

# FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED SCHOOL #156



AT KENSINGTON

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## NEWSLETTER

## FALL 2021

### From the Principal's Desk...

Greetings Olmsted Community!

I hope this communication finds everyone healthy and safe!

Our students have made a great transition back to in-person learning, 5 days per week. It is exciting to see their faces and engage in conversation with our scholars. They are truly wonderful!

As Marking Period 1 ends, we have been able to engage in relationship building activities such as the "Back to School Bash" during the first week of school, "Color Wars" Game Day during spirit week and "Fall Fest." Students have gone above and beyond during all activities. A special shout out to the Senior Class of 2022 for assisting with the planning and execution of these events.

Academic progress is also being made! Students are engaged in grade-level content and thriving as they do so. A special shout out to our kids who have demonstrated resilience throughout virtual instruction and have returned with a new excitement for learning, demonstrating growth in multiple areas!

This issue addresses the BPS 21-22 School Year Grading Policy, academic and social emotional supports available to students and much more!

Stay safe!  
Principal Cotto

### UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

#### OCTOBER

29 Fall Fest (Grades 5 & 6), Costume Contest (7-12)

#### NOVEMBER:

#### *Canned Goods Drive (11/1-11/19)*

2 Election Day – School is not in session

5 Picture Day (Grades 5-12)

8 Picture Day #2: Seniors ONLY!

11 Veteran's Day – School is not in session

12 Close of Marking Period 1

18 Picture Re-Takes (Grades 5-11)

25-26 Thanksgiving Recess



# Stay

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Frederick Law Olmsted  
School Parent Teacher

## Frederick Law Olmsted at Kensington School #156

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Mrs. Claudio-Cotto, Principal

# Frederick Law Olmsted at Kensington Academic Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2021						
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## IMPORTANT DATES

### September

1,2,7 Supt. Conference Days

6 Labor Day

8 **First Day for Students**

23 Dual Lang. Open House (156)

### October

4-8 HS Spirit Week & Homecoming

11 Indigenous People's & Italian Heritage Day

14 Dual Lang. Recruitment (64)

21 Open House

### November

2 Election Day

11 Veteran's Day

25-26 Thanksgiving Recess

### December

24-31 Winter Recess

### January

17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

25-28 MS Spirit Week & Winter Carnival

25-28 NYS Regents Exams

### February

14-18 Winter Sports Spirit Week

21 President's Day

22-25 Mid-Winter Recess

### March

7-11 Multicultural Week

16 Open House

30-31 NYS ELA Testing (Gd. 5-8)

### April

5 Early Release Day (11:50 AM)

6 Supt. Conference Day

27-28 NYS Math Testing (Gd. 5-8)

11-15 Spring Recess

### May

4 Early Release Day (11:50 AM)

5 Supt. Conference Day

11 Creativity in Bloom

16-20 Spring Sports Spirit Week

30 Memorial Day

### June

13 HS Field Day

14-23 NYS Regents Exams

20 Juneteenth Holiday

23 **Last Day of Classes**

24 Supt. Conference Day

**\*\*Additional events will be added \*\***

SBMT Meetings 3:05-4:05 PM	Faculty Meetings 3:05-4:05 PM	<i>School is NOT in session</i>
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# ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL PROCEDURES: SAFETY FIRST!

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When students enter the building, they will do so as follows:

- Grades 5-8 and all yellow bus students will enter using the MAIN ENTRANCE DOORS on Suffolk Street
- Grades 9-12 students will enter using the AUDITORIUM ENTRANCE on Oakmont Street

All students will be expected to:

1. Complete the daily screener prior to arrival
2. Receive a temperature check prior to entering the building using the thermal scanner
3. Wear a mask at all times

Students experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19 are expected to stay home for the day and seek the advice of a healthcare professional prior to reporting to school. It is imperative that everyone keeps health and safety at the forefront.

**HOMEROOMS WILL OPEN AT 7:55 A.M.**

**ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN HOMEROOM BY 8:00 A.M.**

Students will be dismissed as follows:

- Grade 5 & 6 students will be escorted based on their specific dismissal information, as provided to the District and school:
    - Yellow busing students to the bus
      - Students on larger buses will be using the Main Entrance doors
      - Students on smaller buses will be using the Hempstead doors near Suffolk St.
    - Students being picked up to the Middle School Cafeteria
      - A parent/guardian is to report to the MS Cafeteria doors to sign out their child using a QR code.
    - Walkers to the Hempstead Ave. exit doors
  - Grade 7 & 8 students will be dismissed from period 11 based on the information provided to the District and school:
    - Yellow busing students to their bus
      - Students on larger buses will be using the Main Entrance doors
      - Students on smaller buses will be using the Hempstead doors near Suffolk St.
    - Students being picked up to the Middle School Cafeteria
      - A parent/guardian is to report to the MS Cafeteria doors to sign out their child using a QR code.
    - Walkers to the Hempstead Ave. parking lot exit doors
  - Grade 9-12 students will be dismissed at the bell based on their mode of transportation:
    - Yellow busing students to their bus using the Hempstead doors near Suffolk St.
    - NFTA busing students to their bus using the Oakmont St. doors near Suffolk St.
      - NFTA SPECIALS #12, 19 (S. Buffalo) and 23 will be available on the Oakmont St. side every day. ***Please do not block the side street for buses!***
- Students being picked up to the HS cafeteria to wait for their parent/guardian to arrive.**
- Walkers to the Oakmont St. doors near Suffolk St.**
- Any student staying for a club/sport is to report to their designated area, as per their Advisor/Coach, by 3:00 p.m.



**CARPPOOLING??** Please be sure to add whomever is picking up your child to your student information sheet. Individuals not on Infinite Campus, will not be able to pick your child up.



# ACADEMIC UPDATES

Grading for the 21-22 School Year: Excerpts from *The Buffalo Public Schools Grading Handbook*

## 2021 - 2022 Grade Reporting Timeline

Grade Reporting Timeline	Report Card Grades Close	Teacher Grade Input Window	Report Cards Mailed to Home
#1	Friday, Nov 12, 2021	11/15 – 11/19/2021	11/30/2021
#2	Friday, Jan 28, 2022	01/31 – 02/04/2022	02/11/2022
#3	Friday, April 22, 2022	04/25 – 04/29/2022	05/06/2022
#4	Friday, Jun 24, 2022	06/13 – 06/24/2022	07/08/2022
Progress Reporting Timeline	Progress Report Grades Close	Teacher Grade Input Window	Progress Reports Mailed to Home
#1	Friday, Oct 8, 2021	10/12 – 10/18/2021	10/25/2021
#2	Friday, Dec 17, 2021	12/20 – 01/03/2022	01/10/2022
#3	Friday, Mar 11, 2022	03/14 – 03/18/2022	03/25/2022
#4	Friday, May 20, 2022	05/23 – 05/27/2022	06/06/2022

*Please note, all student work is to be turned in by the closing date for Report Cards and/or Progress Reports. If extenuating circumstances exist, arrangements may be made by contacting the Grade Level Administrator or the Principal.*

### Promotion Requirements: Board of Education Regulation 7210R

#### GRADES 3 through 6:

To be promoted to the next grade, a student must meet the following requirements:

- Students must earn a final overall average of 65% or higher. The overall average is based on the content areas of English language arts (ELA); and home language arts (HLA); mathematics; science; social studies; and encore subjects. Encore subjects will be calculated into quarterly and final averages using a .3 weight.
- Students must demonstrate mastery of or appropriate growth toward grade level skills in ELA; stand-alone ENL and HLA if a student is enrolled in a bilingual program; mathematics; science; social studies; and encore subjects.

If a student with disabilities does not meet the requirements for promotion, a school principal may promote the student by taking into consideration progress toward IEP goals and other relevant data points.

If a student who is an English language learner does not meet the requirements for promotion, a school principal may promote the student by taking into consideration his/her progress toward language acquisition and other relevant data points.

If a student does not earn a final overall average of 65%, teachers will make recommendations regarding promotion or retention and principals will make the final determination using multiple measures. In all cases, the principal must consider the long term educational impact on the student.

***The lowest mark that can be recorded on the report card for any student in grades 3 – 6 is 60%.***

*\*ENL integrated coursework should be considered in the calculation of the subject area grade. ENL stand-alone courses should receive a grade on the report card.*



## **GRADES 7 AND 8:**

To be promoted to the next grade, a student must meet the following requirements:

Earn a final average of 65% or higher in three of the four core subject areas. English language arts and/or home language arts (if a student is enrolled in a bilingual program) and mathematics **must** be two of the three academic subject areas with a final average of 65%. The third core subject area used to determine promotion must be either social studies or science.

The student's quarterly and final overall average is based on the content areas of ELA; stand-alone ENL\* and HLA if applicable; mathematics; science; social studies; and encore subjects. Encore subjects will be calculated into quarterly and final averages using a .5 weight.

*\*ENL integrated coursework should be considered in the calculation of the subject area grade. ENL stand-alone courses should receive a grade on the report card.*

Any student in grades seven or eight who is identified as not having met the promotion criteria based on academic performance must attend the Buffalo City School District summer offerings (if available) to be promoted.

If a student does not earn a final average of 65% in English language arts, mathematics, and either social studies or science, teachers will make recommendations regarding promotion or retention and principals will make the final determination using multiple measures. In all cases, the principal must consider the long term educational impact on the student.

If a student with disabilities does not meet the requirements for promotion, a school principal may promote the student by taking into consideration progress toward IEP goals and other relevant factors.

If a student who is an English language learner does not meet the requirements for promotion, a school principal may promote the student by taking into consideration his/her progress toward language acquisition and other relevant data points.

### **Determining the Final Course Average**

#### **Encore Courses**

The lowest mark that can be recorded for an encore course is 50%.

The student's final grade will be the average of the assigned quarterly scores.

#### **Core Area Courses**

The lowest mark that can be recorded for the first, second, and third marking periods for the four core subject areas is 50%.

For the fourth marking period the student's report card grade will reflect the actual earned score with no minimum. The student's final grade will be the average of the four scores.

For students taking any Checkpoint A and/or Regents Examinations offered in eighth grade the actual examination score will be reflected on the report card.

***As a reminder, at Olmsted 156, non-Gifted and Talented students must meet a minimum average of 82% in all core subjects during Grade 7 to continue onto Grade 9 at Olmsted. Core subjects are English, Math, Science and Social Studies. Students who do not meet the minimum qualifications will be required to complete a High School Ahead Application in the fall.***

**HIGH SCHOOL PROMOTION/GRADUATION CRITERIA**

Students are only eligible for graduation if they have met their cohort graduation requirements. These include a minimum of 22 credits earned **and** passing five (5) required Regents examinations or approved Pathway Alternatives per current school year regulations.

**To receive course credit a student must achieve a minimum class average of 65%.** Specific requirements for Languages Other Than English are clarified in Appendix B of this regulation.

Promotion is based on acquiring the requisite course credits at each grade level.

<b>GRADE 9:</b> Students should accrue at least 5 units of credit.
<b>GRADE 10:</b> Students should accrue at least 10 units of credit.
<b>GRADE 11:</b> Students should accrue at least 15 units of credit.
<b>GRADE 12:</b> To earn a diploma, students must have accrued at least 22 units of credit based on NYS Regulations. <b><u>In Addition:</u></b> <b><i>All Regents examination requirements must be met.</i></b>  NB: Schools may establish requirements that exceed those itemized above with the approval of the Board of Education.

<b>Cohort:</b> Students become members of a designated cohort based upon the year they enter ninth grade. Students will be counted as members of this cohort until they meet the requirements for graduation regardless of the number of years or until age 21.  NB: Cohort and grade level will not necessarily be the same.
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**Determining the Final Course Average for Grades 9 -12**

The student’s quarterly and final overall average is based on the content areas of ELA; and HLA if applicable, mathematics; science; social studies; art, music, health, and CTE. Non-core subjects will be calculated into quarterly and final averages based on units of credit accrued.

Beginning with Cohort 2018 and all cohorts thereafter, the student’s quarterly and final overall average is based on the content areas of ELA; stand-alone ENL and HLA if applicable, mathematics; science; social studies; art, music, health, and CTE and physical education. Non-core subjects will be calculated into quarterly and final averages based on units of credit accrued.

Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses will be calculated at a 1.1 weight as applied to the 4.0 grade point average utilized on student transcripts.

*\*ENL integrated coursework should be considered in the calculation of the subject area grade. ENL stand-alone courses should receive a grade on the report card.*



### For Single Semester Courses (20 weeks)

- The lowest mark that can be recorded for the first ten weeks of the course (first or third marking period) period is 50%.
- For the second ten weeks of the course (2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> marking period) the student's report card grade will reflect the actual earned score with no minimum.
- The student's final grade will be the average of the two scores.
- The course average must be greater than or equal to 65% for the student to earn credit.

### For Full Year Courses (40 weeks)

- The lowest mark that can be recorded for the first, second and third marking periods is 50%.
- For the fourth marking period the student's report card grade will reflect the actual earned score with no minimum.
- The student's final grade will be the average of the four scores.
- The course average must be greater than or equal to 65% for the student to earn credit.

### Awarding Credit

Course credit will be awarded to those students who have a final average of 65% or higher, regardless of a grade earned on a Regents examination.

For all students taking Regents Examinations, Languages Other Than English Checkpoints, Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams, the actual earned examination grade (score) will be reflected on the report card.

Students with disabilities (regardless of cohort) will meet the diploma examination requirement when a score of 55% or higher is achieved on a Regents examination or a passing score on an alternative examination approved by the Commissioner.

For High School Graduation Standards please refer to Buffalo City School District Policy #7223 and the New York State Education Department Part 100 Regulations.

# Olmsted's Focus...



**ACADEMICS**

*Students engaged in setting goals and working with teachers to meet them!*

**ATTENDANCE**

*Students arriving to school and class on time and ready to learn!*

**ATTITUDE**

*Students demonstrating a growth mindset and engaging in practices that will support their academic growth and development.*

*Reaching our GOALS  
one step at a time!*

# Academic Support:

**Canisius College**

**TRiO**  
TALENT SEARCH

## ACADEMIC TALENT SEARCH PROGRAM

**SERVICES OFFERED INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO**  
PERSONAL, ACADEMIC, AND CAREER COUNSELING  
COLLEGE TOURS  
IN & AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING AND MENTORING  
COLLEGE ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID ASSISTANCE  
SCHOLARSHIP & GRANT INFO  
EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS  
COMPUTERIZED POSTSECONDARY EXPLORATION  
EVENTS WITH ACCLAIMED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS  
SAT & ACT PREPARATION  
CULTURAL AWARENESS ACTIVITIES  
EARN WHILE YOU LEARN SUMMER PROGRAM



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**Tutoring and SAT Prep classes take place on-site in Room 103**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Students MUST enroll to partake in all services. For more information, please reach out to the Guidance Department.**





# FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

## Upcoming College Visits

**Keuka College:** Friday November 5, 2021 at 2:06 PM

**ECC Instant Admissions:** Friday November 12, 2021 during all Participation in Government Classes

## Career Presentation for Olmsted Juniors & Seniors

**November 12, 2021**

**Period 10**

Sponsored by Canisius College Academic Talent Search

Presenter: Shaka Stallworth, Business Operations Manager with Verizon

## Individual Junior Credit Reviews being on November 1st.

Appointment times and the Junior Review Packet is posted on the Junior Schoology Page.

**Frederick Law Olmsted #156  
Junior & Senior Parent Night**



Thursday October 28, 2021  
6:00-7:00 PM  
Virtual Event on ZOOM!!!



SCAN THE QR CODE OR CLICK THE  
LINK TO JOIN ZOOM MEETING:

<https://zoom.us/j/92943748040?pwd=YzRzZVNDbUFXT1ZMRjVzby9hajZldz09#success>

## Guidance Counselors:

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*All Guidance Counselor Offices are in Room 228*

# UPCOMING EVENTS



THE OLMSTED  
SENIOR CLASS IS HOSTING  
A SCHOOL-WIDE

## HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

Friday, October 29th, 2021  
Judging will take place during lunch.  
CANDY PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED

Costumes must comply with the Code of Conduct.  
(No violent costumes, no full face masks, etc.)



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

ARE COMING TO OLMSTED #156



PORTRAITS FOR STUDENTS:  
GRADE 5-11 STUDENTS AND SENIORS:  
11/5 (E DAY)  
SENIORS 2ND DAY:  
11/8 (F DAY)  
UNDERCLASSMEN RE-TAKE:  
11/18 (A DAY)

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR ANY SITTING. ALL  
PORTRAITS WILL APPEAR IN THE 2021-2022  
YEARBOOK. PHOTO PRINTS AND PACKAGES  
WILL BE AVAILABLE.

CONTACT MR. MAULUCCI OR MRS. HENKSON  
FOR INFORMATION.



Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>  
1:00-2:30 p.m.

## F.L.O.'s Middle School Fall Fest

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders are  
invited to wear:

- Olmsted Gear
- Buffalo Bills Gear
- Pajamas
- Costumes

Enjoy an afternoon of:  
movies, relay races,  
board games,  
boondoggle, yoga, and  
more!



## OPTO's GEAR SALE: Fall 2021

Orders due by **November 1<sup>st</sup>** and should be delivered for the holidays.



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