

The Middle

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Welcome Back!

It is nice to have our school filled with students once again! We are looking forward to a great year at ONS and with the Middle Grades students.

Please check our monthly publication, *The Middle*, as well as the school and teacher web sites for the most up-to-date information on what is happening at school.

To sign-up to have *The Middle* delivered to you electronically each month, please email Mr. Seitz at eseitz@lafayetteschools.org.

Calendar

September 4: First Day of School

September 13: Cook-Out and Longball

September 17: Open House

Open House

Please join us at ONS on Tuesday, September 17 for a welcome back dinner and open house. The dinner starts at 5:30 and the open house follows at 6:30.

Be sure to stop by all of the classes that your child is taking this year at ONS. There have been some changes, so you will want to have the opportunity to speak to the teachers and see the spaces.

Please note that this is not the time to discuss individual student performance. That will be later in the fall at parent/teacher conferences, after teachers have had a chance to get to know the students better.



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Classroom News

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ELA

I am excited to get started in ELA. Students will learn, grow, be challenged and have fun. All while reading and writing!

Eighth grade will be working hard on their Elder projects this entire school year. They will also be following the theme of “Who I Want to Become” this year.

Seventh grade is getting into the flow of class and learning routines. The seventh grade theme this year is “Who I Am.”

Students will be reading 3 books outside of class each marking period. Remember, all students should be reading each day at home!

Social Studies

Welcome to Social Studies! This is a two year course covering American history. Eighth grade will pick up where they left off last year.

Seventh grade has started a pre-unit on basic social studies skills. They are also working on memorizing all 50 states. Ask them to sing you the song!

Eighth grade will be starting their stock market project. They will choose and buy their stocks and will be monitoring them over the next few months to see if they can make some money!

Math

Welcome back to school! I am excited for the start of another amazing year in math! I am thrilled to be able to offer two advanced courses this year. Brand new this year is Algebra I, which is a regents-level course typically taken in 9th grade. Accelerated 7th grade math includes all of the curriculum from 7th and 8th grade combined into one year at a very rapid pace.

All students in 7th and 8th grade have been asked to conduct a Cultural Math Interview with an adult in their family. This activity is designed to highlight the math that people use in their everyday lives (hobbies, jobs, home, etc.), so that students can develop a more personal connection to math. We are all mathematicians in our own way, even if we haven't realized it yet!

Science

Welcome September! We are back!! Hello to all parents, guardians and students at ONS. Teachers, like students, return with mixed emotions...we will miss summer, but we are excited to learn and teach new information, skills and curriculum. **Science 7** studies will still be mostly focused on Physical Science: Matter, Energy, Chemistry, Motion, Light, Sound, and other Forces in our world. **Science 8** will be mostly focused on the Living Parts of our world: Ecosystems, Interactions of Living Things, Taking Care of our World, Cells, Genetics and Climate Change. Please contact me if you have any concerns or questions: Mrs. Harris, 315-469-6991, ext. 116; or dharris@lafayetteschools.org.

I look forward to meeting everyone at Open House!



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