

# MIDDLE SCHOOL MEMO



Please click the links below to view grade level information from each team. This will provide a weekly snapshot that shows what activities and practice responsibilities students have for the week. You can select the link at any time as they are updated regularly.

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## **Emergency Procedure Information**

In order to maintain the highest level of safety, Olympia has adopted procedures for our staff and students. [Read more about these procedures here.](#)

## **Success Club**

Are you concerned about your child's academic progress? Afraid they are falling behind or unorganized? Success Club is here to help! Two-three staff members stay after school each Tuesday and Thursday to guide students through work completion, organization and provide general tutoring. If you'd like your child to take advantage of this, please notify Mr. Neylon to sign up ([joe.neylon@olympia.org](mailto:joe.neylon@olympia.org)).

## **Help Booster Club by Using Shoparoo**

Snap pictures of your receipts from any store, big or small, that primarily sell food, health or beauty items to earn Roo Points (cash donations) for OMS. Whether you're shopping at a super center, dollar store, or local convenience store - it doesn't matter where you shop or what items you buy - Shoparoo will make a cash donation for every receipt! [Click here to learn more and to sign up.](#)

## **Young Hearts for Life Screening**

[On Wednesday October 2nd, Advocate BroMenn is bringing the Young Hearts for Life EKG Screening Program to Olympia Middle School and Olympia High School.](#) This program is open to all students that are ages 12 and up on the day of the screening. The EKG screens for risk factors that are associated with sudden cardiac death. This screening is free of charge and open to all OHMS students ages 12 and up. In order to register, please visit [YH4L.org](http://YH4L.org) to begin the registration process.

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### **Darin LaHood & State Superintendent Ayala Visit OMS!**

OMS welcomed two distinguished guests this week. First, Congressman Darin LaHood, who represents Illinois' 18th District in Washington, D.C., toured our classrooms. He's pictured at left with Mr. Lee and Anna Kindred, Student Council President.



Then, on Friday, Illinois State Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Carmen Ayala, visited OMS! [Read more about her visit here.](#) Pictured at the right is Dr. Ayala listening to 8th Grader Danika Frazier explain the scientific practices being applied in a class project.



### **Middle School Dance--September 20**

OMS will have its first dance of the year on September 20 from 6-8pm. The cost of admission is \$5. Students may not stay after school for the dance unless they are in a sport or activity that requires them to remain at school. Finally, students must have transportation arranged. Any student at school later than 8:10pm will forfeit their ability to attend future dances.

### **Student Breakfast Available Daily**

We wanted to remind everybody that the Olympia Food Service Department serves a hot breakfast each morning for students. For \$1.25 students can get a healthy meal to start their day off right. We hope to see as many students as possible take advantage of our delicious foods for breakfast. Click on the following link to see all of our menus:<https://www.olympia.org/o/district/page/lunch-menus--91>"

### **Is your child sick or missing school for any reason?**

Please call (309) 379-5941 or email Mrs. Percival ([cinda.percival@olympia.org](mailto:cinda.percival@olympia.org)) before 8:30 if your child will not be in attendance.

### **Medical Information**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** An Illinois school physical is due **September 16**. The physical needs to be dated after 8/16/18. A sports physical will not be accepted. An up to date vaccination record must also be

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submitted. 6<sup>th</sup> grade vaccines are Tdap and Meningococcal, but there are other required vaccines that must be up to date to be compliant. If you can't get your student scheduled for required medical documentation, proof of appointment will be accepted from September 16-October 15. It must be put on an appointment card and turned into the nurse. If required forms are not turned into the nurse and there's no proof of appointment, your student will be excluded on September 16. If the required medical forms are not turned into the nurse by **October 15**, your student will be excluded until they are presented. A dental exam is also due on **May 15**. Dental exam done after 11/15/18 will be accepted.

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

**October 15 & 16 -**

**4:00 - 8:00 p.m.;** Middle school parents will be selecting specific teachers they are interested in conferencing with. Fall conferences will be more traditional in nature in that parents will be meeting with teachers to discuss student progress. In anticipation of not being able to meet with all parents requesting conferences during these two evenings, middle school staff are proactively meeting with parents during team meeting time as well. Spring conferences will be student led conferences.

### **SKILLS BASED REPORTING**

We pride ourselves in a progressive assessing and reporting philosophy that is geared to challenge all students by providing more rigor and developing mastery of all skills to prepare them for college, career and life. It is a non-traditional measure of assessment that we call Skills Based Reporting. Please see more detail about SBR here:

<https://www.olympia.org/o/oms/page/skills-based-reporting--2>. The following are the performance descriptors of Skills Based Reporting:

**MASTERY LEVELS** - The following descriptions define student mastery levels and will be utilized for grading purposes. These levels do not equate to a letter grade. These levels allow students to know where they are in the level of mastery and will define for the student the next step in their learning. Students are encouraged to reassess based on their level of mastery. Students need to understand that a level of 3 indicates where they need to be while a 4 illustrates their ability to apply the skills at a higher level.

#### **LEVELS OF LEARNING DESCRIPTORS**

<b>4</b>	<b>Advanced Skill Demonstration- The student demonstrates a complete and in-depth mastery of the content and is able to apply the knowledge and skills to additional areas of learning. Exemplary/model work.</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Skill Attainment- The student demonstrates an understanding of content knowledge and skills.</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Approaching Skill Attainment- The student is beginning to demonstrate a basic understanding of the required skills and content knowledge.</b>



1	Beginning Skill Attainment- The student does not demonstrate progress towards meeting the expectations of required knowledge and skills.
X	Lack of evidence – missing or incomplete – the student will not be able to receive credit in a course if there is lack of evidence.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- **FLYERS--** Please check out the recently approved flyers for **OPBA Tryouts (9U - 14U) and Day of the Dozer** on the district website.
- <http://www.olympia.org/o/district/browse/16336>
- **We have made some great changes within our district this year. If your child receives a related service, like speech, occupational therapy, physical therapy or counseling, service logs are available upon request.**

**GET TO KNOW THE OMS STAFF...**

**Hello**  
my name is



**Wendy Wade**

What is your name? *Wendy Wade*  
 What is your position at OMS? *7th Grade English and Drama Director*  
 How long have you been in education? *28 years*  
 Where did you grow up? *East Peoria and Cave-in-Rock, IL*  
 What's something most people don't know about you? *I love true crime dramas.*  
 Are you a dog or a cat person? *Dog. We have 2 cats and 2 dogs, but the Labrasheperd is mine. Just ask him.*

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What is your favorite...

- Restaurant?
- Food? *Pizza*
- Movie? *Rear Window*
- Book? *Murder on the Orient Express*
- TV Show? *Doctor Who*
- Vacation Spot? *I'm a stay-at-home kind of girl, but I do love the hills of southern Illinois and Kentucky.*