

# Oswego Middle School

7th Grade Orientation 2025-2026



*Once a Buc - Always a Buc!*

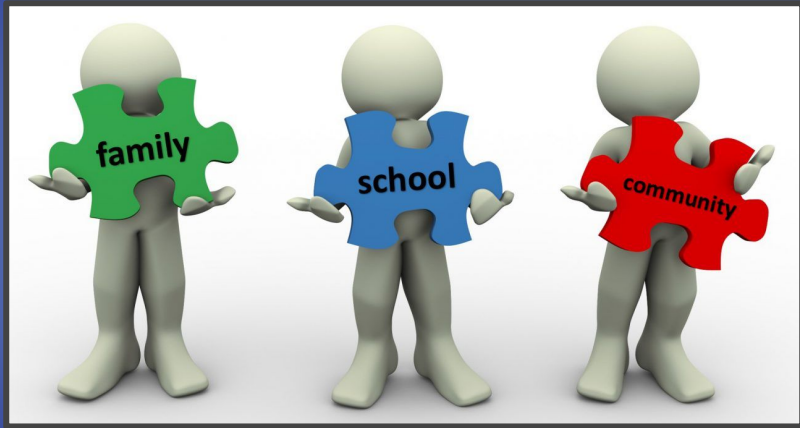


# The Pledge Of Allegiance



I pledge allegiance to the flag  
of the United States of America  
and to the republic for which it stands,  
one nation under God, indivisible,  
with liberty and justice for all.

# Welcome to Our OMS Family!!!



- OMS Principal: Mrs. Amy Godkin
- OMS Asst. Principal: Ms. Samantha Spaulding
- School Counselors:
  - Mrs. Barb Carroll
  - Mr. Bryan Rapray
  - Mr. Dan Rogers
  - Mrs. Amanda Wilkinson
- Social Worker Miss Leah Sweeney
- School Psychologist: Mrs. Sheena Hall
- Office Staff:
  - Ms. Laurie Henry
  - Ms. Erica Henderson
  - Mrs. Mackenzie Verberg
  - Ms. Kristyn Jensen
- ◆ School Nurse: Mrs. Lindsay Cheslock
- ◆ School Resource Officer: Officer Browngardt
- ◆ Oswego Middle School Faculty & Staff



# EVERY School Day Counts!!!

- Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school, or 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absenteeism.
- When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating high school!
- For every day of school missed, it takes up to three days to make up what was taught!
- When you make school attendance a **PRIORITY**, you are more likely to get better grades, develop healthy life habits, avoid unhealthy habits, and have a better chance of graduating from high school!!!



# Typical Day at OMS - Reading your Schedule

→ 7:30am - 2:30pm

→ 9 Periods/day

→ A/B Days

→ 30 min. Lunch

- ◆ Advisory
- ◆ AIS Classes
- ◆ IReady Time
- ◆ Band/  
Orchestra/  
Chorus
- ◆ Accelerated  
class options
- ◆ World  
Language

Student ID	Student Name	Counselor	Gender	Grade	Homeroom	DOB
012345	Sally Smith Mark Fitzgibbons Drive Oswego, NY	Carroll	M	8		DOB
					Phone	Locker
					Phone	Z021 00-11-22

Course ID	Sect.	Semesters	Course Name	Room	Period	Days Met	Teacher
545	11	Q1	PHYSICAL ED 8	Gym	1	A	Taylor
561	14	Q1	GENERAL MUSIC 8	103	1	B	Windhausen
915	25	Q1	I-READY	033	2C-1	A,B	Clemens
705	1	Q1	SPANISH A	033	2C	A,B	Clemens
301	9	Q1	SOCIAL STUDIES 8	131	3C	A,B	Morgan
401	8	Q1	SCIENCE 8	125	4C	A,B	Peel
911	4	Q1	LUNCH		5C	A,B	
523D	9	Q1	HOME AND CAREERS 8	124A	6	A,B	Crossman
115	10	Q1	ENGLISH 8	129	7	A,B	Clarke
109	12	Q1	MATHEMATICS 8	127	8	A,B	Kingsbury
502	1	Q1	STUDIO IN ART	122	9	A,B	Platten

# Dr. Jamie Sykut

Director of Instructional Technology, Network,  
Information & Multimedia Systems



- Parent Square
- SchoolTool
- Invites will be sent later today to OMS families
- [District Website](#) Parent Resources
- Available at Meet the Teacher Night, September 23rd @ 5





- Student Management System
- SchoolTool Parent Portal
  - ◆ Access to student's grades
  - ◆ Missing assignments
  - ◆ Late assignments
  - ◆ Tests and Quiz grades
  - ◆ Upcoming assignments



- Digital Hall Pass System
  - Helps manage student movement throughout the building
  - Helps with School Safety
  - Helps to maximize learning time inside the classroom
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# Open Gate System

All students will enter OMS and pass through our Open Gate System.

As a reminder, the following items must be removed from your backpack before passing through:

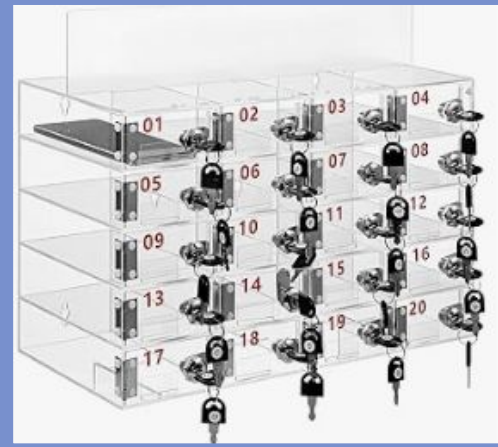
- Three-ring binders
- Laptops or tablets
- Metal thermos containers
- Metal sporting equipment
- Eyelash curlers





# Internet Enabled Device Expectations

- Students will lock all internet enabled devices into assigned lockers in homeroom
- Students will return to homeroom for advisory at the end of the day to retrieve devices
- Students leaving early or arriving late will use assigned lockers in the main office
- All students have access to phones in the main office



# Advisory



- Mindfulness
- Builds confidence and success at school
- Student centered and student driven
- Check School Tool Grades
- Planner checks
- Builds organization & management skills
- Completion of assignments
- Check in and connect

# OSWEGO BUCS

*Take care of themselves, each other, and our school  
by showing PRIDE!*

**P**repared

**R**espectful

**I**ntegrity

**D**edicated

**E**mpathetic



*Once a Buc  
Always a Buc*



# Team Challenge

Along with our BUC bucks, we will also have team challenges this year. Each team has a color assigned. As part of our school spirit and team spirit, we will have spirit days and assemblies throughout the year. You never know when you will earn points for your team...who will be the team in the lead??

7 East (Mr. Griffin)	YELLOW
7 South (Mr. Howard)	GREEN
8 East	WHITE
8 South	BLUE
7/8 West (Mr. Morgan)	Gray





**Good Attendance**



**Be Organized &  
Prepared**

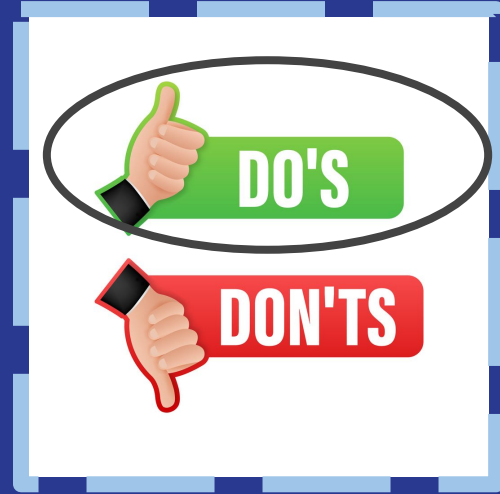


**Treat everyone  
with respect and  
kindness**



**Make healthy  
decisions**

# Buc Pride Wellness



Take care of yourself  
Take care of others  
Take care of our school



**Cell Phone in  
phone lockers**



**Earbuds in  
lockers**

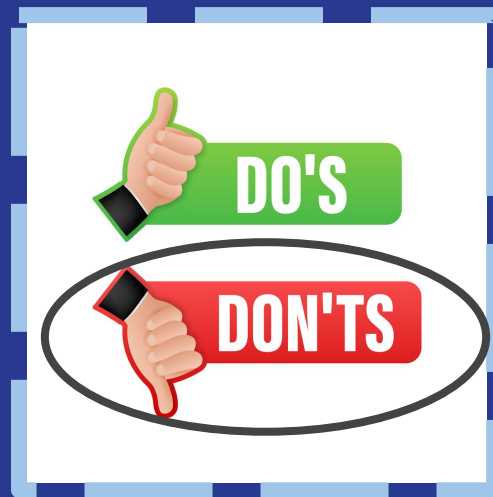


**Follow the  
dress code (No  
hoods)**



**Smartwatches in  
phone lockers**

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# Student Expectations Contract 2025-2026

- Hallway and Stairwell
- Locker
- Cafeteria
- Chromebook/Tech
- Bus
- Main Office
- Classroom
- Bathroom



## Student Expectations Contract 2025-2026 7 EAST TEAM

As a student at the Oswego Middle School for the 2025-2026 school year I have read and understand each of the following expectations:

### Arrival and Dismissal:

- I will arrive at school on time and come to school every day unless I am ill.
- I will be friendly and follow directions given by adults.
- I will use Voice Level 1. I understand that there is no reason to raise my voice or yell.
- I will enter the school through the Main Doors each Morning and wait appropriately in line for the Open Gate Security System.
- I will take my binder(s) out of my backpack so that I'm ready to go through the Open Gate Security system.
- I will check into my homeroom immediately upon entering the building.
- I will go to the cafe ONLY if I need breakfast and will return to my homeroom in a timely manner.
- I will bring any internet enabled device (i.e. cellphone, smart watch, etc) to my homeroom class and lock it in the cell phone locker.
- I will acknowledge others when spoken to.
- I will keep my hands and feet to myself and respect others' personal space.
- I will only bring school appropriate things into the building.

### HALLWAY and STAIRWELL EXPECTATIONS:

- I will use Voice Level 1 and appropriate language.
- I will WALK on the RIGHT HAND side of the hallway/stairwell at all times.
- I will respect others' space and belongings, keeping my hands and feet to myself.
- I will carry all required materials for my classes.
- I will get to all of my classes on time.
- I will be polite and respectful to other students and adults at all times.

### LOCKER EXPECTATIONS:

- I will use the locker that has been assigned to me ONLY.
- I will be the only person who knows my Locker Combination.
- I will open and close my locker safely at all times.
- I will only use magnetic decorations and decorations that are easily removed in my lockers.
- I will keep air pods/headphones in my locker unless directed otherwise.
- My Backpack and/or Cinch Sac and any outside clothing will be stored in my locker at all times.
- I will ONLY go to my locker during the times assigned to my 7 East Team as follows:
  - ✓ When you enter school in the morning – before 1st period
  - ✓ Before PE



# Arrival Procedures

- Arrival Bell - 7:25am
- Enter building through Open Gate and report to 1st pd or homeroom. (West team report to the highlighted class on your schedule)
- OMS Breakfast
- Late Pass is required for students arriving after 7:30 am
- Students riding a bike are to wear a helmet and plan to lock bike in racks in the courtyard
- No skateboards allowed
- Drop-off Procedures
  - Drop off ONLY in the “Loop” on the west side of the building
  - Do not drop off until 7:25

# Dismissal Procedures

- Dismissal Bell - 2:25pm
- Pick-Up Procedures
  - Pick-up ONLY in the “Loop” on the west side of the building
  - Walkers will be released after all busses have been called
- Sports Study Hall - report directly after bell
- Late Bus - 3:20pm
- Early pickups - Note required including time you will pick student up



# OMS Music Department

## → Chorus

- ◆ 7th grade
- ◆ 8th grade
- ◆ Con Brio

## → Band

- ◆ 7th grade
- ◆ 8th grade
- ◆ Jazz Band

## → Orchestra

- ◆ 7th grade
- ◆ 8th grade

### Choral Director:

Mr. Paul Brewster

[pbrewste@oswego.org](mailto:pbrewste@oswego.org)

Miss Ceara Windhausen

[cwindhau@oswego.org](mailto:cwindhau@oswego.org)

### Band Director:

Mr. Jim Peer

[jpeer@oswego.org](mailto:jpeer@oswego.org)

### Orchestra Director:

Mr. Brian McIlroy

[bmcilroy@oswego.org](mailto:bmcilroy@oswego.org)





# BUC Athletics

Athletics is a valued component of the educational opportunities available for our students. The life skills associated with participation in Athletics contribute to the achievement of The Oswego City School District's Vision.

Director of Physical Education  
and Athletics:

Cynthia Lauzon

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Phone: 315-341-2019



# OMS Clubs



CLUB	ADVISOR NAME	EMAIL
Art Club	Alica Acsenzi	<a href="mailto:aacsenzi@oswego.org">aacsenzi@oswego.org</a>
Band	Jim Peer	<a href="mailto:jpeer@oswego.org">jpeer@oswego.org</a>
Chess Club	Mike Patane	<a href="mailto:mpatane@oswego.org">mpatane@oswego.org</a>
Culinary Club	D. Jane Crossman	<a href="mailto:dcrossma@oswego.org">dcrossma@oswego.org</a>
Chorus	Ceara Windhausen (8) Paul Brewster (7)	<a href="mailto:cwindhausen@oswego.org">cwindhausen@oswego.org</a> <a href="mailto:pbrewste@oswego.org">pbrewste@oswego.org</a>
Con Brio	Paul Brewster	<a href="mailto:pbrewste@oswego.org">pbrewste@oswego.org</a>
Downhill Ski Club	Chuck Rowlee	<a href="mailto:crowlee@oswego.org">crowlee@oswego.org</a>
Drama Club	Paul Brewster Ceara Windhausen	<a href="mailto:pbrewste@oswego.org">pbrewste@oswego.org</a> <a href="mailto:cwindhau@oswego.org">cwindhau@oswego.org</a>
Friend to Friend Club	Amy Odell	<a href="mailto:aodell@oswego.org">aodell@oswego.org</a>
Hands on History Club	Deb Geroux Ashley Knox	<a href="mailto:dgeroux@oswego.org">dgeroux@oswego.org</a> <a href="mailto:aknox@oswego.org">aknox@oswego.org</a>
Inclusive Club	Leah Sweeney	<a href="mailto:lsweeney@oswego.org">lsweeney@oswego.org</a>
Intramurals	Samantha Spaulding	<a href="mailto:sspauldi@oswego.org">sspauldi@oswego.org</a>
National Junior Honor Society	Sandra Brown Clare Donovan	<a href="mailto:cdonovan@oswego.org">cdonovan@oswego.org</a> <a href="mailto:sbrown@oswego.org">sbrown@oswego.org</a>
Orchestra	Brian McIlroy	<a href="mailto:bmcilroy@oswego.org">bmcilroy@oswego.org</a>
Student Council	Amy O'Dell Deb Geroux	<a href="mailto:aodell@oswego.org">aodell@oswego.org</a> <a href="mailto:dgeroux@oswego.org">dgeroux@oswego.org</a>
Tech Club	Eric McCrobie	<a href="mailto:emccrobi@oswego.org">emccrobi@oswego.org</a>
Wrestling Club	Mike Howard	<a href="mailto:mhoward@oswego.org">mhoward@oswego.org</a>
Yearbook Club	Erin Platten Bryan RaPray	<a href="mailto:eplatten@oswego.org">eplatten@oswego.org</a> <a href="mailto:brapray@oswego.org">brapray@oswego.org</a>





# Guided Tours

Thank you, Faculty/Staff &  
Student - Volunteers for helping  
OMS!!

- To the right of you are Teacher & Student volunteers from OMS
- The volunteers will give guided tours to you
- Find the # on your name tag
- When you hear your number please move to that tour group
- Bring your Schedule, Scavenger Hunt and Pencil with you on the tour. Leave the rest of the papers with your parent/guardian
- —Parents, please remain seated for our technology presentation

# Student Tour

Students will see...



- Team Hallway - assigned stairwells
- Music Hallway
- P.E. Hallway
- World Language Hallway
- School Store "Once a Buc, Always a Buc!"
- Home & Careers
- Cafe
- Library
- Counseling, Nurse, & Main Offices



# Buccaneer Boosters

*Mission: To support and promote our student athletes, coaches, and all of the OCSD's sport teams.*

President:	Kerri Guynn
Vice President:	Cory Brosch
Secretary:	Lisa Sykut
Treasurer:	Eben Norfleet



*Meet one Sunday each month at 7:30 p.m.*



**All members welcome!!**

[info@bucboosters.com](mailto:info@bucboosters.com)

**JOIN TODAY!!!**



# Home and School Communication



ParentSquare™

<https://www.parentsquare.com/schools/6199/feeds>

- “OMS News” Postings
- Important Alerts
- Text Message Alerts
- Phone Blasts

## OTHER

- Mailings
- Direct Phone Calls
- Parent & Teacher Conferences
- Meetings



# Oswego Middle School



<b>Co-Presidents:</b>	Teresa Gilbert & Alyse Oostdyk
<b>Vice President:</b>	Rose Favata
<b>Secretary:</b>	Beth Filkins
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Angela Cleary
<b>7th Gr. Parent Rep:</b>	Margaret Fitzgibbons
<b>8th Gr. Parent Rep:</b>	Jackie Wallace

*Join us the 1st Thursday of the month in OMS Library at 6pm. Everyone is welcome!*

# Parent/Guardian - Email Data



- Please complete this form
- Please share email addresses that are checked regularly
- Please print legibly
- Please complete this and all paperwork and drop off at OMS at designated time on September 6th

**PLEASE PRINT**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(At this point in time we are only able to send one e-mail per household. If both parents/guardians live in the same house – please add only one e-mail address.)*

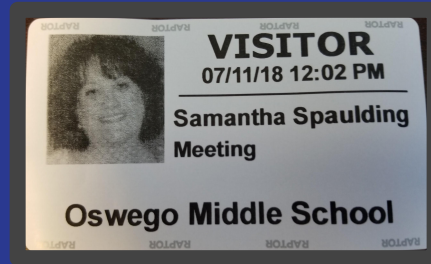
*(If there are two households in the family – and both households have requested to receive mail from the school – please add both e-mail addresses.)*

**E-Mail #1:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_)

**E – Mail #2:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_)

# Visiting OMS

- Visitors entering a district building will be asked to present a license or another government-issued form of identification. It will be scanned or manually entered into the Raptor system by a staff member.
- An adhesive name tag is generated - you will be expected to wear this while you are in the building





**Oswego Middle School Students,  
see you on September 4, 2025**

Thank you, OMS Faculty and  
Staff for helping to make today  
possible.



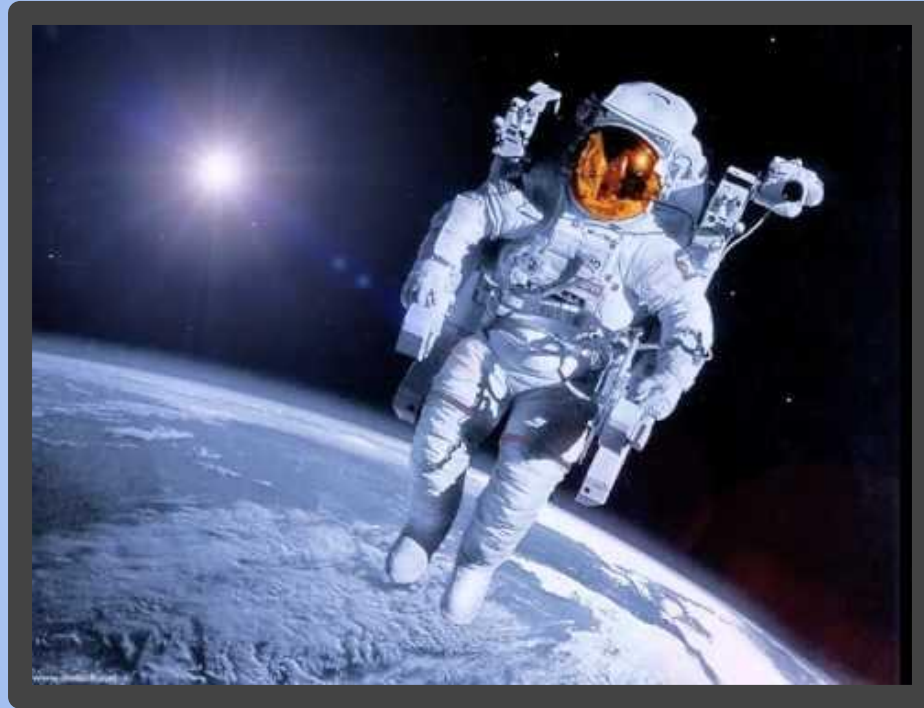
# HAVE A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!!!!

Prepared



Respectful

Integrity



Empathetic



Dedicated

## *BUC PRIDE!!!!*