

Parents and Students of Oakland Middle School,

Welcome back for the 2019-2020 school year! We are so excited about this year and all that we have in store for you! We had such a successful year last year and we cannot wait to continue to grow and improve!

A few announcements and reminders for you –

We have been approved for candidacy for the Middle Years Program with International Baccalaureate!! This is a VERY exciting opportunity for our school and our students and we cannot wait to share additional information with you in the weeks to come!

Tomorrow is a two-hour day. School will begin at 8:00 am and dismissal will take place at 10:00 am. Eighth grade students will report to the main building gymnasium, seventh grade students will report to the auditorium, and sixth grade students will report to the main building cafeteria. Students will receive their schedules Tuesday morning.

Please make note that no schedule change requests will be made available to students until Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. We will utilize the first few weeks of school to screen our students and ensure that all students are in the actual correct classes. If your student has an error on his/her schedule (such as TWO Math classes) please have him/her notify their first period teacher on Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.

We encourage parents to read our student handbook on our school website. The school's website is <https://oms.rcschools.net/>. There are updated policies and procedures included concerning our cell phone policy and a few minor dress code changes. The deans will review this information with the students tomorrow, however we encourage you to review the policies in your households as well.

Just a reminder that if you qualified for Free and Reduced lunch last year your eligibility does NOT automatically roll over to this year. You must either turn in a free and reduced lunch form, this will come home with your student on Friday (08/09) or apply online at the following website. <https://frmeals.rcschools.net/>

All seventh-grade students MUST turn in proof of immunizations no later than Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Please turn these in to your first period teacher. IF you do not turn your updated shot record by Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> you will not be permitted to attend school at OMS.

Finally, our school's Open House is scheduled for August 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 5:30 pm. This will be the first of several opportunities for our school community to gather together as one group this year, and we look forward to meeting our students' families.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you tomorrow morning!