

# Dear OMS Community,

We hope everyone is enjoying the summer! We just wanted to share important information for the start of the school year. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school at 330.682.1791 or to email Mr. Sovacool at [orvl\\_sovacool@tccsa.net](mailto:orvl_sovacool@tccsa.net). We are looking forward to seeing all of our students again, and having a great 2025-2026 school year!

**\*New Staff** for the 2025-2026 School Year! Please help us welcome Brook Lynn Holmes our new 7 grade math teacher, Kourtney Hill our choir teacher, Lori Smetzer a special education aide, Catrina Race a special education aide and Brook Seiler a special education aide. Wyatt Solinger will be our new Middle School Athletic Director.

**\*Busing information** for the 25-26 school year will be provided by the transportation department before the start of the school year.

**\*Our OMS Open House for grades 5-8 will be on August 13 from 6-7:30 pm.** 5th-8th grade students and parents should report to their homeroom to pick up their schedule and then are free to meet teachers and tour the building. Homeroom lists will be posted on the entrance doors and throughout the building. **We will have an informational 5<sup>th</sup> grade Parent Meeting in the cafeteria at 7:15 pm.** There will not be a formal meeting for 6-8 grade parents.

Our Open House is designed as a simple meet and greet format and teachers may have additional information to share with our parents. Students must be accompanied by an adult to attend our Open House. Parking will be available in the front parking lot, back parking lot by the gym or the blacktop area of our playground. We look forward to seeing you on August 13 from 6-7:30 pm.

**\*First Day of School is August 19th.** Students may enter the building at 7:30 am. Our school day starts at 7:45. Students who are eating a school breakfast will go to the cafeteria. If 6, 7, and 8 graders are not eating breakfast they will go to the gym and sit in the bleachers. All 5 graders will report to the cafeteria before going to their homerooms at 7:45.

**\*Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures:** Cars that are dropping off or picking up students at school will enter the drive on N. Elm St. and exit out of Mineral Springs. Cars cannot enter the lot from Mineral Springs. Students should not be dropped off in the north side of the building where the staff parking lot and bus lanes are located. Please be courteous and cautious when transporting students to school.

**\*Cell Phone Policy:** Just a reminder that cell phones will not be permitted to be used during the school day. If parents need to contact students for an emergency, please call the school and we will have the students contact their parents. Also, if a student is sick or needs to contact their parents, they should not be using their cell phone and they can contact parents using the phone in the office.

**\*Attendance Procedures:** Please contact the school the morning of an absence and provide a doctor's note for all medical appointments. A note or an email must be sent by a parent the day before for a student to be able to ride a different bus home with another student.

**\*Two Hour Delay Professional Development Days:** We will have four scheduled days where we will have a two hour delay so that the teachers can have additional professional development. School will start two hours later on the following days: September 26, December 5, March 6 and April 24.

**\*Ignite Student Leadership Program:** This school year we will be having some 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade student leaders work with our 5<sup>th</sup> grade class to help with the transition to the middle school. The student leaders will serve as mentors to the 5<sup>th</sup> graders and help them feel more confident and comfortable as they begin their middle school journey!

**\*Upcoming Important Dates:**

- OMS Open House: August 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30
- Back to School Bash: August 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 at the Stadium
- First Day of School: August 19<sup>th</sup>
- Labor Day – No School: September 1<sup>st</sup>
- Fair Day – No School: September 8<sup>th</sup>
- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Interims Sent Home: September 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Parent Teacher Conferences: September 22<sup>nd</sup> and September 24<sup>th</sup> from 3-7:15
- OMS Picture Day: September 30<sup>th</sup>

In closing, we are excited about the upcoming school year and strive to provide our students with a safe and rewarding experience. Parental communication and involvement plays an important role in the success of our school year. By working together, we can ensure that our students are respectful and responsible in all that they do! If we can be any assistance to you, please feel free to contact us at school.

**Go Riders!**

Dave Sovacool  
*Principal*

Sly Slaughter  
*Asst. Principal*

## Rachel's Challenge

- ❖ Dream big and believe in yourself.
- ❖ Be kind to others.
- ❖ Practice positive gossip.
- ❖ Show appreciation to those you love.
- ❖ Be the answer.