicella (Chicken Pox)  
1 or more HIB vaccination  
1 or more Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PVC)

### Kindergarten

**Dental Examination**  
**Vision Examination**  
**Physical Examination**  
**Lead Test/Screening**

### Immunizations

4 or more doses DTaP (booster after 4th birthday)  
4 or more doses Polio (booster after 4th birthday)  
2 doses MMR (first one must be after first birthday)  
2 doses Varicella (Chicken Pox)



### 2nd Grade

**Dental Examination**

### 6th-12th Grade

Proof of Tdap Immunization  
3 doses Hepatitis B

### 6th Grade

**Dental Examination**  
**Physical Examination**

### Immunizations

Proof of Tdap Immunization  
Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV4) (on or after 11th birthday)

### 9th Grade

**Dental Examination**  
**Physical Examination**

### Immunizations

Proof of Tdap Immunization  
Dental Examination

### 12th Grade

Two doses Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV4) (If first dose is received on or after the 11th birthday and the second dose is received on or after the 16th birthday, at least 8 weeks after first dose. If first dose is received at 16 years or older, only one dose is required.)

**\*All required physicals are due by the first day of school, August 15, 2023, or your child may be withheld from school per policy.**



# From the Nurse's Office

## Seasonal Allergies and School Performance

For allergy sufferers, airborne allergens such as dust or pollen, in addition to side effects of medications used to treat these allergies, may cause fatigue, mood problems, change in focus, reduction in the speed and accuracy of problem solving, and poor reasoning. Allergies affect approximately one in five children. Daily pollen counts are available from the National Allergy Bureau of the Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology.

We recommend that you encourage your children to shut off the video games and get plenty of exercise this summer. Try to join your children in exercise - you will be making memories and maybe even enjoy it!!!

## Contact Information

**Please make sure that your emergency contact is a reliable one with reliable phone numbers. Also, the contacts should be someone who is available to pick up your child if needed. If numbers should change, please contact the school and let us know.**

## Kids and Exercise

When most adults think about exercise, they imagine working out in the gym on a treadmill or lifting weights. But for kids, exercise means playing and being physically active. Kids exercise when they have gym class at school, during recess, at dance class or soccer practice, while riding bikes, or when playing tag.

## The Many Benefits of Exercise

Everyone can benefit from regular exercise. Kids who are active will:

- have stronger muscles and bones
- have a leaner body because exercise helps control body fat
- be less likely to become overweight
- decrease the risk of developing type 2 diabetes
- possibly lower blood pressure and blood cholesterol levels
- have a better outlook on life

Besides enjoying the health benefits of regular exercise, kids who are physically fit sleep better and are better able to handle physical and emotional challenges — from running to catch a bus to studying for a test.

## The Three Elements of Fitness

If you've ever watched kids on a playground, you've seen the three elements of fitness in action when they:

1. run away from the kid who's "it" (**endurance**)
2. cross the monkey bars (**strength**)
3. bend down to tie their shoes (**flexibility**)

Parents should encourage their kids to do a variety of activities so that they can work on all three elements.

Endurance is developed when kids regularly engage in aerobic activity. During aerobic exercise, the heart beats faster and a person breathes harder. When done regularly and for extended periods of time, aerobic activity strengthens the heart and improves the body's ability to deliver oxygen to all its cells.

Aerobic exercise can be fun for both adults and kids. Examples of aerobic activities include:

- basketball
- bicycling
- ice-skating
- inline skating
- soccer
- swimming
- tennis
- walking
- jogging
- running



## From the Nurse's Office, Continued

Improving strength doesn't have to mean lifting weights. Although some kids benefit from weightlifting, it should be done under the supervision of an experienced adult who works with them.

But most kids don't need a formal weight-training program to be strong. Push-ups, stomach crunches, pull-ups, and other exercises help tone and strengthen muscles. Kids also incorporate strength activities in their play when they climb, do a handstand, or wrestle.

Stretching exercises help improve flexibility, allowing muscles and joints to bend and move easily through their full range of motion. Kids look for opportunities every day to stretch when they try to get a toy just out of reach, practice a split, or do a cartwheel.

### The Sedentary Problem

The percentage of overweight and obese kids and teens has more than doubled in the past 30 years. Although many factors contribute to this epidemic, children are becoming more sedentary. In other words, they're sitting around a lot more than they used to.

According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, 8 to 18 year-olds watch about 4.5 hours of television a day. The average kid spends 7 hours on all screen media combined (TV, videos, and DVDs, computer time outside of schoolwork, and video games).

One of the best ways to get kids to be more active is to limit the amount of time spent in sedentary activities, especially watching TV or playing video games. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends these limits on screen time:

- kids under age 2 should watch no TV at all
- kids older than 2 should be restricted to just 1-2 hours a day of quality programming

### How Much Exercise Is Enough?

Parents should make sure that their kids get enough exercise. So, how much is enough? Kids and teens should get 60 minutes or more of physical activity daily.

The National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE) offers these activity guidelines for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers:

Age	Minimum Daily Activity	Comments
Infant	No specific requirements	Physical activity should encourage motor development
Toddler	1½ hours	30 minutes planned physical activity <b>AND</b> 60 minutes unstructured physical activity (free play)
Preschooler	2 hours	60 minutes planned physical activity <b>AND</b> 60 minutes unstructured physical activity (free play)
School age	1 hour or more	Break up into bouts of 15 minutes or more

Infants and young children should not be inactive for prolonged periods of time - no more than 1 hour unless they're sleeping. School age children should not be inactive for periods longer than 2 hours.



## From the Nurse's Office, Continued

### Raising Fit Kids

Combining regular physical activity with a healthy diet is the key to a healthy lifestyle.

Here are some tips for raising fit kids:

- Help your kids participate in a variety of age-appropriate activities.
- Establish a regular schedule for physical activity.
- Incorporate activity into daily routines, such as taking the stairs instead of the elevator.
- Embrace a healthier lifestyle yourself, so you'll be a positive role model for your family.
- Keep it fun, so you can count on your kids to come back for more.

Reviewed by: Mary L. Gavin, MD

Date reviewed: February 2012

### Special Education News

**Scheduled Destruction of Old Records** - If you graduated in 2018 and were involved in the special education program and would like your special education files, please call the C. R. Hanna Office at (309) 526-3386 before June 19, 2023. These records are scheduled to be destroyed over the summer.

Special education files are housed at C. R. Hanna Elementary School for five years beyond graduation. If graduates do not request their files, the files are destroyed. If you are unavailable to pick up your records, they may be released to your parent or guardian. A permission note with your signature is required for release.

### Summer Reading Program

Please contact Western District Library at (309) 526-8375 for summer reading activities.





## C.R. Hanna Elementary School News

**Early Childhood Screening** - The Orion School District will hold an early childhood developmental screening on Monday, August 7, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at C. R. Hanna Elementary School. This screening is for children living in the Orion School District that are 3 years old, but not yet in kindergarten.

Since children change and grow quickly, we strongly recommend that you take advantage of this opportunity as learning delays can be detected at a young age. Your child will be screened for speech, vision, hearing, large and small motor skills. This screening assessment is a developmental check-up for you and your child. It is encouraged that a parent or legal guardian accompanies the child to the screening. Registration forms must be filled out and signed by a parent in order for the child to be screened.

Please call the Orion School District Superintendent's Office at (309) 526-3388 anytime before August 1, 2023 to schedule your appointment.

**Backpack Night (First – Fifth)** - Mark your August calendars now for “Backpack Night”! On Monday, August 14, 2023 from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., the C. R. Hanna staff will host Backpack Night for all first through fifth grade students and their families. This is an “open house” style event where you may come and go as you please any time between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. This would be a good opportunity to turn in missing forms to the office.

**Kindergarten Visits** - Kindergarten students will be having individual conferences on Monday, August 14, 2023 from 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. All of the students will have the opportunity to come to school prior to the first day of class. They will meet their teacher, choose their desk, put their supplies away, and check out their new classroom. More information about scheduling your child's visit will be sent in August.

**Preschool News** - Preschool Open House will be held on Monday, August 21, 2023, from 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. You may come and go as you please any time during these hours. Parents of Preschool students are required to come to a mandatory parent meeting on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Preschool starts on Tuesday, August 22, 2023.

**Class Lists** - Class lists will be available on the C.R. Hanna website beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, August 11, 2023.



## KINDERGARTEN 2023-24 SUPPLY LIST

- ☐ 4 boxes of 24 crayons - Crayola (regular, not large)
- ☐ Fiskars scissors (blunt)
- ☐ 6 large/jumbo glue sticks (1.27 oz.) - no small glue sticks
- ☐ Prang or Crayola watercolor paints
- ☐ 2 boxes of 10-count Classic Color markers (not skinny)
- ☐ 2 large boxes of Kleenex
- ☐ 2 containers of Clorox or Lysol disinfecting wipes
- ☐ 2 boxes of Ziploc bags (1 sandwich and 1 either 2 gallon or 1 gallon)
- ☐ 4 black Expo dry erase markers (not skinny)
- ☐ 12 yellow pencils with erasers (sharpened)
- ☐ 2 large pink erasers
- ☐ 2 solid color one-subject spiral notebooks (70 pages) - wide ruled
- ☐ 1 two-pocket folder (any color)
- ☐ plastic school supply box (8 x 5 x 2)
- ☐ 1 - 1" 3-ring binder (any color)
- ☐ School bag that will fit a large folder
- ☐ 1 container of baby wipes

Please put your child's name on notebooks, folder, scissors, paints, binder, pencil box, individual crayons, and marker boxes. Put names on notebooks with permanent marker.

Do not label anything else.

## FIRST GRADE 2023-24 SUPPLY LIST

- ☐ 48 #2 yellow pencils sharpened (Ticonderoga)
- ☐ 4 dry erase markers (any color)
- ☐ 2 highlighters (1 pink, 1 yellow)
- ☐ 4 large pink erasers
- ☐ 2 boxes of 48 crayons
- ☐ 2 sets of wide Crayola washable markers (Classic colors)
- ☐ Scissors (small, metal and pointed)
- ☐ 4 glue sticks
- ☐ 3 two-pocket folders, no prongs (any color)
- ☐ 3 one-subject spiral wide-lined notebooks
- ☐ 1 Composition notebook (any color, wide-lined)
- ☐ 1 plastic school box (8" x 5" x 2" if any larger size it will not fit in student's desk)
- ☐ watercolors (containing only 8 colors, either Crayola or Prang)
- ☐ 1 package of notecards
- ☐ 1 box of sandwich size baggies
- ☐ 2 containers of disinfecting wipes
- ☐ 1 large box of Kleenex
- ☐ Headphones
- ☐ durable book bag (large enough to accommodate an 11" x 13" Friday Folder)

Please mark only the following materials with your child's name: scissors, notebooks, folders & school box. Also, please keep in mind when buying your child's lunch box that there is limited storage available.

\*Some items will be distributed throughout the year so that your child will have adequate supplies throughout the year.



## SECOND GRADE 2023-24 SUPPLY LIST

- ☐ 2 boxes of 24 Crayola crayons
- ☐ 2 boxes of Crayola Classic Color markers (washable, not permanent)
- ☐ 3 **LARGE** glue sticks (1.27oz)
- ☐ 24 sharpened, Dixon Ticonderoga pencils\*
- ☐ 3 two-pocket folders (no prongs) 1 red, 1 green, 1 blue (label with child's name)
- ☐ 3 spiral **WIDE-LINED** notebooks (please label with your child's name)
- ☐ 1 composition notebook (wide-lined)
- ☐ 1 large box of Kleenex\*
- ☐ 2 pink erasers
- ☐ 1 plastic school box (no larger than 8x10)
- ☐ scissors (small, metal, pointed)
- ☐ 2 highlighters
- ☐ 4 **black** dry erase markers (**thin line**)
- ☐ 1 - 1" 3-ring binder with clear-view front (solid colored)
- ☐ 1 container of disinfecting wipes
- ☐ 1 box of Ziploc baggies (any size) - **girls bring**
- ☐ 1 box of baby wipes\* - **boys bring**
- ☐ Earbuds/Headphones (not wireless)

\*These items will be distributed throughout the year so that students will have adequate supplies at all times. **Please, no names on these items.**

## THIRD GRADE 2023-24 SUPPLY LIST

- ☐ 1 large box of Kleenex
- ☐ crayons (no more than 48 count)
- ☐ 10 pack of Crayola washable markers (classic colors, regular tip)
- ☐ 3 large glue sticks
- ☐ scissors (pointed)
- ☐ 24 sharpened #2 pencils (no bendy pencils)
- ☐ 3 spiral notebooks
- ☐ 5 pocket folders (any color but must include at least one red)
- ☐ 1 box of colored pencils (no more than 24 count)
- ☐ 1 container of disinfecting wipes
- ☐ 1 pack of highlighters
- ☐ 1 pack of Expo markers (black only)
- ☐ 4 erasers - pink
- ☐ small Earbuds or headphones
- ☐ pencil box / bag
- ☐ small manual pencil sharpener
- ☐ 1 pack of sticky notes

Please label folders, notebooks, crayon box, glue sticks, scissors, and colored pencil box with First and Last name.

## FOURTH GRADE 2023-24 SUPPLY LIST

- ☐ 7 composition notebooks (all black if possible)
- ☐ 1 good quality pointed scissors
- ☐ 48 #2 pencils Dixon Ticonderoga
- ☐ 1 pack of eraser tops
- ☐ 1 handheld pencil sharpener (not electric or battery operated)
- ☐ 4 highlighters
- ☐ 1 pack of colored pencils (24 or 36 count)
- ☐ 8 dry erase markers
- ☐ 24 glue sticks (6 per quarter)
- ☐ 1 bottle of Elmer's glue
- ☐ 1 box of crayons
- ☐ 1 plastic crayon box
- ☐ 1 red plastic folder
- ☐ 1 black plastic folder
- ☐ 2 pack black Sharpie markers
- ☐ 1 box of markers (optional)
- ☐ 2 containers of disinfecting wipes
- ☐ 2 boxes of Kleenex
- ☐ 1 large durable plastic pouch with zipper

\* Please label folders, notebooks, scissors, and pencil box with child's name or initials.



## FIFTH GRADE 2023-24 SUPPLY LIST

- ☐ 7 wide-lined spiral notebooks, 70 pages: red (2), green (2), purple (1), orange/yellow (1), blue (1)
- ☐ composition notebook (9¾" x 7½"), 100 sheets
- ☐ 1½" 3-ring binder (**No trapper keepers/zip up binders**)
- ☐ Avery insertable two-pocket plastic dividers (at least 5 tabs)
- ☐ 48 pencils - Dixon Ticonderoga
- ☐ 1 box of 24 crayons
- ☐ 8 Scotch tapes
- ☐ 1 large Elmer's glue stick
- ☐ 4 dry erase markers
- ☐ 2 large erasers
- ☐ scissors (sharp)
- ☐ 2 large boxes of Kleenex
- ☐ 1 pack of pens (any color besides black)
- ☐ pencil bag with 3 holes to fit in binder
- ☐ Crayola Markers Fine Line 10ct. Classic
- ☐ disinfecting wipes
- ☐ 1 hand sanitizer \*girls only bring
- ☐ 1 package of loose-leaf notebook paper
- ☐ Ziplock bags (quart or gallon sized) \*boys only bring
- ☐ (optional) personal pencil sharpener (not battery operated)
- ☐ (optional) personal headphones and/or mouse

Label individually with name: scissors, markers, pencils, pens, and crayon box.

# Orion Middle School News

**Registration Update** - Online registration opens to all returning students on Tuesday, July 5, and is required for all returning students for the 2023-2024 school year. Preferably, you can complete this process online from home; however, you may come to the District Office (beginning July 5 within the hours listed) to complete the process if you do not have access to a computer with internet capabilities.

Students who are new to the district may call the District Office (309-526-3388) during the month of July to make an appointment or call the school office in August to make an appointment. The Middle School office reopens on Tuesday, August 1. Office hours will be from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (until noon on Fridays) through the beginning of the school year.

## **OMS Chargers Sporting and Activity News -**

**Track News** - The 7th grade boys won the Prairieland Conference track meet hosted by Orion. Thank you to all of the volunteers who worked all of the home meets this season.

### **State Qualifiers:**

Males: Will Maher, Kaden Cirks, Mason Laleman, Aaron Mohr, Joe Norton  
Charles Arnold (alternate)

Females: Brooklynn Kelley and Savannah Streeter

**Sports Physicals** - Any 7th or 8th grade student planning to go out for a sport next school year will need to have a sports physical on file prior to participating. Sports physicals will be done at Orion Middle School on August 2, from 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10.00. 6th graders must have a state required physical. The physical permits 6th graders to participate in extracurricular activities.

## **OMS Summer Camp Information**

Volleyball - June 21-22, Orion High School Gym, 10:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Football - July 17-21, Orion High School Football practice fields

6th grade - 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.; 7th-8th grade 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Girls' Basketball - May 30-June 2, Orion High School Gym, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Boys' Basketball - June 12-16, Orion High School Gym, 8:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Soccer - every Monday, June 5-26, CRH Soccer Fields, 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Softball - June 6-9, Orion Softball Diamond, 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Book Covers** - Students are *required* to have their textbooks covered. The fabric book covers are not effective, therefore, not allowed this year. We are strongly requesting that students use paper grocery bags to cover their textbooks. Please DO NOT use contact paper or tape the cover directly to the book.

**Grade Level Links** - Grade level webpages are available on the OMS website at <https://www.orionschools.us/o/oms>. Information regarding daily assignments and expectations can be found there.

**Grades Online Information** - Grade reports are sent home each nine weeks with our students. A mid-term report is mailed home to the parents of students who are struggling in classes. In addition to these paper reports, parents can access grades online. Please make sure the office has a working email address so that you may take advantage of this wonderful program.



## Orion Middle School News - Continued

**Important Dates and Events** - OMS Backpack Night/Locker Move-In/Meet the Teachers is scheduled for Monday, August 14. Students will be able to move into their lockers, meet their teachers, and walk through their schedules. 6th grade night will be from 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. 7th and 8th grade night will be from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

If parents and their students cannot make it during this time, please contact the OMS office to arrange another date and time. Students may bring supplies to put in their hall lockers. **Locker size is 11-3/4W X 10-3/4D.** If you bring in locker shelves, they must fit these dimensions. Do not use tape on lockers. Please use magnets and keep interior decorating to a minimum. Exterior decorations are restricted to school-related activities during the course of the school year.

**8th Grade Promotion** - Our 8th grade promotion ceremony was held at Orion High School on Thursday, May 25, at 5:00 p.m. Congratulations to our 8th grade students and best wishes as you move to Orion High School!

**Please note these important dates** -

7th/8th grade sports physicals - Wednesday, August 2, 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., at OMS

School picture day is scheduled for Friday, August 18.

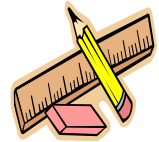
Picture retakes are scheduled for Thursday, September 14.





## 6th Grade School Supply List for the 2023-2024 School Year

- \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Large Brown Paper Bags - to cover Social Studies and 2 Math textbooks
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3-Ring Pencil Bag
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Packages of Loose Leaf Paper (2 Math)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5 Packages of 3x5 Notecards (1 Social Studies, 1 Language Arts, 1 Math, 2 Science)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Packages of Pencils and a Large Eraser
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Package of Blue or Black Pens
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Package of Red Pens
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4 Composition Notebooks (1 Science, 1 Language Arts, 1 Math, 1 Social Studies)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Package of 4 Dry Erase Markers - any color (to be given to 1st period teachers)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Package of Highlighters - any color
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Package of Colored Pencils
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Glue Sticks
- \_\_\_\_\_ **OPTIONAL:** Lanyard - used for School ID/Lunch Card/Library Card



**\*\*Calculators will NOT be used in 6th Grade Math**

**Band Supplies:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ #2 Pencils
- \_\_\_\_\_ Padlock (\$6.00 - Purchase at Registration)

**Choir Supplies:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ #2 Pencils

**PE Supplies:**

Purchased at Registration: PE Shirt (\$6.00), PE Shorts (\$10.00), Gym Lock (\$6.00)  
 Items Brought from Home: Tennis Shoes, Socks, Roll-On Deodorant, 1 Spiral Notebook, 1 Large Poster Board for Health

**The following items will be purchased at registration and passed out the first day:**

Blue Binder with Folder Dividers      Assignment Notebook

**Please bring the following supplies to your first hour class on the first day of school:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Boxes of Tissues
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Small Bottle of Hand Sanitizer
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Container of Disinfecting Wipes



**Additional Information:**

If purchasing white-out, you must use tape white-out (NO LIQUID)  
 Locker Dimensions: 11-3/4W X 10-3/4D  
 Do not use tape on lockers. You MUST use magnets.

## 7th Grade School Supply List for the 2023-2024 School Year

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Lanyard for School ID/Lunch Card/Library Card
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Package of Colored Pencils
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Package of Pens (Red, Blue and Black)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Packages of Pencils (10 Pencils for Math Classroom) and (1) Large Eraser
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Package of Loose-Leaf Paper
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 - 6" Ruler with Metric Markings
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 TI34 Multi-View Calculator
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 3-Ring Pencil Bag
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Package of Highlighters (Pink, Yellow, Blue, and Green)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Expo Marker
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Glue Stick
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Paper Book Covers (Math)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Composition Notebooks (1 Science, 1 Mini Course)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Composition Notebook with Graph Paper (Math)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 1-Subject Spiral Notebooks (1 Health , 1 Social Studies)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Package Graph Paper (Math)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 3-Subject Notebook (Language Arts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Half-Inch 3-Ring Binder - any color (Science)

**Band Supplies:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 3-Ring Binder with 10 Tab Dividers
- \_\_\_\_\_ #2 Pencils
- \_\_\_\_\_ Padlock (\$6.00 - Purchase at Registration)

**Choir Supplies:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Folder
- \_\_\_\_\_ #2 Pencils

## 7th Grade School Supply List, Continued

### PE Supplies:

Purchased at Registration: PE Shirt (\$6.00), PE Shorts (\$10.00), Gym Lock (\$6.00)  
Items Brought from Home: Tennis Shoes, Socks, Roll-On Deodorant, 1 Spiral Notebook

### The following items will be purchased at registration and passed out the first day:

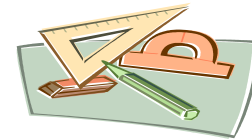
Green Binder with Folder Dividers  
Assignment Notebook  
Small Orange Protractor

### Please bring the following supplies to your first hour class on the first day of school:

2 Boxes of Tissues  
1 Container of Clorox Wipes

## 8th Grade School Supply List for the 2023-2024 School Year

Pens (Red, Blue, and Black)  
2 Packages of Colored Pencils (1 for school and 1 for home)  
4 Packages of Pencils with Erasers  
1 Package of Highlighters (any colors)  
1 Package of White Index Cards, Lined 3X5 (Science)  
1 Package of Graph Paper (Algebra or Pre-Algebra)  
2 Packages of Loose-Leaf Paper (2 Algebra or Pre-Algebra)  
2 Packages of Glue Sticks (1 Science, 1 Pre-Algebra)  
2 Large Brown Paper Bags - to cover your Math Books  
1 Spiral Notebook (History)  
13-Subject Notebook (Language Arts)  
2 2-Pocket Folders (1History, 1Language Arts)  
1 Mead Composition Notebook (Mini Course)  
1 TI34 Multi-View Calculator (Pre-Algebra Only)  
1 TI84/TI84 Plus Graphing Calculator (Algebra Only)  
1 1 1/2-Inch Binder (Algebra Only)  
1 Package of Binder Dividers with Tabs - at least 8 tabs (Algebra)  
1 Composition Notebook - Lined (Pre-Algebra Only)  
**Optional:** Lanyard for School ID/Lunch Card/Library Card



### Band Supplies:

3-Ring Binder with 10 Tab Dividers  
#2 Pencils  
Padlock (\$6.00 - Purchase at Registration)

### Choir Supplies:

Folder  
#2 Pencils

### PE Supplies:

Purchased at Registration: PE Shirt (\$6.00), PE Shorts (\$10.00), Gym Lock (\$6.00)  
Items Brought from Home: Tennis Shoes, Socks, Roll-On Deodorant, 1 Spiral Notebook

### The following items will be purchased at registration and passed out the first day:

Teal Binder with Folder Dividers  
Small Orange Protractor  
Assignment Notebook

### Please bring the following supplies to your first hour class on the first day of school:

3 Boxes of Tissues  
1 Container of Disinfecting Wipes

### Additional Information:

If purchasing white-out, you must use tape white-out (NO LIQUID)  
Locker Dimensions: 11-3/4W X 10-3/4D  
Do not use tape on lockers. You MUST use magnets.



# Orion High School News

## **12th Grade Final Transcripts -**

All requests need to be made prior to June 12 or after August 1. The high school must mail transcripts directly to the school or employer for it to be considered an "official" transcript. Each student will receive an unofficial copy of their final transcript, immunization records, and report card by mail. To make a transcript request, use the request form on the OHS website under the Counselor page by using the transcript request link, [www.orionschools.us/o/ohs/page/counselor](http://www.orionschools.us/o/ohs/page/counselor). Any questions can be emailed to Tara Stropes, OHS Registrar, at [tstropes@orionschools.us](mailto:tstropes@orionschools.us). Please remember the high school is closed throughout the month of July. In an emergency during July, contact the Superintendent's Office for a transcript at (309) 526-3388.

**Attention Class of 2024** - This Fall, Austin Oaks Portrait Studio will be taking the official senior portraits on Thursday, August 17, at the high school. There is no charge for the portrait session. This is a formal portrait that will be used for the yearbook and class composite. Please dress appropriately. Guys should wear a shirt and tie, and girls should wear a nice formal top. T-shirts, jerseys, tank tops, etc. will not be permitted. Students not dressed properly will not be photographed. Students absent will be photographed on retake day, Wednesday, September 13.

**HAPPY  
SUMMER  
VACATION!**

## **Registration Packets -**

There will not be an early registration packet pick up this year due to online registration for all returning students.

## **OHS Summer Hours -**

Because the office is closed during the month of July, any student needing a transcript of his/her grades should notify the high school office in writing by June 12, 2023, in order for it to be sent out before the office closes. Auto insurance GOOD STUDENT DISCOUNTS should be applied for by this date also. Work permits will be issued through June 12, 2023, for those students who need them. The student must bring a note from the employer stating the type of work and the hours of the work the student will be performing. Also, the student will need a note from a parent stating that he/she has permission to work and a certified copy of his/her birth certificate. Questions during July should be referred to the Superintendent's Office at (309) 526-3388.

## **Summer Camps -**

Be on the lookout for summer camps hosted by the OHS Athletic Department. Camp information can be found at [www.orionschools.us/documents/district/sports-leagues-and-camps/406753](http://www.orionschools.us/documents/district/sports-leagues-and-camps/406753). These camps are a great way for kids to build skills while participating with their friends. All campers should plan on entering the school using the back entrance on the north side of the school.

## **Bus Drivers Needed** - Orion

School District is accepting applications for full-time and substitute school bus drivers. Drivers are needed for daily AM and PM bus routes. Extra runs are also available. Pay is \$24.23 per hour/approximately three hours per school day. Buses have automatic transmissions. Training is provided. More information is available on the district website at <http://orionschools.us> or call (309)526-3382.

**Gate Workers Needed** - The high school is in need of gate workers for the 2023-2024 school year. You may be interested in a specific sport or perhaps want to work all the sports. You will be paid per event after the season is over. For tournament events, you will be paid the following week. Please contact Anita Jackson at the high school at 526-3361 or email [ajackson@orionschools.us](mailto:ajackson@orionschools.us). If you are interested in working Fall events, please contact Anita in early August for current openings.

