

OCTOBER 2011 NEWSLETTER Oneida Middle School



Dear Oneida Families:

We are off to a great start! It is hard to believe that we have completed the first month of school! I encourage parents and students to communicate issues and concerns with administration and/or guidance. To the parents that are new to secondary education, you will be receiving your child's first interim report. This is a mid-quarter assessment of your child's progress. The first five weeks end on October 5th and reports will be mailed home on October 7. When you receive these reports, I encourage parents to call guidance at 370-8261 to schedule a team meeting to discuss them with your child's teachers.

Picture Day will be Thursday, October 27th

Order forms and money need to be brought in on picture day; we will not accept the form or money before October 27th. Forms will be sent home; however, if you need an additional form, there will be extras in the main office. Again, please be sure to send both the form and money on Thursday, October 27th.

Attendance

If your child is not in homeroom when attendance is taken, an automatic phone system will call your house to inform you that your child is not in school. It is essential that your child report to school on time. **When your child is late or absent, please call 370-8266 and provide a written excuse as to the reason for tardiness or absence; otherwise your child will be absent/tardy illegally.**

Dress Code/School Rules, etc.

Please discuss the importance of the discipline policy, dress code and over-all school rules with your child. **Electronic devices are not allowed in school and will be taken away; a parent must come to school to retrieve it.**

Emergency Forms

Please return the EMERGENCY and HEALTH CARDS that were sent home the first week of school. It is VERY important that we have the most current information for your child in case of an emergency.

Box Tops For Education

Oneida participates in the Box Tops for Education, which allows our school to earn educational items. Your child can drop them off in the main office.

Greetings from the Guidance Department

The school year is off to a positive start. It's been fun seeing the familiar faces of our 8th graders and reconnecting with them after the summer. We are beginning to make connections with our 7th graders, as well. Mrs. Farina and Mrs. Olsen have visited all of our 7th grade classrooms to introduce ourselves and talk to students about what the role of a guidance counselor is and how we can be supportive of their academic success. We also sent letters out to the parents/guardians of all of our students to help parents understand who we are and what we do here at Oneida.

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In the next several weeks we will be meeting with all of our students in Grade 7 in small groups in our offices. Our plan will be to get better acquainted, and to discuss how students can be successful this year, as well as setting goals for the future.

We are already setting up team meetings with students' teachers and have begun meeting with teachers and parents. Please call the Guidance Office if you would like to meet with your child's teachers.

We are anticipating a great year and please contact us with any concerns or questions.

Mrs. Melanie Farina
Mrs. Cheryl Olsen
Mrs. Claudia Baranauskas (our wonderful secretary)

As always if you have questions or concerns, please call 370-8260 or e-mail administration at the following:

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