

WEEKLY UPDATE

OASD FAMILY UPDATE FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2020

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year! This school year may be starting in a different way than last year, but we're excited to kick-off the new school year and welcome kids back to school.

We will share updates with OASD families every Friday during the 2020-21 school year. These updates may be short or they may be long, depending on what new information is available that week. All updates will be posted on our OASD 2020 Learning Hub at www.oasd.org/LearningHub.

NEW UPDATES

FREE Breakfast & Lunch for ALL OASD Students

On Monday, August 31, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service unexpectedly announced the extension of their free student meals program that began during the summer. As a result, student breakfast and lunch will be free on the days that students are learning at school face-to-face, and the days that students are learning virtually. This free meal program will continue until the USDA confirms that funding is no longer available or until December 31, 2020, whichever comes first.

For those students in the Purple/Gold model at OHS and the Intermediate Schools, a free meal option will be available for selection in the lunch service areas. Ala carte and snack items are not included in the free meal program and will remain available for purchase.

When this free meal program ends, families will be charged for meals through their child's Skyward Family Access account based on their student meal status, whether free, reduced or standard price.

Free & Reduced Meal Program Available After Free Meals End

All OASD students have access to our food service program and meals every school day. Many families may also qualify for reduced price or free school meals for their children. [Click this link for the full packet of information and required application forms.](#)

Free and reduced meal applications are due before October 1, 2020, for the 2020-21 school year.

Please note – a new application is required for every school year. If you participated in the free and reduced meal program last school year, please submit a new application for 2020-21.

Even though meals are currently free, if you qualify for free or reduced meals, you should submit the application before the October 1, 2020, deadline. If you miss the application deadline, you won't be able to receive free or reduced meals once the USDA free meal program ends.

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Important note – If you are eligible for free or reduced meals and complete the application process, your student’s annual fee will also be waived. [Click this link to read the full financial difficulty letter for more information.](#)

For more information on the free or reduced-price meals program, please visit www.oasd.org/FoodService.

School Breakfast & Lunch for OVLC Students & Purple/Gold Virtual Students

All students in the OVLC and Purple/Gold students can order breakfast and lunch for their virtual school days. Meals are packed based on the number of virtual school days your child will have each week and families can pick up those meals every Monday at Oconomowoc High School. A map of the pick up location is included in the form linked below.

Cost for Meals on Virtual Student Days

As of Monday, August 31, student breakfast and lunch will be free on the days that students are learning at school face-to-face, and the days that students are learning virtually. This free meal program is sponsored by the USDA and will continue until the USDA confirms that funding is no longer available or until December 31, 2020, whichever comes first.

When this free meal program ends, families will be charged for meals through their child’s Skyward Family Access account based on their student meal status, whether free, reduced or standard price.

Families are required to complete a few simple steps on a weekly basis:

1. [Click this link to reach the online order form.](#)
2. Complete a separate order form for each student.
3. Submit your student’s order before 2:00 p.m. on Fridays so their meals are available the following week.
4. Pick up meals on Mondays, between 4:00-6:00 p.m. for the entire week
 - OVLC students will receive meals for the entire school week.
 - Students in grades 5-12 will receive meals for 2 or 3 days, depending on how many days they have virtual learning at home that week.
5. If a holiday or non-school day is on a Monday, meal pick up will occur on Tuesday, between 4:00-6:00 p.m.
6. If a school week is shortened because of a holiday or non-school day, the number of meals will be adjusted accordingly.

September Breakfast & Lunch Pick Up Dates at OHS:

- Tuesday, September 8, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 14, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 21, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 28, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

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Key Indicators to Move to Full Face-to-Face Learning

At their September 2 meeting, the OASD School Board reviewed the key indicators that can guide the Board’s decision-making to return to full face-to-face learning at all grade levels. The Board decided to meet again on September 23 to review the key indicator data, assuming that the recommendation will be to return to full face-to-face learning on September 28 with continued mitigation practices in place unless the measures in the key indicator data show otherwise.

[Click this link to see the full list of key indicators that the Board will use.](#) The information is also available at www.oasd.org/LearningHub.

OHS Fall Athletic Changes

At the end of July, the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) approved schools’ option to delay the Wisconsin high school fall sports season until next spring. While the Classic 8 Conference has chosen to continue its fall sports season rather than postpone it, some changes have been made to the teams’ schedules. Updated conference schedules with new non-conference games are available on the [R-school calendar](#). The Classic 8 Conference has also decided to hold off on fall conference championships and all-conference selections until it becomes clearer whether the entire season will be completed. The WIAA has informed schools that a “culminating event” will replace the traditional tournament series for fall sports. This culminating event will be announced 30 days before the start of the first tournament date in each sport.

Last week the Classic 8 Conference also voted to permit two attendance passes per athlete to allow parents/family to attend football, volleyball, and soccer games. The conference will revisit the number of passes at the end of September based on current health conditions and the maximum indoor group size allowed by the County. Due to the nature of cross-country, tennis, and golf, these attendance restrictions will not be in place for those sports. Additional information will be shared with fall athletic families as soon as possible. The athletic department asks for your flexibility and understanding as we work through these unprecedented times in athletics.

Additional Key Information:

- Please be sure athletes check their temperatures if they do not feel well before coming to school or practice.
- Each athlete must bring his or her water bottle to all practices and competitions.
- The Classic 8 Conference is following the requirement of the WIAA to adhere to the mask mandate issued by Governor Evers in his most recent executive order. As a result, face coverings will be required for all indoor practices and competitions.
- OHS athletes will always be required to wear a face-covering when being transported to and from games.

OHS Low-Risk Sports

Girls Golf

- Parents/family only can watch their daughter at home and away meets.
- Please adhere to the conference rule of staying away from any golfer or coaching staff members.
- At the end of each meet, interaction with your daughter, the team, and the coach is prohibited.

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Girls Tennis

- Parents/family only can watch their daughter at home and away matches.
- Each facility will enforce social-distancing regulations, and these may look different at each school site.
- Please respect the procedures in place during each event.
- Varsity and JV tennis matches at OHS will have viewing spaces inside the court area that coaches will set up before each home event.
- We ask that immediately after your daughter’s match, you exit the court so that others may watch their child.
- Interacting with your daughter, the team, and coaching staff at each event is prohibited.
- JV2 tennis teams will look slightly different due to many participants.
- For these matches, you will be asked to view matches from outside the courts.

Cross Country

- Parents/family only can watch their son or daughter at home and away meets.
- We ask that while viewing runners on the course, social distancing is practiced.
- Please do not congregate in groups at the beginning and/or the finish line.
- At the end of each meet, interaction with your son or daughter, the team, and coaches is prohibited.

OHS High Risk Sports

OHS Sport	Sport Start Date	First Allowed Contest Date
Girls Volleyball	September 7, 2020	September 15, 2020
Boys Soccer	September 7, 2020	September 15, 2020
Football	September 7, 2020	September 23, 2020

REMINDERS

Attendance Process Reminder

This school year, it’s more important than ever to keep children home if they’re sick and accurately notify your child’s school of the absence. There are two ways that families can report a student’s absence to school, either by calling the school attendance line or using the Skyward Family Access system.

[Click here for more information](#) on both the attendance phone line and Skyward Family Access options.

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