



# Oakwood Senior High Messenger

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year! I have no doubt that this will be an outstanding year at Oakwood

High School. For the first time in school history, Oakwood High School welcomes over 700 students!

At this time we want to introduce our new Oakwood High School faculty members:

Ms. Molly Achbach..... Smith teacher, teaching one high school Spanish class

Mr. Josh Dear .....Harman teacher, teaching one high school Spanish class

Ms. Krista Furst.....OJHS teacher, teaching two high school art classes

New French Teacher TBA

Ms. Rebecca Wierwille ..... Multiple Disabilities Teacher

Our teachers, counselors, administrative assistants, and service staff have worked over the summer to prepare the school for our students. The band and fall sports teams have been hard at work to make sure the fall season is off to a great start for the Jacks and Jills.

Members of the Principal/Superintendent Cabinet are planning the Freshmen/New Students Orientation. I would like to give a special thanks to senior, Ariel Kravitz, for organizing the upper-class student leaders for this event. I would also like to thank Joan Blin and our guidance department for their help.

Our freshmen (Class of 2018) will be the first group impacted by the new State of Ohio graduation requirements. More information is included on page 2 of this newsletter.

I would like to remind you to follow Oakwood High School on Twitter. Mrs. Manning and I send out tweets from almost every Oakwood High School event – most contain pictures. We have 663 followers and would love for you to follow too! You can follow at [twitter.com/oakwoodhigh](http://twitter.com/oakwoodhigh). It is a great way to stay up on all the school events in real time.

This summer has gone by quickly. I hope you had a chance to spend time with your family and regroup for another wonderful year. I look forward to seeing our freshmen and new students on August 15 starting at 9:00 at the stadium. Parents of freshmen and new students are welcome to join us for lunch on the front lawn of the high school at noon as we wrap up orientation.

You may want to post our newsletter on the fridge, as it will be a great resource to help you get off to a good start. The “dates to remember” section includes dates throughout the school year. Future newsletters will be emailed to parents via our listservs and posted on our high school website.

I can't wait for this year to get started! School starts on Tuesday, August 19!

## STUDENT SCHEDULES

High school class schedules will be available for pick up outside the guidance office from 9:00 to 11:00 and from 12:00 to 2:00 according to the schedule below:

**Seniors – Tuesday, August 12**

**Juniors (& Seniors) – Wednesday, August 13**

**Sophomores (& Juniors and Seniors) – Thursday, August 14**

**Freshmen and new students – Friday, August 15 during orientation.** Schedules not already picked up Tuesday – Thursday can be picked up Friday, August 15 from 9:00 – 11:00 only.

If students cannot pick up their schedules during the above days and times, they will also be distributed on the first day of school in homerooms. Homeroom assignments will be posted in the high school hallways on the first day. **Due to scheduled faculty meetings, schedules will not be available for pick up on Monday, August 18.**

Student schedules have been reviewed by the guidance counselors, however, we are aware that problems may still exist. The guidance counselors will be available on August 12 through August 14 to work with students to fix any major problems (holes in schedules or inappropriate placement).

## ORIENTATION & LUNCH FOR FRESHMEN AND NEW STUDENTS FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

An orientation program for all members of the Class of 2018 and new students to Oakwood High School is scheduled for Friday, August 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The orientation will begin with a big Lumberjack welcome in the stadium at 9:00. Our band and cheerleaders will provide the spirit. At 9:20 the students will be divided into groups led by upper-class student leaders. These groups will rotate through various team-building activities. Also, during this orientation, students will meet our guidance counselors, school administrators and other faculty members. Policies and procedures will be discussed and common questions addressed. Freshmen and new students will also receive their class schedules and locker assignments on Friday and will have the opportunity to walk around the school. The orientation will conclude with lunch on the front lawn of the school at noon. Parents and teachers are invited to this lunch.



Catered by Donatos Pizza and Ashley's Pastry Shop

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE NIGHT  
OCTOBER 1 (one night only)**

**5:00 – 8:30 P.M.**

**MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW**

## GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The counseling responsibilities for this year are:

**Mrs. Owens** ..... **Guidance Chairperson**  
.....**Students with Last Names R-Z**  
..... **Coordinator of Educational Options**  
**Mrs. Lumpkins** ..... **Guidance Counselor**  
.....**Students with Last Names A-G**  
..... **Coordinator of Testing Programs**  
**Mr. Woessner** ..... **Guidance Counselor**  
..... **Students with Last Names H-Q**  
.....**ACT/SAT Coordinator**  
**Mrs. Bline** .....**Prevention/Intervention Counselor**  
.....**Coordinator of Intervention Assistance Team**  
**Mrs. Johnson** .....**Guidance Secretary and Registrar**  
.....**College Representative Coordinator**

In order to efficiently serve students and parents, the Oakwood High School guidance office will open at 7:45 each morning and remain open until 3:45. Please call in advance to arrange a meeting with a counselor as many times they are in a classroom, attending a meeting, or in conference with a student. Student appointments may be made by signing the appropriate counselor's clipboard in the guidance office. Students will be called out of study halls whenever possible for these appointments. **To reach a member of the guidance department, please call 297-5326 or contact them through email.**

**SENIORS: SAT/ACT REGISTRATION. . . August 8 was the deadline to register for the September 13 ACT test (late registration closes August 22) and September 12 is the deadline to register for the October 11 SAT test. PLEASE NOTE THE ACT TEST AT OAKWOOD IS ONE MONTH EARLIER THIS YEAR.** Students should register for the SAT and ACT online. Go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) for SAT and [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for ACT registration. Our school code is 361845. The entire testing schedule for the 2014-15 school year is included in the student handbook.

**COMMON APPLICATION WORKSHOPS FOR SENIORS:** A common application workshop will be offered in September to all interested seniors. Students are strongly encouraged to attend to learn how to navigate the common application process.

**JUNIORS:** A four-evening PSAT prep course will be offered on September 28 and 29 and October 5 and 6 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. in room 301. A sign-up form is included in this newsletter. The cost of the PSAT prep course is \$100 payable to Oakwood High School. To register, return the application to the OHS bookroom along with payment no later than Friday, September 26. **The PSAT test date is Wednesday, October 15.** REMEMBER: the PSAT is the National Merit Qualification Test. The cost to take this test is \$16 payable to OHS. This fee must be paid prior to the test date.

**PARENT WORKSHOP NIGHTS:** The guidance office is sponsoring a **Junior/Senior Parent Workshop Night** on **Wednesday, September 10.** **Junior parents** are invited to a one-hour presentation in the auditorium at 7:00 p.m. regarding **The College Search Process.** **Senior parents** are invited to the auditorium at 8:15 p.m. to learn about **The College Application Process.** This evening will provide a wealth of information; be sure to mark your calendars!

**Freshmen and sophomore parents** are invited to attend a presentation about **Supporting Your High School Student** on **Monday, September 22** at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Important issues will include scheduling, curriculum offerings, and other specific needs of your child.

## NEW GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2018

In addition to minimum course requirements, students in the Class of 2018 will need to take seven end-of-course exams over four years of high school. These exams are for English I and II, Geometry, Algebra I, Physical Science, American History and American Government. Students taking AP tests or dual enrollment courses in Physical Science, American History or American Government may take assessments aligned to those courses in lieu of end-of-course exams.

Also, students in the Class of 2018 must meet one of the following:

1. During their 11<sup>th</sup> grade year, all students in this class will have the opportunity to take a nationally recognized college admission test free of charge (ACT or SAT). Students must meet a "remediation-free" score to graduate.
2. Earn a cumulative passing score on seven end-of-course exams. The State Board of Education will set the scores.
3. Earn a State Board of Education approved, industry-recognized credential or state-issued license for practice in a career and achieve a score that demonstrates workforce readiness and employability on a job-skills assessment.



Parents have the option to pay school fees (listed on your student's schedule) online at [www.payforit.net](http://www.payforit.net). Paying fees online adds a layer of convenience and confidence that your money is getting where it needs to go. A small convenience fee is included if you choose this option.

This is also the website that is used to pay in advance for school lunches. Feel free to deposit money in your student's account throughout the school year. Both of these online payment systems use a student PIN (Personal Identification Number), which will remain the same throughout your child's school years. Your child's PIN is a four or five digit number that is found on the top-right corner of their schedule in the box labeled "NUMBER"; please have them memorize this number. There is a [www.payforit.net](http://www.payforit.net) link on the front page of the OHS website.

## BOOKS AND CLASS FEES

School fees will be listed on students' schedules and these fees can be paid online by going to [ohs.oakwood.k12.oh.us](http://ohs.oakwood.k12.oh.us) and clicking on the PayForIt.Net icon. If your family prefers to pay with cash or check, you will have the opportunity to do that when students pick up their books in the bookroom. If you choose to use a check, please make it payable to Oakwood High School. Students will purchase all materials and pay these fees during the first few days of school. Please refer to the 1<sup>st</sup> Week Schedule included in this newsletter. Payment must be made for students to receive their materials. Note that a \$16 PSAT test fee, \$16 ASPIRE (formerly PLAN) test fee, and \$90 AP test fee can be paid at the beginning of school or as the test dates approach. The AP fee must be paid no later than March 27, 2015. The senior fee of \$70 and the \$60 cost to purchase a yearbook can also be paid at the beginning of the year with class fees or during the school year.

## FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH PROGRAM (also used to qualify for free/reduced academic fees)

Application forms for families who may qualify for the Federal Free Milk and Free and Reduced-Price Lunch Program can be downloaded from our high school website. Copies are also available in the high school office. **These forms must be completed and returned to the high school office for processing.** Families in need of financial assistance may call the principal. All calls will be kept confidential.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Week Schedule

**Tuesday, Aug. 19** – Homeroom Schedule. Schedules, locker assignments, first-day packets and student handbooks distributed.

**Wednesday, Aug. 20** – Homeroom Schedule. Forms collected from students. Class meetings for 10, 11 and 12 grade students. **Seniors will purchase books in the bookroom.**

**Thursday, Aug. 21** – Homeroom Schedule. Forms collected from students. **Juniors will purchase books in the bookroom.**

**Friday, Aug. 22** – Homeroom Schedule. Forms collected from students. **Sophomores will purchase books in the bookroom.**

**Monday, Aug. 25** – Regular Schedule. **Freshmen will purchase books in the bookroom.**

**\* Note – Please find our bell schedules in the Student/Parent Handbook.**

Agreement which begins on page 39 of the Student/Parent Handbook, answer the questions on the form and make sure that the form is signed by a parent/guardian and the student and returned to school by Friday, August 22.

## STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK

High school students will receive an agenda planner on the first day of school. The planners have two pages for each week with about two inches for each day. In addition, small monthly calendars, a personal directory and class schedule pages are provided. The planners also include pages about goal-setting techniques. These planners are provided at no cost to our students; however, if a student loses his/her planner and wants a new one, the cost is \$5.00. Please encourage your student to use his/her planner. It is hoped that use of this organizational tool will help the students to develop habits of good, successful planning which will serve them well both now and in the future.

The 2014-2015 planner also contains our Student/Parent Handbook. We ask all parents and students to please read the handbook and be familiar with the school rules and operating procedures. Please acknowledge that you and your student have reviewed the handbook by signing and returning the form that is included in the first-day packet by Friday, August 22.

**We want to call your attention to a few updates to our policies:**

**We have added Saliva Drug Test** to our Breathalyzer policy. The new policy states: “Oakwood City Schools reserves the right to require students to submit to the administration of a **breathalyzer/saliva drug test** both as a condition for admission/attendance/participation at school activities – including activities off campus – and at any other times deemed necessary by school or district officials. This includes use during the academic day when deemed necessary by school or district officials.”

**E-cigarettes** are now included with tobacco products and are banned from possession or use on school grounds or during school activities. The new policy states: “The possession or use of tobacco products including e-cigarettes on the school premises or at any school-related activity is prohibited.”

## MEDICATION POLICY

When possible, the administration of prescription medication to a student should be scheduled outside of school hours. If special circumstances require the administration of prescription medication during school hours, all medication (with the exception of emergency medication, such as inhalers or Epipens), will be administered by an authorized staff member. All medication administered by authorized school personnel or emergency medication taken by a student requires written authorization by a parent and a physician on a school form available from the school nurse. **Please refer to the medication policy in the student handbook on page 37.**

According to Board of Education Policy 5330, “medication” shall include all medicines including those prescribed by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs and any non-prescribed (over-the-counter) drugs, preparations, and/or remedies. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rhonda Wootton, school nurse, at 297-5328 or email [wootton.rhonda@oakwoodschoools.org](mailto:wootton.rhonda@oakwoodschoools.org).

If there have been any changes in your student’s health over the summer break, please notify the school nurse. It is vital to the safety and well being of your student that the nurse be notified of any health changes that could affect your student during the school day or during any school activity.

## STUDENT/PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION

The Student Contact and Information Form, the Internet Agreement form, and the Student/Parent Handbook form must be completed and sent back to school with your student no later than Friday, August 22. Please ask your student for their first-day packet which contains these forms. We realize that we ask you to complete these forms every year; however, it is very important that our records are kept as current as possible. Information was imported from our database into many of the fields on the Student Contact and Information Form. **Please verify or update this information and complete the remainder of the form. We rely on the information on these forms to properly set up our parent email accounts and our One Call Now System. The email addresses and phone numbers on the Student Contact and Information Form should be those of the parent, NOT the student.** Thank you for your cooperation in completing the forms and returning them to school with your student.

**Please note that your online confirmation of information for the PTO directory does not update our official records.**

The Student Contact and Information Form is required by Ohio law to be completed annually for each student by his/her parent or guardian and to be on file at school. It is further required that copies be retained by sponsors of all activities under the supervision of the school. Students who are members of teams and groups already functioning have been asked to return forms for the 2014-2015 school year to the sponsor or coach. Even though your child may have turned one in to his/her coach, we require you to complete the Student Contact and Information Form for the high school office files.

The Emergency Medical Authorization section offers the option of completing Part I (to grant consent) or Part II (refusal to consent). If you complete Part I, please include all information requested. If you complete Part II, please indicate the procedure you wish school authorities to follow in the event of a medical emergency involving your child. Even though you have given consent for emergency medical treatment, every reasonable effort will be attempted to contact you before treatment is given. When treatment is required, the student’s complete Student Contact and Information Form will be presented to the hospital or practitioner.

## INTERNET POLICY AND AGREEMENT FORM

The Internet Policy and Use Agreement Form allows your child to use the Internet for school-based projects and research. **Please read our Computer Network and Internet Acceptable Use Policy and**

## HOW TO REPORT AN ABSENCE

Parents must telephone the attendance office at 297-5330 before **8:30 a.m.** to report an absence. If the student is absent for the afternoon session only, or the beginning thereof, parents are asked to telephone the attendance office before **1:00 p.m.** Our voice mail system will record your call during times when the attendance office is not open. The following information is requested at the time of the call: 1) name of the person making the call, 2) name of the student, 3) grade level, 4) reason for absence, 5) anticipated duration of absence.

Students whose parents have not notified the school of an absence by telephone must submit a written parental excuse note to the attendance office immediately upon their return to school or the absence will be considered unexcused.

**Our attendance policy can be found on pages 18,19 and 20.**

### **24-Hour Guideline:**

If your child has a high fever and/or vomiting, allow 24 hours of normal temperature and no vomiting/diarrhea before sending the child back to school. Certain effects of illness remain after the temperature is normal.

### **Student Vacations During the School Year:**

Whenever a proposed absence-for-vacation is requested, parents must discuss it with the building administrator in advance. The length of absence should be made clear, and those involved should have an opportunity to express their views on the potential effects of the absence.

The District will only excuse a student's absence for a vacation when the principal has been informed in advance and the student will be in the company of his/her own parent or other family relatives, or if there are extenuating circumstances deemed appropriate by the principal.

If the principal does not excuse the absence, the student will be considered unexcusably absent from school and subject to truancy regulations.

If the absence is excused, the student may be given approximate assignments and materials and pages to be completed, based upon applicable due dates (per student handbook).

## PROGRESS BOOK

Grades are available online in real time through our grading program (ProgressBook). Grades can be viewed through a link found on the OHS home page accessed at [ohs.oakwood.k12.oh.us](http://ohs.oakwood.k12.oh.us). Once registered, the Parent Access system provides the needed security between the viewer and the confidential teacher records. Parents can access student information as they create a unique user name and password. **Your user name and password will remain the same throughout your student's tenure at Oakwood Schools. New families will be mailed information on how to set up a ProgressBook account within the first few weeks of school.** Through ProgressBook Suite, parents may view their student's current grade average. They may also view a variety of additional information in other reports such as individual class performance, assignments, and test scores. Parents also have the ability to set up missing assignment alerts and low-grade alerts for their students, with the ability to specify alerts for particular subjects and grade averages.

Please realize that it takes time for teachers to input grades into ProgressBook. Allow up to 2 weeks for major assignments to be recorded.

### **UNDERCLASS PICTURE DAY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

Easterling Studios will take school pictures of our freshmen, sophomores and juniors on Wednesday, September 17. Proofs will be distributed several weeks later. If you are not happy with the proofs, picture retake day is scheduled for **October 22.**

## OHS OPEN HOUSE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

Parents are invited to attend the Back to School Open House that begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. During Open House parents will have the opportunity to meet our teachers, learn about course content, grading systems, and expectations as they follow their student's abbreviated seven period schedule. Parents will also have the opportunity to schedule parent/teacher conferences for the evening of October 1. Join PTO in the library for coffee if your student has a study hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

## SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT MAKES THE MOVE TO eTEXTBOOKS

Students at Oakwood Junior and Senior High School can expect a different educational experience in their social studies courses during the 2014-2015 school year. The Social Studies department adopted new textbooks at the end of last school year and many course offerings will now be using eTextbooks and online options this year. The eBooks will allow students to interact with the text in ways that a hardbound text cannot offer. In many instances, students will be able to access their text and course information via a cell phone and/or tablet app. The adoption of eTextbooks means that students will not be provided with a hardbound book for some classes. Teachers will have classroom sets, however, students will not be permitted to remove them from the classroom. Teachers have been training and working with the new text format throughout the summer and are looking forward to a new and exciting classroom experience for students. Students will be given specific information and direction for accessing class text on opening day. Parents can expect a detailed presentation during Open House.

## CLASS RINGS

Jostens will distribute class ring information packets to all sophomore students during a class meeting on **September 9**. Packets will also be available in the senior high office for any junior or senior student who wishes to order a class ring. On **September 24 from 4:30 to 6:30 and on September 25 during the lunch hour**, Jostens will display class rings in the senior hall "under the clock" and will take orders and answer any questions. They will also be at our school on **October 16 during lunch** for final orders. A deposit is required when placing an order. Rings will be delivered before the holidays.

**The senior high Parent/Principal Advisory meetings will continue this year on a quarterly basis. These meetings will take place in the conference room "under the clock" in the senior hall at 11:45 a.m. The dates are noted on the calendar with the first meeting scheduled on October 7. Classroom curriculum issues and school-wide policies and procedures will be discussed. This is not the forum to discuss individual students or teachers. Those discussions should be addressed at an individual meeting.**

## ATTENTION CLASS OF 2015

**SENIOR PORTRAITS:** Seniors are reminded to schedule a sitting appointment at Easterling Studios for their senior photos. **This appointment must be scheduled no later than October 25 and pictures must be taken by November 15. Once pictures are taken, a pose for the yearbook and class composite must be chosen by December 6.** If senior pictures are taken at Easterling, the senior will automatically be included in the class composite and yearbook. **If photos are taken by another studio, seniors MUST schedule a sitting with Easterling to be included in the composite photo and they must turn in a photo to the yearbook advisor to be included in the yearbook.** Easterling's phone number is 222-8410. All sessions are discounted. You may also visit their website at <http://www.easterlingstudios.com>.

**GRADUATION INFORMATION PACKETS:** Jostens will meet with our seniors on **September 9** to distribute graduation information packets and discuss the process of ordering graduation outfits, announcements and other senior memorabilia. Jostens will be at Oakwood during the lunch hour on **September 25** to collect the orders for graduation caps and gowns, announcements, etc. for our seniors intending to participate in the commencement ceremony. They will also be at Oakwood on **September 24 from 4:30 to 6:30** in the senior hall "under the clock" to collect orders and answer any questions and at the school on **October 16** during the lunch hour for final orders.

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

This year's National Honor Society inductions will take place on Thursday, October 23, 2014. Any junior or senior student who meets the prerequisite standards of completing and verifying 35 community service hours over the prior 12 months and who holds a 3.700 cumulative grade point average or higher is eligible for NHS. Students who are academically eligible were mailed a letter inviting them to apply. Applications will be distributed at a mandatory meeting on Monday, August 25. Completed applications are due by 3:15 on Friday, September 12 (NO EXCEPTIONS). Students who turn in a completed application will receive notification mid-October.

Applications will also be accepted and reviewed during the spring from any eligible students. Candidates who are accepted in the spring will become active members immediately, but will be officially inducted in the fall of 2015.

National Honor Society is an organization that recognizes students who have achieved high standards of scholarship, character, leadership, and service. It is important to remember that academic achievement is only *one* aspect of selection; the others are *equally* important. All relevant activities and experiences should be listed on the forms. Students should share all of their service and leadership experiences. Only the forms submitted can be considered when offering candidacy.

## OAKWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO INDUCT EDUCATORS INTO THE SAM ANDREWS EDUCATIONAL HALL OF HONOR ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2014

The Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor reception and induction ceremony will be held on **Friday, September 19, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at Dayton Country Club.** The following persons will be inducted: **P. Thomas Griffith**, OJHS Art Teacher, 1970-2010 and **Elaine G. Long**, OHS Spanish Teacher, 1990-2010.

The public is invited to attend the late afternoon hors d'oeuvres reception and induction ceremony (cost is \$25.00). To make reservations, email or call Sandy Maresh at the Board Office at [maresh.sandy@oakwoodschoools.org](mailto:maresh.sandy@oakwoodschoools.org) or (937) 297-5332 by Friday, September 5.

## ATHLETIC NEWS

**BOOSTER DAYS – AUGUST 16 & 22:** Booster Days kick off the new school year and all related fall sports activities. On Saturday, August 16, our field hockey team will scrimmage the alumni at 11:00 a.m. at Irving Field. On Saturday evening, the girls' soccer team will scrimmage Fairborn at 5:00, followed by the boys' soccer team who will scrimmage the alumni at 7:00.

On **Friday, August 22**, our football team will scrimmage Chaminade-Julienne at Mack Hummon Stadium at 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$5.00 and reserved seats and passes will be accepted.

Concessions and the Spirit Shop will be open for both dates. Come support the Jacks and Jills and get your gear for the season!

**ATHLETIC TICKETS:** Season tickets, reserved seating, and ticket price information can be viewed on the school website, [www.oakwood.k12.oh.us](http://www.oakwood.k12.oh.us); select athletics and ticket information. Tickets may be purchased in the Athletic Office beginning August 11 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **A handout is included in the first-day packet.**

**BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP:** Information was mailed this summer to all families with school-aged children grades 7-12. We welcome and encourage all community members to support our Oakwood Junior and Senior High athletic programs by joining the Athletic Booster Association. **Membership forms can be found in the first-day packet.** Call Amy Becker at 232-9966 or Michael Hayes at 294-5749 for more information.

**SPIRIT SHOP:** The new selection of 2014-15 Lumberjack spiritwear will be premiered at the Booster Days on August 16 and 22 and at the Ice Cream Social on August 17. Items will also be sold at all Oakwood home football games. Support the Lumberjacks by wearing "Blue and Gold" to all of the games!

**HOMEcomings TAILGATE:** The Athletic Boosters will sponsor a tailgate on October 10, prior to the Homecoming game against Eaton. Bring your friends and family and join us for a hamburger cookout in front of the stadium!

**SCHEDULES AND INFORMATION:** Your source for information regarding our athletic teams is [www.oakwood.k12.oh.us](http://www.oakwood.k12.oh.us). Here you are able to access contact information for coaches, directions to events, schedules, and necessary forms for participation. Check it out!

**ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME:** The 2014 class of the Oakwood Athletic Department Hall of Fame will be inducted on Thursday, August 28 at 6:00 p.m. at the Dayton Country Club. Please contact the Athletic office at 297-5342 if you would like to attend. The 2014 inductees are: Jane Shaffer '69; Leo Flotron '79; Jon Easton '86; Lesley Whalen '99; Christy Whalen '01; and the 1935 Football Team.

## WELCOME BACK JACKS AND JILLS!



## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Busy this summer planning the opening events of the year, members of the OHS Student Council are thrilled to welcome the Freshman Class of 2018 and new students to Oakwood High School. Council members not only will assist with New Student Orientation that will take place on Friday, August 15, but they will also welcome new students to the district by escorting them to their classes during the first few days of school.

In addition to facilitating new student events, the OHS council will host the "Kick Off to the Season" tailgate on Friday, August 29, at lunch on the front lawn of the school. **Beginning Monday, August 25, and ending Thursday, August 28, students may purchase a "Fear the Ax" t-shirt during lunch for \$5.00. Students who wear their shirts to the tailgate will receive a lunch that includes a hot dog, chips, and a soda. The OHS band and cheerleaders will entertain the tailgate crowd, so please come out and support the Jacks!**

Looking forward to a year filled with school and community service events, spirit activities, and dances, the OHS council intends to make the 2014-2015 school year a memorable one.

## PARKING AND OTHER AUTOMOBILE ISSUES

All students and parents are reminded that the OHS parking lots (i.e., the South lot and Schantz Avenue – both head-in on the stadium side and within school property on the Junior High side) are **RESERVED PARKING DURING SCHOOL DAYS**. We realize this is an inconvenience for our visitors, but we ask all parents and other visitors to not park on school property on school days until after 3:30 p.m. This includes the lunch hour. Our teachers may leave the lot at lunchtime and must return in time to teach. They must be on time; so please **DO NOT** use these limited spaces. Thanks to all for your understanding and cooperation.

Parents are reminded to **NOT** double-park along Schantz Avenue when dropping off or picking up students. All parents are encouraged to drop off students along Dellwood or Spirea. **Also, please DO NOT pull in to the South lot off Far Hills and drop off students in the morning. This has caused traffic to back up to the south on Far Hills resulting in very dangerous situations.** Thanks to all parents and students for your cooperation. Needless to say, we encourage all students to either walk to school or be dropped off a block or two away.

**Lastly, all parents, students and visitors are reminded that parking in front of the OHS auditorium is NOT permitted. This area is reserved for emergencies and deliveries ONLY!**

## MUM SALE IN PROGRESS

Oakwood High School journalism students are selling beautiful mums from Stockslager's Nursery through August 26. Mums come in yellow, red, orange, purple and white to complement any house and bring fall color to any landscape. The cost is \$7 for an 8" pot or \$17 for a 14" pot. Students will deliver the flowers beginning September 3, or you may pick them up at the Oakwood High School baseball field on the corner of Dellwood and Shafor. Extra mums will be sold on the baseball field at the corner of Shafor and Dellwood from September 5 - 8. You can email your order to the broadcast class at [announcements@oakwoodschoools.org](mailto:announcements@oakwoodschoools.org) or to the newspaper at [dome@oakwoodschoools.org](mailto:dome@oakwoodschoools.org). You can also order from any of our journalism students. This sale helps raise money for journalism students to attend conferences and workshops during the 2014-2015 school year. Thank you for supporting the high school broadcasting, yearbook and newspaper staffs!

## STAYING INFORMED

Future editions of our Senior High Messenger will be posted on the front page of our website and emailed to our parent groups. To receive our newsletter and other important email messages throughout the school year, simply confirm

- ☐ Your email address on the Student Contact and Information form is correct. **THIS SHOULD BE A PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS.** If a change should be made, clearly print the correct email address on the Student Contact and Information form.

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- ☐ Your primary phone number on the Student Contact and Information form is correct. **THIS SHOULD BE A PARENT PHONE NUMBER.** If a change should be made, clearly print the new number on the Student Contact and Information form. Additional numbers can be added to One Call Now by clicking on the link on the front page of our website.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug. 5 Guidance Office Opens  
 6 Fall Parent/Athlete Meeting, aud., 7:00  
 11 Guidance Counselors Return  
 12-15 Schedule Pick Up (see dates/time on front page)  
 15 Freshmen/New Students Orientation, Stadium, 9:00  
 16 & 22 Booster Days (see Athletic information)  
 17 Ice Cream Social, Shafor Park, 3:30 p.m.  
 19 FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS  
 20-22 Forms should be returned to school  
 27 Open House, 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium  
 28 Athletic Hall of Fame, DCC, 6:00 p.m.  
 29 Lunch Tailgate on front lawn  
 Sept. 1 Labor Day – NO SCHOOL  
 9 Class Meeting with Jostens – 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade  
 10 Junior Parent Mtg., Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.  
 10 Senior Parent Mtg., Auditorium, 8:15 p.m.  
 11 PTO Meeting, room 211, 11:45  
 13 ACT test at Oakwood  
 17 Picture Day  
 19 Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor Reception  
 22 9th and 10th Grade Parent Mtg., Aud., 7:00 p.m.  
 24 Jostens “under the clock” 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
 25 Jostens class ring orders & grad orders at lunch  
 Oct. 1 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 5:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
 7 Senior High Parent/Principal Advisory, 11:45  
 8 Homecoming Parade & Bonfire  
 10 Homecoming Game vs. Eaton – Boosters Tailgate before game  
 11 SAT test at Oakwood  
 11 Homecoming Dance, west gym, 8:00 – 11:00  
 16 Jostens class ring & grad final orders at lunch  
 15 PSAT for juniors  
 16 Last Day of Grading Period  
 17 District PD Day – NO SCHOOL  
 20 Waiver Day  
 22 Picture Retake Day and Club Pictures  
 23 NHS Induction, auditorium, 7:00 p.m.  
 28 Grade Cards Mailed  
 Nov. 1 Ghostwood Spirit Night  
 3 NO SCHOOL  
 13 PTO Meeting, room 211, 11:45  
 11,12 Fall Sports Banquets, 6:30 p.m.  
 13,14,15 Fall Play, Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.  
 26-28 Thanksgiving Vacation – NO SCHOOL  
 Dec. 5 Techno Dance  
 17,18,19 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Exams  
 22 Winter Holiday Begins – NO SCHOOL  
 Jan. 5 CLASSES RESUME  
 9 End 1st Semester  
 15 PTO Meeting, room 211, 11:45  
 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL  
 21 Grade Cards Mailed  
 Feb. 10 Senior High Parent/Principal Advisory, 11:45  
 11 Senior High Curriculum Night, 6:00  
 16 Presidents’ Day – NO SCHOOL  
 17-20 Winter Break – NO SCHOOL  
 23 CLASSES RESUME  
 Mar. 6 District PD Day – NO SCHOOL  
 6 Turnabout Dance

9 Waiver Day  
 10 Winter Sports Banquet, 6:30 p.m.  
 12 PTO Meeting, room 211, 11:45  
 16-20 OGT testing  
 27 Last Day of Grading Period  
 30-3 Spring Break – NO SCHOOL  
 Apr. 6 CLASSES RESUME  
 7 Senior High Parent/Principal Advisory, 11:45  
 13 Grade Cards Mailed  
 16,17,18 Spring Musical, Aud., 8:00 p.m.  
 25 Prom, Dayton Art Institute  
 May 4-15 AP testing  
 7 PTO Meeting, room 211, 11:45  
 14 Senior High Awards, Aud., 8:30 a.m.  
 18 Spring Sports Banquet, 6:30 p.m.  
 25 Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL  
 26 Senior Academic Awards Program, 6:30 p.m.  
 31 Baccalaureate, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 6:30 p.m.  
 June 1 Commencement, Schuster Center, 7:30 p.m.  
 2,3,4 Exams (End 2nd Semester)  
 4 LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS  
 6 SAT test at Oakwood  
 13 ACT test at Oakwood

**PSAT PREPARATION COURSE APPLICATION**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this application to the OHS bookroom along with a \$100 check for materials and fees payable to Oakwood High School no later than Friday, September 26. If you prefer, mail this application to Joni Sherk at Oakwood High School.**

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**Sunday, September 28  
Monday, September 29  
Sunday, October 5  
Monday, October 6**