

October 23rd 2020

1. The Teal Pumpkin Project raises food allergy awareness and offers the option of non-food trinkets and toys in a separate bowl to make Halloween safer and more inclusive for all trick-or-treaters. <u>Click here for more information about the Teal Pumpkin Project</u>



2. The PTA Christmas Caring and Sharing Program assists struggling families during the holiday season. Referrals for holiday help can be made to the School Nurse (922-1485 #2) by families, concerned neighbors and others in the community. We strive to help our families have a good holiday season.



3. REMINDER about the Flu Season:

Flu viruses are most common during the fall and winter seasons. Flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and sometimes the lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness. The best way to prevent flu is by getting a flu vaccine each year. The Center for Disease Control recommends that everyone 6 months and older receive a yearly flu vaccine. It is especially important to get a flu vaccine if you have a chronic health disease, over 65 years of age, pregnant or have a weakened immune system due to disease or medication. Flu vaccines are available at commercial pharmacies (Walgreens, CVS), health provider offices and at clinics. The Hamilton County Health Department has a flu clinic available for children who are uninsured, under insured, or are receiving or eligible for Medicaid. <u>Click here for information about scheduling an appointment at Hamilton County Health Department Health Depart</u>

- 4. <u>Click here for a link to information about this year's Reflections contest theme and deadlines</u>
- 5. Attendance reminder! Please make sure to report the reason for your child's absence each day they are absent-this includes remote learning days as well as student sick in Virtual Academy. Parents must contact the school @922-1485, press "1" to leave a message on the absence line. Messages must include your student's name, your name, teacher's name and grade level as well as the reason for the absence. You may also email the attendance secretary @ blome d@ohlsd.org to report the reason for your child's absence each day. If you receive a OneCallNow message that a child of yours has been reported absent with no call to the school (or email) then your child will be unexcused. You must contact the attendance secretary to report the reason WHY your child is not in school.

6. OH Alumni Spiritwear Sale - Support the Oak Hills Alumni & Education Foundation's efforts to fund scholarships and school events. Visit <u>www.companycasuals.com/oakhillsalumnishop/start.jsp</u> Just in time for the holiday gifting! Order your items by November 20 for pick-up the week of December 14th. This sale will be open for orders from November 1-20. For any questions contact Staci at <u>ohaefspiritwear@gmail.com</u> The next sale dates will be in



March.

- 7. 20-21 Instructional Fees are \$85 and can be paid online using EZ Pay on the Parent Portal @ ohlsd.org or mailing a check or money order to the school at 585 Neeb Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45233. If you mail in or send in a payment with your student, please download a copy of the Instructional Fee paperwork to fill out and include with your payment. <u>Click here for a link to the Instructional Fee Paperwork</u>.
- 8. Any cash payments sent in with students for Instructional Fees must include the paperwork, be in an envelope with the student name and it must be for the **EXACT** amount. Teachers do not have change.
- 9. Primary contacts (Residential Parent/ Legal Guardian) can add up to 5 additional emails or phone numbers to the OneCall Now system by creating an account with mycallnow. Here are the instructions:

Add Additional Numbers - The student's primary contact can create a *My Call Now* account to add an addition 5 email addresses or cell phone numbers to also receive *One Call Now* alerts and messages. You may do this by going to <u>https://www.mycallnow.com</u> and creating an account using the Primary contact's email address and your student's ID number.

* Please note - school district personnel are not able to access phone numbers or email addresses entered on this site, only the Primary Contact can make changes to the *mycallnow* system.

10. **Oak Hills Youth Athletics (OHYA) Sports Registrations** Information on ALL sports, registration fees and registration links can be found by going to <u>www.ohyouthathletics.org</u> and choosing the sport.

<u>OHYA Wrestling</u> Registration is open. First practice is November 9th

- Open to Boys and Girls
- Grades K 6
- Practices Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 6:00 pm; Tournament participation is optional
- Oak Hills High School Gym upper level of the basketball gym
- For more information and registration click on this link <u>https://oakhillsathletics.sportngin.com/register/form/383674866</u>
- 11. Although as of now we are not permitted to use the building to host events, we still need your help. Please consider joining the PTA. Membership is \$6 per person. Until safety guidelines permit us to host events, we will continue to assist our teachers/staff, and students. Your membership will help us to support them throughout the year. And to our virtual academy families, we would love for you to join as well! #weareateam

We've added a new option this year to submit your membership. If you wish to use our easy, online option for a no contact form of payment, please use the MemberHub link below. A small processing fee applies. The receipt that is emailed to you will have a digital copy of your PTA membership card.

https://cohcolonels.new.memberhub.store/store

For anyone who would still wish to send in cash or a check, please fill out the google form below and send your payment in to school. The envelope must be clearly marked and have your name and the students name on it or in it. There will be no physical membership cards this year. Once we receive your payment, a digital card will be emailed to you. <u>https://forms.gle/QGDQejzBPnPt3AZv6</u>

If you have any questions, please reach out to Susan Williams at smkloepfer@gmail.com

The Food Service Department is offering ALL of our virtual academy students breakfast and lunch FREE OF CHARGE through December 31, 2020. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity as it provides your child with meals for the week and helps to keep our food service program sustainable. We will be distributing meals (5 breakfast meals and 5 lunch meals) on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM at each of the elementary school buildings and Delhi Middle School. Any child in your household, ages 1-18, is eligible to pick up meals for the entire week. You must pre-order your meals no later than Monday, by 12:00 PM. We will communicate this form to our virtual academy families on a weekly basis and ask that you sign up each for meal service.

Please use this sign up for meal service:

OHLSD Virtual Academy Meals Sign Up

IMPORTANT DATES

1st Quarter Ends Monday, November 2nd, 2020 <mark>Tuesday, November 3rd – In-Service Day- No school for STUDENTS</mark> Virtual Academy Individual Fall Student Picture Day will be on Retake Day, **Thursday, December 3rd from 1:20pm-2:30pm**.

Links:

The 2020-2021 OHLSD School Calendar is available at <u>www.ohlsd.org</u>. <u>Click here for a link to the OHLSD Parent Portal</u> <u>Click here for a link to the Updated School Supply List</u> <u>Click here for a link to the October Lunch Menu</u>

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That is ALL-you can stop reading now!! Have a great weekend!