



Ottawa Hills High School

Newsletter

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ORIENTATION 2011

"WE ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS"

Greetings from the Principal:

Greetings families of Ottawa Hills High School:

The 2011-12 school year rapidly approaching. Our staff is excited about opening another school year and anticipates a great year. As the leader of the school, I am excited about the direction of the school from a school climate perspective, as well as, academically. Over the last few weeks you may have read in the Grand Rapids Press the conversation around consolidation of high schools within GRPS due to enrollment and the capacity of buildings. It was acknowledged that Ottawa Hills High School was a focus of that conversation. I am asking that all families of Ottawa Hills become aware of this serious issue and that we respond to this urgent matter by engaging in a recruitment and retention effort. I am asking each Ottawa Hills family to engage in two initiatives:

1. When you see another Ottawa Hills' family member in the community/neighborhood have a conversation with them about attending orientation to pre-enroll in school;
2. As you engage with neighbors in the Ottawa Hills' attendance area with high school age children that do not attend Ottawa Hills welcome/recruit them back to our school.

Our efforts for recruitment/retention are extremely important to the long term success of allowing Ottawa Hills High School to educate families on the Southeast side of the community. Ottawa Hills has a rich history of educating outstanding citizens that are productive locally and nationally. It would be a defining moment in our history if we could hold our rate of retention to 100% and add at least 100 additional students to our projected enrollment numbers.

With that said, I would like to communicate our orientation schedule and protocol. On Tuesday, August 16th and Wednesday, August 17th, incoming grades of 10th – 12th will report to the school and engage in orientation anytime between 9:00a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The protocol for these grades will be to complete your enrollment documentation, pick up your schedule and school ID. There will not be any make up session. Orientation for incoming 9th graders, the Class of 2015, will be held on Thursday, August 18th. Your orientation will be conducted differently from the upperclassmen. Ninth graders will engage in a more formal process beginning in the auditorium where you engaged in dialogue about high school expectations and be introduced to our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports, as well as, complete the necessary enrollment document, pick up schedule and school identification card. Please see the chart below for the breakdown of times by alphabet.

Grade	Date	Time
Grades 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	Tuesday, August 16 th	9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
Grades 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	Tuesday, August 17 th	9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
Grades 9 th (Last Name A- L)	Tuesday, August 18 th	9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
Grades 9 th (Last Name M-Z)	Tuesday, August 18 th	3:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

On another note, our first day of school will be September 6, 2011 beginning at 7:25 a.m. and ending at 2:10 p.m. daily. We are excited and ready to serve all families that enroll at Ottawa Hills High School. Join the team that is committed to educating students and ensuring that they are career and college ready. The graduating class of 2011 was proud recipients of over \$2.6 million in grants and scholarships. **Go BENGALS!**





OHHS Bell and Class Schedule

OTTAWA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL'S BELL AND CALL SCHEDULE

Days	Hour	Start Time	End Time	Minutes/Hour
Breakfast		7:00	7:20	20
Monday–Friday	1	7:25	8:25	60
	Passing Time	8:25	8:30	5
	2	8:30	9:30	60
	Passing Time	9:30	9:35	5
	3	9:35	10:35	60
	Passing Time	10:35	10:40	5
	4	10:40	12:15	1 hour 35 mins.
	Passing Time	12:10	12:15	5
	5	12:15	1:10	55
	Passing Time	1:10	1:15	5
Non Hub Students Monday–Friday	6	1:15	2:10	55
	Hub Travel Time	1:10	2:10	60
Non Hub Students Tuesday–Thursday	6a	2:10	3:43	93

New Families or Change in Address Information...

New families to the Grand Rapids Public School District/Ottawa Hills High School (this means all incoming Freshmen and any student that did not go to Ottawa Hills High School last school year) must bring the following to orientation:

- 1) Proof of residency (utility bill, lease agreement, mortgage bill, etc.)
- 2) Original Birth Certificate
- 3) Immunization Records
- 4) Transcript

Thank you!

School Picture Day

Life Touch will be taking our Yearbook Pictures again this school year. Our **Fall Portrait** date is scheduled for October 20, 2011 and our **Retake Portrait** date is scheduled for November 30, 2011. Please come dressed to take your absolute **BEST** picture for the school yearbook. Packets will be sent home with your child(ren) if you would like to purchase you child(ren) picture(s).



Immunizations

Immunizations are required for new students to register in the Grand Rapids Public Schools. Please see your family doctor if your son's/daughter's immunizations are not complete.

Thank you for your kindness and cooperation. We are looking forward to meeting you during orientation.



Orientation/Registration Schedule

Please attend your scheduled session at the indicated time.

Orientation Schedule 2011–2012

Tuesday, August 16, 2011

9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Grades 10, 11, & 12

Wednesday, August 17, 2011

9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Grades 10, 11, & 12

Thursday, August 18, 2011

9:00 AM–12:00 PM (Last name A–L)

3:00 PM–6:00 PM (Last name M–Z)

9th Grade Only

Student Obligations

During the school year students are given books, Athletic uniforms, and JROTC uniforms to use. At the end of the school year, each student is responsible for returning all of these items. **If they do not, this then becomes as “Outstanding Student Obligation.”**

If a student has an ‘**Outstanding Obligation**’, during the registration process they are expected to either return the item (s) or pay the replacement cost. Students are reminded of these obligations many times before the end of the school year.

Parents, we ask that these matters are taken care of before registration day. Students will not be allowed to register or obtain their diploma until debts are cleared.

We thank you for your attention to this matter.

SENIOR NEWS...

Dear Senior Class of 2012,

We hope you are enjoying your summer as you anticipate your final year of high school. It is important that you are informed that the senior class pictures for the yearbook will be in color. As a result, there are some deadlines you must be aware of:

- You must have your appointment with a reputable photographer immediately. You should have your pictures taken by October 12, 2011 or as soon as possible thereafter. Your senior picture fee will be \$10.00 and this will cover the additional cost of having colored pictures in the yearbook.
- Your senior pictures must be in the hands of the yearbook staff by October 26, 2011. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS DEADLINE.** If your photographer sends the picture or you deliver it personally, it must be in on or before the due date.

If you are not having professional senior pictures taken this summer, we hope that you will take the opportunity by having the school photographer take a picture of you for the yearbook. This service is provided at no cost to seniors however, in either case you must pay the \$10.00 senior picture fee.

Senior fees for the Class of 2012 will be **\$160.00**. The total cost will include the following:

- \$70-Senior All-Night Party
- \$40-Legend Yearbook
- \$10-Senior Group Picture
- \$10-Senior Picture Fee
- \$10-Senior Breakfast
- \$10-Senior Class T-shirt
- \$10-Senior Dues

If you are paying by check please make sure it is made out to "OHHIS-Class of 2012". Also, include the senior's name in the memo section of the check or money order. We will begin collecting senior fees at the beginning of the school year.

Just a reminder your receipt is an important item to secure until the end of the school. **START SAVING YOUR MONEY TODAY!!**

If there are any Senior Executive Board members interested in running for an officer's position, please indicate your interest to the senior advisors. Only members of the Executive Board will be allowed to campaign for an officer's position. You will be responsible for campaigning for your position. Also, we will be voting for President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Your **SENIOR HANDBOOK** is enclosed in this mailing. It contains vital information about your senior activities and important dates. Please **save** the handbook for references throughout your senior year. Homecoming is the first important senior activity, the assembly will be on Friday, September 23, 2011 and the dance will be on Saturday, September 24, 2011. Enjoy the rest of your summer. Make sure your senior picture has been taken by the beginning of October. We are looking forward to getting acquainted with each senior and make this the most exciting experience of your school career.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Allen

Vanessa A. Allen
Senior Class Advisor

Sharon Satterfield

Sharon Satterfield
Senior Class Advisor



GREETINGS FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Dear Ottawa Hills High School Parent/Guardian

The 2011-12 school year is fast approaching and your child has the opportunity to participate in athletics and represent Ottawa Hills High School. I'm the Ottawa Hills High School Athletic Director and I look forward to working with you and your child. We're looking forward to another exceptional school year here at Ottawa Hills High School.

As you may know athletics play a huge role in a student's life. Athletics are an integral part of the educational process here at Ottawa Hills High School. We will strive to provide student athletes opportunities to compete in activities that emphasize sportsmanship, teamwork, and working to their potential in the classroom as well as on the playing field. We encourage all of our students to participate in athletics and other student activities that will enrich their lives.

The following sports are offered during the upcoming Fall season here at Ottawa Hills High School. Fall sports begin the week of August 8th:

BOYS	GIRLS
Cross Country	Cross Country
Football	Golf
Soccer	Swimming
Tennis	Volleyball
	Cheerleading

The Ottawa Hills coaches (see attached document) can assist you with getting started on your journey of becoming a Bengal student athlete. Contact the coaches for more information.

All students participating in athletics must have an updated physical/medical record on file at the school. Athletes are required to have a physical prior to practicing or playing in a game/contest.

For more information on how to sign-up and/or participate in one of the sports mentioned above and/or how to get a physical, please contact the coach or the Ottawa Hills High School Athletic Department at 819-2879.

OTTAWA HILLS PRIDE & TRADITION...GO BENGALS!

Sincerely,

Marcus Harris

Mr. Marcus Harris,
Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
Ottawa Hills High School



OTTAWA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL COACHES



For the 2011-2012 School year

CONTACT THE OTTAWA HILLS COACHES NOW!!!

Sport	Season Start Dates	Coaches Contact Information
Football	Fall – August 8th	Chuck Ruffin @ 308-1051
Volleyball	Fall – August 10th	Athletic Office @ 819-2879
Girl's Swimming	Fall – August 10th	Alex Brinks @ 634-2044
Boy's Soccer	Fall – August 10th	Carlos Ree @ 293-8636
Cheerleading (Football)	Fall – August 10th	Latoya Peacock @ 617-5119
Boy's Tennis	Fall – August 10th	Andre Posey @ 821-2393
Girl's Golf	Fall – August 10th	John Vangessel @ 262-4198
Cross Country	Fall – August 10th	Eric Osmolinski @ 322-8405
Hockey	Winter – October 31st	Athletic Office @ 819-2879
Boy's Basketball	Winter – November 14th	Van Mayfield @ 706-2591
Girl's Basketball	Winter – November 7th	Shatoya Likely @ 452-5117, 724-0138
Competitive Cheerleading	Winter – November 7th	Latoya Peacock @ 617-5119
Wrestling	Winter – November 14th	Faustino Garcia @ 635-6363
Bowling	Winter – November 14th	Anthony Griffin @ 482-7304
Boy's Swimming	Winter – November 21st	Eve Julian @ 970-1661
Softball	Spring – March 12th	Mary Dekker @ 284-0786
Baseball	Spring – March 12th	Arnell Fleming @ 617-0267
Track and Field	Spring – March 12th	Tony Shellman @ 356-0578, 517-414-6228
Girl's Tennis	Spring – March 12th	Andre Posey @ 821-2393
Boy's Golf	Spring – March 12th	Robert Sykes @ 452-5568, 560-0439
Girl's Soccer	Spring – March 12th	Bill Osborne @ 498-2683

Sports Physicals:

Reminder that students need to have a sports physical completed and submitted to the athletic office before practicing.

Ottawa Hills will be hosting a sports physical day on Tuesday August 9th at 5:00pm—6:00pm. Students can receive their sports physical during this time at a cost of \$10.00. Contact the Ottawa Hills High School Athletic Department at 616-819-2879 or Marcus Harris, Athletic Director at harrismar@grps.k12.mi.us.

August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 10th, 11th, & 12th Grade Orientation 9 AM—4 PM	17 10th, 11th, & 12th Grade Orientation 9 AM—4 PM	18 9th Grade Orientation 9 AM—12 PM— (A—L) 3 PM—6 PM (M—Z)	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

