

December 22nd, 2020

Dear Colonel Families,

As we wade through remote learning and take a break for the next ten days, I want to thank each and every one of you. I thank you for your patience as we navigate a "different" school year. I thank you for your support of our school, our teachers, and our procedures. Most importantly I want to thank you for the trust you have shown in all of us at COH. A trust that we are acting safely. A trust that we have our students' best interests at heart. A trust in knowing we are truly a team and it is a team effort. We would not have been able to make it this far without your help. Every student, every teacher, every parent has played a part in us being able to provide a "normal" day for our students. A day they can get up in the morning, come to school and interact with their friends and teachers, and return home safely to a caring family. Every one of you should be extremely proud of this accomplishment. I know I am.

Our staff is looking forward to some down time and hope you are as well. However, I promise when we return in January, we will be ready to get back after it like we always do.

From the entire staff at COH, I want to wish you all a wonderful Holiday Season, and a very Happy New Year.

Thank you & stay safe, Brian Conners

IMPORTANT DATES

Winter Break – Starts Wednesday, December 23^{rd,} 2020 – Sunday, January 3rd, 2021. Return to school Monday, January 4th, 2021.

1. <u>Click here for a link to a flyer from our District Nurse about local Free COVID Test Site</u>

 The Delhi Library is partnering with La Soupe to give away free frozen family meals on Mondays from 3-6 pm (while supplies last) beginning this Monday, November 9 through the end of the year - here is a link with information on our website: <u>https://cincinnatilibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/5fa31c945e8c0f2400fa2103</u>

- Community Resource: Oak Hills United Methodist Church Food Pantry is available to everyone who is struggling with providing food for their family. The food pantry is open every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and the 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Walk ins allowed. For more information go to <u>oakhillsumc.fuse.net</u> or call 513-574-1131.
- 4. <u>Click here for a link to Underground Sports Flyer for Oak Hills spirit wear items</u>
- 5. 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</u> <u>Department</u>

6. 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 https://www.mycallnow.com 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.

- 7. Attendance reminder! Please make sure to report the <u>reason</u> 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 @ <u>blome d@ohlsd.org</u> 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.
- 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</u> <u>the Instructional Fee Paperwork</u>.
- 9. 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.
- 10. 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.

https://forms.gle/QGDQejzBPnPt3AZv6

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

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.

SPORTS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

BASEBALL

- Grades Pre K 8th
- Registration Fee: \$75 to \$160
- Registration closes January 21st

Follow the link for more information and to register for

Baseball! https://oakhillsathletics.sportngin.com/register/form/272838129

SOFTBALL

- Grades Pre K 8th
- Registration Fee: \$65 to \$140
- Registration closes January 21st

Follow the link for more information and to register for

Softball! https://oakhillsathletics.sportngin.com/register/form/380746860

BOWLING

- Ages 8 and up
- Registration Fee: \$80 without ball and \$100 with ball included
- Registration closes Dec. 31

Follow the link for more information and to register for Bowling! <u>https://oakhillsathletics.sportngin.com/register/form/715286757</u>

LACROSSE

- Boys Grades K-8
- Girls Grades 3-8
- Registration closes Dec. 20

Follow the link for more information and to register for Lacrosse! <u>https://oakhillsathletics.sportngin.com/register/form/928968297</u>

Links:

The 2020-2021 OHLSD School Calendar is available at www.ohlsd.org.

<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> Like us on Facebook – @COHColonels



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We will resume sending our weekly newsletter when we return to school after Winter Break in January 2021!