



The Frederick Law Olmsted School at Kensington



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Welcome class of 2024! The faculty and staff of Frederick Law Olmsted is so excited to partner with you during these unprecedented times to make your transition to ninth grade as easy as possible. We understand that the uncertainty of how instruction will be delivered, whether virtual, in person or a combination of the two, is stressful for many students and parents and are here to ensure you that we are working on a plan for a smooth start to the school year.

To begin this process, we will be hosting a **Virtual Freshman Orientation** for ninth grade students and parents on **Monday August 17th from 8:30-10:30 a.m.** via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4697396227?pwd=QXg1Wk13M3dZTHRvYzdZQStzb2I4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 469 739 6227

Passcode: 9th156Owls

We ask that all participants join in using a cellphone or computer to view all of the presentations and documents.

The Freshman Orientation will give you and your child an opportunity to gain knowledge of high school expectations, look at student schedules and review 4-year graduation requirements, as well as various types of high school diplomas. Students will meet their counselor and administrators, as well as take a virtual tour of our school building and address transportation procedures. Students will also learn about social emotional supports we have available at Olmsted. Although clubs and activities will not be in place for day one of this school year, they will be an important part of your experience at Olmsted, so we will discuss these future opportunities as well. We strongly encourage all of our students to get involved in at least one extracurricular activity because we know that school involvement is a key to academic success. This is where students will forge close friendships, learn team building skills and most importantly enjoy their high school experience.

We look forward to seeing you and your child at the virtual Freshman Orientation and working to support his or her academic endeavors over the next four years. Even though COVID-19 has created some challenges for us, we maintain our commitment to prepare our students academically and socially to take their place as productive, caring and innovative citizens of the 21st century. Welcome to Olmsted...once an OWL, always an OWL! If you have additional questions, feel free to contact me at any time. If you are unable to attend the orientation all materials will be placed on our school website www.olmstedatkensington.com soon after the completion of the orientation.

Stay safe and healthy!

Ms. Potempa
Assistant Principal

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FRESHMAN ORIENTATION AGENDA

8:30	Welcome	Mrs. Cotto
8:40	Student/Parent Handbook*	Ms. Potempa
9:15	Clubs & Activities	Mr. Fredo
9:20	Health & Wellness*	Mrs. Dulak
9:25	Social Emotional Supports*	Mrs. Leberer
9:30	Student Schedules & Graduation Requirements*	Mrs. Lukasik
10:00	Virtual Tour	
10:05	Freshmen Tips & Study Skills*	
10:20	Parent Information	
10:20	Q/ A Session	

**Mandatory sessions for all incoming freshmen.*