



August 13, 2018

Dear Students and Parents,

We are very excited to begin the journey for 2018-2019 at Old Orchard Beach High School. Our goal is to make sure every student succeeds and we are committed to working with each family to ensure that our students learn and grow in a safe, supportive, environment. This letter will provide you with the information necessary to begin the school year. This letter is also on our website so that you can use the links to access the important information.

The link to the RSU 23 and OOBHS websites is <https://oobhs.rsu23.org/> On the website homepage you can access the 2018-19 Student Handbook.

We have an OOBHS and an OOBHS Guidance Facebook page, if you “Like Us” you will receive OOBHS notifications and announcements in your newsfeed. This is a great way to get real-time updates. Additionally, we have created a PayPal account for any high school fees. This would include fees for activities and device fees. To access this service please go to the [OOBHS website](#) and the link to PayPal is on the homepage.

Students and families will be able to access all forms, notifications, and information through our school webpage. You can also follow Mr. Suttie on Twitter [@Supt Prin_OOB](#).

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions. We are looking forward to a great year!

Go Gulls!

John Suttie, Principal

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Eric Hanson, Assistant Principal

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*This letter is also posted on the OOBHS website.

New Staff

Over the summer we have filled many positions within OOBHS and are excited to announce the names of the teachers and staff that will be joining us for the 2018-19 school year. Andrea Johnson, Science Teacher, Alexandra Kantro, English Teacher, Gwyneth Maguire, Library Media Specialist and Jonathan Spath, Math Teacher, join the ranks of the OOBHS teaching staff. The hiring process was very competitive and the talent, skill sets, and experiences of our new cadre of staff will be a significant value-add to our school and community.

Start Time & Bell Schedule

The school day begins at 8:30 AM this year and the link bell schedule is below. You can also view the Bell Schedule by visiting our school webpage or following this [link](#).

School Calendar

The 2018-19 school calendar can be viewed by visiting our school web page or following this [link](#).

Open House

Open House is scheduled for Thursday, August 30 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Parents and students are encouraged to attend and it's an excellent opportunity to meet our amazing staff, tour the school, and experience a "day in the life" at Old Orchard Beach High School. Open house participants will receive student schedules upon arrival and light refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you!

Open House Schedule Old Orchard Beach High School August 30, 2018 (6:00-8:00pm)		
	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>End Time</u>
Welcome and Staff Introductions (20min)	6:00 pm	6:20 pm
Block 1 (10 min)	6:21pm	6:31pm
Block 2 (10 min)	6:32pm	6:42pm
Block 3 (10 min)	6:43pm	6:53pm
Block 4 (10 min)	6:54pm	7:04pm
Block 5 (10 min)	7:05pm	7:15pm
Block 6 (10 min)	7:16pm	7:26pm
Block 7 (10 min)	7:27pm	7:37pm
Block 8 (10 min)	7:38pm	7:48pm
Customized Learning Block (11 min)	7:49pm	8:00pm
Dismissal from Block 8	8:00 pm	

Wednesday August 29- Grade 9 Students Only

All 9th graders are expected to attend Wednesday, August 29 from 8:30-2:45 pm. Breakfast and lunch will be offered and bus transportation will be provided. Students need to be at their bus stop by 7:45 am.

Thursday, August 30- Grades 9-12

All Students are expected to attend Thursday, August 30 from 8:30-2:45 pm. Breakfast and lunch will be offered and bus transportation will be provided. Students need to be at their bus stop by 7:45 am. BRCOT students are expected to attend school on August 31. Morning BRCOT students will have access to the library or cafeteria during blocks 1-4 and afternoon BRCOT students will be dismissed after block 5 lunch.

**Old Orchard Beach High School
Opening Day Schedule- August 29 & 30 2018**

August 29- 9th Grade Only 8:30-2:45 Bus pickup begins @ 7:30am

	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>End Time</u>
Opening Assembly in Gymnasium (20 min)	8:30am	8:50am
Customized Learning Block (20 min)	8:53am	9:13am
Block 1 (33 min)	9:16am	9:49am
Block 2 (33 min)	9:52am	10:25 am
Block 3 (33 min)	10:28am	11:01am
Block 4 (33 min)	11:04 am	11:37 am
Lunch and Clubs (40 min)	11:37am	12:17pm
Block 5 (33 min)	12:20 pm	12:53pm
Block 6 (33 min)	12:56pm	1:29 pm
Block 7(33 min)	1:32pm	2:05pm
Block 8 (33 min)	2:08pm	2:41pm
Dismissal from School	2:45pm	

August 30- Grades 9-12 8:30-2:45 Bus pickup begins @ 7:30am

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Block 6 (33 min)	12:56pm	1:29 pm
Block 7(33 min)	1:32pm	2:05pm
Block 8 (33 min)	2:08pm	2:41pm
Dismissal from School	2:45pm	

Biddeford Regional Center of Technology

Biddeford Regional Center of Technology (BRCOT) starts on Tuesday, September 4. Students attending the morning session should arrive at the HS by 7:50 am and will return back to OOBHS at 11:30 am. Students attending the afternoon session should arrive at the HS by 11:30 am and will return to OOBHS at 3:00 pm. All students are expected to take the school bus to BRCOT unless a written request to drive is made to administration. Failure to comply with this policy will result in the loss of driving privileges to BRCOT.

Early Release Wednesdays

Early Release Wednesdays are scheduled for Sept 12, Oct 17, Nov 7, Nov 20, Dec 5, Jan 9, Feb 6, Mar 6, April 3, and May 1. On these days, school will dismiss at 12:00 pm, 2 hours and 45 minutes earlier than the usual start time. The student schedule will be adjusted on these days and school buses will drop students up at their regular stop 2 hours and 45 minutes earlier than the usual pick-up time.

Student Pictures

Picture day is scheduled for Friday, September 21. Picture forms will be distributed to students during the first week of school.

School Nutrition Program

As a reminder, breakfast and lunch are available daily at school. Breakfast is \$1.50 and lunch is \$2.95 for high schoolers. Please fill out a Free and Reduced Lunch application to determine if your child qualifies for free or reduced price meals. Applications are available at the high school and on our website at: <https://rsu23.org> on the Food & Nutrition Services page. Menus are also posted to the website. Please feel free to contact Caroline Trinder, Food & Nutrition Services Director with any questions at ctrinder@rsu23.org or 934-4461 ext. 1239. We are looking forward to serving healthy and tasty meals all year!

ChromeBook Deployment

Chromebooks will be distributed to students during the week of September 3. Students will be able to pick-up their Chromebooks only if they have (1) returned a signed Device Use Policy Form, (2) returned a signed Family Commitment Letter, (3) paid the \$50 participation fee, and (4) all outstanding invoices must be paid in full. Please make checks payable to RSU #23. We will begin collection of these documents and the device deposit at the August 30 Open House.

Parking Policy & Early Release/Late Arrival Transportation

Students who would like to drive their car to school must register their car in the main office and acquire a parking permit. Cars without a parking permit or cars parked in the improper lot may be removed at the owner's expense. There is no student parking in the front lot. Early Release and Late Arrival privileges for Seniors will be earned and determined after the Q1 Progress Reports. Additionally, Juniors that are NHS members will be eligible after the Q1 Progress report.

Important and Upcoming Dates:

Grade 9 First Day of School:	Wednesday, August 29 (For a detailed schedule see page #3)
Grades 9-12 First Day of School:	Thursday, August 30 (For a detailed schedule see page #3)
Open House:	Thursday, August 30 (6-8pm)
Early Release Day:	Wednesday, September 12
Picture Day:	Friday, September 21