

WEEKLY UPDATE

OASD FAMILY UPDATE FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

We will share updates with OASD families every Friday during the 2020-21 school year. These updates may be short or they may be long, depending on what new information is available that week. All updates will be posted on our OASD 2020 Learning Hub at www.oasd.org/LearningHub.

NEW UPDATES

OASD Return to Full Time Face-to-Face Learning

At the OASD School Board Special Meeting on September 23, the School Board voted to bring all intermediate and high school students back to school face-to-face for full school days, 5-days a week, beginning on Monday, September 28.

For Intermediate School Families:

- Click these links for information on the return to full-time face-to-face instruction:
 - [Nature Hill Intermediate Information Letter](#)
 - [Silver Lake Intermediate Information Letter](#)
- The OASD will reopen enrollment into the Ocon Virtual Learning Community (OVLC) for students in grades 5-8 who are currently in the purple/gold split attendance schedule and who wish to attend the OVLC instead.
- [Click this link](#) for information on enrollment in OVLC for grades 5-8. **Please be aware that the deadline for students in grades 5-8 to enroll in the OVLC is Sunday, September 27.**

For OHS Families:

- Read about the return to full-time face-to-face instruction at OHS on the [Updates from OHS Blog](#).
- OHS students who are currently in the purple/gold split attendance schedule and wish to move to a fully virtual program will be able to transition to online coursework via Odysseyware software to complete the first semester and then transfer to the OVLC in the second semester.

Other Notes:

- Students and staff members who are currently in quarantine should continue to follow their predetermined quarantine schedule. With the switch to full-time, face-to-face learning, students and staff should return to school on their first learning day after a quarantine period.
- All Nature Hill Intermediate 6th-grade students will return to full-time, face-to-face learning after the full class quarantine on Thursday, October 1.
- Elementary students and OVLC students will continue to follow their current schedule.

Update on School Meals for Virtual Students

Breakfast and lunch are available for all OASD students participating in virtual learning during the 2020-21 school year. Students enrolled in the OVLC or OHS Remote Learning for Credit Continuation, and students learning virtually during a quarantine period can order meals each week and pick up those meals every Monday at Oconomowoc High School.

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Intermediate and OHS students that were previously scheduled for Purple/Gold next week but who are now returning to full-time, face-to-face learning on Monday, September 28, WILL NOT be eligible to pick up meals on Monday. They will receive meals at school.

Families are required to complete a few simple steps on a weekly basis to receive these meals:

1. [Click this link to reach the online order form.](#)
2. Complete a separate order form for each student.
3. Submit your student's order before 2:00 p.m. on Fridays so their meals are available the following week.
4. Pick up meals on Mondays, between 4:00-6:00 p.m. for the entire week.
5. If a holiday or non-school day is on a Monday, meal pick up will occur on Tuesday, between 4:00-6:00 p.m.
6. If a school week is shortened because of a holiday or non-school day, the number of meals will be adjusted accordingly.

Busing & Parent Transportation Reminders

If your student has not been riding the bus to school this year but will be riding, please check your child's bus route, pick up time, and drop off time through your [Skyward Family Access account](#).

- Please remember several mitigation measures will be used on the buses this year, including:
 - Face coverings will be required for students.
 - No food or drink on the bus.
 - Assigned seating for students.
 - Guest riders will not be allowed this year.

If your student will be dropped off and picked up at school, please remember that traffic at drop off and pick up will be more congested with the full student body returning to school each day.

Reminder: No School for All OASD Students on October 2nd

Friday, October 2, is a no school day for all OASD students based on the original 202-21 school calendar. Staff will participate in professional development that day.

OHS Homecoming Update

OHS Homecoming will be a little different this year. Our OHS students are planning celebrations and community-building events during the school day, October 12-16. The parade, dance, and powder puff game will be postponed, possibly until Spring or until 2021.

OASD Needs Substitute Teachers, Paraprofessionals & Food Service Staff

There are several job opportunities available at the OASD for the 2020-21 school year. The most urgent of these are paraprofessional positions, food service positions, and substitute teaching opportunities.

Paraprofessional Positions

To learn more about paraprofessional positions in the OASD, visit the Wisconsin Education Career Access Network (WECAN) website at www.wecan.education.wisc.edu. All open positions are posted in WECAN, year-round.

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Substitute Teacher Training & Positions

The OASD is always looking for qualified substitute teachers. If you have a 2-year or 4-year degree, you can easily become certified as a substitute teacher by attending a substitute training workshop which includes short-term substitute permit licensure via the Department of Public Instruction.

[Click here for Substitute Teacher Training Opportunities through CESA 1](#)

[Click here for Substitute Teacher Training Opportunities through CESA 2](#)

[Click here for Substitute Teacher Training Opportunities through CESA 6](#)

Food Service Positions

Our food service Partner Aramark has several positions available for the 2020-21 school year. Use these links to learn more about these opportunities:

[Part-time Food Service Worker](#)

[Full-time Cook](#)

Governor Evers Health Emergency Declaration

Gov. Tony Evers declared a new public health emergency in Wisconsin due to the recent surge in cases among young people and issued a new face coverings order effective immediately. Executive Order #90 is available [here](#). Emergency Order #1 is available [here](#). Both orders are effective immediately and will expire after sixty days or with a subsequent superseding order. The governor previously declared a public health emergency under Executive Order #82, which remains in effect. **The extended face covering order is scheduled to expire on November 21.**

OASD COVID-19 Dashboard Updated Twice Per Week

At their September 2 meeting, the OASD School Board reviewed the key indicators that can guide the Boards decision-making to return to full face-to-face learning at all grade levels. Through Board meeting discussions and work with the Waukesha County Health Department, the OASD Administration has developed a series of dashboards to display COVID-19 data.

These dashboards are available at www.oasd.org/COVIDDashboard. Updates to this web page will be made twice per week. Due to the data collection and processing time, reporting results may have a 1-day delay. The data currently available includes:

OHS Fall Sports Live Stream Information

The Classic 8 Conference Schools will use a different process for attendance at fall sports this year. Only two guests per athlete will be able to attend girls volleyball, football, and boys soccer. Several schools and sports programs have setup live stream video for these athletic events, so that additional family members, friends, and community members can watch. All of the available live stream links are posted on our website at www.oasd.org/SportsLiveStream.

In addition, all of our OHS Athletic schedules are available on our website [by clicking this link](#).

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REMINDERS

FREE Breakfast & Lunch for ALL OASD Students

On Monday, August 31, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service unexpectedly announced the extension of their free student meals program that began during the summer. As a result, student breakfast and lunch will be free on the days that students are learning at school face-to-face, and the days that students are learning virtually. This free meal program will continue until the USDA confirms that funding is no longer available or until December 31, 2020, whichever comes first.

For students at the Intermediate Schools and OHS, a free meal option will be available for selection in the lunch service areas. Ala carte and snack items are not included in the free meal program and will remain available for purchase.

When this free meal program ends, families will be charged for meals through their child's Skyward Family Access account based on their student meal status, whether free, reduced or standard price.

Free & Reduced Meal Program Available After Free Meals End

All OASD students have access to our food service program and meals every school day. Many families may also qualify for reduced price or free school meals for their children. [Click this link for the full packet of information and required application forms.](#) **Free and reduced meal applications are due before October 1, 2020, for the 2020-21 school year.**

Please note – a new application is required for every school year. If you participated in the free and reduced meal program last school year, please submit a new application for 2020-21.

Even though meals are currently free, if you qualify for free or reduced meals, you should submit the application before the October 1, 2020, deadline. If you miss the application deadline, you won't be able to receive free or reduced meals once the USDA free meal program ends. For more information on the free or reduced-price meals program, please visit www.oasd.org/FoodService.

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