

***Inside this
issue:***

<u>Sixth Grade Orientation</u>	2
<u>Box Tops for Education</u>	2
<u>New Discipline Plan</u>	3
<u>Adalante Hispanic Achievers</u>	3
<u>FLOAN's Website</u>	4
<u>Transportation</u>	4
<u>New Dress Code</u>	5
<u>Orientation Nights</u>	5
<u>Summer Reading</u>	6
<u>News from the FRYSC</u>	6
<u>Eighth Grade Excitement</u>	7
<u>Colts Football</u>	7
<u>Schoolwide Reading</u>	7
<u>How to Tie a Necktie</u>	8

From the Principal...

It is hard to believe that we are already gearing up for a new school year. After two years as a school for young men, we've made incredible progress, and I'm excited about the promise of the coming year at Olmsted Academy North.

As we reflect on the last year, we find that we increased:

- PTSA membership by 10%.
- Overall attendance by 1.1%
- Participation in Parent Night activities
- Total parent teacher conferences
- Every measurable category in our academic assessments.
- After school opportunities for our students with options such as cross country, ETHICS Society, chess, soccer, and Adalante!

In order to build on last year's success we are looking forward to some ground-breaking changes.

In the coming year, we will implement a new dress code which will require our young men to wear shirts and tie—the only middle school in Jefferson County to do so. Wearing a shirt and tie sets our young men apart and helps create a greater sense of community and pride as well as an atmosphere of

success and respect.

We are also establishing a new school-wide reading initiative which is cutting edge and geared specifically to boys.

As well, we continue to integrate CARE for Kids into our classrooms and school in order to build a stronger, more responsive community. Our class sizes will remain small allowing for a personalized approach to each student, and our Master Teachers will again be working closely with teachers to hone teaching skills. It is our promise that you will have a school that will continue to pride itself in giving our very best for every student every day.

In closing, let me assure you, we will strive to help all of our students reach proficiency! I look forward to working with everyone in this wonderful community. School is a joint venture where parents, students, families, and staff work together to ensure success. Together, we will get the job done!

Don't forget about Orientation Night; mark your calendars!!

We can't wait to meet everyone!

If you have any questions, please email me at bill.perkins@jefferson.kyschools.us or call me at 485-8331.




Welcome Back!

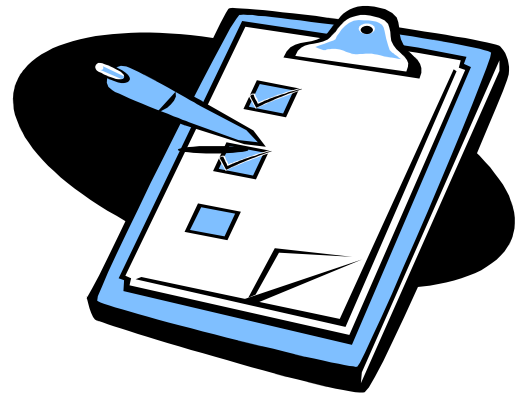
**School starts on
Tuesday, August 17
at 7:40.**

Sixth Grade Orientation

Welcome to the Olmsted North Family, the **ONLY** public all boys middle school in the Commonwealth! We are excited to have your child enrolled for the upcoming school year. We believe that your student will have a wonderful school year and be enriched by all the experiences he will have at Olmsted North.

I would like to invite you to our **6th Grade Orientation on Wednesday, August 4th from 6:00-7:30 PM**. At that time, you will have an opportunity to:

- Meet teachers and staff
- Complete enrollment packets (required documentation includes something that has been **mailed to your home within the last 30 days** and can include a utility bill, phone bill, cable bill, etc. A driver's license is **NOT** acceptable)
- View your child's schedule
- Get information regarding the school and new dress code
- Receive assistance with items needed for the dress code
- Ask questions about the school year
- Sign up for extracurricular activities and sports
- Meet our band and orchestra teachers
- Join PTA - fee \$5.00 (your membership is very important!)



If you are unable to attend sixth grade orientation on August 4th, I encourage you to come to the school to complete an enrollment packet prior to the first day of school. It is very important that this packet be completed to properly enroll your child in school. You may come to the school **Monday-Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM any business day AFTER July 26** to complete this information.

Band and Orchestra are courses that are offered at Olmsted North as all-year electives. If you would like for your child to participate in either course, please contact the school counselors no later than **Friday, July 30th**.

The first day of school for students is **Tuesday, August 17th**. The starting time for school is 7:40 AM (car-riders and walkers are encouraged to arrive no later than 7:30AM).

I look forward to meeting you during the 6th Grade Orientation and working closely with you throughout the school year!

Carmen Harris

Sixth/Seventh Grade Counselor



Box Tops for Education!

Help us support your students by clipping! Olmsted North is a Box Tops for Education School. Please collect your Box Tops and send them to Mrs. Kingsbury in room 206. Box Tops will be used to help fund Olmsted's Summer Reading Program. **CLIP, CLIP, CLIP!**

A New Approach to Discipline at Olmsted Academy North

For the past two years Olmsted North has been implementing the district's CARE for Kids initiative. The program teaches students to interact in a more respectful and caring manner in both speech and action. The first 20 minutes of each day are spent greeting one another, sharing news, and engaging in creative and academic activities that set a positive tone for learning throughout the school day. Periodically throughout the day, students are reminded of what a conducive learning environment looks like, sounds like, and feels like, and students are given an opportunity to monitor and take responsibility for themselves and their choices.

This past year the Olmsted North CARE for Kids Committee worked to change the language of and behavioral consequences in our school discipline plan to mirror the philosophy of the CARE program. These changes are noted in the Level I and II portion of our discipline plan located in the Student Handbook. All of our teachers and staff will be holding our students to the same standard, and it is our hope that these changes will enable students to reflect on their choices and become more accountable for their behavior.

At Olmsted, we are continually striving to create a more positive and conducive learning community. To that end, we have crafted the following over-arching rules for the entire school:

- Show respect for everyone in your voice and actions
- Listen to and follow directions and classroom expectations
- Keep all body parts and objects to yourself
- Stay in assigned areas, with your class or under the supervision of an adult
- Bring materials to class and complete assignments
- Comply with the dress code

If you have any questions about the changes to Olmsted's discipline plan, please feel free to contact your student's team leader or grade level administrator.

Patty Lord,

Sixth Grade Assistant Principal

Adelante Hispanic Achievers at Olmsted Academy North 2010-11

As Frederick Law Olmsted Academy North enters its third year there is so much to be excited about. The Academy made tremendous improvements in almost every academic, athletic, artistic and social category in the 2009-10 school year. Yet, one of the most amazing aspects of our school is the uniqueness of the student body itself. The level of diversity and richness of culture that our student body brings through the door every day is unparalleled in the district and possibly the Commonwealth. With this gift of perspective comes a challenge. Acclimating students to American culture, making the most of their talents, and showing them the study skills necessary to excel at a higher academic level is necessary for any school looking to be successful with a multicultural student body

Adelante Hispanic Achievers at Olmsted Academy North is an afterschool program for Hispanic students in grades 6-8 aimed at providing these necessary academic and social enrichment activities. Every Thursday from 2:30-4:30, participating students will have the

opportunity to reflect on their goals, evaluate their academic progress, socialize with other students who have similar backgrounds and most importantly, get individual academic tutoring from not only teachers, but mentors and role models from Louisville's most prestigious high schools.

Additionally, 8th grade Adelante students will receive assistance with selecting a high school and completing the necessary paperwork, including essays. Dedicated Adelante students will take academic and culturally enriching field trips in return for their hard work, progress and social maturation. The program has several Olmsted Academy teachers ready to dedicate their time to assisting our Hispanic students. Students will also have the opportunity to enroll in Adelante's Saturday program based at Americana Community Center for the complete Adelante Hispanic Achievers Experience. For more information on Thursday tutoring, Saturday programming or Adelante's mission and vision, please visit our website at <http://www.adelanteky.org> or all the Program Director, Mara Maldonado at 502-494-0353.

It is important to know that it is not necessary

for Adelante students to speak Spanish. If the student is of any Latino or Hispanic descent, he is more than welcome to participate in the program. We speak English during the program, but translation is always available. Please take advantage of this opportunity to take your student to the next level. Get them enrolled in Adelante Hispanic Achievers! Adelante students have a proven record of making measurable progress in Math, Reading and Science while also regularly achieving Honor Roll and good attendance recognition.

Adelante is poised to move Olmsted Academy's students forward, but we need everyone's help getting students enrolled starting in August. Once students attend an afterschool program, it becomes our job to keep them there. The program can be successful if ALL caring adults make Adelante a priority in a student's agenda, especially those that need it most!

Eric Mora

Adelante Faculty Sponsor



We're on the Web!

You are encouraged to check out our updated website. The site provides wonderful parent links as well as information about our school.

<http://www.jefferson.k12.ky.us/Schools/Middle/OlmstedNorth/index.html>

Getting to and from School on the First Day and All Those That Follow

School begins promptly at 7:40 a.m. and ends at 2:20 p.m. While we enjoy having your young men with us, please do not drop your student off before 7:00 a.m. as there is no adult supervision available in the café or the common areas at that time. Students who arrive between 7:00 and 7:30, should report to the café for breakfast or the appropriate holding area: Auditorium (8th grade), Upper Gym (7th grade), or Lower Gym (6th grade). At 7:30 students will be escorted to their team areas by their teachers.

Car Riders



All car riders should be dropped off in the front of the school on Bellevue Avenue no earlier than 7:00 a.m.

Please travel

down Southcrest Avenue and circle the block instead of turning onto Bellevue from Ashland.

The entrance by the gym is for school buses only.

Students should exit vehicles on the side of the street closest to the building for their safety.

Parents picking up students should meet their student on Bellevue Avenue.

DRIVE SLOWLY AND WATCH FOR CHILDREN.

The pick-up area on Bellevue Avenue can be quite congested during dismissal.

Bus Riders

School bus schedules will be available July 15.

Schedules can also be accessed on the internet at <http://www.jefferson.kyschools.us>. Choose bus information then bus finder.

Students must choose to ride the bus, walk, or be picked up by a parent. Not being consistent creates confusion for students and school staff.

Transportation arrangements should be followed on the first day of school. Students who are bus riders should ride the bus the first day of school so the driver will be familiar with the student and his stop.

Olmsted has both first and second run bus routes. Students are required to remain in the designated holding area while waiting for a 2nd run bus. Failure to do so may result in suspension of bus riding privileges.

During the first days of school, buses may run late as drivers are learning who the students are and where the stops are located while paying particular attention to student safety.



A New Year—A New Dress Code

The Olmsted Site Based Decision Making (SBDM) council approved changes to our dress code for the up-coming year. The following is the expectation for the young men who attend Olmsted Academy North:

- **Shirts**—Dress shirts that are designed for ties (i.e., — bow tie, neck tie, clip-on tie). The collar is to be buttoned from the tie up. Any color is acceptable.
- **Tie**—Students are to wear a neck tie, bow tie, or clip-on tie. Any color is acceptable.
- **Sweater, Coat, or Jacket**—Dress sweater (vests, full) and/or suit coats/jackets may also be worn in addition to a shirt and tie. Any color is acceptable.
- **Pants**—Casual or semi-formal pants or slacks must be worn at the waist. Pants should not be sagging. During warmer months, dress shorts may be worn. Any color is acceptable.
- **Belts/Suspenders**—If pants are designed for a belt, one must be worn.
- **Shoes**—Any shoes may be worn with the exception of house shoes, slippers, sandals, flip flops, and clogs.
- **Spirit Day Dress**—On these days, students may wear ANY Olmsted North shirt with jeans.
- **Jewelry, accessories, other paraphernalia**—Hats, bandanas/do-rags, sunglasses, athletic undergarments, head bands, and gloves should never be worn in the building. No item of clothing or fashion shall be associated with gang or drug culture. Any grooming or dress code issue that is deemed a disruption to the educational process (i.e., — tattoos, piercings, hair, make-up, writing on the body) will be dealt with individually by the school administration.
- If you need assistance with clothing items that will meet the requirements of the new dress code, please contact Mr. Davidson or Ms. Nail in the Family Resource & Youth Service Center.



Orientation Nights—Come Meet Your Teachers!

Olmsted would like to welcome you to our family with an orientation night. Please join us in the cafeteria on your appointed night to meet us and take care of some of the following registration needs:

- Getting schedules
- Purchasing school supplies
- Joining and volunteering with the PTSA
- Turning in forms, including immunization
- Receiving team information
- Signing up to be a reading tutor

Sixth Grade: August 4, 6-7:30

7th & 8th Grade: August 5, 6-7:30

Summer Reading Returns to Olmsted Academy North!

This summer marks the second year of the summer reading program here at Olmsted Academy North. We know that one key to academic success is proficient reading. In order to encourage students to read during the summer, Olmsted requires each student to read **ONE BOOK** and to create a project based on that book. That project will be turned in during the first week of school.

Students wishing to receive help with their projects can come to Olmsted on August 9, from 10-1 to work with a Language Arts teacher.

This spring during the last week of school, sixth and seventh graders at Olmsted had the opportunity to choose one of several titles that could be used as a choice for summer reading. We have made arrangements with the Free Public Library to have additional copies of these books available to our students. When books were distributed, project sheets were also handed out. Information regarding summer reading was also mailed home with report cards.

Book choices are as follows:

- Sixth Grade: Chapter book of choice, 150 pages or longer
- Seventh Grade: *The Great Cow Race*, *Crash*, *Emergency Quarterback*, *The Outsiders*, *Elijah of Buxton*
- Eighth Grade: *Monster*, *Tears of a Tiger*, *Forged by Fire*, *Zach's Lie*, *The Bar Code Tattoo*, *I Have a Dream*

Each student must complete **ONE project** related to his book. The project will be due to his Language Arts Teacher during the first week of school. Students can choose from the following:

Video Game Cover and Instruction Booklet:

- Create a video game cover and instruction booklet based on your book. Make the cover persuade us to want to read your book. In the instruction booklet, make sure you include information about the book's character, the plot, the conflicts between characters, the resolution and the setting, among other literary elements.

Be the Author:

- Write a part two or sequel to the book you just finished. Be sure to include some background information about your book so that the reader can clearly understand what happened in part 1. The sequel should be a significant story, not just a summary.

Dear Diary:

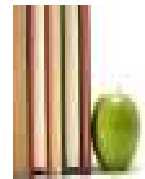
- How well do you know your book's main character? Show us who this person really is by writing three one-page diary entries from the character's perspective. Reveal what the character thinks, how he feels, and what his motivations are through your entries.

Time Line:

- Make a Time Line of the major events that happened in your book. You should include the event and a summary of it for each event. Include no less than 15 events.

Calling All Comics:

- Create a series of comic strips (at least 15 boxes) that summarize your book. Make sure you use word bubbles for your characters. Characters must have speaking parts. The comic strips should help the reader understand the characters as well as the book's setting, plot, conflict, and resolution.



A Few Words from the Family Resource & Youth Service Center...

Olmsted North is fortunate to have one of the best Family Resource & Youth Service Centers (FRYSC) in the Commonwealth. Mr. Davidson and Ms. Nail are always available to the families of our community.

The FRYSC will be providing dress code assistance to families. Please call Ms. Nail at 502-485-8841 to schedule an appointment during the week of July 26-30 if your student requires help with appropriate attire for the coming year.

As a reminder, all people who wish to volunteer in the school must complete a background check each school year. The background check forms will be available during Orientation

Nights on August 4 and 5, or interested adults can pick up a form in the FRYSC.

Parents may also pick up free and reduced lunch applications from the FRYSC or during Orientation Nights.

Mr. Davidson is putting together a Youth Service Center Advisory Council and is looking for volunteers to serve on this committee. If you are interested, please contact him to express your interest.

The FRYSC is looking forward to another outstanding year. If there's anything we can do for you, please let us know!

Eighth Grade Excitement Explodes!

Yes, the eighth grade excitement is definitely exploding! Not just for the students and their families, but for me as well. I am honored to say that I have the privilege of being your counselor again this year. Your class will be the first group that I will have followed all the way through their middle school years, and I am so honored to be that person.

This year you will be selecting the high school of your choice. I will meet with each of you in-



It's time to be out best and prepare ourselves for the next steps!

dividually to talk about your academic and career goals to help guide you towards the high school that will help you achieve those goals. While I know many of you already, it is my desire to build upon the relationship we have, or to build relationships with those of you that I don't know.

My personal theme for this year is "Seeing the Best in You". In getting to know each of you, I want to find the best in you. Know that even when you make mistakes, I still see the best

in you. My door is always open to discuss any issues that you may want to discuss.

If you need to contact me, please call me at 485-8331, email me at shonte.hardin@jefferson.kyschools.us, or visit me at school between the hours of 9-3 (please call first to ensure that I am in the building). I look forward to seeing you at Orientation on August 5th at 6 pm!

Shonte' Hardin

Eighth Grade Counselor

Olmsted Athletics are on the move with the addition of contact football

We are thrilled to be building on last year's successes in our Athletic department! Our spring sports, both soccer and baseball, had outstanding runs, and those teams are building programs that will be powerhouses. Work started this summer on a baseball field to give our young men a practice facility that will help them move to the next level.

Most exciting for us now, though, is the addition of contact football to our athletic program. Try-outs for football took place during the week of July 15-23 and preseason practices are July 26-August 24.

Our first game is scheduled for August 25 but keep watching for updates on game times and locations.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone out there to support our Colts!



Schoolwide Reading Initiative to Promote Literacy

As an all boys school, we are keenly aware of the particular challenges that young men face when it comes to reading, and in order to address those challenges, the SBDM approved a change to our schedule that allows for a



Olmsted is gearing up to read!

dedicated block of reading instruction at the end of each day.

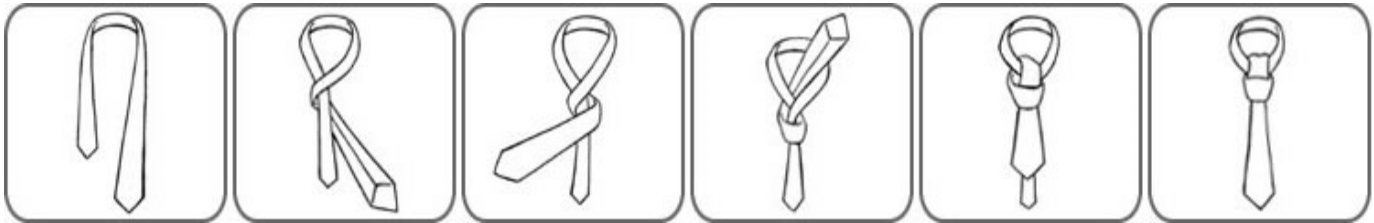
All students and teachers in each grade level will read the same books as a way to practice the skills and habits of good readers as well

as to build community.

The books that have been selected for the initiative were carefully chosen to be high-interest and relevant for our young men, and we can't wait to get started with this innovative instructional model.

How to Tie a Tie

With the changes to Olmsted's dress code, our young men will quickly need to learn how to tie a neck tie. We're including the following directions from <http://www.how-to-tie-a-tie.org/> as guidance for those who need some assistance.



Step One:

Start with the wide end on your right. Extend it about 12" below the narrow end

Step Two:

Cross the wide end over the narrow, and back underneath.

Step Three:

Bring the wide end around passing it across the front of the narrow.

Step Four:

Pass the wide end up through the loop.

Step Five:

Hold the knot loosely and pass the wide end down through the loop in front.

Step Six:

Hold the narrow end of the tie and slide the knot up snug.

JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Equal Opportunity Policies

Equal Employment Opportunity

Employees/Applicants

The Jefferson County Public School District shall not discriminate in recruitment or employment on the basis of age, color, creed, disability, marital or parental status, national origin, race, sex, sexual orientation, veteran status, religion, or political opinion or affiliation. The District shall promote equal opportunities through a vigorous affirmative action program as an integral part of personnel policy and practice in the employment, development, advancement, and treatment of employees of the Jefferson County Public Schools.

In the Event of Questions

Employees or applicants, report to immediate superior, appropriate personnel administrator, the Compliance and Investigations Office, or the appropriate enforcement agency if you believe you have experienced harassment/discrimination.

Equal Educational Opportunity

Students/Parents or Guardians

No student shall be denied equal educational opportunity for any reason by the Jefferson County Board of Education because of his or her age, color, disability, parental status, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, or veteran status.

Harassment/Discrimination of any type is not permitted. A student has the right to attend school free from harassment and should not be subjected to discrimination for any reason. Schools will strive to ensure that these rights are protected and that appropriate consequences are provided to offenders.

In the Event of Questions

Students and parents/guardians, report to principal, the Compliance and Investigations Office, or the appropriate government agency if you believe you have experienced harassment/discrimination.

Noncompliance with the above policy and procedures may result in disciplinary action.

Discrimination Grievance Procedure

The Jefferson County Public Schools Discrimination Grievance Procedure is available at local schools, on the Jefferson County Public Schools Web site at www.jcpsky.net, or in the Compliance and Investigations Office, C. B. Young Jr. Service Center, 3001 Crittenden Drive, Louisville, KY 40209. Contact Cheryl Walker, Compliance and Investigations director, at 485-3341, or call or write one of the following enforcement agencies:

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

600 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Place, Suite 268
Louisville, KY 40202
(502) 582-6082
www.eeoc.gov

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights

Wanamaker Building, Suite 515
100 Penn Square East
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 656-8541
www.ed.gov

Kentucky Commission on Human Rights

The Heyburn Building, Suite 700
332 West Broadway
Louisville, KY 40202
(502) 595-4024
<http://kchr.ky.gov>

Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission

410 West Chestnut Street, Suite 300A
Louisville, KY 40202
(502) 574-3631
www.louisvilleky.gov/HumanRelations

