

Principal's Newsletter

Summer Edition

Welcome to the 2021/2022 School Year!

Hello OCIS Families,

I do hope that everyone is as excited as I am for this upcoming year. We have been busy this summer making upgrades and improvements to prepare for a fantastic year. To name just a few:

- Our gymnasium has been professionally painted to represent our vibrant school spirit.
- The main office is currently under construction. It will now have a sitting room for visitors which will provide not only a more efficient system for our front office workers, but more importantly, it will provide another safety feature for our students and staff.
- A new teaching position has been created in order to provide math support to our 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students.

As I am sure that most of you know by now, Governor Murphy recently signed Executive Order 251 which mandates masking for all indoor premises of all school buildings. The positivity displayed by the students last year was inspiring, and I have no doubt that they will continue to show the same optimism and grace as they face this unexpected but necessary inconvenience. Let's remember, while our long term goal is most definitely to return to an educational system free of additional protocols, guidelines, and medical PPE, our short term goal is to stay open 5 days per week at 100% capacity.

In addition to wearing masks, we will continue with other mitigating practices to keep our building safe, such as:

- Students will be 3 feet apart from one another while in class
- Sanitizing of hands each time students enter a new room
- Staggering of bus unloading in the morning and classroom departure in the afternoon to not overwhelm hallways
- Students will be spread out during lunch with plastic partitions on each table
- Continued use of air purifiers with HEPA filters in the cafeteria where masks are unable to be worn

This year, when we receive confirmation that someone in our school has tested positive for Covid-19, we will follow the same contact tracing procedures as last year. However, according to current

guidelines, **anyone who is fully vaccinated will NOT be required to quarantine and will NOT be excluded from in-person learning or from participating in athletics, clubs, and activities.**

Let us continue to work together as a community to keep our children safe and to keep our students' education in the school building. I look forward to seeing all of our students, both returning and new, to kick off an amazing school year!

Thank you,
Michael Mattina, Principal

Visitors to OCIS

Please ring the door bell in front of the main office to state your purpose at the school and you will then be "buzzed" into the waiting room. Please be prepared to show photo identification. Until further notice, all visitors are required to wear face masks while inside the school building.

Morning Arrival/Afternoon Dismissal

Student drop-off before school is on Haven Avenue behind the basketball courts. Students may be dropped off between 7:25 and 7:40. Please do not drop your child off prior to 7:25 as there will not be supervision present before this time. Students arriving at the school after 7:40 must enter through the main entrance in the front of the building. Homeroom begins at 7:45.

Student pick-up after the school day has ended also takes place on Haven Avenue behind the basketball courts. We will continue to stagger our student dismissal to avoid overcrowding our hallways. Pick up time will be between 2:18 and 2:30.

*In order to facilitate a safer arrival/departure for our students, Haven Avenue becomes a one-way road during student arrival and dismissal. Please remember that drivers must enter Haven Avenue from 18th Street for student drop-off and pick-up.

Student Schedules and Chromebooks

Schedules, locker information (6th - 8th grade), and other important information is now available in PowerSchool. For your child to receive a Chromebook this year, you **must** electronically sign the appropriate form in PowerSchool. For tutorials on how to navigate PowerSchool, click on the button below.

[Power School Tutorials](#)

Click the button above, then scroll to the bottom of the page for Parent Resources including the following tutorials: (1) Full Guide to PowerSchool Parent Account and (2) Quick Guide to PowerSchool Forms

Suggested School Supply List

After clicking the above button, click on the student's grade level at the top of the Supply List page for a shortcut

Son Club

Son Club will start on Tuesday, September 7th. If interested in attending, please print and complete the bus permission form by clicking on the above button. Copies of the form are also available in the main office.

District Calendar



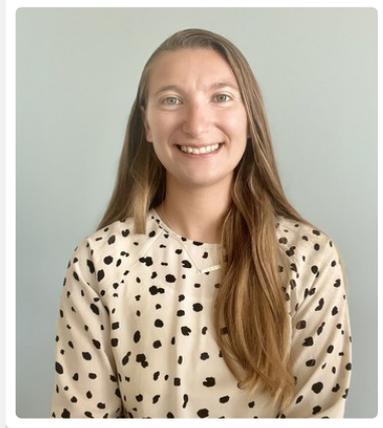
Ms. Battelini, Special Education Teacher

Ms. Battelini graduated from The College of New Jersey with a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts and a master's degree in Special Education. She has spent the past two years as a special education teacher at Kingsway Regional Middle School. In addition to teaching, some of her passions include snowboarding, crafting, and traveling. She is excited to get to know everyone and have an amazing first year at Ocean City Intermediate School!



Mr. Bodenlos, Special Education Teacher

Mr. Bodenlos graduated from Rowan University with a degree in Elementary Education and holds a New Jersey Teacher of Students with Disabilities Certification. He has 4 years of teaching experience working with children with various disabilities. Mr. Bodenlos loves collaborating with others and participating in community events to support his students and the school. In his free time, he enjoys being active and loves participating in and watching all things sports related. Mr. Bodenlos can't wait to get started at OCIS!



Ms. Sweeney, Industrial Arts Teacher

Ms. Sweeney graduated from Millersville University with a degree in Technology and Engineering Education. She has 3 years experience teaching many subjects such as woodworking, architecture, and engineering at the high school and middle school level. Ms. Sweeney is looking forward to bringing her skills to Ocean City Intermediate School. Most importantly, she is excited to get to know the student body and to inspire them to fully embrace the Industrial Arts with creativity and pride.

As you are back to school shopping, we ask that you please review our dress code policy:

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Ocean City has always felt that good taste in personal attire and good grooming on the part of its pupils plays a major role in creating the type of overall school atmosphere which is conducive to a positive educational experience. While styles do change, the administration reserves the right to require that a pupil's appearance be in good taste and in accordance with those principles that encourage good health habits. Pupils are required to wear clothing that is not dangerous, distracting, or indecent. In classes where long hair or clothing would be a hazard, all pupils are expected to comply with the rules established by the administration and instructor to prevent possible injury. Pupils must always wear some type of shoes, sneakers, or sandals.

Pupils will not wear:

1. Any apparel or accessory with offensive, bias, or profane material on it or refer to drugs, sex, alcohol, tobacco products (as determined by administration).
2. Cut-off shirts or blouses, tube tops, muscle shirts, halter, one-strap, or backless tops.
3. Shirts, blouses, skirts, shorts, or pants exposing the midriff or worn below the natural waist.
4. Hats, hoods, scarves, bandanas, or other headgear.
5. Clothing which is designed for beachwear (bathing suits, etc.).
6. Undergarments or pajamas worn as outerwear (including bedroom slippers).
7. Sunglasses.
8. Outercoats or jackets of any length in the cafeteria.
9. Chains, cords, spiked jewelry, or ropes, regardless of intended use.
10. Excessively (above mid-thigh) short skirts and / or shorts.

The administration reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of a pupil's attire. A pupil found to be in violation of the dress code may be sent home, required to change, subject to disciplinary action, and / or referred to a counselor.



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