OWEGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
RIVER HAWKS

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Dear OES Parents and Guardians:

I hope you are as excited as I am to begin the new school year. The first day of school for ALL students is Wednesday, September 9, 2026. Review the one-page district calendar for the 2026-2027 school year here: https://aptg.co/D5Kk8-. A printed calendar will come home at the start of the school year. Stay up-to-date with building and district events by using our mobile app and website.

Below is the name of your child's teacher for the 2026/2027 school year.

TEACHER'S NAME WILL APPEAR HERE IN MAILED LETTERS

Arrival Times & Dismissal Time:

- **Drop-Off** starts at 7:30 am, School begins at 7:45 am
- **Dismissal:** Parent Pick-Up starts at 2:00 pm

Students who are being brought to school by a guardian will be dropped off and picked up using the parent loop only. Parents are not allowed to escort children into the building. Please say your goodbyes in the vehicle and keep traffic moving. We have adults to welcome your child and assist them safely to their classroom.

Transportation:
All families must complete the OA Transportation Survey for the 2026-2027 school year. You can find the survey and more information here: https://www.oacsd.org/article/3052331.

Families using district bus transportation should download the **My Ride K-12** Transportation App, which will display your child's bus number, route time, and more. **My Ride K-12** is available for download in the Apple and Android app stores, or access a web version of **My Ride K-12** at myridek12.tylerapp.com.

To learn more about My Ride K-12 and the other technology we use to help us safely and efficiently transport our students, please read the following information. My Ride K-12 User Guide Parent Flyer - https://5il.co/2he.

Please remember that bus times are normally delayed the first few days of the school year as everyone gets back into a routine. Elementary families are also asked to be visible at the end of the day for drop-off. Our bus drivers wait to make sure that students get inside safely before moving on to the next stop. Having a family member visible will help the route stay on time.

Supplies:
We are happy to announce that the school district will once again provide all of the necessary student school supplies for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year to all grade levels, K-12. However, if there are particular items

you would like to send with your child, you are more than welcome to do that. Just know that all essential items will be provided.

SOARing Hawks After School Program:

- **SOARing Hawks After School Program** for students in **Grades PreK—5** runs from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm on days when school is in session.
- Read the Parent Letter here: https://aptg.co/SL-1Rn.
- The director of the program at OES has not yet been determined. When this information becomes available, we will communicate it.

Families can register for the FREE OA Enrichment Program here:
https://students.arbitersports.com/owego-apalachin-central-school-district.

Tioga County Boys and Girls Club - OACSD After School Program
The Owego Apalachin Central School District will be partnering again with the Tioga County Boys and Girls Club to offer a variety of extracurricular and enrichment activities hosted at the Boys and Girls Club of Tioga County for OA students in Grades 3 through 8.

Registration includes a FREE TCBGC membership and access to the Club and all of its programs year-round.

** The program begins on the first day of school, Wednesday, September 9, 2026. The program will run Monday through Friday, 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm on days when school is in session. For half-day sessions and when school is closed or released early, programming will be coordinated directly with the Club. If the school district is transporting your child home, the bus will leave the Club around 5:15 pm.

More information and the registration link for Arbiter Sports (formerly FamilyID) can be found on our website here:
https://www.oacsd.org/page/tioga-county-boys-and-girls-club-program

District Communication:
SchoolTool Parent Portal - The SchoolTool Parent Portal is used by parents/guardians to view their students' education information, including: Schedule, Attendance, Demographic Information, Report Cards, Progress Reports, Contact Information, etc. Once logged in to the portal, parents should review contact information and update it as necessary. Detailed Parent Portal Information, including how to log in, can be found here: https://www.oacsd.org/page/parent-resources. ***The Parent Portal will open for the new school year on Friday, August 28th.***

Mobile App - Ensure you don't miss critical information by downloading the Owego Apalachin Central School District Mobile App (available in the iTunes and Google Play Stores).
Android: https://bit.ly/3mtkLGf or iPhone: https://apple.co/3bwIXRz

Rooms Parent-Teacher Messaging - Parents/guardians can access class streams and teacher messaging with their Rooms account via the web and in the app. Need to set up your account? Get more information here: https://5il.co/24lsq. All set up, ensure you are getting notifications: https://5il.co/24lss**.**

Onflo (formerly Let's Talk!) - Contact us with questions or comments. Download the Onflo app or connect through the website: https://www.oacsd.org/page/onflo-lets-talk. Select your specific topic/need to ensure it reaches the correct district personnel.

Bookmark our website and follow us on social media!

Website - www.oacsd.org	Facebook - oa.schools

X - @OAUpdate	Instagram - owegoapalachincsd
YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/@OwegoApalachinCSD	Transportation App (**My Ride K-12**) that will display your child's bus number, route time, and more. Get more information and download today: https://www.oacsd.org/page/transportation

FREE - Breakfast and Lunch
We are excited to announce that OACSD will once again offer free meals through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), for the 2026-27 school year. This means that all OA students enrolled will receive a nutritious breakfast and lunch at no cost to their household each school day. No further action is required from you to participate in these meal programs. All children are eligible to enjoy these benefits. However, we kindly ask parents to complete the income application. Your participation in this process helps our district qualify for additional funding that supports various educational initiatives and resources. Fill out the forms online in minutes here: https://secure.ezmealapp.com/ApplicationScreen.aspx.

Students will still need to pay for snack items, ice cream, or extra food, as only the main meals are covered through the CEP program. Funds can be added to the EZSchoolPay Account: https://aptg.co/YJczBJ. Cash or check can also be used with the school cafeteria staff to add funds without the online convenience fee.

Additional Food Services information can be found here:
https://www.oacsd.org/documents/departments/food-services/16870937.

Menus can be found on our website and app under dining and on the RockOn Cafe Food & Nutrition page here:
https://www.rockoncafe.org/owego-apalachin_home.aspx.

Raptor Visitor Management System:
To further strengthen campus safety and security across the Owego Apalachin Central School District, we are implementing the Raptor Visitor Management System for the 2026—2027 school year. Raptor enhances building security by allowing us to efficiently screen all guests against safety databases and issue instant visitor badges upon entry. Detailed check-in procedures and guidelines for parents and guardians will be sent home as the school year begins. We appreciate your cooperation and partnership as we continue prioritizing a safe environment for all students, staff, and visitors.

PreK Orientation/Meet and Greet Tuesday, September 8th from 1:00-2:00	**Kindergarten Orientation** Tuesday, September 8th from 3:00-4:00

We're looking forward to a great year!

Warm Regards,

Stacey Silvestri
OES Principal

Carrie Luke
OES Assistant Principal

Link to single-page calendar: https://aptg.co/S8ycKR
Link to OES Events on website: https://www.oacsd.org/o/oe/events