

Oxford Area School District

Oxford Area High School

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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

It is with great excitement that I write this letter to you as we near the start of a new school year. We are excited to announce that we have added another school counselor to our guidance department bringing our total to five school counselors. We feel that we are more equipped to serve our students and families with the additional position. Over the course of the 2018-2019 school year and the summer months, our teachers worked diligently to revamp many curriculum and course offerings. Our special education, English, and mathematics departments worked collaboratively to redesign our Special Education curriculum and courses offerings to allow students the opportunity to experience more college and career awareness and to better support students in English and mathematics. By referencing our course guide, you will see that our science sequence has changed for incoming freshman. We feel that these changes will better prepare our students for future courses within the science curriculum. As a result of student input, we are excited to offer AP Government and Politics as a course offering for students entering 11th grade. Finally, we continue to experience growth within our STEM initiative as we have added Project Lead the Way's AP Computer Science A course. I feel that these additions will offer valuable experiences to an already rich and rigorous comprehensive high school program.

The first day for all students is **Monday, August 26, 2019**. All students will report to their assigned Homeroom at 7:39 am. Upon arrival and prior to 7:30 a.m., students must enter the doors at the cafeteria. Students must remain in the cafeteria until 7:30 am. Breakfast will be available in the cafeteria. At 7:30 a.m., a bell will ring for students to go to their lockers and their homerooms to prepare for the school day.

The first week of school will feature a full day of classes with a modified bell schedule to facilitate the distribution of student iPads and to hold class assemblies to begin the school year. Regular bus transportation will be available. All students must comply with the Dress Code as described in the Student/Parent Handbook.

Seniors who do not have a homeroom because they are enrolled in ECA, dual enrollment, Allied Health, or Teacher should report to the office on the first day of school to receive their iPads and plan to be in school for the senior class meeting to be held third period starting at 10 AM. Students who attend TCHS will attend classes at TCHS on August 26. TCHS students will attend homeroom at OAHs beginning at 10:40 a.m. in the cafeteria. *TCHS seniors* will receive their iPads in the LGIA starting at 10:40 a.m.

Annual Back to School forms will be completed electronically. Information and directions will be sent to current OASD families via mass phone call, email, and/or snail mail. It is very important that these forms are completed in a timely manner so that we can better serve your son or daughter. This includes an updated version of your child's Information and Health History form. A completed and updated emergency information sheet must be on file in the nurse's office for students to receive treatment. Please know that it is required that the Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement and iPad Equipment Loan Agreement/Technology Fee Agreement forms are completed and signed. In addition, a \$30 technology fee is required from all students. Any forms or payments that are required to be turned in at the building level should be submitted to your child's homeroom teacher. Finally, state regulations require that all 11th grade students have an updated physical on file. Our nurse's office can answer any specific questions.

The 2019-2020 Student/Parent Handbook will be available for your review on our website on August 21, 2019. While we will be reviewing all aspects of the Student/Parent Handbook and the Code of Conduct with students during the opening of school, I ask that students and parents review the handbook in its entirety prior to the start of school. Specifically, students and parents should review the policies and procedures related to Attendance, Dress Code, Cell Phones and Electronic Devices, Weapons, Drugs and Alcohol, Smoking, and Threats or Acts of Violence.

Student schedules will not be enclosed with the Back to School mailing. I will send a phone alert when they are available to view electronically via Power School Parent Portal and Student Portal. I respectfully request that you not contact the school regarding student schedules for 2019-2020 until they are finalized and available on Power School.

School will be closed for Labor Day on Friday, August 30, and Monday, September 2, with classes resuming on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

We will be hosting our Back to School Night Open House on **Wednesday, August 28, 2019**, beginning at 6:00 pm. I look forward to a great school year. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely, James A. Canaday, Principal

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