



FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED AT KENSINGTON

Welcome to the 2024-25 School Year!



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Welcome Back OWLs!



We are excited to welcome our new owls to the nest this coming **September 5, 2024!**

This newsletter includes important information to assist with preparations for this new school year.

If you have any questions, or need assistance during the summer, feel free to contact the school at (716) 816-4330 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ORIENTATIONS

New students to FLO 156 will be given the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the building, meet some of the staff members and prepare for the start of the new year:

- Grade 5: August 14 @ 1PM
- Grade 9: August 21, 9AM-12PM
- All other grades (new students only): August 21, 11AM-12PM



IMPORTANT

Orientation for Grade 9 students is MANDATORY! Bus pass information and pictures will be reviewed, among many other important topics.

Parents will have a separate virtual meetings to discuss building protocols and updates:

- Grades 5-8: August 19 @ 5PM
- Grades 9-12: August 19 @ 6PM

Join via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 623 135 1622

Passcode: FLO156!

[Link](#)



SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

School Supply Lists are posted online at www.olmstedatkensington.com under the News & Info tab.

Please note:

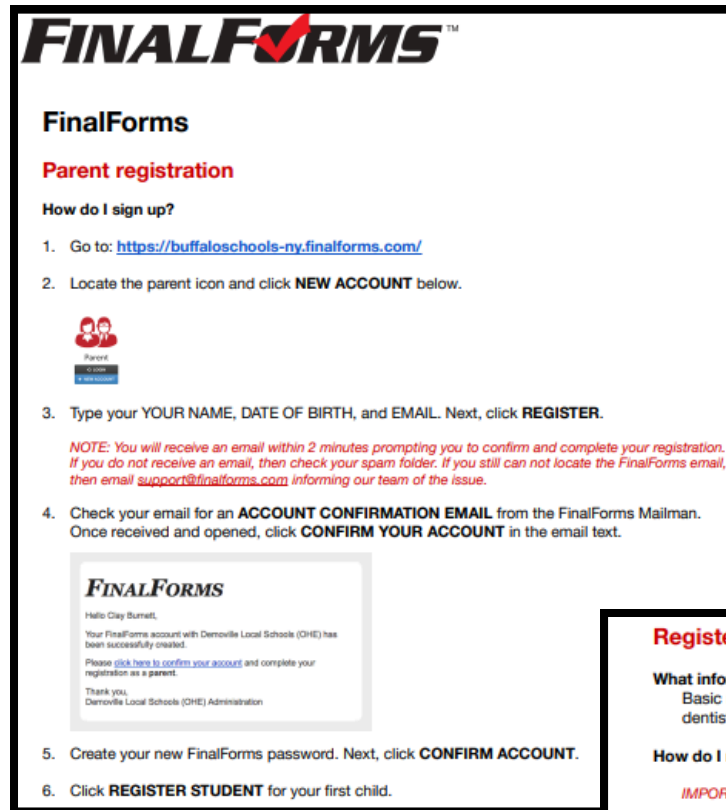
- all students will be provided with a planner. You do not need to purchase one.
- all students will be required to bring in their laptop, fully charged, daily.
 - Grades 5-6 will keep their devices in their homeroom classes throughout the school year.
 - You may choose to purchase a protector case to prevent minor wear/tear.



If you are not sure what supplies you will need to purchase, please reach out for assistance.

FALL SPORTS

Fall Sports begin the week of **August 26, 2024**. High School students interested in playing a sport must complete paperwork via Final Forms.



FINALFORMS™

FinalForms

Parent registration

How do I sign up?

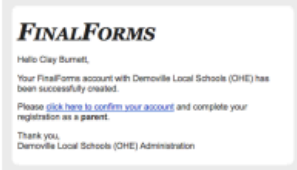
- Go to: <https://buffaloschools-ny.finalforms.com/>
- Locate the parent icon and click **NEW ACCOUNT** below.



- Type your **YOUR NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, and EMAIL**. Next, click **REGISTER**.

NOTE: You will receive an email within 2 minutes prompting you to confirm and complete your registration. If you do not receive an email, then check your spam folder. If you still can not locate the FinalForms email, then email support@finalforms.com informing our team of the issue.

- Check your email for an **ACCOUNT CONFIRMATION EMAIL** from the FinalForms Mailman. Once received and opened, click **CONFIRM YOUR ACCOUNT** in the email text.



- Create your new FinalForms password. Next, click **CONFIRM ACCOUNT**.
- Click **REGISTER STUDENT** for your first child.



Please have all documents ready to upload:

- an updated physical exam.
- health insurance information.
- contact information for health professionals servicing your child.

Students that are not registered on Final Forms WILL NOT BE CLEARED FOR PARTICIPATION until the registration process is completed! NO EXCEPTIONS.

Registering a student

What information will I need?
Basic medical history and health information. Insurance company and policy number. Doctor, dentist, and medical specialist contact information. Hospital preference and contact information.

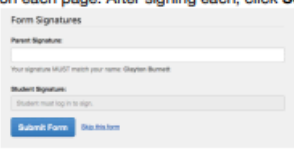
How do I register my first student?

IMPORTANT: If you followed the steps on the previous page, you may Jump to Step number 3.

- Go to: <https://buffaloschools-ny.finalforms.com/>
- Click **LOGIN** under the Parent Icon.



- Locate and click the **ADD STUDENT** button.
- Type in the **LEGAL NAME** and other required information. Then, click **CREATE STUDENT**.
- If your student plans to participate in a sport, activity, or club**, then click the checkbox for each. Then, click **UPDATE** after making your selection. Selections may be changed until the registration deadline.
- Complete each form and sign your full name (*i.e. 'Jonathan Smith'*) in the parent signature field on each page. After signing each, click **SUBMIT FORM** and move on to the next form.



- When all forms are complete, you will see a 'Forms Finished' message.

IMPORTANT: If required by your district, an email will automatically be sent to the email address that you provided for your student that will prompt your student to sign required forms.

How do I register additional students?
Click **MY STUDENTS**. Then, repeat steps number 3 through number 7 for each additional student.

How do I update information?
Login at any time and click **UPDATE FORMS** to update information for any student.

PHYSICAL FORMS AND PAPERWORK

In order to try out for any sports you must have a current physical in with the school nurse

Use the BPS athletics website OR the QR codes below to access the link for final forms. There will be NO hard copies of paperwork handed to coaches. All info should be submitted through final forms

BPS Final Forms Link



All interested athletes MUST have a final forms account completed prior to the first day of practices

FALL SPORTS AT BENNETT

Cheerleading- Coach Lasby
Glasby@buffaloschools.org

Football- Coach McDuffie
SMcDuffie@buffaloschools.org

OTHER INFO

Listen to announcements throughout the year for information regarding sign ups for Winter and Spring Sports

Contact your coach via email or in person regarding try-out schedule

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Athletes must be passing all classes. Student athletes failing courses will be required to attend Academic Table and at risk of being suspended/ removed from their team

Athletes who cannot follow school rules will be removed from the athletic program

Arbiter Game Schedules





SPORTS 2024-2025

FALL SPORTS START DATE 8/26

WINTER SPORTS START DATE 11/18

SPRING SPORTS START DATE 3/17

PHYSICALS ARE GOOD FOR ONE YEAR AND ARE NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY SPORT



FALL	WINTER	SPRING
<p>GIRLS</p> <p><u>Soccer</u>- Coach Benson Ebenson@buffaloschools.org</p> <p><u>Cross Country</u>- Coach States KStates@buffaloschools.org</p> <p><u>Volleyball</u>- Coach Haick djhaick@buffaloschools.org</p> <p><u>Swim</u>- Coach Kelly DPKelly@buffaloschools.org</p> <p><u>Tennis</u>- Coach Meszaros CMMeszaros@buffaloschools.org</p> <p>BOYS</p> <p><u>Soccer</u>- Coach Begany Rjbegany@buffaloschools.org</p> <p><u>Cross Country</u>- Coach Bush ABush@buffaloschools.org</p> <p><u>Volleyball</u>- Coach Bartram Jbartram@buffaloschools.org</p> <p>Co-Ed</p> <p><u>Golf</u>- Coach Gelsamino CGelsomino@buffaloschools.org</p>	<p>GIRLS</p> <p><u>Basketball</u>- Coach Kelly DPKelly@buffaloschools.org</p> <p><u>Cheerleading</u>- TBA</p> <p>BOYS</p> <p><u>Swim</u>- Coach Sheehan Esheehan@buffaloschools.org</p> <p><u>Basketball</u>- Coach Bush Abush@buffaloschools.org</p> <p>Co-Ed</p> <p><u>Bowling</u>- Coach John Ljohn@buffaloschools.org</p> <p><u>Indoor Track</u>- TBD</p> <p>UNIFIED</p> <p><u>Bowling</u>- Coach Bartram JBartram@buffaloschools.org</p>	<p>GIRLS</p> <p><u>Softball</u>- Coach Dietrich BDietrich@buffaloschools.org</p> <p><u>Track & Field</u>- Coach Meszaros CMMeszaros@buffaloschools.org</p> <p><u>Lacrosse</u>- Coach Weatherston jweatherston@buffaloschools.org</p> <p>BOYS</p> <p><u>Tennis</u>- Coach Kelly DPKelly@buffaloschools.org</p> <p><u>Track & Field</u>- Coach States KStates@buffaloschools.org</p> <p><u>Baseball</u>- TBA</p> <p><u>Lacrosse</u>- Coach Truilizio ATruilizio@buffaloschools.org</p> <p>UNIFIED</p> <p><u>Basketball</u>- Coach Bartram JBartram@buffaloschools.org</p>

Olmsted Fall Sports

Tryouts begin AUGUST 26th
Contact your coach today for schedule
and try-out info

Girls

Soccer- Coach Benson

ebenson@buffaloschools.org

Cross Country- Coach States

KStates@buffaloschools.org

Volleyball- Coach Haick

djhaick@buffaloschools.org

Swim- Coach Kelly

DPKelly@buffaloschools.org

Tennis- Coach Meszaros

CMMeszaros@buffaloschools.org

Cheerleading- Coach Lasby

Glasby@buffaloschools.org

Boys

Soccer- Coach Begany

rjbegany@buffaloschools.org

Cross Country- Coach Bush

ABush@buffaloschools.org

Volleyball- Coach Bartram

jbartram@buffaloschools.org

Football- Coach McDuffie

SMcDuffie@buffaloschools.org

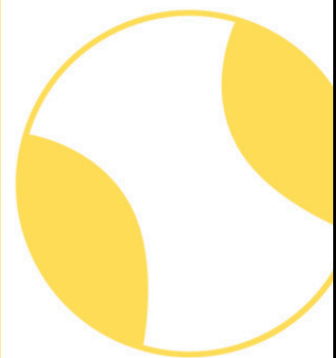
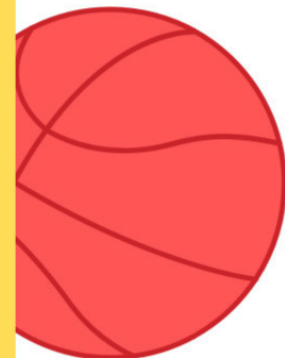
Co-Ed

Golf- Coach Gelsamino

CGelsomino@buffaloschools.org

If interested in trying out :

1. Email Coach for tryout schedule
2. Make sure you have a current physical on file with the nurse
3. Sign up on final forms with the link below



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 19, 2024, in accordance to NYS Public Health Law 2164.**



BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PLANNING TO PLAY A FALL SPORT @ BPS?

STUDENT-ATHLETES MUST HAVE AN UPDATED PHYSICAL
(DATED WITHIN THE PAST 12 MONTHS) TO PARTICIPATE

**LIMITED FALL SPORTS PHYSICAL APPOINTMENTS WILL BE
AVAILABLE AT BPS SCHOOL SITES**

VACCINATIONS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE
MUST PRE-REGISTER
Appointments available 9-2pm

<p>NORTH HUB BPS 305 McKinley</p> <p>August 8, 15, 22nd 9-2pm</p>	<p>SOUTH HUB BPS 206 South Park</p> <p>August 7, 14, 21st 9-2pm</p>
<p>EAST HUB BPS 301 Burgard</p> <p>August 8, 15, 22nd 9-2pm</p>	<p>WEST HUB BPS 198 I-Prep</p> <p>August 6, 13, 21st 9-2pm</p>

Transportation will not be provided

Scan/click here to register

www.buffaloschools.org

Schedule Your Child's Well-Visits

Why well-visits are important

- Assess child's growth and development
- Conducting a thorough physical exam
- Take a confidential medical history
- Check in on child's mental health

- Provide parents/caregivers with useful information about safety, nutrition and what to expect as a child grows

Ensure that your vaccinations are up-to-date to prepare for the upcoming school year

Children entering or attending school in New York State, including summer school and distance learning, must comply with immunization requirements.

Students must be up to date with mandated vaccinations by **September 18th, 2024**. Students not in compliance with NYS Public Health Law 2164 will begin being excluded starting September 19, 2024

Additional Resources

Visit the [BPS Department of Social Emotional and Wellness Supports](#) website for more information on:

- Free/low cost health clinics
- Immunizations requirements by grade level
- Other health related services resources

REQUIRED FORMS

All students will be required to have the following forms updated for the 2024-25 School Year. All forms will be mailed to families:

- Student Information Sheet
- BPS Media Release Form
- Calculator Agreement (*high school students only*)

All forms should be returned by **September 11, 2024**, to homeroom teachers.

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.

Please note, all routes will be provided given the information that is on Infinite Campus. If you need to update your address, please do so by providing a copy of a gas or electric bill. This serves as official proof of a change of address. During the school year, route changes on yellow busing may take up to 10 business days to process.

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 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. **Bus passes are solely for the use of busing, not the rail system.**

During the school year, if a student loses their bus pass, it may take up to 5 days to replace it. Students may be provided a one-way while their bus pass comes in. Please make every effort to keep NFTA bus passes in a safe place. Avoid vandalizing the pass as this may inactivate the chip.

24-25 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDARS



Buffalo Public Schools 2024-2025 School Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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OCTOBER 2024						
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NOVEMBER 2024						
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DECEMBER 2024						
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JANUARY 2025						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	X	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	X	30	31	

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER
 2 Labor Day
 3 Supt. Conf. Day (Professional Development)
 4 Teacher Set-up Day
 5 First Day for Students

OCTOBER
 14 Indigenous Peoples' & Italian Heritage Day

NOVEMBER
 5 Election Day
 11 Veterans Day
 27-29 Thanksgiving Recess

DECEMBER
 23-31 Winter Recess

JANUARY
 1 New Year's Day
 20 Dr. MLK Jr. Day
 29 Lunar New Year
 21-24 NYS Regents Exams (high school)

FEBRUARY
 17 Presidents' Day
 18-21 Mid-Winter Recess

APRIL
 14-21 Spring Recess
 7-10, 29, 30 NYS ELA Testing Window

MAY
 6-9 NYS Math Testing Window
 14 Early Release Day
 15,16 Supt. Conf. Days/NYS Test Scoring
 26 Memorial Day

JUNE
 4,10,17-25 NYS Regents Exam (high school)
 19 Juneteenth Holiday
 26 Last Day for Students
 27 Rating Day/Last Day for Faculty

FEBRUARY 2025						
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APRIL 2025						
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MAY 2025						
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CALENDAR DAYS					
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SEPT	20	18	FEB	15	15
OCT	22	22	MAR	21	21
NOV	16	16	APR	16	16
DEC	15	15	MAY	21	19
JAN	20	20	JUN	19	18

Total Faculty Days: 185
 Total Actual Student Days: PK - 12 = 180 (incl. Regents exam dates for grade 9-12)
 Credited Student Days: 183 (incl. 3 Supt. Conf. Days)

JUNE 2025						
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 H.S. Regents Exams
 Schools Closed

 Supt. Conf. Day & NYS Test Scoring
 Central Office Also Closed

 Early Release Day

24-25 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDARS



The Frederick Law Olmsted School at Kensington



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Dr. Giovanna Claudio-Cotto, Principal
Mrs. Catherine Dulak, Assistant Principal

Mr. James Fredo, Assistant Principal
Ms. Brittany Mecca, Assistant Principal

24- 25 SY Calendar of Events

August

14th Grade 5 Summer Orientation, 1 PM
21st Freshman Orientation, 9 AM-12 PM
New Student (Gd. 7-10) 11 AM

September

4th Grade 5 Locker Set-Up, 9 AM
10th Grade Level Assemblies & SBMT
13th Back to School Bash

October

3rd Faculty Meeting
Fall Spirit Week
4th or 18th Homecoming, 6-10 PM**
8th SBMT
10th Hispanic Heritage Event
16th Parent Meet & Greet, 5-7 PM*
29th CSI Mystery Night, 5-7 PM**
31st Fall Fest/Halloween

November

1 NHS/Jr. NHS Induction Ceremonies
4-15 Food Drive
4th Kids Vote
7th Faculty Meeting
15th Rock Your Mocks Day
19th SBMT

December

5th Faculty Meeting
10th SBMT
16-20 Holiday Spirit Week
19th Winter Concert, 6 PM**

January

9th Faculty Meeting
14th SBMT
24th Winter Carnival
31st 7th & 8th Grade ATTENDANCE

February

6th Faculty Meeting
11th SBMT
13th Talent Show (Grade 9-12)
27th Black History Month Celebration

March

6th Faculty Meeting
11th SBMT
14th "Pi" Day
20th Science Day
27th Taste of Olmsted/Multicultural Festival**

April

3rd Faculty Meeting
3rd Eid Fest**
7th - 11th Autism Awareness Week
8th SBMT
10th Spring Concert, 6 PM **

May

1st Faculty Meeting
13th SBMT
14th Equal Justice for All: Our Voices Count
16th Senior Trip**
20th Creativity in Bloom with Music Ensembles**
28th Welcome to the Nest**
30th 8th Grade Trip**

June

5th Faculty Meeting
10th SBMT
9th-13th Senior Week**
12th Field Day
13th Prom**
24th Moving Up Day, 8th grade
26th Graduation

* Event is a contractual night for all, no exceptions. Plan accordingly.

**Event eligible for second contractual night.

THINK ~ EXPLORE ~ CREATE ~ In a family of learners

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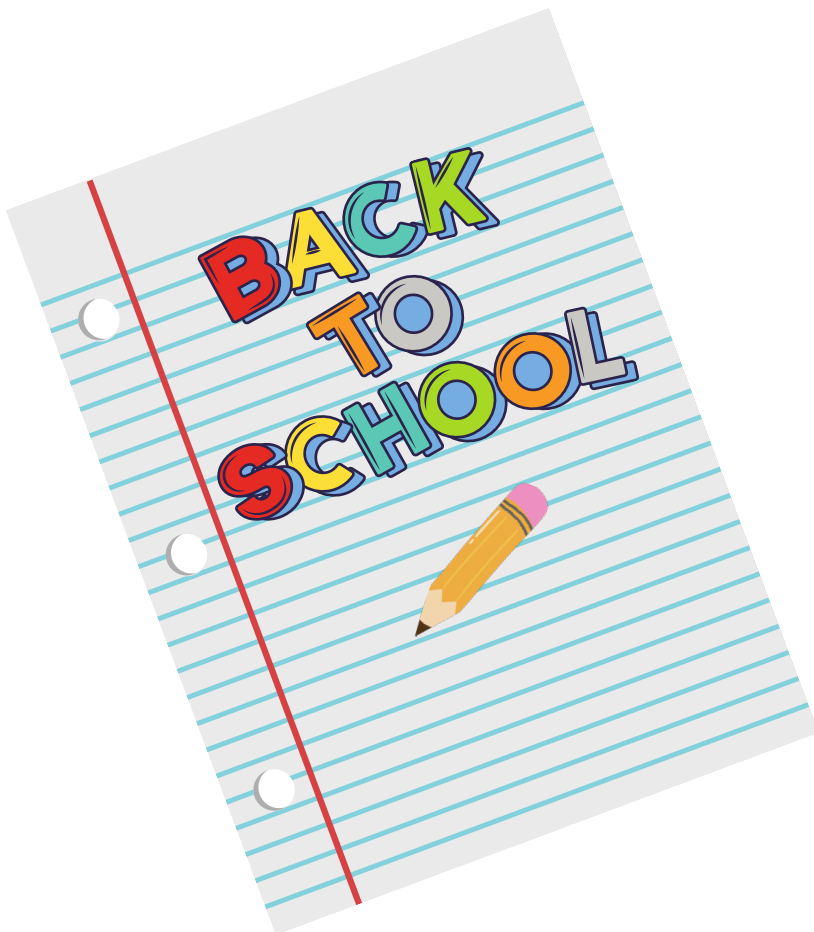
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