



OLSON PANTHER NEWS

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Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, November 22 – **NO SCHOOL**

Thursday & Friday, November 23 & 24 – **Thanksgiving Break**

Thursday, December 7 – Band/Choir Concerts 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 9 – Bike Give Away – see information below

High School Open Houses:

Washburn High School – Thursday, November 30, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Southwest High School – Thursday, December 7, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fair High School – Wednesday, January 10, 6:00 p.m.

South High School – Thursday, January 11, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Winter Weather – This is a reminder that scholars who walk to school or are dropped off should not arrive at school before 8:30 a.m.

Our doors open at 8:30 a.m. so scholars can get breakfast before going to Advisory class.

Dr. Emerson, Principal -

Thank you to everyone who came to our Turkey Bingo family night. We had a full house! I want to give a big shout out to our family liaison, Ms. White, for getting 35 turkeys donated, so virtually every family that attended was able to leave with a turkey dinner.

I am excited about our parent involvement at Olson this year. I appreciate the parent group's efforts to help improve our school and their commitment to excellence for our students.

Finally, I want to congratulate all of our parents who are involved in CPEO (Connecting parents to educational opportunities). I am looking forward to meeting with the group in early December.

As always, I thank you for trusting us with your students. Our staff

work hard every day to guide your students to becoming their best selves. We appreciate your partnership.

IB Update

Ms. AvH presented an IB MYP update at our Turkey Bingo Family Night on Nov. 16th.

Olson is now in year two of the candidacy phase. This means our teachers are being trained on how to use the MYP frameworks and philosophies. We will apply for authorization this spring.

The IB program at Olson is part of our plan to ensure EQUITY and EXCELLENCE for our scholars. We know we have the BEST scholars in the city and we are excited to help them maximize their brilliance and transform their futures!

MPS High School Requests

Greetings from Ms. Thuen, I am the 8th grade school counselor. It is the time of year when 8th graders start the process of deciding where they want to attend high school next fall. Recently, I taught a lesson in the 8th grade World Studies classroom about the MPS high school request process.

The online high school request center is open mid-December through February 3. All 8th grade students/families should request a high school at <http://highschoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us/> or on a paper application. I am available to help students and families individually with any questions you may have in requesting a high school. Thanks!
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8th Grade Feature

8th Grade Team – Welcome to second quarter! We would like to thank you for entrusting your scholars to us at OMS.

The beginning of the school year has been very exciting for us as we've enjoyed learning about our 8th grade scholars. During Quarter one, we spent a significant amount of time introducing new learning strategies, engagement practices, and team 8 expectations.

Project Success - Did you know your 8th graders participate in Project Success? Ms. Kathleen, Project Success Facilitator, comes in monthly to work with students with team-building skills and goal setting for high school and beyond. She also shares information about opportunities for scholars and families to engage in outside of school.

AVID Field Trip - Our AVID students had a great time visiting St. Cloud State University to meet with professors and see their TV studios.

Dr. Stocker is our AVID teacher who puts together these field trips to help scholars think about their future and see what opportunities are out there for them.

1st Quarter - In the midst of quarter one, we saw many great accomplishments. Our 8th graders have spearheaded a school-wide morning announcement practice that has really connected the school on all levels.

The scholars who exemplify the IB learner profiles are recognized along with the announcement of school happenings. Thank you to our 8th grade announcers.

Parent/Teacher Partnership -

To help the continuous journey of our 8th grade scholars achieve academic success, we ask for your ongoing support. If we continue to cultivate our relationships, partnerships, and dedication to the developing experiences of our scholars, they will become successful and contributing members of our communities.

Mr. Montgomery, 8th Grade Social Studies

Teacher – Greetings, 8th grade parents. You may have heard our lovely scholars refer to me as Mr. Steve. First off, I want to express my gratitude to all of you for continuing to be such an essential part of Team 8 and what we aim to accomplish everyday here at Olson.

I started at Olson two years ago and have been rewarded with being in the presence of our amazing scholars. Helping our 8th graders prepare and transition to high school is a high priority of mine that I take very seriously. Your scholars have made tremendous strides in quarter one to head towards that goal.

The one thing I would like to highlight from quarter one, in which the 8th graders did a wonderful job with, is working with the Illusion Theater.

The "Keeping It Real" cast and management came in to work with our 8th graders. Their play highlights many different

experiences scholars face as they maneuver through their scholastic career and exemplifies effects that modern school culture has on our scholars.

I'm looking forward to your continued support and partnership this year, as we continue to head towards graduation day!

Mr. Gilmer, Assistant

Principal - Olson Middle School, with the partnership of Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Association (LBNA), will be handing out Toys for Tots registration forms today.

Olson will be taking signups through the end of November. The current plan is for pickup to be in the Jenny Lind gym.

Please contact Ms. White or me for further information.

The Olson webpage has a **Holiday Resources Open to Minneapolis Families** document for your review. Olson website: olson.mpls.k12.mn.us

We hope you enjoy your Thanksgiving break.

Bike Giveaway - Patrick Henry is partnering with Free Bikes 4 Kidz to put kids on the road to a happier, healthier childhood by providing bikes to students in their community.

Each child (K-12) will have the chance to receive a free bike and helmet. Parents should show up on December 9 **WITH** their child. Bikes are newly refurbished and will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. It is possible that they will run out of bikes in

your child's size before the end of the event.

When: Saturday, December 9,
9:00am – 12:00pm

Where: Patrick Henry High School
Gymnasium (enter through Door
9 on Morgan Ave.)

Questions: Chris Fleming, 612-
668-2012,
chris.fleming@mpls.k12.mn.us

Non-Perishable Foods

We have some non-perishable food available on a first come, first served basis.

You may drop in Monday – Thursday until the food is gone. Please call Ms. White at 612-668-1662 if you have any questions.