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United Way

Here's a great way to support our schools.

The Olmsted School Foundation has recently been designated a United Way choice donor. The next time you are asked to donate to the United Way, please consider directing all or part of your donation to the Olmsted School Foundation, which will use the money to support the Olmsted elementary, middle and high schools. The United Way donations are tax deductible and 100% of the money goes directly to the donor organizations they support.

Welcome back Olmsted at Kensington students and families!

We ended the 2011-2012 school year on a celebratory note as we honored the Class of 2012, Olmsted's first graduating class of seniors. Olmsted at Kensington boasts a 100% graduation rate with the class receiving over \$2,000,000 in scholarships.



After two years of separation due to renovations, Olmsted at Kensington will be truly complete with grades 5-12 housed under one roof. We are excited to begin a new year, a new era for Olmsted. We look forward to working together to ensure another year of growth, opportunity and success for our students and the entire Olmsted community.



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At Kensington

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Dr. Michael Gruber, Principal

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August 31, 2012

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The new school year is about to start and I want to welcome all of you back to Olmsted. These are exciting times for the Olmsted school community. We have a renovated building with the resources necessary to carry out our school program. In addition, we have a number of new initiatives planned for this year to foster increased learning for each child.

There will be a Parent Orientation on Tuesday, September 11th for all parents. The meeting will be from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. The first hour will be devoted to the meeting and the last half hour will be open for parents to tour the building. Representatives from the School-Based Management Team, the Olmsted Parent Teacher Organization and the Olmsted Foundation will also make brief presentations. Please make every effort to attend. This is not a meet the teacher time; but, it is a time to go over important information about the school, state testing, ways to communicate with the school and ways we can work together to make sure your child is working to his/her fullest potential.

I know parents are anxious about information regarding bussing. Bus numbers and pick up and drop off locations for students in grades 5-8 will be mailed to you from the Transportation office. If you have not received this information, you should be receiving it shortly. Students in grades 9-12 ride the Metro bus. Passes have been mailed to each student along with routing information. Tripper busses will be available each morning at the LaSalle Station (Bus 356) and the Delevan Station (Bus 694). Busses will leave these locations at 7:40 a.m.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 816-4330. I look forward to working with you this school year.

Sincerely,

Michael Gruber

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Principal

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Bussing:

For Grades 5-8:
Bus numbers and pick up and drop off locations are mailed from the Transportation Department. The Transportation Department deals with bus assignments and routing issues. Their phone number is: (716) 816-4895.

For High School Students, a morning tripper bus (a yellow bus) will be provided at LaSalle and Main Streets (Bus 356) and at the Delevan Station (Bus 694). The buses depart at 7:40 AM and will take students directly to school.

Drop Off and Pick Up:

Doors will open at 7:55AM

Dismissal is at 2:25PM

Grade 5-8 students may be dropped off at the Hempstead Street door.

High School students may be dropped off at the Oakmont Street door.

Grade 5-8 students who normally take the bus, will need to provide a note from a parent if they are getting picked up that day. Those students will be dismissed with the walkers.

Any student who is getting picked up early will need to be signed out in the office. This is discouraged except in the case of an appointment that can not be made at any other time.

Did you know that school supply lists, Olmsted at Kensington news and events and our school calendar can all be found on our website? To stay connected and informed, please visit:
www.olmstedatkensington.org



A SEAT AT THE TABLE



Our newly remodeled school is a gorgeous melding of state-of-the-art technology and time-honored architectural achievement. The tradition of quality craftsmanship and innovation continues in two special spaces in our building: **The Alumni Room and The Library.**

You can help to enrich these environments, giving our students a seat at the table to *think, explore and create*— by making a contribution today to help furnish tables and chairs created by Roycroft artisan Tom Harris (Kensington Class of '62) and The Schoolhouse Gallery.

Individuals or groups can buy a chair, table, podium, or book drop. A brass or wooden plate on each item can be engraved to recognize a donor, pay tribute to a graduating class, a family or a classmate; or perhaps to honor a favorite teacher or coach. Small donations as little as \$20 will also be accepted and used to help purchase a piece of furniture. **Donations are tax deductible.**

For more information about the Olmsted at Kensington **A Seat at the Table** fundraiser or to download an order form please visit:
<http://olmstedatkensington.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/roycroftflyer-6.pdf>
or contact Sue Schulman: sueschulman@gmail.com.



Grade 5-8 School Supply Lists can be found by visiting the following link :
<http://olmstedatkensington.org/middle-school/middle-school-supply-lists/>

Grade 9-12 School Supply Lists can be found by visiting the following link:
<http://olmstedatkensington.org/high-school/high-school-supply-list/>

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Important Dates

September 5

Opening day of school

September 11

Parent Orientation and Tour
Grades 5-12
6:30 PM– 8:00 PM

September 17

OPTO General Meeting

September 18

Open House for Prospective Students
6-8 PM

September 22

Admissions Testing for Grades 9-12
8:30 AM
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September 29

Admissions Testing Grade 5
8:30 AM
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October 3

Early Release Day
Students are dismissed 3 hours earlier

October 5

Picture Day, more information to follow

October 8

Columbus Day (observed)
No School

October 13

Admissions Testing Grades 6, 7, 8
8:30 AM
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October 15

SBMT Meeting
2:45- 3:45 PM

October 20

Admissions Make-up Testing Grades 5-12
8:30 AM

November 6

Election Day
No School

November 10

Creativity Test Grades 9-12 only

November 12

Veteran's Day
No School

November 13

Picture Make Up Day



Great news! If you have a child at Olmsted, you're already a member of OPTO, the Olmsted Parent Teacher Organization. You can participate! What, when and how is up to you.

So get involved! Your participation is essential to our success and our success benefits your child. Visit the OPTO blog to sign up for the OPTO updates, to sign up for our email list, and to keep current on OPTO events and news.

www.olmstedparents.blogspot.com

Our first General Meeting is Monday, September 17th. Time and location TBD (please keep checking the blog for an update). All are welcome to attend. Please spread the word to other families. We look forward to seeing you then.