Greetings Owings Mills HS Families,

We are excited to welcome students and staff back to school for the 2022-2023 school year! Teachers and staff are committed to supporting students’ safety and wellbeing, including social-emotional learning and executive functioning (staying organized and efficient). Period 1 teachers will conduct Morning Huddles to help students be centered and ready to learn each morning. To better support students’ academic achievement, Owings Mills High School will operate on a semester schedule this school year.

In each semester, students will be enrolled in only four courses and attend the same classes every day. This change will require students and parents to monitor performance at more regular intervals to keep up with the daily pace of coursework. It is also anticipated that the reduced course load in each semester will help students manage projects and assignments with consistent, daily support from teachers. We can’t wait to see student’s smiling faces and look forward to helping all students achieve to their highest potential.

In order to be fully prepared for school on August 29th, students and parents should complete the following:

**STUDENTS**

1. **Summer Reading** – see the enclosed information for details.

2. **Check your course schedule on August 15th** by logging in to Focus SIS. Login at [baltimore.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/](http://baltimore.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/) and click on the “Sign in with my BCPS Account” button. The username must be followed by [@bcps.org](mailto:@bcps.org) when signing-in. Choose “Student Portal” to view your schedule.
   - Any course request changes must be submitted using the electronic [Schedule Change Request Form](#). The form can be accessed by holding your smart phone camera over the QR Code and is also available on the OMHS website. Please **DO NOT email your counselor**; counselors will prioritize changes using this form only.

**PARENTS**

1. **Update Contact Information** – if you didn’t receive this letter via email, you’re not connected. Email and phone are our most efficient and important means of communication. Please update your contact information on the enclosed form and return it to your child’s Period 1 teacher.

2. **Monitor Student Progress** using Schoology and Focus SIS. Parents can access or create an account at [https://www.bcps.org/students__parents/log_into_focus__schoology](https://www.bcps.org/students__parents/log_into_focus__schoology). We encourage parents and students to access this information regularly and keep open lines of communication with teachers.
   - **Schoology** – houses course content, assignments, and live grades.
   - **Focus SIS** – provides access to course schedules, attendance, and grade reports.

3. **Mark Your Calendars:**
   - **August 10th** – First Day of Fall Athletics – For more information, visit [owingsmillshs.bcps.org/Athletics](http://owingsmillshs.bcps.org/Athletics)
   - **Early Entry Day for Grade 9 - Thursday, August 25th** from 7:20-11:10 AM – Students will get a tour of the building, follow their schedule, meet teachers and classmates, and have fun! Lunch and transportation from assigned bus stops are provided.
   - **Thursday, September 1st** – Orientation & Back to School Night
     - **New Family Orientation 5:00 PM** – sessions for parents and students to become acquainted with OMHS staff, resources, and expectations
Back to School Night 6:00 PM - general parent meeting followed by classroom visits. Please have your child’s course schedule available.

First Day of School – Monday, August 29th

School Supplies – Some courses may require specific supplies and teachers will share this information on the first day of school. Most high school students require basic supplies recommended below:

- Binder, dividers, notebook paper
- Spiral notebook for each course
- Pens, pencils, highlighter
- Post-it notes
- Optional: Earbuds or headphones
- Wireless mouse

Bus Stops – A list of bus stops and times will be sent via email and posted on our website and Schoology about a week before school starts as the stops and times are delivered to us by the Office of Transportation.

For more OMHS information including Spanish translations of enclosed documents, please visit our website at http://owingsmillshs.bcps.org/. As always, if you should have questions, please feel free to email or call your child’s counselor or administrator:

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We wish each student a gratifying, successful school year. Parents, please feel free to contact teachers, counselors, and members of the administrative staff whenever you feel that such interaction will help your child learn more effectively. Our school telephone number is 443-809-1700, and we are ready to serve you.

Sincerely,

Abbey E. Campbell
Principal

Enclosures:
- Emergency Contact Form
- Med Form
- Summer Reading
- Bell Schedule
- PTSA Membership