



SCHOOL REPORT

Olmsted Falls School District

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EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

Education, Excellence, and Efficiency are the three words emblazoned on the official logo of the Olmsted Falls School District. As the 2008-2009 school year drew to a close, students provided no shortage of examples of excellence. We are proud to share just a few of the many highlights:

District Meets All 30 State Indicators

Reports from the Ohio Department of Education revealed that Olmsted Falls School District met 30 out of 30 indicators set by the State to measure the quality of educational programs.

Division I State Pole Vault Champ



Olmsted Falls High School senior (Class of 2009) **Katie Nageotte** won State championship in the Pole Vault.

First Place Chef

Olmsted Falls High School senior (Class of 2009) **Jim Riggle** and his Chef Training Culinary Team from Polaris placed first in State-level competition.

National Latin Exam Honorees



Five students from Olmsted Falls High School were recognized for outstanding performance on the National Latin Examination. **Emily Atherton** and **Adam Sokal** were Gold Medalists; **Eric Dingfelder**, **Jared Palazza** and **Ethan Kocjan** were Silver Medalists.

National Honor Society

Olmsted Falls High School inducted 28 new members into the National Honor Society. *New members inducted were* **John Atkinson, Micayla Beuley, Tyler Bokman, Adam Broski, Lauren Fissel, Alexandria Frygier, Gerold Haumschild, Spencer Hawkins, Alexis Henton, Jessica Jurcak, Stephanie Loy, Erin MacIvor, Corrine Manley, Steffany Meredyk, Mark Mills, Alexander New, Vincent Ng, Timothy Ochmann, John Oravec, Ryan Petitti, Ian Sparks, Danielle Stamper, Sarah Strodbeck, Kendall Travers, Cameron Trefny, Charles, Trefny, Sean Varga and Evan Zaruba.**



Midwest Talent Honorees



Twenty-two students from Olmsted Falls Middle School were recognized by the Midwest Talent Search for their superior performance on both the ACT and PSAT tests. *They were* **Yahia Ali, Danielle Augustin, Connor Bailey, Anasua Bandyopadhyay, Daniel Becker, Nicholas Buchta, Billy Calabrese, Thomas Cobb, Megan Doherty, Katelynn Edgehouse, Kenneth Hanna, Erin Hoadley, Rachel Hsu, Evan Koch, Adelin Leung, Martin Mendenhall, Seth Nauman-Shamatta, Emily Pfisterer, Bradley Sommer, Adam Woodruff, Lawrence Yurick and Andrew Zitnik.**

Governor's Art Show



High School artist **Julia Houlis** received recognition for her piece, "African Gray," at the Governor's Art Show held in Columbus in May.

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DISTRICT NAMES PRINCIPAL TO LEAD NEW EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



Confirmation that Olmsted Falls Intermediate School will be ready for the 2009-2010 school year allowed District officials to also move forward with plans to transition the existing Fitch Intermediate building into the new Olmsted Falls Early Childhood Center. Parents of pre-k and kindergarten students were notified by letter in late June about the plan to begin classes at the Olmsted Falls Early Childhood Center facility for the start of the coming school year. While this creates an extremely tight timeline, it was determined that it was best to eliminate a mid-year transition for these young "Bulldogs," and be able to provide all primary grade levels with much needed space. **Coverage of this new facility has been handled without the hiring of an additional administrator, or of any additional front office or custodial staff.**

The Olmsted Falls Board of Education voted unanimously at its June Board meeting to approve the hiring of Ms. Gina Sanfilippo as the new principal at the Olmsted Falls Early Childhood Center which is estimated to serve approximately 150 students in each of its a.m. and p.m. sessions (300 students total). Ms. Sanfilippo will also continue to serve in her role as assistant principal at Falls-Lenox Primary School, where enrollment is projected to be approximately 850 students. Ms. Sanfilippo has been with Olmsted Falls Schools since 1993, when she joined the District as a 4th grade teacher. She has been part of the District's administrative team since taking the assistant principal position at Falls-Lenox in 2003.

Current District administrator Ms. Gina Sanfilippo will serve Olmsted Falls Schools in a dual capacity as the new principal of the Olmsted Falls Early Childhood Center as well as continue as Assistant Principal at Falls-Lenox Primary School.

"We are pleased to have Ms. Sanfilippo take the helm at our new Olmsted Falls Early Childhood Center," said Superintendent Dr. Todd Hoadley. "She brings with her a solid background of both administrative and classroom teaching experience at the primary level that will be a great asset to our children as we build this new early childhood educational community."

DEDICATION EVENT PLANNED FOR NEW OLMSTED FALLS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

All residents of the Olmsted communities are cordially invited to a special grand opening celebration and dedication event for the new Olmsted Falls Intermediate School building to be held

**Sunday, September 20th
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

Join Olmsted Falls School Board members, local elected officials, District administrators, faculty, staff, parents, students and special guests to officially welcome Olmsted Falls Intermediate School into our educational community. Building tours to follow formal dedication ceremony scheduled for 2:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Olmsted Falls Mayor Robert Blomquist makes a special appearance on Falls-Lenox Morning Show to help PTA celebrate National Staff & Teacher Volunteer Appreciation Week.



Students in teacher Mary Edwards' class had a special visit from Indian's mascot Slider as part of a celebration honoring Ms. Edwards and Fitch Intermediate as Ohio Lottery School of the Year.



Mrs. Ellen Bertrand was named PTA Volunteer of the Year at the Annual PTA Volunteer Dinner in May for her long-time service, hard work and dedication on behalf of the students and staff of the Olmsted Falls educational community.



Retiring Middle School Social Studies teacher Joyce Rea began the first class of her first day teaching 38 years ago with now District Director of Business Affairs Tim Atkinson (pictured left) at the top of her class list...and ended the last class of her last day with Tim's son Joseph Atkinson's name at the top of her class list!



Specially trained reading dog "Baby" has been visiting Falls-Lenox Primary School for the past four years, providing an opportunity to connect special education students with a unique reading experience as they read stories aloud to the very attentive German Shepherd friend.

287 GRADUATE IN 2009

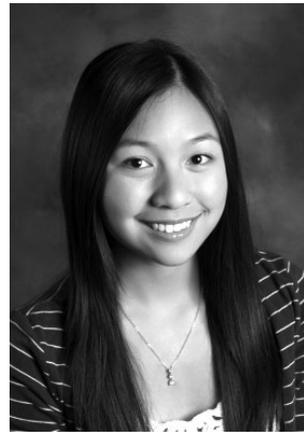
Congratulations to the 287 members of the Olmsted Falls High School Class of 2009. Valedictorian Victor Matsunaga, Salutatorian Jessica Parker and Class President John Atkinson addressed fellow classmates, Board members, teachers, administrators, family and friends at the commencement ceremony, held June 1st at the Wolstein Center at Cleveland State University.

DID YOU KNOW?

More than 91% of the OFHS Class of 2009 plan to continue their education in college.



Valedictorian
Victor Matsunaga



Salutatorian
Jessica Parker



Class of 2009 President
John Atkinson

OLMSTED FALLS KIWANIS EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARDS



Olmsted Falls Kiwanis Club President Lee Fenrich (center, right) congratulates Kiwanis Employee of the Year Award winners: Olmsted Falls High Family/Consumer Science Teacher [Sherry Davis](#) (far left), High School Head Custodian [Larry Hamilton](#) (center, left), and High School Health/Fitness Teacher [David Godfray](#) (far right).

The special awards were presented on Records Day, held June 5th, in the Middle School cafetorium. Staff members are nominated by fellow colleagues through a written nomination process. Nominations are reviewed and winners are selected by a special committee of Kiwanis members. Congratulations to the 2009 Employees of the Year, and thank you to the Kiwanis Club for their continued support of the Olmsted educational community!

RETIREES DEDICATED TOTAL OF 195 BULLDOG YEARS TO DISTRICT

Olmsted Falls Schools said farewell to six dedicated staff members who retired at the end of the 2008-2009 school year. Their combined service to Olmsted Falls Schools totaled 195 years! These valuable individuals, and their impact on the District, will be greatly missed. On behalf of Olmsted Falls Schools and the Olmsted communities, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to each of this year's retirees for their commitment to the education and well-being of our children. Congratulations and best wishes for a happy, healthy retirement!

Board of Education President [Jim Weisbarth](#) (far left), Ohio State Senator [Tom Patton](#) (back), and Ohio State Representative [Matt Patten](#) (far right) were on hand to help recognize the talents and contributions of this year's retirees at the annual Records Day breakfast held June 5th. This year's retirees are (from left to right): *Middle School Physical Education Teacher [Kathleen Pruchnicki](#) (31 Bulldog years), Falls-Lenox 1st Grade Teacher [Marguerite Johnson](#) (25 Bulldog years), Middle School English/Science/Reading Teacher [Karen Christie](#) (32 Bulldog years), Falls-Lenox Kindergarten Teacher [Paula Hugel](#) (35 Bulldog years), and Middle School Social Studies Teacher [Joyce Rea](#) (38 Bulldog years). Retiree not pictured: *Olmsted Falls Bus Driver [Elsie Haas](#) (34 Bulldog years).**



COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO SUPPORT LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WITH MORE THAN \$118,500 IN DONATIONS FOR CLASS OF 2009

Thanks to the generous support of local individuals, families, businesses and organizations who contributed to the Olmsted Falls Local Scholarship program this year, 223 scholarships totaling more than \$118,500 were awarded to students from the Olmsted Falls High School Class of 2009. Olmsted Falls School District greatly appreciates the support of each and every one of our local donors, and acknowledges the important role their contributions play in paving a path of continued success for our students. Congratulations to this year's winners who were awarded their scholarships at the Honors Day Ceremony held May 29th. These young people are outstanding representatives of Olmsted Falls Schools, and the District wishes each of them well as they pursue their future endeavors.



2009 Olmsted Falls Endowment & Alumni Association Scholarship Winners

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

American Legion Post 403.....			Nathanial Brown
Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield			Stephanie Tchen
Athletic Booster Club	Emily Abraham.....	John Atkinson.....	Nicole Cantrell
	Rachel Hansinger.....	Alexis Henton.....	Kathryn Nageotte
		Kalie Stallard.....	Charles Trefny
Beeler Family			Gerold Haumschild
Board of Education	Emily Abraham.....	Robert Brandt.....	Nathanial Brown
	Cassandra Clancy.....	Melissa Clark.....	Olivia Fonczak
	Rachel Gibson.....	Nathan Goetz.....	Paul Hanna
	Callie Jedrzejek.....	Vincent Ng.....	Kallie Petitti
	Emily Schwarzmann.....	Michael Sturm.....	Ashley Thompson
	Charles Trefny.....	Waid Wrege.....	Taylor Yurick
Chamber of Commerce.....			Timothy McLellan
CRL Foundation.....			Lauren Hennessey
Daniel F. Coyle Cross Country			Emily Atherton
Dr. Frank D'Amico			Erin Hammeren
Donauschwaben's German American Cultural Center			Genevieve Abbiss
Endowment and Alumni Association.....		Nicole Cantrell.....	Cassandra Clancy
		Michael Erossy.....	Charles Gropitch
<u>Endowed Scholarships:</u>			
Banks Family			Melissa Clark
Gordon Boddy			Jillian Schiely
Dallas Family.....			Adrienne LaGruth
Davidson Family.....			Kelsey Hayes
Amelia Harding			Emily Atherton
Clara Harding.....			Stephanie Shafer
Capt. Charles Harding			Charles Trefny
William Henzey Family.....			Waid Wrege
McKinney Family			Angela Guido
Al Nespeca.....			Alexis Henton
Virginia Reed Railsback			Kathryn Nageotte
John Sanders			Emma Polly
Schady Family			Brittany Snider
Bruce Smirt.....			Kendall Shepard
Aurora & Norman Spiro			Waldo Acosta
Stumpf Family			Kristie Schleich
Ann Taylor			Aaron Lewis
Robert Venefra			John Atkinson
First Federal of Lakewood			Jordan Friedrich
Girl Scout Service Unit of Olmsted Falls		Adrienne LaGruth.....	Lauren McCafferty
Dr. William Hayes.....			Nathan Anderson
Dara Hosta Memorial for Music & Performing Arts		Ashley Thompson.....	Anna Zajac
Dara Hosta Spirit 5K Race/Walk	Emily Abraham.....	Nathan Anderson.....	John Atkinson
	Steven Battaglia.....	James Bohland.....	Robert Brandt
	Melissa Clark.....	Ian Coyle.....	Michael Erossy
	Hallie Fetterman.....	Jordan Friedrich.....	Charles Gropitch
	Paul Hanna.....	Rachel Hansinger.....	Adam Harder
	Dustin Hargis.....	Gerold Haumschild.....	Chelsea Hogan
	Kenji Ito.....	David Kanz.....	Anthony King
	Adrienne LaGruth.....	Lauren McCafferty.....	Elizabeth Nickum

Dara Hosta Spirit 5K Race/Walk continued ...	Kallie Petitti Sarah Riolo Emily Schwarzmann Kalie Stallard Lindsay Wamble	Rachel Reiser Mitchel Saunders Samantha Scott Charles Trefny Patrick Weber Waid Wrege	Chelsea Reynolds Jillian Schiely Brittany Snider Patrick Uhl Lauren Whyte Danielle Zander
Key Club		Melissa Clark..... Anthony King	Michael Erossy Danielle Zander
Kiwanis Club	Emily Atherton..... Lauren McCafferty	Melissa Clark..... Jessica Parker Rachel Reiser	Christine Haynes Rachel Pohnan Jillian Schiely Cassandra Clancy
Kiwanis Lyn Barbee Memorial.....			Michael Erossy
Kiwanis Jack McDonald Memorial			Brooke Purvis
Kovar Memorial.....	Victor Matsunaga.....	Emma Polly.....	Rachel Pohnan
Dr. Thomas Kronholz.....	Nicole Cantrell.....	Lauren McCafferty.....	Sarah Radeff
Eleanor M. Langendorfer Memorial			Patrick Weber
Layburn Award.....			Scott Kimmey
Quarry Masonic Lodge #382			John Atkinson
Monin & Associates, Inc.....			Rachel Gibson
Music Association.....	Claire Campbell.....	Olivia Englehart.....	Jeremiah Dischinger
National Honor Society.....		Steven Battaglia..... Kyle Hoy	Lindsay Wamble Waldo Acosta
Northeast Technical Services Co., Inc.			Anthony Lanza
OAPSE.....	Mindy Brasdovich.....	Adam Harder..... Timothy McLellan	Jennifer Mileti
OFEA		Cassandra Clancy.....	Alexis Henton
Ohio Association of School Business Officials			Amanda Zitnik
Olmsted Community Center			John Czechowski
Olmsted Falls High School Office.....			Deborah Tang
Olmsted Falls Soccer Association.....		Dustin Hargis.....	Taylor Yurick
Parker Wealth Management			Emily Atherton
Post Prom Committee	Cassandra Clancy..... Alaina Marquardt Brooke Purvis	Kara Daugherty..... Victor Matsunaga Renee Schubert Danielle Zander	Chelsea Hogan Jessica Parker Emily Schwarzmann
PTA Units			
Early Childhood		Alexis Henton..... Raeann Marko	Aaron Lewis Ashley Thompson
Falls Lenox.....	Melissa Clark..... Stephanie Shafer	Hallie Fetterman..... Lauren Whyte	Emily Schwarzmann Taylor Yurick
Fitch Intermediate	Michael Erossy..... Jillian Schiely	Victor Matsunaga..... Samantha Scott	Brooke Purvis Brittany Snider
Middle School.....	Nathanial Brown..... Genevieve Abbiss..... Emily Atherton	Rachel Pohnan..... Emily Abraham..... Steven Battaglia	Laura Stasiak Nathan Anderson Nicole Cantrell
High School	Owen Coughlin..... Olivia Englehart Kathryn Nageotte Sarah Riolo	Kara Daugherty..... Nathan Goetz Kelly Patton Kalie Stallard	Jeffrey Dean Lauren McCafferty Melissa Porch Charles Trefny Danielle Zander
Council.....		John Atkinson..... Vincent Ng	Chad Naiman Waid Wrege
Renaissance Retirement Community.....			Kara Daugherty
Ellen Reeves Art			Stephanie Shafer
Rotary Club of Berea			Cassandra Clancy
SADD.....		Emily Abraham.....	Shannon Strodbeck
Saluja Hamilton Memorial.....			Melissa Porch
Dr. Gino Saponari Hockey.....			Michael Sturm
Schuster's Greenhouse.....			Chad Naiman
Search Circus			Emily Atherton
Bob Shaker Memorial.....			Kathryn Nageotte
Shaker's Market Place			Briana Geske
Student Council.....	Hallie Fetterman..... Stephanie Loy Abigail Seman	Patrick Hirsch..... Kerry Ramsey Amanda Smith	Ashley Hodge Samantha Scott Sarah Strodbeck
Vitamix Corporation			Mindy Brasdovich
Jim Winlee			Ashley Thompson
Ashlie Wyderka Memorial.....			Callie Jedrzejek

ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES

New students enrolling for the first time, either as new residents or as kindergartners, should follow the procedures below. Note: all kindergarten students are considered new students.

1. Please contact the building where each student plans to enroll to arrange for an appointment. (See contact information listed for each building located on back cover.)
2. Only parents, legal custodians and/or legal guardians can register students in the district.
3. If moving in from another district, do not forget to sign a release form from your previous district.
4. Items needed at time of enrollment:
 - **Student's Birth Certificate**
 - **Student's Social Security Number**
 - **Student's Immunization Records**
 - **Proof of District Residency** (One of the following: tax bill, mortgage coupon, gas, electric or sewer/water bill, or a signed rental agreement.)
 - **Proof of Custody** (Certified copy of court order, if applicable.)
 - **Driver's License or Picture Identification**
 - **Most recent report card**

To expedite your enrollment process, registration packets may be picked up at the Board of Education Office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Packets contain detailed registration information for each building along with Olmsted Falls City Schools Registration Form, Release Form for Information from Previous District, and Home Language Survey. You may also visit the District's website at www.ofcs.net to download these forms in advance of your scheduled appointment. Forms are the same for all four buildings.

EARLY ENTRANCE NOTICE

Children must be five years old **by August 1st** to enroll for Kindergarten classes in Olmsted Falls School District. The District is frequently contacted with questions regarding early entrance of children into Kindergarten. According to Ohio Administrative Code, if a child does not turn age 5 by the District cut-off date (August 1st) but turns 5 by January 1st, the parent may request that the child be tested for possible placement in Kindergarten. Children who do not meet the mandatory cut-off date (August 1st) cannot be admitted into Kindergarten unless they meet the criteria for early admission pursuant with the District's adopted Acceleration Policy for Advanced Learners. The standards, which have been established by the District for the purpose of early admittance, emphasize skills and characteristics which correlate with success in an academically oriented program. The evaluation is designed to identify those children who are functioning at a superior level in all developmental areas including intelligence, academic readiness, social/emotional maturity, verbal abilities and physical development. To discuss appropriateness of early entrance into kindergarten for an individual child, please contact Olmsted Falls Early Childhood Center Principal Gina Sanfilippo at 427-6360 or gsanfilippo@ofcs.net or Director of Student Services Merritt Waters at 427-6140 or mwaters@ofcs.net.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: STUDENT DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The Olmsted Falls School District designates the following items as "Directory Information:" a student's name; address; telephone number; date and place of birth; major field of study; participation in officially-recognized activities and sports; height and weight, if a member of an athletic team; dates of attendance; date of graduation; awards received; honor rolls; or scholarships. **Parents and/or eligible students have ten (10) days after receipt of this public notice to view the student's "Directory Information" and to provide notice in writing to the school district that they choose not to have this information released.** Unless notified to the contrary in writing within the ten (10) school-day period, the school may disclose any of these items designated as "Directory Information" without prior written consent. Directory information shall not be provided to any organization for profit-making purposes. The Board shall not permit the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information (or otherwise providing that information to others for that purpose).

IMMUNIZATION RESTRICTIONS

A student is not permitted to remain in school for more than 14 days, unless written evidence is presented to school officials that the student has been immunized by a method approved by the Ohio Department of Health. Students must be immunized against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, and measles, or be in the process of being so immunized. Ohio Immunization Law requires that all children present written evidence of immunity to mumps and rubella. If you have a question about this policy, or feel you have a reason why your child should not be immunized, please contact your building principal.

MEDICATION POLICY

A reminder to parents regarding the Medication Policy for all buildings:

- All medication must be brought to school by a parent or responsible adult. Medications cannot be transported to school on the bus.
- Medication Forms can be downloaded from the school website or obtained from the school office.
- A Medication Form **MUST** accompany ALL medications before they can be administered. Prescription medications require both a physician and parent signature; over-the-counter medications require only a parent signature.
- All medication must be in its original container.

Please contact your respective school office regarding any questions about the District's Medication Policy.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Voluntary Student Accident Insurance Forms are available in all school building offices. If interested in obtaining a form or additional information, please contact the respective school building.

IMPORTANT BACK-TO-SCHOOL DATES

OLMSTED FALLS HIGH SCHOOL			(Grades 9 - 12)	26939 Bagley Road
Freshmen / New Student Orientation with LINK Crew	Tuesday, August 18th	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.		
<i>First Day of School for High School Students</i>	Wednesday, August 26th			
OPEN HOUSE - All Grades	Thursday, September 10th	7:00 p.m.		
OLMSTED FALLS MIDDLE SCHOOL			(Grades 6-8)	27045 Bagley Road
6th Grade WEB (<i>Where Everybody Belongs</i>) Orientation	Thursday, August 20th	8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.		
New 7th / 8th Grade Student Orientation	Friday, August 21st	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.		
6th Grade OPEN HOUSE	Monday, August 24th	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.		
<i>First Day of School for Middle School Students</i>	Wednesday, August 26th			
8th Grade OPEN HOUSE	Tuesday, September 1st	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.		
7th Grade OPEN HOUSE	Thursday, September 3rd	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.		
OLMSTED FALLS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL			(Grades 4-5)	27043 Bagley Road
* Please note that there will be no building visitations scheduled for the new Intermediate School building in advance of the start of this school year due to the aggressive building schedule. Contractors will be working on finishing touches to the building right up until the day before school starts. Special welcome plans for the first day of school have been arranged for 4th and 5th grade students to ensure a smooth transition into their new building. Detailed information will be mailed to 4th and 5th grade parents in mid-August by OFIS Principal Mr. Donald Svec.				
<i>First Day of School for Intermediate School Students</i>	Wednesday, August 26th			
4th Grade OPEN HOUSE	Thursday, August 27th	7:00 p.m.		
5th Grade OPEN HOUSE	Wednesday, September 2nd	7:00 p.m.		
FALLS-LENOX PRIMARY SCHOOL			(Grades 1 -3)	26450 Bagley Road
<i>Falls-Lenox students and their parents are invited to special visitation sessions prior to the start of the school year. This activity provides an opportunity to visit classrooms, tour the Falls-Lenox Primary School, meet classmates and discuss concerns. Please note that it is not designated for meeting your child's teacher, since many of them will not be available at this time. However, Principal Neil Roseberry will be available and happy to answer any questions. Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult.</i>				
New Parent Information Night (<i>for families new to District</i>)	Tuesday, August 18th	7:00 p.m.		
1st Grade Visitation	Friday, August 21st	9:00 a.m.		
2nd Grade Visitation	Friday, August 21st	10:00 a.m.		
3rd Grade Visitation	Friday, August 21st	11:00 a.m.		
<i>First Day of School for Primary School Students</i>	Wednesday, August 26th			
OPEN HOUSE for Learning Community West	Monday, August 31st	7:00 p.m.		
OPEN HOUSE for Learning Community East	Tuesday, September 1st	7:00 p.m.		
OPEN HOUSE for Learning Community North	Thursday, September 3rd	7:00 p.m.		
OLMSTED FALLS EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER			(Grades PreK - K)	7105 Fitch Road
Kindergarten Orientation (AM/A-L)	Thursday, August 27th	8:30 a.m.		
Kindergarten Orientation (PM/A-L)	Thursday, August 27th	12:30 p.m.		
Kindergarten Orientation (AM/M-Z)	Friday, August 28th	8:30 a.m.		
Kindergarten Orientation (PM/M-Z)	Friday, August 28th	12:30 p.m.		
AM Preschool Orientation	Monday, August 31st	9:00 a.m.		
PM Preschool Orientation	Monday, August 31st	12:30 p.m.		
First Day of School (Kindergarten Students)	Monday, August 31st			
First Day of School (Preschool - Special Needs Students)	Tuesday, September 1st			
First Day of School (Preschool - Typical Peers)	Tuesday, September 8th			
OPEN HOUSE for A.M Preschool & Kindergarten Parents	Tuesday, September 15th	6:45 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.		
OPEN HOUSE for P.M Preschool & Kindergarten Parents	Tuesday, September 15th	7:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.		

NOTE: Complete contact information for each building is located on the back cover of this School Report.

**** IMPORTANT NOTICE ****

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

District-Wide Late Start Days Replaced by Additional Staff Development Day for 2009-2010 School Year

In lieu of the four traditional District-wide Late Start days, one additional staff development day has been added to the 2009-2010 school year. A special waiver made available to school districts by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) allowed Olmsted Falls Schools to apply for the additional non-student day to be used for staff development. The ODE officially granted the waiver to Olmsted Falls School District in mid-July, at which point the determination was made to eliminate the District-wide Late Start days and replace them with the additional staff development day (November 13th).

The Olmsted Falls Board of Education approved the revised calendar at their regularly scheduled meeting held July 16, 2009. The new 2009-2010 calendar reflecting the November 13th staff development (non-student) day is available for download on the District website at www.ofcs.net.

* Please note that while there will be no District-wide Late Start days in 2009-2010, Olmsted Falls High School will still maintain its own Late Start schedule.

**OFMA INVITES NEW MEMBERS
Parents & Community Members Alike
Encouraged To Join O.F. Music Association**

The mission of the Olmsted Falls Music Association is to service the music programs of the Olmsted Falls Schools through volunteerism and fundraising. By volunteering, attending concerts and/or financially contributing the OFMA, members help support a music program that has been named among the "Best 100 Music Education Communities in America" for three years running.

The coming school year promises to be an exciting one! With the success of fundraising efforts during last school year, the dream of new uniforms for the Pride of Olmsted Falls Bulldog Marching Band will become a reality sometime during the 2009-2010 school year. Additionally, OFMA continues to support music education across all grades with volunteers and equipment purchases.

We invite parents of students in all grades, as well as any music-loving residents of the Olmsted communities, to join our efforts this year. Meetings take place on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Choir Room.

Please visit the Olmsted Falls Music Association webpage on the District website at www.ofcs.net for additional information on the organization, including membership forms, volunteer efforts and other opportunities for support.

**2009-2010 BUILDING SCHEDULES
(START & END TIMES)**

High School	7:40 a.m. to 2:05 p.m. 8:30 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.
Middle School	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Intermediate School	7:55 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Primary School	8:00 a.m. to 2:35 p.m.
Olmsted Falls Early Childhood Center:	
A.M. Kindergarten	7:55 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.
P.M. Kindergarten	11:40 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
A.M. Preschool	8:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
P.M. Preschool	11:40 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.
St. Mary of the Falls	8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

FEDERAL FUNDS NOTICE

Federal Funds are provided to school districts on an annual basis for specific programs. Though these Federal Funds amount to less than 3% of the total general fund, they are used judiciously to supplement District teaching and learning programs in areas such as reading, math, professional development, special education, drug use prevention, safety awareness, early childhood education and interventions for at-risk students. If you wish to provide input or have questions, please contact the Director of Student Services at 427-6140 or mwaters@ofcs.net.

CHILD FIND NOTICE

School districts across the State participate in an effort to identify, locate and evaluate all children from birth through 21 years of age who may have disabilities. Disability, in this instance, means such conditions as hearing or visual impairments, speech or language impairments, learning or behavioral disabilities, multiple disabilities, other health impairments, physical impairments, autism and traumatic brain injury.

A referral may be initiated by parents or agencies knowledgeable of the child's needs. Upon receipt of a referral, Olmsted Falls City Schools will seek further information about the child using a variety of possible sources such as interviews, screening and testing to determine whether the child qualifies for special education services. All information will be held in strict confidence and released only with parental permission or as required by law. Please contact the Director of Student Services at 427-6140 or mwaters@ofcs.net for more information or assistance.

GIFTED IDENTIFICATION NOTICE

The Olmsted Falls City Schools gifted identification plan identifies students in the areas of superior cognitive ability, specific academic ability, creative thinking ability, and visual and/or performing arts ability. The identification process consists of three phases: referral, screening and assessment.

Specific criteria for identification are used for each area. A teacher or parent may refer children for identification by completing and submitting the application form, available at each building, during the first week in September or the first week in March. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Coordinator of Gifted Services at 427-6500 or pmorris@ofcs.net, or the Director of Student Services at 427-6140 or mwaters@ofcs.net.

SCHOOL FEES BY GRADE LEVEL

School fees help pay for consumable materials that can only be used by a single student. Fees charged by the Olmsted Falls School District are comparable to the fees charged by other local school systems. Fees, which can be charged by credit card, are necessary for specific courses and activities at the High School. In grades Kindergarten through Grade 8, school fees help make available the following materials and activities:

Kindergarten - \$50.00

- Language Arts materials
- Math practice book
- Art supplies
- Class projects

Grades 1-3 - \$65.00

- Language Arts skill book
- Math practice book (1-2)
- Assignment book (3)
- Art supplies
- Science projects
- Class projects

Grades 4-5 - \$65.00

- Weekly Reader
- Art Supplies
- Language Arts materials
- Math workbook consumables
- Science/Economics consumables

Grade 6 - \$90.00

- School fee (consumable materials & activities)
- Art
- Technology Education
- Life Skills
- P.E. Shirt
- P.E. Shorts

Grade 7 - \$90.00

- School fee (consumable materials & activities)
- Art
- Technology Education
- Life Skills

Grade 8 - \$90.00

- School fee (consumable materials & activities)
- Art
- Technology Education
- Life Skills
- Physical Science

High School (Grades 9-12)

- **\$25.00 Activity Fee** – includes the costs for assemblies, newspaper, student IDs, computer accessories excluding disks, career portfolio materials (all students must pay)
- **\$25.00 Parking Tag** – for students who drive and park a vehicle at OFHS
- **\$38.00 Graduation Fee** – estimated (all graduating seniors must pay)
- Fees for individual High School courses will be mailed to the student’s home and can also be accessed on the High School webpage.



FOOD SERVICES PRICING

Food Services operations are self-sufficient and use no local tax dollars. Compared to commercial food establishments, school lunches continue to be a bargain for nutritious food and are comparable price-wise to other school districts. For the 2009-2010 school year, lunch prices will increase slightly (5 cents per meal) as compared to last year. The lunch and breakfast costs at each building for the 2009-2010 school year are as follows:

Lunch Prices

Falls-Lenox Primary.....	\$2.10*
Fitch Intermediate.....	\$2.10*
Middle School.....	\$2.45
	Pizza Meal \$2.80
High School.....	\$2.45
	Pizza Meal \$2.80
Milk(8oz./16oz.ala carte).....	\$.50/\$.75
Reduced Lunch.....	\$.40

* *Pizza Meal is the same price at these schools.*

Breakfast Prices

Falls-Lenox Primary.....	\$1.25
Fitch Intermediate.....	\$1.25
Middle School.....	\$1.50
HighSchool.....	\$1.50
Reduced Breakfast.....	\$.30

Monthly breakfast and lunch menus for each building can be downloaded from school websites throughout the year. Please visit www.ofcs.net to see what's on the menu - including first day of school menus - at your child's building, or call 427-6441.

EZpay SYSTEM AVAILABLE FOR 2009-2010

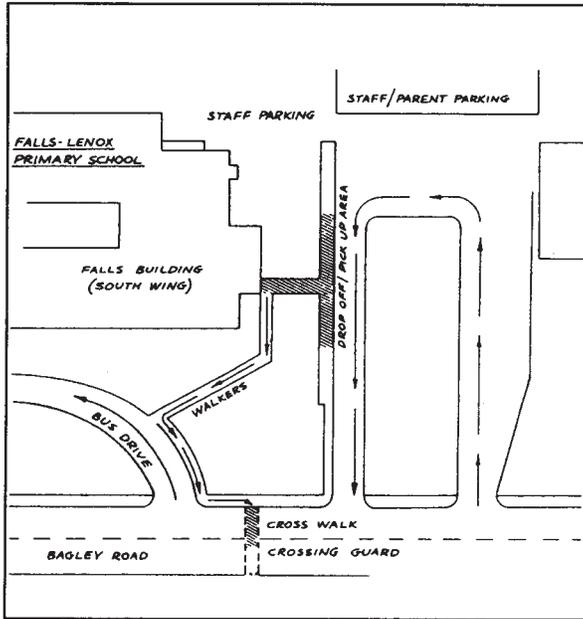
Based on positive response from parents, the Olmsted Falls School District will continue to make the EZpay online system available for the payment of school meals and school fees for the 2009-2010 school year.

Parents with already established accounts for their student(s), and whose students will be in the same building as last year, may continue to utilize the system as usual (*entering your credit card information for each transaction*). Parents with students who will have moved up to a new building for the coming school year will need to enter your child(ren)'s ID number the first time you use the system this year to ensure payments are credited to your child's new current building. A letter will be sent to explain this process in further detail and will provide the required student ID number.

Parents of new students in the District will also be provided with information regarding how to establish a new account.

For additional information on the EZpay system, please contact Director of Food Services Denise Tabar at 427-6440, or dtabar@ofcs.net, OR contact EZpay directly at (866) 693-9729 or info@spsezpay.com.

FALLS-LENOX PRIMARY SCHOOL TRAFFIC PATTERN

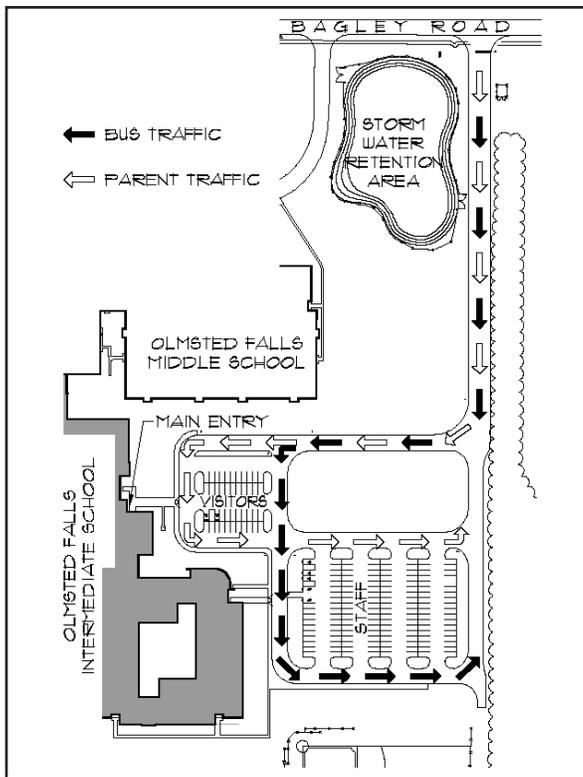


If you plan to drop off or pick up your child from Falls-Lenox Primary School, please refer to the map (at left) and the following procedure to facilitate a safe and orderly process.

- No parking is permitted in the oval area during our bus arrival (7:30 - 8:05 a.m.) and dismissal (2:00 - 2:45 p.m.) times.
- During the remainder of the school day, parking in the oval area is permitted, but only in the designated parking spaces. Please be aware of the handicap parking spaces, and please do not park along the curb.
- In our Drop-Off/Pick-Up area, stopping and remaining in your car is permitted. Move with traffic and pick up or drop off in the area indicated on the map.
- Parking in the area indicated on the map is permitted. After parking, parents must proceed to the Drop-off/Pick-up area to get their child.
- Picking up students in the parking lot is not permitted.

Thank you.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL TRAFFIC PATTERN



If you plan to drop off or pick up your child from the new Olmsted Falls Intermediate School, please refer to the map (at left) for traffic flow, and note the following procedures to help facilitate a safe and orderly process:

- Enter at the driveway leading back to the Olmsted Falls Intermediate School facility (located east of the entrance to the Middle School). Please note that Olmsted Falls Intermediate School and Middle School each have their own separate entrance drives; the drives/parking areas for the two facilities do NOT connect.
- The flow of parent traffic for drop off is indicated with white arrows on the map. The designated drop off area is located in front of the main entry to the school. Move with traffic to drop off your child(ren) along the curb in front of the main entrance as indicated on the map.
- Parents wishing to pick up their children after school, or at any time during the school day, must park and come to the main office to sign their child(ren) out. Picking up students from the curb or in the parking lot is **NOT** permitted.
- Visitor parking is located in the area indicated on the map. Please be aware of the handicap parking spaces, and please do not park along the curb.

Thank you.

PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TRANSPORTATION

Those parents or guardians of students in grades K through 8 who reside in Olmsted Falls School District but attend a chartered Ohio non-public elementary or secondary school that we do not provide transportation to may be eligible for reimbursement for transportation. The school of attendance must be 30 minutes or less traveling time via school bus from the Olmsted Falls school that the student would normally attend. Travel time is calculated from portal-to-portal at the time the bus would normally transport a student to school in the morning.

If you feel that you may qualify for Payment in Lieu of Transportation, please submit your reimbursement request in writing by Thursday, October 1, 2009 to the Board of Education, Attn: Office of the Treasurer, P.O. Box 38010, Olmsted Falls, Ohio, 44138.

IMPORTANT TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

BUS INFORMATION MAILED IN AUGUST

In mid-August, parents of registered students in grades K to 8 will receive a bus stop information postcard notifying them of their child's specific bus stop pick-up and drop-off location.

Please remember to review your child's bus stop location carefully as adjustments to routing have been made this year as part of the *Educational Reduction Plan*.

A complete list of all District bus routes, stops and times will also be available in mid-August on the District's web site, www.ofcs.net, under the Bus Routes link. If you have not received a bus stop card as of August 17th, or if you have any questions, please contact the Transportation Department at 427-6350.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Implementation of the *Educational Reduction Plan* as it relates to transportation services for the 2009-2010 school year at Olmsted Falls Schools has been completed. Please remember that:

- There will be **NO HIGH SCHOOL BUSING** for public or non-public students for the 2009-2010 school year, except for those busing services required by law (individual IEP requirements and Polaris Career Center transports).
- The deadline for Alternate Transportation Request Forms was June 15th. No late requests will be accepted without proof of a change in residency.

NEW TRANSFER PROCEDURES

All students attending Olmsted Falls Intermediate School, Falls-Lenox Primary School, Olmsted Falls Early Childhood Center, St. Adalbert, St. Mary of the Falls, and St. Richard School will ride the same bus in the morning to Falls-Lenox Primary School. **Falls-Lenox Primary School will act as the hub for students to get on their assigned transfer buses to the appropriate school.**

Students attending **Bethel Christian School** will be transferred from Olmsted Falls High School to Bethel Christian School on transfer Bus #40 in the morning. Bus #63 will pick up Bethel Christian students and return them home in the p.m. Students attending **St. Mary of Berea** and **Messiah Lutheran School** will ride the appropriate bus to Olmsted Falls Middle School and then transfer on their assigned transfer bus to the corresponding school.

PLEASE REFER TO THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE TO FIND YOUR ASSIGNED TRANSFER BUS:

OLMSTED FALLS EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER TRANSFER BUSES

All buses will arrive at Falls-Lenox and students attending the Early Childhood Center should use the following procedure to transfer:

In the AM, Early Childhood Center students should ride the first available transfer bus - either #74 or #77 - to the Early Childhood Center.

In the PM, Early Childhood Center students should ride their ASSIGNED transfer bus as follows:

Bus #74 will transfer students from Bus #43, #62, #65, #67, #68, #71, #72, #73, #74 and any students transferring to Kids First.

Bus #77 will transfer students from Bus #75, #76, #77, #78, #82, #83, #84, #85, #86, and #88.

Note: Parents of special education preschool students will be personally notified regarding transportation arrangements for their students. (*Bus transportation is not provided for preschool typical peer students.*)

OLMSTED FALLS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL TRANSFER BUSES

All buses will arrive at Falls-Lenox and students attending the Intermediate School should use the following procedure to transfer:

In the AM, Intermediate School students should ride the first available transfer bus - either #67, #68, #70, #71 or #78 - to the Intermediate School.

In the PM, Intermediate School students should ride their ASSIGNED transfer bus as follows:

Bus #67 will transfer students from Bus #66, #67, #83 and #84.

Bus #68 will transfer students from Bus #68, #77, #79 and #82.

Bus #70 will transfer students from Bus #70, #76, #80 and #88.

Bus #71 will transfer students from Bus #65, #71 and #75.

Bus #78 will transfer students from Bus #43, #78, #81 and #87.

Bus #85 will transfer students from Bus #62, #72, #74 and #85.

Bus #86 will transfer students from Bus #73, #86 and Intermediate School students transferring to the Olmsted Community Center after school program.

SPECIAL RIDERSHIP INSTRUCTIONS for Grade K to 8 Non-Public Students:

****Attention all Non-Public students:** Transportation will not be provided for early dismissals from non-public schools. Other arrangements should be made for pick up on these days. On days when Olmsted Falls schools are not in session, but non-public schools are, transfer buses will run as normal. Students will need to be at the public school site to board the transfer bus before the assigned departure time.

ST. ADALBERT TRANSFER

In the AM, St. Adalbert students will ride to Falls-Lenox and transfer on Bus #66 to St. Adalbert. Bus #66 will also transfer these students back to Falls-Lenox in the PM and they will ride home on their assigned primary route bus.

ST. MARY OF BEREA TRANSFER

In the AM, St. Mary of Berea students will ride to OF Middle School on their assigned bus and transfer to St. Mary's on Bus #62 in the AM. In the PM, these students will get picked up at St. Mary's by Bus #63 and #65 and taken home. Please refer to your postcard for your assigned bus numbers.

ST. MARY OF THE FALLS TRANSFERS

All buses will arrive at Falls-Lenox and students attending St. Mary of the Falls School should use the following procedure to transfer:

In the AM, St. Mary's students should ride the first available transfer bus - either #65 or #80.

In the PM, St. Mary's students should ride their ASSIGNED transfer bus as follows:

Bus #65 will transfer all students riding Bus #'s 43-79

Bus #80 will transfer all students riding Bus #'s 80-88

ST. RICHARD TRANSFER

In the AM, St. Richard students will arrive at Falls-Lenox and will transfer to St. Richard School on Bus #62. Bus #5 will pick up St. Richard students and take them home in the PM.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN

In the AM, Messiah Lutheran students will ride to OF Middle School on their assigned bus and transfer to Messiah Lutheran on Bus #40 in the am. Bus #40 will pick up Messiah Lutheran students in the PM and take them home.

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