

# Oxford Area School District

## Oxford Area High School

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### Kids First, Progress and Unity

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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 kick-off the school year with new course offerings. We have redesigned our Business Education and Information Technology courses to allow students the opportunity to experience a more modern, robust learning model. In addition, our World Language teachers have finished rewriting curriculum and selecting new resources to support student learning. Seminar will now take the place of Freshman Seminar and will be a required course offering for all new students including freshman. The course has been redesigned to focus on college and career readiness with post-secondary outcomes as a driving force throughout the course. As a result of student input, we are excited to offer AP Language and Composition as a course offering for students entering 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Finally, we continue to experience growth within our STEM initiative as we have added Project Lead the Way's AP Computer Science Principles 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 27, 2018**. All students will report to their assigned Homeroom at 7:39 am. Upon arrival, 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 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 with late arrival will need to report to the library by 9 AM on the first day of school to receive their iPads and to be in school for the senior class meeting to be held during third period. Classes at TCHS will also begin on Monday, August 27. TCHS students will attend Homeroom at OAHs beginning at 10:40 am in the cafeteria.

All forms included in the Back to School mailing should be completed and returned on the first day of school. All forms should be given to the student's Homeroom teacher. This will include the Information and Health History Update form, the Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement and iPad Equipment Loan Agreement/Technology Fee Agreement. A \$30 technology fee is required from all students. A completed and updated emergency information sheet must be on file in the nurse's office for students to receive treatment. State regulations require all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students to have a physical examination.

The 2018-2019 Student/Parent Handbook is available for your review on our website. 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 2018-2019 until they are finalized and available on Power School.

School will be closed for Labor Day on Friday, August 31, and Monday, September 3, with classes resuming on Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

We will be hosting our Back to School Night Open House on **Wednesday, August 29, 2018**, 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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