

MIDDLE SCHOOL MEMO



Please click the links below to view grade level information from each team. This will provide a weekly snapshot that shows what activities and practice responsibilities students have for the week. You can select the link at any time as they are updated regularly.

[Click this link for 6th Grade Information](#)

[Click this link for 7th Grade Information](#)

[Click this link for 8th Grade Information](#)

Is your child sick or missing school for any reason?

Please call (309) 379-5941 or email Mrs. Percival (cinda.percival@olympia.org) before 8:30 if your child will not be in attendance.

Medical Information

6th Grade: An Illinois school physical is due **September 16**. The physical needs to be dated after 8/16/18. A sports physical will not be accepted. An up to date vaccination record must also be submitted. 6th grade vaccines are Tdap and Meningococcal, but there are other required vaccines that must be up to date to be compliant. If you can't get your student scheduled for required medical documentation, proof of appointment will be accepted from September 16-October 15. It must be put on an appointment card and turned into the nurse. If required forms are not turned into the nurse and there's no proof of appointment, your student will be excluded on September 16. If the required medical forms are not turned into the nurse by **October 15**, your student will be excluded until they are presented. A dental exam is also due on **May 15**. Dental exam done after 11/15/18 will be accepted.

EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

Olympia values professional development for its staff members. This year, in order to provide necessary professional development, the district will be utilizing early dismissals. OHMS dismisses at 11:40am on these days. Elementary schools dismiss at 12:00pm. On these early dismissal days, practices and games will remain at regularly scheduled times. Students will be dismissed after lunch and should depart the school at that time. Students will then need to return to school for practices and games as scheduled. Please communicate any issues with your coaches and sponsors.

2019-2020 Early Release Days

September 11 * October 9 * November 13 * February 5 * April 29*

September 2, 2019



SKILLS BASED REPORTING

We pride ourselves in a progressive assessing and reporting philosophy that is geared to challenge all students by providing more rigor and developing mastery of all skills to prepare them for college, career and life. It is a non-traditional measure of assessment that we call Skills Based Reporting. Please see more detail about SBR here:

<https://www.olympia.org/o/oms/page/skills-based-reporting--2>. The following are the performance descriptors of Skills Based Reporting:

MASTERY LEVELS - The following descriptions define student mastery levels and will be utilized for grading purposes. These levels do not equate to a letter grade. These levels allow students to know where they are in the level of mastery and will define for the student the next step in their learning. Students are encouraged to reassess based on their level of mastery. Students need to understand that a level of 3 indicates where they need to be while a 4 illustrates their ability to apply the skills at a higher level.

LEVELS OF LEARNING DESCRIPTORS

4	Advanced Skill Demonstration- The student demonstrates a complete and in-depth mastery of the content and is able to apply the knowledge and skills to additional areas of learning. Exemplary/model work.
3	Skill Attainment- The student demonstrates an understanding of content knowledge and skills.
2	Approaching Skill Attainment- The student is beginning to demonstrate a basic understanding of the required skills and content knowledge.
1	Beginning Skill Attainment- The student does not demonstrate progress towards meeting the expectations of required content knowledge and skills.
X	Lack of evidence – missing or incomplete – the student will not be able to receive credit in a course if there is lack of evidence.

LUNCH MENUS

[Click here for the OHMS monthly lunch menu.](#)

MISCELLANEOUS

- **FLYERS--** Please check out the recently approved flyers for **OPBA Tryouts (9U - 14U)** and **Day of the Dozer** on the district website.
- <http://www.olympia.org/o/district/browse/16336>

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GET TO KNOW THE OMS STAFF...



What is your name? *Cade Fulling*

What is your position at OMS? *8th Grade Social Studies*

How long have you been in education? *This will be my 3rd year!*

Where did you grow up? *Palestine, Illinois*

What's something most people don't know about you? *I love racing, especially Indycar and Formula 1.*

Are you a dog or a cat person? *Dog - a boxer mix named Gotham*

What is your favorite...

- Restaurant? *Blue Sushi Sake Grill*
- Food? *Sushi*
- Movie? *The Prestige*
- Book? *Angels and Demons*
- TV Show? *How I Met Your Mother*
- Vacation Spot? *Anywhere warm and with a beach!*