

# Olmsted Falls City School District

## Olmsted Falls High School



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August 11, 2014

Dear Parent or Guardian,

I hope everyone had time to rest and relax during summer vacation. The start of school is right around the corner. Please review the items I mailed home in June in preparation for this upcoming school year.

- School Hours.** The school day will officially begin at 7:26 a.m. and end at 2:16 p.m. Students who have AP Physics, AP Chemistry, or AP Biology will be informed in August if they are attending lab at 7:05 a.m. All other students need to arrive for their 1<sup>st</sup> period class by 7:26 a.m. Students who are scheduled for Sports Performance will be in school until 2:55 p.m. Please plan accordingly. Please note that students who arrive before 7:15 am will have to remain in the cafeteria.
- Bulldog Release:** Only seniors who qualify for Bulldog Release will qualify for early dismissal:
  - Cumulative GPA 3.00 by the end of their junior year.
  - Five or fewer absences during 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of their junior year.
  - No suspensions or disciplinary issues during their junior year.
  - Parent, Counselor, and Administrative permission.
- First Semester Exams will be the week of December 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>:** Our hope is that this change will more closely align with a college-styled schedule and allow for our students to sit for an exam prior to a two-week hiatus from class. Please plan any travel around the fact that every student will need to be in attendance the week of December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Freshman/New Student Orientation:** Will be **August 15, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.** Incoming freshmen and new students will be receiving their schedule and Student Ambassadors will be giving tours of the building.
- Dress Code:** Students are expected to be dressed properly for school and adhere to the dress code.
- Discipline:** OFHS uses the progressive discipline model in order to provide a safe and secure learning environment by holding students accountable for their actions.
- School Attendance Policy:**  
Approved written excuses for absences from school will be based on the following:
  - a. Personal illness; a note from a doctor may be required.
  - b. Illness to members of your immediate family.
  - c. Death of a relative.
  - d. Observance of a religious holiday.\*Any other excuses must have prior clearance by the office. Students have the responsibility to cover all absences with the Student Office.

Please make sure to add our annual **OFHS Open House** to your calendar for **Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** Also, the OFHS PTA membership drive is underway; membership is just \$6 per person. Please see attached letter for additional information and the 2014-2015 OFHS PTA membership form.

Finally, for the most recent and updated high school information, we encourage you to follow OFHS on Twitter: @ofhsbulldogs.

In closing, I am looking forward to the start of the 2014-2015 school year. You have wonderful children and the quiet high school in the summer is not the same without them.

Go Bulldogs!

Holly ☺



# OFHS PTA IS LOOKING FOR SUPER HEROES!!

Dear Parents:

We looking for all you **super hero** parents and family members to become members of OFHS PTA. With your support, PTA can continue the tradition of doing great things for our students and school. Please complete the form below and return it to the high school office in an envelope marked “**PTA MEMBERSHIP**”. Thank-you in advance for your support!

Being a member of PTA does not mean that you will be asked to donate your time or energy (unless of course you want too!). Your membership supports PTA work at the high school, state and national levels. Here are some of the more visible High School PTA programs/activities:

- Scholarships: Every year the High School PTA alone provides approximately 15-20 \$300.00 scholarships to a variety of graduating seniors. In order for a student to qualify for a high school PTA scholarship, **a parent of the graduating senior must be a member of HS PTA.**
- Talent Show: The talent show is a fundraiser for PTA, but is also a great opportunity for students to showcase their special talents.
- Reflections: The PTA Reflections contest is a nationwide PTA program to encourage students to be involved in the arts – visual arts, music composition, photography and literary composition.
- Battle of the School Dodge Ball Game: The dodge ball game is a fundraiser for PTA, but is also a great time for both the students, families and the staff from all the schools.
- Bulldog Jackets: Please order your students athletic jacket through PTA. Forms are available on-line or at the high school office.

High School PTA meetings are generally held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00PM in the high school library. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!! PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. BE A SUPER HERO AND JOIN HIGH SCHOOL PTA TODAY. EVERYONE WHO JOINS BEFORE OR AT OPEN HOUSE (8/28) WILL BE ENTERED IN A PRIZE RAFFLE.**

### Thanks for your support!

Denise Olszewski and Holly McFadden  
2014-2015 PTA Membership Chairs

**2014-2015 PTA Membership = \$6.00/member (If two people join the cost will be \$12.00)**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s) Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Room # \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ (Make checks payable to **OFHS PTA**)

Please tear off the bottom of this form and return it with a check or cash to the office, in an envelope labeled “**PTA MEMBERSHIP**”. Thank-you for joining!!!