Orion Community Unit School District #223

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ONLINE REGISTRATION

Online registration opened on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, for ALL returning students. Online registration is REQUIRED for all returning students for the 2026-2027 school year. Preferably, you may complete this process from your own home; however, you may come to the District Office, 1002 11th Avenue, Orion, to complete the process if you do not have access to a computer with internet service. (Summer office hours for the District Office are: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Friday.) Please go to http://www.teacherease.com and log in to your child(ren)'s account to begin the process. (Please contact your child(ren)'s school or the District Office if you have not yet created your TeacherEase account.) Online registration will close at midnight on Friday, August 7.

ALL school fees may be paid online using your credit card. This includes registration fees, student lunches, athletic fees, etc. The District will credit the $2.00 convenience fee for each payment of $50.00 or more to your child's lunch account. If you prefer to pay school fees with cash and/or checks, please stop by the District Office, 1002 11th Avenue, Orion, IL. One check for ALL fees for all family members will be accepted!

Fee waivers are available for those families meeting income eligibility guidelines. Please visit the District website for the Fee Waiver Application. A completed Fee Waiver Application and income verification documents must be returned to the District Office (and approved) prior to beginning the registration process, for fees to be waived.

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Busing information will be completed through the online registration process (except for new students). Please contact Amber Cashen, Transportation Director, (309) 526-3382, if you have any new busing changes from last school year.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

If your child will be a new Kindergarten student for the 2026-2027 school year and you completed his/her enrollment paperwork at Kindergarten Registration, please register as a Returning Student.

If your child has NOT completed his/her enrollment paperwork, please call the CRH office, (309) 526-3386, to make an appointment for new student registration on August 4 and 5, 2026.

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR NEW STUDENTS

Students who are new to the district may register on Tuesday, August 4, or Wednesday, August 5, 2026. Please call the District Office (309-526-3388) during the month of July to make an appointment or call the appropriate school office in August to make an appointment

C. R. Hanna Elementary School
(Grades Preschool-5th)
(309) 526-3386

Orion Middle School
(Grades 6th-8th)
(309) 526-3392

Orion High School
(Grades 9th-12th)
(309) 526-3361

District News!

Bus Riders



Please review the bus rules in the student handbooks.

Also, please be sure to update the information during online registration if you have had a change of address, phone number, etc. All children who live 1½ miles or more from school will need to complete the information whether they intend to ride the bus or not. It is important that you let the Transportation Department know where you would like your child picked up or dropped off during the school year.

If you have not been contacted by the Transportation Department by August 7, 2026, your child's bus number and pick-up/drop-off times will be the same as they were last school year. If you have any concerns, please call the Transportation Department at (309) 526-3382. Thank you for your cooperation in these important matters.



Dental Bus

The dental bus will be coming to Orion on September 17, 2026. Forms will be available after school starts. This event is for students Grades Pre-K through Senior year and is held at the grade school.





Low Lunch Balance Alert

Did you know that you can set up a low balance alert for your child's lunch account? Here are the steps to set it up through your TeacherEase Parent Portal Account:

- Go to Parent Main > Miscellaneous > Communication Preferences
- Check the box under Email for Low Lunch Balance notifications
- Set the low balance amount, if necessary
- Save

Welcome

New Staff

District

Brent Hamerlinck - Head of Maintenance
Ryan Lilly - Custodian
Chris Thackrey - Custodian

CR Hanna Elementary School

Grace Lilly - ESP Childcare Provider
Olivia McLaughlin - School Counselor

Orion Middle School

Elena Bell - Eighth Grade Math Teacher
Dawn Carlson - Softball Coach
Lyndsey Haars - PE/Health Teacher
Kayla Jones - Full-Time Secretary
Jennifer Maertens - Seventh Grade Language Arts Teacher
Justin Merrick - Assistant Softball Coach

Orion High School

Joy Carter - Spanish
Greg Ford - Assistant Football Coach
Rachel Hamilton - Math Teacher
Dylan Jones - Assistant Football Coach
Matthew McClean - Football Coach
Dylan Peterson - Assistant Football Coach
Elizabeth Ray - Assistant Volleyball Coach
Ellen Thorndyke - Special Education Paraprofessional

Welcome

New Responsibilities

District

Chad Bahnks - Superintendent
Amber Cashen - Transportation Director
Wyatt Reed - Full-Time Custodian
Kristy Sandberg - Unit Office Secretary - Food Services Director

CR Hanna Elementary School

Alyce McConaghy - STEM Teacher
Michele Weston - Head Cook
Tyler Wilburn - Fourth Grade Teacher

Orion Middle School

Brock Blessman - Assistant Cross Country Coach
Amy Grundstrom - Cook
Myka Boyd - Full-Time Secretary
Logan Kane - Special Education Teacher
Carolyn Pace - Sixth Grade Instructional Team Leader
Abby Thomsen - Principal

Orion High School

Katrina Adams - Head Cook
Connie Jensen - Color Guard Sponsor
Amanda Marshall - Assistant Head Cook
Morgan Schroeder - Head Cross Country Coach

Nurse's Corner



The students in the following grades for the school year 2026-2027 will need the appropriate forms turned into the office on the State of Illinois forms.

PRESCHOOL
Physical
Immunizations
Lead test/screening

KINDERGARTEN
Physical
Immunizations
Dental
Vision
Lead test/screening

SECOND GRADE
Dental

SIXTH GRADE
Physical
Immunizations
Dental

NINTH GRADE
Physical
Immunizations
Dental

TWELFTH GRADE
Updated Immunizations

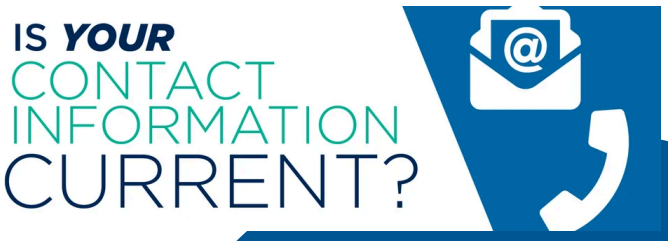
Physicals and immunizations are due on the first day of school or your child will be held out of school. We also recommend making a copy of your forms for your records.

Required Forms

FORMS MAY BE MAILED TO:

MRS. DEAN
SCHOOL NURSE
P.O. BOX 189, ORION, IL 61273
OR
DROPPED OFF AT THE
DISTRICT OFFICE
1002 11TH AVENUE, ORION IL 61273

ALL FORMS NEED TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL NURSE BY **THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** (WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026) OR YOUR CHILD WILL BE WITHHELD FROM SCHOOL PER POLICY.



Please make sure that your emergency contact is a reliable one with reliable phone numbers. Also, the contacts should be someone who is available to pick up your child, if needed. If numbers should change, please contact the school and let us know.

2026-2027

RECOMMENDED IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE FROM DPH

PRESCHOOL
Physical Examination
Lead Test/Screening
Immunizations
4 or more doses DTaP (booster after 4th birthday)
4 or more doses Polio (booster after 4th birthday)
1 dose MMR (first one must be after 1st birthday)
1 dose Varicella (Chicken Pox)
1 or more HIB vaccination
1 or more Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PVC)

KINDERGARTEN
Dental Examination
Vision Examination
Physical Examination
Lead Test/Screening
Immunizations
4 or more doses DTaP (booster after 4th birthday)
4 or more doses Polio (booster after 4th birthday)
2 doses MMR (first one must be after 1st birthday)
2 doses Varicella (Chicken Pox)

SECOND GRADE
Dental Examination

SIXTH GRADE
Dental Examination
Physical Examination
Immunizations
Proof of Tdap Immunization
Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV4)
(on or after 11th birthday)
3 Doses Hepatitis B

NINTH GRADE
Dental Examination
Physical Examination

TWELFTH GRADE
Two doses Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV4) (If first dose is received on or after the 11th birthday and the second dose is received on or after the 16th birthday, at least 8 weeks after first dose. If first dose is received at 16 years or older, only one dose is required.)

*All required physicals/immunizations or exemptions are due by the first day of school, August 12, 2026, or your child will be withheld from school per policy.





For safety on the playground and also for P.E. class, please wear tennis shoes and no flip flops.

Allergies or Asthma

For allergy sufferers, airborne allergens such as dust or pollen, in addition to side effects of medications used to treat these allergies, may cause fatigue, mood problems, change in focus, reduction in the speed and accuracy of problem solving, and poor reasoning. Allergies affect approximately one in five children. Daily pollen counts are available from the National Allergy Bureau of the Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology.

If your child has any type of allergies or asthma, please be sure to bring in appropriate medication to the school nurse and the appropriate action plan.

Please access the school website and print the over-the-counter form that allows us to give your child over-the-counter medication. This will need to be turned into the school. You will need to go to the district website, then to medical information and forms, then non-prescription over-the-counter form. This must be filled out annually.





ORION SPORTS PHYSICALS

ORION MIDDLE SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

(EXCLUDING 6TH GRADERS & INCOMING FRESHMEN)

4:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

$10.00 (CASH ONLY)

STUDENTS WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED: ANY STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 7, 8, 10, 11, OR 12 WHO ARE PLANNING TO GO OUT FOR A SCHOOL SPORT INCLUDING CHEERLEADING AND SPIRIT SQUAD. 6TH AND 9TH GRADERS DO NOT NEED AS THEY WILL NEED A COMPLETE SCHOOL PHYSICAL FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL OR HIGH SCHOOL. DOCTOR MUST CHECK INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS ON BOTTOM PORTION OF THE PHYSICAL FORM. A COPY IS TO BE TURNED IN TO THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR.

IF YOU HAVE HAD YOUR CHILD'S 6TH OR 9TH GRADE PHYSICALS DONE EARLY, YOU MAY HAVE TO HAVE A SPORTS PHYSICAL DONE IF THEY ARE GOING OUT FOR A SPORT AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. PHYSICALS ARE ONLY GOOD FOR 390 DAYS.

NOTE: ALL SPORTS PHYSICALS MUST BE ON THE IHSA FORMS PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL. THESE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT BOTH SCHOOLS AND NEED TO BE FILLED OUT WITH A PARENT'S SIGNATURE. BRING THE REQUIRED FORMS TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL WHEN GETTING THE SPORTS PHYSICAL. PARENTS: PLEASE NOTE THE ATTACHED PHYSICIAN'S FORM NEEDS TO BE FILLED OUT ENTIRELY AND SIGNED BEFORE A PHYSICAL WILL BE GIVEN. THE DOCTORS WILL NOT COMPLETE A PHYSICAL ON YOUR CHILD IF THESE FORMS ARE NOT FILLED OUT PROPERLY.
ALL PHYSICALS ARE GOOD FOR 390 DAYS FROM THE DATE THEY ARE ISSUED.
THIS IS AN IHSA STATE RULE.



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Illinois High School Association



UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 2026

Monday	8/3	DISTRICT		School Offices Open
Sunday	8/2	OHS	1:00-3:30	HS Music Department BLT Meeting
Monday - Friday	8/3-8/7	OHS	7:00-9:00	HSBS Camp - CRH Practice Field
		OHS	8:00-5:00	HS Band Camp
		OHS	6:30-8:30	HSBS Camp - CRH Practice Field
Monday	8/3	OMS	8:00-9:00	MSCC Practice Begins
Tuesday	8/4	DISTRICT		New Student Registration (By Appointment Only)
		DISTRICT	8:30-12:00 & 3:30-6:00	Preschool Screening (By Appointment Only) - CRH
Wednesday	8/5	DISTRICT		New Student Registration (By Appointment Only)
		OHS		HSFB Practice Begins
		DISTRICT	4:30-6:30	Sports Physicals - OMS
		OHS	5:15-7:15	HS Marching Band Parent Meeting
		OHS	6:00	ACC Mandatory Parents/Student Orientation Meeting - Library
Thursday	8/6	OHS		ACC Classes Begin
		OMS	4:30	MSSB United - H
		OHS	6:00	Orion Music Boosters Meeting - The MAC
Friday	8/7	CRH	12:00	Class Lists Posted on CRH Website
		OHS	4:00-5:00	HS Marching Band Parent Performance
Monday	8/10	OHS		HSVB, HSCC, HSBS, HSBG & HSGG Practices Begin
		OMS	4:30	MSFB Equipment Handout/Concussion Testing
		OMS	4:30	MSSB Mercer County - A
		OMS	5:30	MSFB Parent Meeting
		OHS	5:00-6:30	HS Orientation - Sophomore, Junior & Senior Locker Move-in and Open House
		OHS	6:00-6:30	HS Orientation - Freshmen Meeting
		OHS	6:30-7:30	HS Orientation - Freshman Locker Move-in and Open House
Tuesday	8/11	DISTRICT		**No School - Teachers' Institute**
		CRH	12:00-6:00	Kindergarten Visits (By Appointment Only)
		OMS	3:25-5:45	MSFB Practice Begins
		CRH	4:00-6:00	CRH Backpack Night
		OMS	4:30-5:30	OMS 6th Grade Backpack Night
		CRH	5:30	Kindergarten Parent Meeting
		OMS	5:30-6:30	OMS 7th & 8th Grade Backpack Night
		CRH	6:00	Preschool Parent Meeting
Wednesday	8/12	DISTRICT		**First Day of Student Attendance**
		OHS	5:45	HSVB Parent Meeting
Thursday	8/13	OHS	4:00	HSGG Alleman/Kewanee - H
		OMS	4:30	MSSB Galva - A
Friday	8/14	CRH	12:00-6:00	Preschool Open House
		OHS	3:00	HS Fall Sports Team Pictures

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 2026

Friday	8/14	OHS	5:30	Fall Sport Preview
Saturday	8/15	OMS	TBA	MSCC Knoxville - T
Monday	8/17	OHS	4:00	HSB&GG Annawan/Wethersfield - Midland Golf Club, Kewanee
		OMS	5:00	MSCC Princeton Logan - A
Wednesday	8/19	CRH		First Day of Preschool
		OHS		OHS Picture Day, Senior Portraits Taken
		OHS	4:00	HSGG Rockridge/Princeton/Mendota - Highland Springs, Rock Island
Thursday	8/20	CRH		CRH Picture Day
Friday	8/21	OHS	7:00	HSFB (V) Mendota - H
		OMS		OMS Picture Day
Saturday	8/22	OHS	8:00	HSGG Alleman Pioneer Invite - Saukie Golf Course
		OMS	9:00	MSCC Stark County - A
		OMS	10:00	MSSB Geneseo - A
Monday	8/24	OHS	5:00	HSVB Erie-Prophetstown - A
		OHS	5:30	HSFB (Soph) Mendota - A
Tuesday	8/25	OHS	4:00	HSBG Newman/Princeton - Chapel Hill, Princeton
		OHS	4:00	HSGG Mendota/Riverdale/Sherrard - Mendota Golf Course, Mendota
		OHS	4:30	HSCC Rock Falls Rocket Run - Centennial Park, Rock Falls
		OMS	4:30	MSSB Cambridge - A
		OHS	5:00	HSBS (V) Geneseo - A
Wednesday	8/26	OHS	1:00	HSGG Lady Rebel Golf Invite - Midland Golf Club, Kewanee
		OHS	4:00	HSBG Hall - Spring Creek Golf Course, Spring Valley
		OHS	5:00	HSBS (V) Monmouth-Roseville - A
Thursday	8/27	OHS	4:00	HSGG United - H
		OHS	4:30	HSCC Kewanee/St Bede/United - Chautauqua Park, Kewanee
		OHS	5:00	HSVB Ridgewood - A, Alwood HS
Friday	8/28	DISTRICT		**Early Dismissal: CRH 1:33 p.m., OMS 1:39 p.m., OHS 1:45 p.m.**
		OHS	1:00	HSBG Wayne Brinkmeier Invite - Byron Hills Golf Course, Port Byron
		OHS	7:00	HSFB (V) Sherrard - A
Saturday	8/29	OHS	8:00	HSVB (V) Macomb Classic - Brophy Hall, WIU
		OHS	11:00	HSBS Alleman - McKenzie Field
Monday	8/31	OHS	4:00	HSBG Mendota - H
		OHS	4:00	HSGG Kewanee/Riverdale/E-P - Prophet Hills Golf Course, Prophetstown
		OHS	4:00	HSCC Wethersfield Invite - Midland Golf Club, Kewanee
		OMS	4:30	MSSB Monmouth-Roseville - A
		OHS	5:30	HSFB (Soph) Sherrard - H

SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

Tuesday	9/1	OHS	1:00	HSBG United - Gibson Woods Golf Course, Monmouth
		OHS	5:00	HSVB Sherrard - H
		OHS	5:00	HSBS Kewanee - A
		OMS	5:30	MSFB Colona/UT - A
Wednesday	9/2	CRH		CRH Picture Retakes
		OHS	TBA	HSGG United/Havana/Illini Bluffs - A
		OMS	TBA	MSCC Geneseo - Richmond Hills, Geneseo
		OMS	4:30	MSSB Central - A
Thursday	9/3	OMS/OHS		OMS & OHS Picture Retakes
		OHS	4:00	HSGG Bureau Valley/Ridgewood - Hidden Lakes Country Club, Sheffield
		OHS	4:00	HSBG Mercer County/E-P - H
		OHS	4:30	HSBS (V) Mendota - H
		OHS	5:00	HSVB Monmouth-Roseville - A
		OHS	6:00	Orion Music Boosters Meeting - The MAC
Friday	9/4	OHS	1:00	HSBG Titan Golf Invite - Gibson Woods Golf Course, Monmouth
		OHS	7:00	HSFB (V) Hall - H
Saturday	9/5	OHS	8:00	HSB&GG Mercer County Invite - A
		OMS	10:00	MSSB Stark County (DH) - A
Monday	9/7	DISTRICT		**No School - Labor Day**
		OMS	TBA	MSSB Regionals - TBA
		OHS	5:00	HSFB (Soph) Hall - A
		OHS	6:00	HSBS (V) United Township - A
Tuesday	9/8	OHS	5:00	HSVB Rockridge - H
		OMS	5:30	MSFB Sherrard - H
Wednesday	9/9	OMS	TBA	MSSB Regionals - TBA
		OMS	TBA	MSCC Glenview - A
		OHS	4:00	HSGG Mendota/Mercer County/Hall - Mendota Golf Course
		OHS	4:30	HSBS (V) Limestone - H
Thursday	9/10	OHS	4:00	HSBG Riverdale/Kewanee - Byron Hills Golf Course, Port Byron
Fri/Sat	9/11-9/12	OHS	TBA	HSVB Williamsville Invite - A
Friday	9/11	DISTRICT		**Early Dismissal: CRH 11:22 a.m., OMS 11:28 a.m., OHS 11:32 a.m.**
		OHS	4:15	HSBS (V) Riverdale - Senior Night - H
		OHS	7:00	HSFB (V) Riverdale - Senior Night - H
Saturday	9/12	OMS	TBA	MSSB Regionals - TBA
		OHS	8:30	HSBG Kewanee Golf Invite - Baker Park, Kewanee
		OHS	9:00	HSCC Gary Coates Invitational - Zearing Park, Princeton
		OHS	10:00	HSBS (JV) Riverdale - A
Monday	9/14	OMS		MSGB Practice Begins
		OMS	TBA	MSCC Rock Island Alleman - Camden Park, Milan
		OHS	3:00	HSBG TRAC Freshman Conference Meet - Baker Park, Kewanee
		OHS	4:00	HSGG Hall/Monmouth-Roseville/Newman - H
		OHS	5:00	HSBS Princeton - A

SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

Monday	9/14	OHS	5:30	HSFB (Soph) Riverdale - A
Tuesday	9/15	OMS	TBA	MSSB Sectionals - TBA
		OHS	5:00	HSVB Riverdale - A
		OMS	5:30	MSFB Rockridge - A
Wednesday	9/16	OHS	10:00	HSGG TRAC Conference - H
		OHS	4:00	HSBG Monmouth-Roseville/Rockridge - Gibson Woods Golf Course, Monmouth
		OHS	5:00	HSVB Geneseo - A
Thursday	9/17	DISTRICT		Dental Bus - CRH
		OHS	4:30	HSBS (V) DePue-Hall - A
Friday	9/18	OMS	TBA	MSSB State - TBA
		OHS	7:00	HSFB (V) Erie-Prophetstown - Prophetstown
Saturday	9/19	OHS	8:30	HSVB (F/S) Orion Volleyball Tournament - H
		OMS	9:00	MSCC Galesburg - A
		OHS	10:00	HSCC Dale Donner Invite - Bureau Valley
		OHS	11:00	HSBS (V) Abingdon-Avon - H
Monday	9/21	OHS	4:00	HSGG Princeton/Wethersfield - Wyaton Hills, Princeton
		OHS	4:30	HSBS (V) Illini Bluffs - A
		OHS	5:30	HSFB (Soph) - Erie-Prophetstown - H
Tuesday	9/22	OHS	10:00	HSBG TRAC Conference Meet - Emerald Hill Country Club, Sterling
		OHS	5:00	HSVB Mercer County - A
		OMS	5:30	MSFB Ingersoll - H
Thursday	9/24	OHS	4:00	HSGG Sherrard/Rowva-Williamsfield - Oak Run Golf Course, Dahinda
Friday	9/25	DISTRICT		**Early Dismissal: CRH 1:33 p.m., OMS 1:39 p.m., OHS 1:45 p.m.**
		OHS	7:00	HSFB (V) Newman Central Catholic - A
Saturday	9/26	OHS	TBA	HSBS TRAC Conference Tournament
		OHS	8:00	HSGG Streaks Invitational - Bunker Links, Galesburg
		OHS	9:30	HSCC Boiler Invite - Baker Park, Kewanee
		OMS	10:00	MSCC Stark County - A
Monday	9/28	OHS	4:00	HSBG Geneseo - H
		OHS	5:30	HSFB (Soph) Newman Catholic Central - H
		OMS	5:30	MSGB Galva - A
Tuesday	9/29	OHS	TBA	HSGG IHSA 1A Regionals - TBA
		OHS	TBA	HSBS TRAC Conference Tournament - Monmouth-Roseville
		OHS	4:00	HSCC TRAC Conference - TBA
		OHS	5:00	HSVB Sherrard - A
		OMS	5:30	MSGB Wethersfield - A
		OMS	5:30	MSFB Mercer County - H
Wednesday	9/30	OHS	TBA	HSBG IHSA 1A Regionals - TBA
		OHS	5:00	HSVB Moline - A

CR HANNA

PRESCHOOL
IMPORTANT DATES

Preschool Open House will be held on Friday, August 14, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. You may come and go as you please any time during these hours.

Parents of Preschool students are required to come to a mandatory Parent Meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Preschool starts on Wednesday, August 19, 2026.

BACK PACK NIGHT
AUGUST 11
4-6:00 PM

On Tuesday, August 11, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., the C.R. Hanna staff will host Backpack Night for all Kindergarten through Fifth grade students and their families. This is an "open house" style event where you may come and go as you please anytime between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. This would be a good opportunity to turn in missing forms to the Office.

Class Lists

Class lists will be available on the C.R. Hanna website beginning at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, August 7, 2026.



CR HANNA SUPPLY LISTS

2026-2027

KINDERGARTEN

5 boxes of 24 crayons - Crayola (regular, not large)
Fiskars scissors (blunt)
6 large/jumbo glue sticks (1.27 oz.) - no small glue sticks
Prang or Crayola watercolor paints
2 boxes of 10-count Classic Color markers (not skinny)
6 black Expo dry erase markers (not skinny)
12 yellow pencils with erasers (sharpened)
2 large pink erasers
2 solid color one-subject spiral notebooks (70 pages) - wide ruled
1 two-pocket folder (any color)
plastic school supply box (8 x 5 x 2)
1 - 1" 3-ring binder (any color)
school bag that will fit a large folder
2 containers of baby wipes
2 large boxes of Kleenex
3 containers of Clorox or Lysol disinfecting wipes

BOYS - 1 box gallon size Ziploc bags
GIRLS - 1 box sandwich size Ziploc bags

Label ONLY notebooks, folders, binder, scissors, paints, and pencil boxes. (DO NOT LABEL CRAYONS, MARKERS, OR GLUE)

FIRST GRADE

48 #2 yellow pencils sharpened (Ticonderoga)
4 dry erase markers (any color)
2 highlighters (1 pink, 1 yellow)
2 large pink erasers
2 boxes of 48 Crayola crayons
2 sets of wide Crayola washable markers (Classic colors)
1 watercolor paint
scissors (small, metal, and pointed)
4 large glue sticks
4 two-pocket folders, no prongs (any color)
2 one-subject spiral wide-lined notebooks
1 composition notebook (any color, wide-lined)
1 plastic school box (8" x 5" x 2" if any larger size it will not fit in student's desk)
1 box of gallon sized Ziploc baggies
1 container of disinfecting wipes
1 large box of Kleenex
headphones (NO wireless)
durable book bag (large enough to accommodate an 11" x 13" Friday Folder)

Please mark only the following materials with your child's name: scissors, notebooks, folders & school box. Also, please keep in mind when buying your child's lunch box that there is limited storage available.

*Some items will be distributed throughout the year so that your child will have adequate supplies throughout the year.

CR HANNA SUPPLY LISTS

2026-2027

SECOND GRADE

2 boxes of 24 Crayola crayons
2 boxes of Crayola Classic Color markers (washable, not permanent)
4 LARGE glue sticks (0.77oz)
24 sharpened, Dixon Ticonderoga pencils*
3 two-pocket folders (no prongs) 1 red, 1 orange, 1 blue (label with child's name)
2 spiral WIDE-LINED notebooks (label with child's name) 1 red, 1 choice
2 large boxes of Kleenex*
1 plastic school box (no larger than 8x10)
scissors (small, metal, pointed)
2 highlighters
4 black dry erase markers (thin line)
1 - 1" 3-ring binder with clear-view front (solid colored)
1 container of disinfecting wipes (boys)
1 package baby wipes (girls)
earbuds/headphones (not wireless)

*These items will be distributed throughout the year so that students will have adequate supplies at all times. Please, no names on these items.

THIRD GRADE

2 large boxes of Kleenex
crayons (no more than 48 count)
10 count pack of Crayola washable markers (classic colors, regular tip)
12 count pack of Crayola colored pencils
3 large glue sticks
scissors (pointed, 7 or 8 inch)
24 sharpened #2 pencils - Ticonderoga brand
2 spiral notebooks
3 pocket folders - any color
1 container of disinfecting wipes
1 highlighter
1 pack of Expo markers (black only)
1 large eraser
small earbuds or headphones
plastic pencil box
1 pack of sticky notes
Girls - hand sanitizer
Boys - quart size baggies

Please label folders, notebooks, scissors, and headphones with first and last name.

CR HANNA SUPPLY LISTS

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FOURTH GRADE

3 composition notebooks
1 ream of wide-ruled loose leaf paper
1 red plastic folder
1 black plastic folder
48 #2 pencils - Dixon Ticonderoga (12 per quarter)
1 pack of colored pencils (12 or 24 count)
1 box of crayons (24 or 48 count only)
2 black Sharpie markers (one fine tip and one ultra fine tip)
8 highlighters
8 dry erase markers, fine tip
8 large glue sticks
1 bottle of Elmer's glue
4 rolls of tape
1 good quality pointed scissors
2 containers of disinfecting wipes
2 boxes of Kleenex
1 large pencil pouch
headphones

Highly Recommended
Mouse for computer
Optional
1 pack of eraser tops
1 handheld pencil sharpener (not electric or battery operated)

FIFTH GRADE

7 college-lined spiral notebooks, 70 pages: red (2), green (2), purple (1), blue (1), orange/yellow (1)
composition notebook (9¾" x 7½"), 100 sheets
1 package of college-ruled loose leaf paper
1½" 3-ring binder (No trapper keepers/zip up binders): clear insertable pocket in front is preferred
Insertable two-pocket plastic dividers (at least 5 tabs)
48 pencils - Dixon Ticonderoga
1 pack of pens (any color besides black or blue)
4 dry erase markers (black)
2 boxes of crayons (24 ct. each)
Crayola colored pencils (12 ct. Classic)
Crayola Markers (Fine Line 10 ct. Classic)
8 Scotch tapes
2 large pink erasers
scissors (sharp)
pencil bag with 3 holes to fit in binder
2 large boxes of Kleenex
1 container of disinfecting wipes
personal headphones
Girls only: 1 box of Ziploc bags (snack or sandwich size)
Boys only: 1 box of Ziploc bags (quart or gallon size)
(optional) personal pencil sharpener (not battery operated)
(optional) mouse

Label individually with name: scissors, marker box, pencils, pens, colored pencils box, and crayon box. DO NOT label notebooks. We will do this at school.



CR HANNA PRESCHOOL SCREENINGS

August 4, 2026

8:30 am - Noon and 3:30 - 6:00 pm

at CR Hanna Elementary School



SCREENINGS INCLUDE:

- Motor
- Concepts
- Language
- Hearing and Vision

CALL NOW

Call the District Office
309-526-3388 to schedule

www.orionschools.us

The screenings are open to all 3-4 year olds that live in the Orion School Distict.

CR HANNA - AUGUST MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10	**11** **No School - Teachers' Institute**	**12** PB&J String Cheese Carrots with Ranch Grape Flavored Raisins Cinnamon Teddy Grahams	**13** Chicken Quesadilla Taco Fiesta Beans Diced Pears Salsa	**14** BBQ Riblet on Bun Green Beans Mixed Fruit
17 Chicken Nuggets Corn Mandarin Oranges	**18** Hamburger on Bun Baked Beans Pineapple	**19** Pizza Hut Cheese Pizza Salad with Ranch Apple Slices Chocolate Ice Cream Cup	**20** Crispitos V-Blend Sidekick Diced Peaches Corn Chips Cheese Sauce	**21** Hot Dog on Bun Green Beans Tropical Fruit
24 Confetti Mini Pancakes Yogurt Hashbrown Patty Strawberries	**25** Sloppy Joe on Bun Carrots with Ranch Grapes	**26** Corn Dog Peas Applesauce Cup	**27** Macho Nachos Mixed Vegetables Melon	**28** Chicken Patty on Bun Corn Blueberries
31 Cheesy French Bread Pizza Marinara Cooked Broccoli Diced Pears				

CR HANNA SEPTEMBER MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Turkey and Cheese Deli Sandwich Cucumbers with Ranch Diced Peaches Chips	**2** Quesadilla Salsa Wango Mango Juice Box Mandarin Oranges	**3** Pulled Pork on Bun Coleslaw Applesauce	**4** Hot Dog on Bun Baked Beans Orange Cream Sidekick Slushy
7 **No School - Labor Day**	**8** Hamburger on Bun Potato Smiles Diced Pears	**9** Pizza Hut Cheese Pizza Romaine Salad with Ranch Mixed Fruit	**10** Walking Taco Lettuce and Cheese Refried Beans Pineapple	**11** **Early Dismissal - No Lunch Served**
14 French Toast Sticks Syrup Sausage Tater Tots Orange Juice Cup	**15** Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice Cooked Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Fortune Cookie	**16** **** LUCKY TRAY DAY** Grilled Cheese Carrots with Ranch Blueberries	**17** Mac and Cheese Lil Smokies Salad with Ranch Grape Juice Cup	**18** Pork Tenderloin on Bun Baked Beans Flavored Apple Sauce
21 Cheese Pizza Peas Apple Slices	**22** Macho Nacho Taco Fiesta Beans Salad with Ranch Tropical Flavored Raisins	**23** PB & J String Cheese Carrots with Ranch Pineapple	**24** Hamburger on Bun Baked Beans Mixed Fruit	**25** Corn Dog V-Blend Sidekick Slushy Diced Peaches
28 BBQ Riblet on Bun Green Beans Mandarin Oranges	**29** Chicken Nuggets Dinner Roll with Jelly Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Applesauce Cup	**30** Hot Dog on Bun Cooked Carrots Blue Raspberry/ Lemon Sidekick Slushy Cookie		

OMS

OMS BACKPACK NIGHT/LOCKER MOVE-IN/ MEET THE TEACHER

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026

Students will be able to move into their lockers, meet their teachers, and walk through their schedules. 6th grade night will be from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. 7th/8th grade night will be from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

If parents and their students cannot make it during this time, please contact the OMS office to arrange another date and time. Students may bring supplies to put in their hall lockers. **Locker size is 11-3/4W X 10-3/4D**. If you bring in locker shelves, they must fit these dimensions. Do not use tape on lockers. Please use magnets and keep interior decorating to a minimum. Exterior decorations are restricted to school-related activities during the course of the school year. Students are responsible for making sure their locker is locked. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen property/materials. School authorities may search lockers at any time, for any reason, and without prior notification.

ATHLETIC REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION FOR OMS ATHLETICS IS DONE ONLINE THROUGH SNAP! THIS SITE CAN BE ACCESSED THROUGH OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.ORIONSCHOOLS.US. FEES SHOULD ALSO BE PAID THROUGH THIS PROCESS. PLEASE WAIT TO PAY FEES IF YOUR TEAM MAY HAVE CUTS. ALL REGISTRATION, AS WELL AS PHYSICALS, MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE PRACTICES BEGIN.

SPORTS PHYSICALS

Any 7th or 8th grade student planning to go out for a sport this year will need to have a sports physical on file prior to participating. Sports physicals will be done at Orion Middle School on August 5, from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. The cost is $10.00 (cash only). 6th graders must have a state required physical. The physical permits 6th graders to participate in extracurricular activities.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Please consider joining the Orion Athletic Booster Club. This group supports both middle and high school athletes. Please find more information at www.orionschools.us.

PICTURE DAY

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 21.
PICTURE RETAKES ARE SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

BOOK COVERS

Students are required to have their textbooks covered. The fabric book covers are not effective and are not allowed this year. We strongly request that students use paper grocery bags to cover their textbooks. Please DO NOT use contact paper or tape the cover directly to the book.

GRADE LEVEL LINKS

Grade level webpages are available on the OMS website at https://www.orionschools.us/o/oms. Information regarding daily assignments and expectations can be found there.

GRADES ONLINE INFORMATION

Grade reports are sent home every nine weeks with our students. A mid-term report is mailed home to the parents of students who are struggling in classes. In addition to these paper reports, parents can access grades online. Please make sure the office has a working email address so that you may take advantage of this wonderful program.

OMS SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

2026-2027



SOFTBALL

Tryouts will be held on July 27 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Please meet at the OMS Softball field. Bring your own softball gear to tryouts.
Home Opener is August 6 at 4:30 p.m. vs United.



CROSS COUNTRY

Practice begins August 3 and will be held each day from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. until school starts. Reach out to Coach Roling with questions at kroling@orionschools.us. Sixth graders may join.



FOOTBALL

Equipment will be handed out after concussion testing on Monday, August 10 at 4:30 p.m at OMS. A parent meeting will be follow at 5:30 p.m. Practice begins on August 11 from 3:25 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Football information may be found on the OMS website: https://sites.google.com/orionschools.us/oms-football/home



GIRLS BASKETBALL

The first practice will begin on September 14 from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tryouts, if needed, will take place the first week of practice. Do not pay the sports fee until your daughter has officially made the team.

OMS SUPPLY LISTS

2026-2027

6th Grade School Supply List for the 2026-2027 School Year

_____ 3 Large Brown Paper Bags - to cover Social Studies and 2 Math textbooks
_____ 1 Three-Ring Pencil Bag
_____ 2 Packages of Loose Leaf Paper (Math)
_____ 4 Packages of 3x5 Notecards (1 each for the following: SS, LA, Math, Science)
_____ 3 Packages of Pencils
_____ 1 Large Eraser
_____ 1 Package of Blue or Black Pens
_____ 1 Package of Red Pens
_____ 4 Composition Notebooks (SS, LA, Math, Science)
_____ 1 Package of 4 Dry Erase Markers, any color (to be given to 1st Period)
_____ 1 Package of Highlighters, any color
_____ 1 Package of Colored Pencils
_____ 2 Glue Sticks
_____ 1 Pair of Wired Earbuds or Wired Headphones
_____ **OPTIONAL:** 1 Lanyard - used for School ID/Lunch Card/Library Card

****Calculators will NOT be used in 6th Grade Math**

Please bring the following supplies to your first hour class on the first day of school:

_____ 2 Boxes of Tissues
_____ 1 Container of Disinfecting Wipes

Band Supplies:
_____ Padlock ($8) Purchased at Registration
_____ Pencils

Choir Supplies:
_____ Pencils
_____ Folder

The following items will be purchased at registration and passed out the first day:
Blue Binder with Folder Dividers
Assignment Notebook

PE Supplies:
Purchased at Registration: PE Shirt ($7), PE Shorts ($10), PE Lock ($8)
Items Brought from Home: Tennis Shoes, Socks, Deodorant,
4 Large Poster Boards for Health

Additional Information:
If purchasing white-out, you must use tape white-out (NO liquid).
Locker Dimensions: 11-3/4W X 10-3/4D
Do not use tape on lockers. You MUST use magnets.

OMS SUPPLY LISTS

2026-2027

7th Grade School Supply List for the 2026-2027 School Year

_____ 1 Lanyard for School ID/Lunch Card/Library Card
_____ 1 Package of Red Pens
_____ 4 Packages of Pencils (10 Pencils for Math Classroom)
_____ 1 Large Eraser
_____ 1 Package of Loose Leaf Paper
_____ 1 - 6" Ruler with Metric Markings
_____ 1 TI34 Multiview Calculator
_____ 1 Three-Ring Pencil bag
_____ 1 Glue Stick
_____ 2 Paper Bags for Book Covers (Math)
_____ 1 Composition Notebook (Mini-Course)
_____ 1 Composition Notebook with Graph Paper (Math)
_____ 1 One-Subject Spiral Notebook (Health)
_____ 1 Package Graph Paper (Math)
_____ 1 Three-Subject Notebook (LA)

Band Supplies:
_____ Padlock ($8)
_____ Pencils

Choir Supplies:
_____ Pencils

Please bring the following supplies to Mr. Blessman on the first day of school:
_____ 3 Boxes of Tissues
_____ 1 Bottle of Hand Sanitizer
_____ 1 Container of Disinfectant Wipes

The following items will be purchased at registration and passed out the first day:
Green Binder with Folder Dividers
Assignment Notebook
Small Orange Protractor

PE Supplies
Purchased at registration: PE Shirt ($7), PE Shorts ($10), PE Lock ($8)
Items brought from home: Tennis Shoes, Socks, Roll-On Deodorant
4 Large Poster Boards for Health

OMS SUPPLY LISTS

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8th Grade School Supply List for the 2026-2027 School Year

_____ 3 Packages of Pencils with Erasers
_____ 1 Package of Red Pens
_____ 1 Package of Blue or Black Pens
_____ 1 Small Package of Highlighters, any color
_____ 2 Packages of Colored Pencils - 12 or 24 count
_____ 1 Package of Sticky Notes (any size - will stay in ELA)
_____ 2 Package of Glue Sticks - 3 count or more (ELA, Math)
_____ 1 Pencil Container
_____ 1 Pair of Scissors
_____ 2 One-Subject Notebooks (History, Science)
_____ 1 Three-Subject Notebook (Language Arts)
_____ 1 Composition Notebook (Mini Course)
_____ 3 Boxes of Tissues *Bring to your first hour class on the first day of school
_____ 2 Containers of Disinfectant wipes *Bring to first hour class first day of school
_____ **Optional:** Lanyard for School ID/Lunch Card/Library Card

NOTE: Math supplies are specific to which class you are in, so purchase accordingly.

Pre-Algebra/8th Grade Math:	**Algebra:**
_____ TI34 Multiview Calculator _____ 1 Composition Notebook, lined _____ 1 Package of Graph Paper _____ 2 Packages of Loose-Leaf Paper _____ 2 Large Brown Paper Bags	_____ TI84 or TI84 Plus Graphing Calculator _____ 1 Binder (1½ Inch) - This is in addition to the one purchased at registration. _____ 1 Package of 8 Tab Binder Dividers _____ 1 Package of Graph Paper _____ 2 Packages of Loose-Leaf Paper _____ 1 Large Brown Paper Bag

PE Supplies: Purchased at Registration: PE Shirt ($7), PE Shorts ($10), PE Lock ($8)
Items Brought from Home: Tennis Shoes, Socks, and Deodorant
4 Large Poster Boards for Health

Art Supplies:
_____ Drawing Pencils 2H/2B/4B/6B
_____ Colored Pencils
_____ Erasers
_____ Blending Stumps or Tortillons
_____ Markers
_____ Disinfectant wipes

Band Supplies: _____ Pencils, Padlock from last year.

Choir Supplies: _____ Pencils

The following items will be purchased at registration and passed out the first day of school:
Red Binder with Folder Dividers Protractor Assignment Notebook

Additional Information:
If purchasing white-out,you must use tape white-out - NO liquid.
Locker Dimensions: 11-3/4WX 10-3/4D.
Do not use tape on lockers.You MUST use magnets.

OMS - AUGUST
MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10	**11** **No School - Teachers' Institute**	**12** Bosco Sticks Marinara Green Beans Veggies and Dip Pears	**13** Chicken Nuggets Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Baby Carrots Peaches	**14** Crispitos Fiesta Beans Salad Pineapple
17 Breaded Chicken Sandwich Broccoli and Cheese Cucumbers Fruit Cup	**18** Turkey Deli Sandwich Baby Carrots Potato Salad Applesauce Cookie	**19** Sausage Pizza Peas Salad Mandarin Oranges	**20** Soft Baked Pretzel with Cheese Sauce Celery and Peanut Butter Sweet Potato Fries Sliced Apple	**21** Tacos Refried Beans Sidekick Mixed Fruit
24 BBQ Rib on Bun Baked Beans Coleslaw Orange	**25** Popcorn Chicken Biscuit Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Baby Carrots Strawberries	**26** Cheese Quesadilla Corn Peppers Tropical Fruit	**27** Spaghetti Garlic Toast Green Beans Salad Peaches	**28** Mini Corndogs Potato Smiles Cucumbers Fruit Punch
31 Pepperoni Calzone Vegetable Blend Broccoli and Dip Sidekick				

OMS SEPTEMBER MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Chicken Tenders Waffle Corn Wango Mango Juice Fruit Cup	**2** Ham and Cheese Deli on Croissant Baby Carrots Vegetable Pasta Salad Jello Cup	**3** Cheeseburger Tater Tots Celery and Dip Mandarin Oranges	**4** Walking Taco Refried Beans Veggies and Dip Pears
7 **No School - Labor Day**	**8** Mandarin Orange Chicken over Rice Stir Fry Vegetables Dragon Punch Pineapple	**9** Garlic Cheese French Bread Pizza Marinara Green Beans Salad Mixed Fruit	**10** Macho Nachos Baked Potato Ranchero Beans Grape Juice	**11** **Early Dismissal - No Lunch Served**
14 Bosco Sticks Cooked Carrots Broccoli and Dip Pears	**15** Chicken Nuggets Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Coleslaw Peaches	**16** Breaded Pork Tenderloin on Bun Baked Beans Potato Salad Orange	**17** PB&J Uncrustable Baby Carrots Dragon Punch Sliced Apple Cheez-Its	**18** Crispitos Corn Salad Tropical Fruit
21 Mini Pancakes Yogurt Cup Hashbrowns Wango Mango Juice Mixed Berries	**22** Breaded Chicken Patty Sandwich Broccoli and Cheese Cucumbers Fruit Cup	**23** Turkey Deli Sandwich Baby Carrots Potato Salad Applesauce Cookie	**24** Sausage Pizza Peas Salad Fruit Punch	**25** Tacos Refried Beans Sidekick Mixed Fruit
28 Quesadilla Fiesta Beans Peppers Pineapple	**29** Soft Baked Pretzel Cheese Sauce Sweet Potato Fries Celery with Peanut Butter Sliced Apples	**30** BBQ Rib on Bun Baked Beans Coleslaw Orange		

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CLASS OF 2027

This Fall, Cobert Photography will be taking the official senior portraits on Wednesday, August 19, at the high school. There is no charge for the portrait session. This is a formal portrait that will be used for the yearbook and class composite. Please dress appropriately. Guys should wear a shirt and tie, and girls should wear a nice formal top. T-shirts, jerseys, tank tops, etc. will not be permitted. Students not dressed properly will not be photographed. Students absent will be photographed on retake day, Thursday, September 3.

PICTURE DAY

School picture day is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19. Picture retakes are scheduled for Thursday, September 3.

LUNCH AT HIGH SCHOOL

OHS has a closed campus for lunch. All students are required to remain at school for lunch.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Students will be allowed to make schedule changes at registration. However, schedule changes will only be allowed for the following reasons:

a) the student failed a prerequisite for a class in the spring semester,
b) a senior needs a schedule change to meet graduation requirements,
c) a teacher indicates that the student is not an appropriate placement for the class, or
d) at the discretion of the guidance counselor or principal based on educational needs.

Requests for schedule changes for any other reason will not be granted.
If you have any questions, please contact the high school office.

FEES

The following fees will be due at the time of registration, depending upon the students' individual schedules:

Registration Fee:	$150.00
P.E. Padlock (optional):	$ 8.00
P.E. Shirt (optional):	$ 7.00
P.E. Shorts (optional):	$ 10.00
Yearbook (optional):	$ 60.00
Drivers Ed:	$ 50.00
Parking Fee (optional):	$ 10.00
Athletic Pass (optional):	$ 10.00

PE UNIFORMS

Regulation OHS P.E. uniforms are required for all students enrolled in physical education classes. Regulation uniforms consist of an official P.E. shirt and P.E. shorts. Shirts and shorts are available for purchase at the time of registration.

PE PADLOCKS

A school lock is required. Freshmen who purchased a school lock from Orion Middle School last year may use them at the high school.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

All freshmen who do not yet have a social security number should make an application for one. The number is needed to obtain an instruction permit for driver's education.

Did you know that you can set up a low balance alert for your child's lunch account? Here are the steps to set it up through your TeacherEase Parent Portal Account:

- Go to Parent Main > Miscellaneous > Communication Preferences
- Check the box under Email for Low Lunch Balance notifications
- Set the low balance amount if necessary
- Save

OHS

ATHLETIC PRACTICES AND TRYOUTS

Per the IHSA calendar, football practice will start August 5 with all other athletic practices beginning August 10. Students must have all of their athletic registration materials (including physicals) and registration fees submitted before practice begins. For practice times, check the OHS website (starting Auugst 3) or contact your coach. Please register online at https://manage.snap.app/register/orion.

ATTENTION
AREA CAREER STUDENTS

Classes at the Area Career Center will begin Thursday, August 6, 2026. All students planning on attending the Area Career Center for the 2026-2027 school year must begin classes on that day even though classes at Orion High School will not begin until August 12, 2026. There will be a mandatory orientation meeting on Wednesday, August 5, at 6:00 p.m. in the OHS library.

OHS Orion-tation

This year OHS will be holding its first ever Student Orion-tation Night. For sophomores, juniors, seniors and their parents, this fun welcome back event will combine Locker Move-in and Open House into one evening. For incoming freshmen, students and parents will take part in an Orion-tation presentation, followed by a separate locker move-in and Open House time. Here's what to expect:

Date: August 10th, 2026

Time Schedule: 5:00-6:30pm - Soph/Jr/Sr Locker Move-in and Open House
6:00-6:30pm - Freshman Orientation Presentation (Main gym)
6:30-7:30pm - Freshman Locker Move-in and Open House

Open House Setup: "Cafeteria style" open house with teachers in their classrooms
Take the opportunity to:

- Visit classrooms at your own pace and on your own schedule
- Meet your student's teachers
- Learn about course expectations and curriculum
- Hear how we support student learning and success
- Get a small glimpse into what your student's day will look like

Additional Perks: Feel free to turn in student paperwork this evening including:

- Parking permits
- Physicals
- Over-the-counter Medication Forms

ORION MUSIC BOOSTERS

Music Booster meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at The MAC. Meetings are open to any music parent.

OHS SUPPLY LISTS

2026-2027

Most supplies are based on the student's personal organizational needs. However, this list includes some of the extra supplies needed in each classroom. At a **minimum**, students will need pencils, pens (black or blue ink), notebooks and folders for each class.

Mrs. Carter – SPANISH: notebook, folder
Mr. Diamond – GEOMETRY/APPLIED GEOMETRY: 3-ring binder (1.5"), lined paper or spiral notebook, graph paper, calculator,
STATISTICS/TRANSITIONAL MATH: 3-ring binder (1.5"), lined paper or spiral notebook, calculator
Mrs. Feldott – WORLD HISTORY: notebook, folder
Mr. Greenwood – CREATIVE LIFE SKILLS: notebook, folder
Mrs. Hamilton – ALGEBRA 1: 3-ring binder (1.5"), loose-leaf paper, graph paper, pencils, calculator (TI+84 graphing calculator strongly recommended)
ALGEBRA 2: All of the above and a TI84+ graphing calculator required
Ms. Heiberger – EXCEL: notebook, folder
BAND: none
Mr. Hohl – PE: required PE clothes, personal hygiene products, tied tennis shoes to be left at OHS
DRIVER ED: notebook, folder
Mr. Hutton – ALGEBRA 1/INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA: 3-ring binder (1.5"), dividers, loose-leaf paper, graph paper, pencils, calculator (TI 84+ graphing calculator strongly recommended)
PRE-CAL/CALCULUS: all of the above and a TI+84 graphing calculator required
Mrs. Jensen – ALL ART COURSES: sketchbook, drawing pencils (2H, 4H, 2B, 4B, 6B)
ART2/ART3/ART4/ISA/DRAWING1: Mixed media sketchbook (9"x12" or larger, suggested brands Grumbacher, Canson & Strathmore), colored pencils (suggested brands: Prismacolor, Derwent, Faber-Castell, Staedtler), erasers, blending stump, handheld pencil sharpener, disinfecting wipes, Kleenex
Mrs. Kershaw – ALL ENGLISH COURSES: 1 composition notebook (not spiral), 3 highlighters, wired earbuds *strongly recommend a public library card
JOURNALISM: none
Mrs. Long (previously Ms. Grundstrom) – ALL ENGLISH COURSES: notebook, folder
Ms. McCullough – EXCEL: notebook, folder
CHOIR: none
Mrs. Nelson – ENGLISH: notebook, highlighters
Mrs. Nightingale – PE: required PE clothes, personal hygiene items, tied tennis shoes to be left at OHS
HEALTH: 3-ring binder (1.5"), notecards, wired earbuds
Mrs. Peterson – CHEM 1/CHEM 2/PHYSICAL SCIENCE: 3-ring binder (1" or larger), calculator, wired earbuds
PHYSICS: notebook, calculator, wired earbuds
Mr. Podwojski – CIVICS: notebook
US HISTORY: notebook, 3-ring binder (1" or 1.5"), wired earbuds
Mrs. Rentrfro-Cline – ALL ENGLISH COURSES: notebook, folder
Mrs. Stannke – BIOLOGY/ANATOMY: notebook, folder
Ms. Smith – MATH: folder
Mrs. Wegerer – ACCOUNTING: folder or 3-ring binder (1"), pencils only, calculator
CONSUMER ED: 3-ring binder (1" or 1.5"), binder dividers (recommended, but not required) wired earbuds
ALL OTHER BUSINESS CLASSES: folder or 3-ring binder (1")
Mrs. Zevenbergen (previously Ms. White) – AG: 3-ring binder (1.5"), notebook

OHS - AUGUST MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10	**11** **No School - Teachers' Institute**	**12** French Bread Pizza Carrots with Ranch Mixed Fruit	**13** Spicy Chicken on Bun Broccoli and Cheese Apple	**14** Bosco Sticks Green Beans Pears
17 Chicken and Cheese Quesadilla Cucumber and Tomatoes in Italian Dressing Peaches	**18** Tacos with Cheese, Lettuce and Tomatoes Refried Beans Sour Raisins	**19** ***LUCKY TRAY DAY*** Pretzel Dog with Cheese Sauce Celery with Peanut Butter Applesauce	**20** Mini Pancakes Yogurt Tater Tots Mixed Fruit	**21** Mandarin Orange Chicken Fried Rice Corn Mandarin Oranges Fortune Cookie
24 Hamburger on Bun Pickle Spear Potato Smiles Apple Slices	**25** Crispitos with Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato and Onion Cucumbers with Ranch Pineapple	**26** Pizza Hut Pizza Choice of Cheese, Sausage or Pepperoni Salad with Ranch Orange	**27** Southwest Pull Aparts Taco Fiesta Beans Strawberries	**28** Turkey Deli Sandwich Pickle Spear Carrots with Ranch Sidekick Cookie
31 Popcorn Chicken Biscuit French Fries Peaches				

OHS SEPTEMBER MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 BBQ Rib on Bun Baked Beans Peaches	**2** Corndog Red Pepper with Hummus Mixed Fruit	**3** Mac and Cheese Lil Smokies Applesauce Cup	**4** Walking Taco with Lettuce, Tomatoes and Cheese Carrots with Ranch Orange
7 **No School - Labor Day**	**8** Biscuit and Gravy Celery with Peanut Butter Pears	**9** Grilled Chicken on Bun Sweet Potato Fries Apples Slices with Caramel Cup	**10** BBQ Pulled Pork on Bun Baked Beans Sidekick	**11** **Early Dismissal - No Lunch Served**
14 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Mandarin Oranges	**15** Macho Nacho Taco Fiesta Beans Pineapple	**16** Pizza Hut Pizza Salad Grape	**17** Grilled Ham and Cheese Sandwich Cooked Carrots Applesauce	**18** Popcorn Shrimp Hushpuppies Seasoned Fries Fresh Fruit
21 Calzone Green Beans Mixed Fruit	**22** Spicy Chicken on Bun Ranchero Beans Sour Raisins	**23** Mini French Toast Sausage Patty Carrots with Ranch Orange Juice	**24** Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Hawaiian Roll Salad Pears	**25** Chicken and Cheese Crispitos Peas Applesauce
28 Chicken Strips and Waffle Hashbrown Pineapple	**29** Hot Dog on Bun Baked Beans Strawberries	**30** Chicken Salad on Croissant Vegetable Sidekick Peaches		

Box Tops at CR Hanna

The CR Hanna library is coordinating the Box Tops 4 Education program.

Our goal is to raise $1,000 this school year to buy new books and supplies for the CR Hanna Library.

NO MORE CLIPPING
BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION SCAN YOUR RECEIPT SEE HOW AT BTFE.COM

SEE THIS... SCAN YOUR RECEIPT

Instead of clipping box tops from packages, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by simply scanning your store receipt.

The new app features start-of-the-art technology that allows you to scan your store receipt and instantly add Box Tops to our library's earnings online.

Box tops can also be earned during online shopping.

Learn more about these new details at www.boxtops4education.com

BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD THE NEW APP OR UPDATE YOUR EXISTING APP:

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

Please share this information with your family and friends!

Any questions can be emailed to amanning@orionschools.us

Thank you for supporting your CR Hanna Library!

Mrs. Manning
Media Center Coordinator







The Orion Lions Club is again sponsoring a program for the 2026-2027 school year where students in the school district who qualify for a fee waiver will be able to obtain the necessary supplies for the beginning of the school year free of charge. If your child is eligible for the waiver, please contact the District Office at (309) 526-3388 if you are interested in obtaining these school supplies. School supply packages will be distributed before school begins.

Orion Area Food Pantry
Eligibility & Access Information

The Orion Area Food Pantry serves residents of the Orion School District who meet income eligibility guidelines or who are experiencing a temporary financial crisis. All services are provided with dignity, confidentiality, and compassion.

Income Eligibility – State Fiscal Year 2026

Eligibility is based on **300% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)** for the period **July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.**

Household Size	Max Monthly Gross Income
1	$3,913
2	$5,288
3	$6,663
4	$8,038
5	$9,413
6	$10,788
7	$12,163
8	$13,538
9	$14,913
10	$16,238

For each additional household member over 10, add **$1,375** per month (up to 300% of FPL).

Temporary Crisis Eligibility

Individuals or families who may not normally fall within these income guidelines, but who are experiencing a **temporary financial hardship**—such as a **layoff, reduction in work hours, or a government shutdown**—are encouraged to participate. If a short-term crisis places your household within these guidelines, you are welcome to utilize the Orion Area Food Pantry.

Food Pantry Hours

1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month

Contact Information

Steve Wright
Phone: (309) 235-2189

Rev. Sharon Wilbur
Phone: (309) 281-8669



PEST MANAGEMENT CONTROL

Due to recent legislation related to pest management control in schools the following should be noted:

The District has a spray control plan.

Each building is treated around the second Monday each month. Fields/grounds are treated for weeds and fertilized in the fall and spring.

Therefore, if your child would be affected by these applications and you want to be notified when the building/grounds will be treated, please call the District Office at (309) 526-3388.

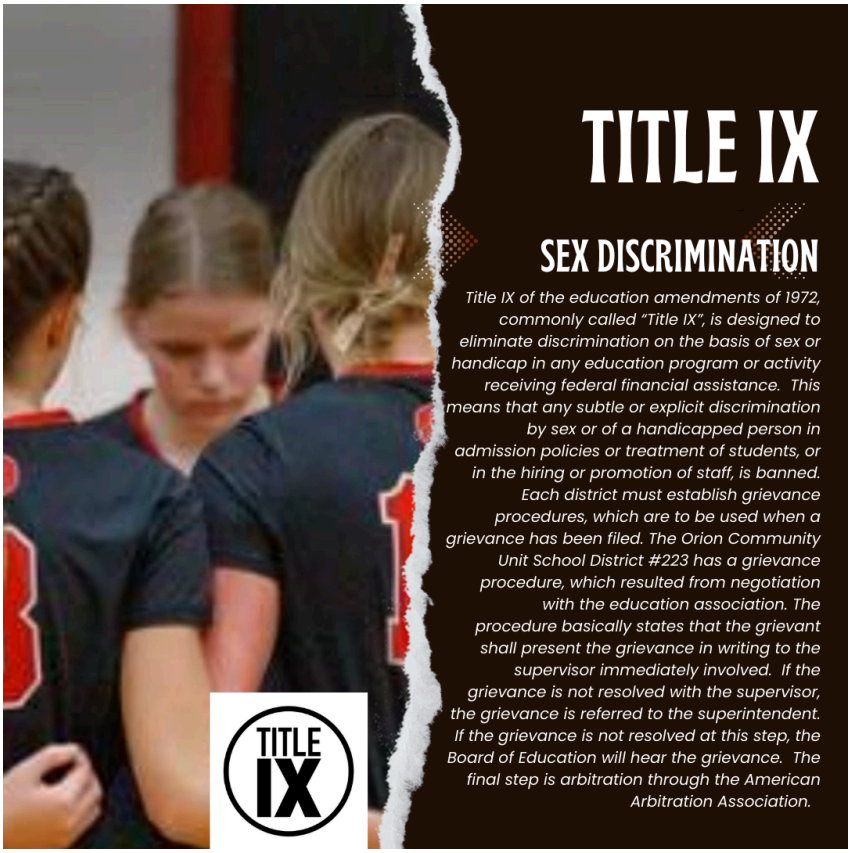
TEACHERS QUALIFICATIONS

This is to inform you that you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of any teacher that is instructing your child.

You may request information regarding the following:

Whether or not the teacher has met state certification requirements;
Whether or not the teacher is teaching under emergency or provisional status;
The bachelor's degree major of the teacher, any other certification or degrees held by the teacher and the subject areas of the certification or degrees; and
Whether your child is provided services by teacher aides/paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

To make a request, please contact the principal of the building your child attends or the District Office at (309) 526-3388.
You will receive a response within 10 days.



TITLE IX

SEX DISCRIMINATION

Title IX of the education amendments of 1972, commonly called "Title IX", is designed to eliminate discrimination on the basis of sex or handicap in any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. This means that any subtle or explicit discrimination by sex or of a handicapped person in admission policies or treatment of students, or in the hiring or promotion of staff, is banned. Each district must establish grievance procedures, which are to be used when a grievance has been filed. The Orion Community Unit School District #223 has a grievance procedure, which resulted from negotiation with the education association. The procedure basically states that the grievant shall present the grievance in writing to the supervisor immediately involved. If the grievance is not resolved with the supervisor, the grievance is referred to the superintendent. If the grievance is not resolved at this step, the Board of Education will hear the grievance. The final step is arbitration through the American Arbitration Association.

SENIOR CITIZEN

GOLDEN AGE PASSES

Senior Citizen Golden Age Passes are available at the Superintendent's Office for those citizens who are 65 years of age or older and live in the Orion School District. These passes are honored at all home athletic events (except IHSA and Conference tournaments), music programs, and plays (except those requiring royalty expenses). If you are interested in obtaining a Golden Age Pass and meet the above-mentioned qualifications, please stop by the Superintendent's Office (1002 11th Avenue, Orion) to pick up a pass. **You do not need to renew your pass each year.** Once you obtain one, they are good indefinitely.

VIP PASS

Orion School District
Administration



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309-526-3388



Nathan DeBaillie - Orion High School Principal
309-526-3361



Abby Thomsen - Orion Middle School Principal
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