

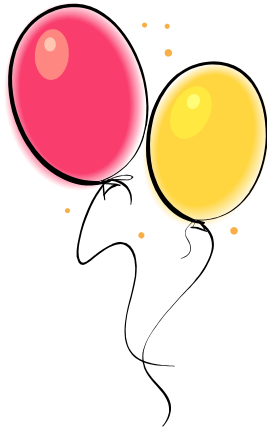
Students and Parents:

In the spirit of a new beginning, you are receiving this packet in the mail instead of the first day of school. 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 our first year. We improved our attendance EACH pupil month as compared with Southern Leadership Academy. We instituted CARE for Kids to build community in our classrooms. Our PTSA membership reached 237 total members with 100% staff membership. Additionally, we reached our goals with regard to our assessments in every subject. Finally, we were able to offer more after school programs for our students such as baseball, flag football, soccer, and a variety of clubs to meet the interests of all students.

We are very optimistic for continued growth this school year towards all of our goals. 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: smaller class sizes; Master Teachers who help in assisting teachers to hone and perfect their skills; and a personalized approach to educating each child. Let me assure you, we will help all of our students reach proficiency! If you have any questions, please email me at bill.perkins@jefferson.kyschools.us or call me at 485-8331.



Summer Orientation:

We will be having an Orientation Night for our students/families!!

July 28 for 6th grade students @ 6 pm

July 29 for 7th grade students @ 6 pm

July 30 for 8th grade students @ 6 pm

The orientation will begin at 6:00 pm in our cafeteria.

You will have the opportunity to take care of registration needs in one stop shopping format. This will include:

- turning in forms,
- processing immunizations forms,
- joining PTSA,
- volunteering for PTSA,
- purchasing school supplies,
- picking up uniforms,
- getting schedules,
- receiving team information,

- signing up to be a reading tutor,
 - and getting to meet teachers!!
- Plus there will be some fun going on as well. Come on down and get organized for the school year!

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:

- *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 and with class/supervision of adults*
- *Bring materials to class and complete assignments*
- *Comply with 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 and 6th grade, lower gym for 7th 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.** The pick up area on Bellevue can become quite congested during dismissal time.

Bus Riders:

Bus schedules will be available July 15. Schedules can also be accessed on the internet at www.jefferson.kyschools.us. Choose bus information, then bus finder. 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. Students are required to remain in their designated holding areas while waiting for 2nd run buses to arrive. Failure to do this might result in removal from riding a JCPS school bus. 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.

Uniforms:

Olmsted Academy North has a dress code. Please take note of the uniform dress code below and follow exactly what it says.

Pants—Blue, Gray, Black, or Khaki and must fit at the waist/be at the waist. A belt is optional but recommended.

Shirts—Can be Blue, White, Gray, Yellow, or Black. Variations within the color families are understood and accepted. The shirts can be “golf shirt” fashion, short or long sleeve. Spirit T-Shirts with the school name printed on them are also acceptable. Turtlenecks are allowed in solid colors that coincide with the list of acceptable colors and also included. Plain sweatshirts are acceptable as long as they are plain and worn right-side out and are the right colors. Additionally, students are allowed to dress up with shirts and neckties with pants of the variation above if they are given permission from the principal.

Shoes-Each shoe shall be of the same color with no flip flops, house shoes, or clogs allowed.

No item of apparel or fashion shall be associated with gang or drug culture. This includes grillz, bandanas, and other like apparel.

No hats, headbands, or scarves will be allowed during the school day. No clothing that is disruptive to the learning/school environment is permitted. This will fall under the judgment of the administration.

Summary

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!

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

We can't wait to meet everyone!

Bill Perkins
Principal

