

Students and Parents:

Greetings! I hope everyone has had a restful summer! Let me begin by saying how proud I am to be the principal of Frederick Law Olmsted Academy North, the ONLY public all boys' school in the Commonwealth.

There are many reasons to be proud after completing the 2010-11 school year. We improved our pupil attendance from 91.4 in 2009-10 to 92.4 in 2010-11. In fact, over the past three years, our attendance has improved by 3% which leads most schools in our district. We have continued to refine our CARE for Kids program to build community in our classrooms. Our PTSA membership grew by over 15% with 100% staff membership. Additionally, we have continued to maintain our commitment to excellence in the classroom by improving our performance on our core content assessments (CCAs). Finally, we were able to offer more after school programs for our students such as tackle football, cross country, and new exciting clubs.

We are very optimistic for continued growth this school year. Our teachers and staff have been working very hard over the summer refining their skills to better enable them to give each student the very best top quality education. It is our promise that you will have a school that will continue to pride itself in giving our very best for every child everyday.

We will continue to serve our students with: small class sizes; Master Teachers who help in assisting teachers to hone and perfect their skills; and a personalized approach to educating each child. In closing, 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! If you have any questions, please email me at bill.perkins@jefferson.kyschools.us or call me at 485-8331.

Sincerely,

Bill Perkins, Principal

Academic Expectations/Materials Required By All Students Every Day

1. All students carry a binder with agendas, pencils, notebooks, and paper.
2. All students communicate ideas in complete, full sentences.
3. All students give best effort completing assignments.
4. All students will write first and last name on papers.
5. All students will leave no blanks on assignments.
6. All students will turn in assignments.
7. All students will bring materials to every class.
8. All students will follow behavior expectations and rules.

Expectations:

We expect our students to come to school each and every day and work to the best of their ability. We expect them to be diligent, well behaved, and responsible young men. Our beliefs for our students are:

In never giving up on a child

In a gender specific, academically challenging environment

All young men can be leaders

All students' creativity and individuality will be nurtured

All staff will be positive role models

In a safe learning environment for all

School/Class Rules as part of our school wide discipline plan:

1. Follow classroom procedures and academic expectations
2. Show respect for everyone through your words and actions
3. Keep all body parts and objects to yourself
4. Stay in assigned areas
5. Comply with the dress code

Arrival/Dismissal:

School will begin promptly at 7:40 am each day and end at 2:20 pm. Students should not be dropped off prior to 7:00 am in the morning. There will be no adult supervision prior to that time in the café or common areas. Students arriving after 7:00 am should report to the café for breakfast or in the auditorium for 8th grade, upper gym for 7th grade, lower gym for 6th grade. At 7:30, students are escorted to their team areas by staff.

Car Riders:

All car riders should be dropped off in the front of the school on Bellevue Avenue no earlier than 7:00 am. You should travel down Southcrest Avenue and circle the block instead of turning on Bellevue off Ashland. The entrance by the gym is for school buses only. Students should be let out on the side of the street closest to the building for their safety. Parents picking up children should park and pick them up on Bellevue Avenue. **Remember:**

Drive Slowly and Watch for Children. Car riders will be dismissed along with all other students by grade level and will exit through the front doors. Students will be picked up out in front of the school on Bellevue Avenue. The pick up area on Bellevue can become quite congested during dismissal time. Please be courteous to other parents and do not block driveways of our families living across the street.

Walkers:

Walkers will be dismissed by grade level will exit through the doors facing Bellevue Avenue. Students that are walkers are expected to go straight home or to their designated afternoon care giver. Please share with students that they are to walk safely and carefully, looking both ways before crossing the street.

Bus Riders:

Bus schedules are available now and we will have a computer lab open for help during orientation and we available up to the start of school to answer questions. Schedules can also be accessed on the internet at <http://transportation.jefferson.kyschools.us/busfinder/> . You were mailed a blue card which should have been mailed or returned to our school so that we can accurately update our bus records. If you have not done this, please do so immediately. Transportation arrangements should be followed on the first

day of school. Students who are bus riders should ride the bus the first day so the driver will know who you are and know your bus stop. Students are required to make a choice in riding the bus, car riding, or walking. Doing both confuses the driver and the student. We will also be having first and second run buses. This means that some children will be picked up first by a bus and another group will be picked up second. Whoever is picked up first in the morning becomes a second run rider in the afternoon. Second Run Bus Riding Students are required to remain in their designated holding areas while waiting for 2nd run buses to arrive after school. Students will load and unload from the bus along the side of the school facing Ashland Avenue by the upper gym. Students are expected to remain seated on the bus while it is moving, to not use profanity, throw items from the window, or fight. Failure to do these things will result in removal from riding a JCPS school bus. Also, balloons and or other items that are distracting to the bus driver will not be permitted. During the first days of school, the bus may arrive late in the morning and the afternoon because the drivers are learning who the students are, where the bus stops are, and they are paying special attention to safety.

Dress Code:

Olmsted North believes a neat appearance promotes good work habits, pride in one's self, respect from others, and a disciplined environment. By choosing to be a student at Olmsted North, the dress code becomes the student's responsibility. School authorities will be the final judge on what is considered acceptable within the dress code. If you have any questions about acceptable dress, please see your school administrator.

Any colors of the below dress code items are acceptable.

Shirts – Collared shirt is designed for ties (i.e. – bow tie, neck tie, clip on tie). The collar is to be buttoned from the tie up.

Tie – Students are to wear a neck tie, bow tie, or clip on tie.

Sweater/coat or jacket – Dress sweater (vests, full) and /or suit coat jackets may also be worn in addition to a shirt and tie.

Pants – Casual/semi formal slacks/pants must be worn at the waist. Pants should not be sagging. During warmer months, dress shorts may be worn.

Shoes – Any shoes may be worn with the exception of house shoes, slippers, sandals, flip flops, and clogs.

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 item/dress code issue that is deemed a disruption to the educational process (i.e. – tattoos, piercing, hair, make-up, writing on the body) will be dealt with individually by the school administration.

Dress Down Days – On these days, students may dress down on days that are allowed by the school. Students should still wear items that are appropriate for schools.

Consequences for being out of dress code

- 1. Warning issued to student, phone call home, and the school will provide a the article of clothes not in compliance by teacher.**
- 2. Parent called, item given to the student, and the student will be placed on team ISAP by the team.**
- 3. Parent/student team conference and the student is assigned ISAP by the grade level administrator.**

Café Information

Our café offers a balanced breakfast and lunch program. The prices are listed below:

Student breakfast reduced is \$.30/Full price is \$1.85

Student lunch reduced is \$.40/Full price is \$2.40

Counselors' Cove

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Olmsted Academy North for the 2011-2012 school year! As counselors, we are here to help your child succeed academically, socially/personally, and to help prepare them for transition to high school and beyond. Please feel free to contact us by phone or email with any concerns regarding your child. Our assignments for the 2011-2012 school year is as follows:

6th grade: Ms. Hardin email address shonte.hardin@jefferson.kyschools.us

7th grade: Ms. Harris email address carmen.harris@jefferson.kyschools.us

8th grade: Ms. Lockard email address carol.lockard@jefferson.kyschools.us

We look forward to working with you this year!

PTSA Membership

Be sure to stop by the PTSA Membership table during orientation. Your \$5.00 membership helps provide direct support to Olmsted North as well as providing a voice for our children on a State and National level.

Memberships are good for one year. Remember to sign up your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and yourself. Members are the most important part of the PTSA. Our school needs you! Our kids need you!

Our PTSA officers this year are:

Connie Simmons---President

Laura Woods---1st Vice President

Joyce Fritz-----2nd Vice President

Jacquelyn Grimes---Secretary

Casey Shumate---Treasurer

Colts Corner and Website

We will be sending home our Colts Corner Newsletter in December and March. These will be emailed to you if you are on our email list and will be available on our school webpage

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

Important Upcoming Dates

- **August 15-----First Day of School**
- **August 22-----Summer Reading projects due to Language Arts teachers for 7th and 8th grade students**
- **August 29-----Deadline for student immunizations being up to date**
- **September 5---Labor Day**
- **September 6---Permission slips due for physicals**
- **September 8---School Physical Clinic**
- **September 13---Open House at Olmsted North at 6 pm**
- **September 14---Have lunch with your child at school**
- **September 22-----Fall Literacy Night for families (food provided) at 6 pm**
- **September 23-----1st 6 weeks grading period ends**
- **September 30-----No School for Students**