



The Frederick Law Olmsted School at Kensington



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Greetings Owls!

Welcome to the 2023-24 School Year!

We are excited to see you and welcome our new owls to the nest this coming **September 8, 2023!** Below you will find important information to assist with preparations for this new school year.

Orientation:

Freshmen will be attending orientation **August 18th from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.** Freshman Orientation is mandatory; only students will be attending. Please remember, not attending orientation will cause a delay in processing your bus pass for NFTA transportation. Parents are welcome to attend a breakfast that same morning at 8:45 a.m. to review important information to start your child's high school experience.

Fifth Graders and their parent(s) will be coming for a supply drop off September 6th from 9-11 a.m. If you have not already done so, please sign up for your preferred time slot: [Supply Drop Off Sign-Up](#)

If you are new to Olmsted and in a grade other than 5 or 9, please contact the school to attend one of the scheduled orientations or tours.

Fall Sports:

FALL 2023 SPORTS
Season starts August 21, 2023!

FALL SPORTS:
Varsity Boys Cross Country
Varsity Girls Cross Country
Varsity Boys Volleyball
Varsity Girls Volleyball
Varsity Girls Swim
Varsity Girls Tennis
Varsity Boys Soccer
Varsity Girls Soccer
Varsity Football (Bennett)
Co-Ed Golf
Modified Boys and Girls Cross Country

**SCAN THE QR CODE
IF INTERESTED!**

Fall Sports begin the week of **August 21, 2023.** High School students interested in playing a sport must fill out a [registration form](#) and have an updated physical on file. Students in 7th and 8th Grade interested in participating in HS sports will need to pass a physical aptitude test administered by the coaches.

You may scan the QR Code to get all of the information needed to get started with your High School Athletics experience!

Information on Modified Sports for students in Grades 7 and 8 will be forthcoming from the Athletics Department. Once it is received, we will forward it to the school community.

Immunizations & Physical Exams:

Students planning to play a sport during the school year, students who have had COVID, as well as students entering Grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 will need to have an updated physical. All students must have updated immunizations.

Please be sure to make your appointment before the start of the school year and send your updated information to medicalrecords@buffaloschools.org

It is important that all students have the required immunizations before the start of the school year. All updated records must be sent to the school or to the email address above. ***Students without proper immunizations will be excluded from school starting September 21, 2023, in accordance to NYS Public Health Law 2164.*** For more information, please visit: <https://www.buffaloschools.org/page/immunization-requirements>

Student Infinite Campus Contact Information:

If you have recently moved or moved over the pandemic and need to change your address, phone number or email, please do so by filling out the attached Student Information Sheet. Once received, our office staff will update this information. Be sure to attach your proof of address (electric, gas or cable bill) with the correct address. You can also email documents to friccio@buffaloschools.org

Please note, accurate information is crucial as most of the correspondence is sent via School Messenger calls, emails, and texts. You do not want to miss out! In the event of an emergency, we need accurate information for you and your emergency contact(s).

Student Schedules:

Student schedules will be available on Infinite Campus by **September 6th by the end of the day.** Parents will be able to view schedules. High school students requiring schedule changes are asked to email their individual counselor with the request:

- Middle School Guidance Counselor, Grades 5-8: Ms. Lukasik adlukasik@buffaloschools.org
- High School Guidance Counselor, Last Name A-L: Mr. VanRemmen gvanremmen@buffaloschools.org
- High School Guidance Counselor, Last Name M-Z: Mrs. Caruana dcaruana@buffaloschools.org

Please note, ***specific teacher requests will not be honored.*** Schedule changes must address a class that was previously passed, or an addition of a course to address a study hall period. Schedule change requests are to be submitted by September 13th. No schedule changes will be honored after September 13th.

Supply Lists:

Teachers have provided supply lists for this upcoming school year based on grade levels for middle school students and subjects for high school students. Supply lists are available on our website:

Transportation:

The BPS Transportation Department will send specific information regarding yellow busing for students in Grades 5-8 and those who receive door-to-door transportation.

Students in Grades 9-12 who live 1.5 miles or more away from school will be eligible for a NFTA bus pass. Bus passes will be available on the student's first day in the building. As always, students will be able to ride the Metro bus free on the first day of school. If students need assistance planning their route to school, please use the [NFTA's trip planner tool](#) to do so. Tripper buses will not be available this school year.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Have a safe rest of your summer!

Principal Cotto