



# OAKVIEW NEWS

## SEPTEMBER 2021

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND ASST. PRINCIPAL

**Ms. Theresa  
Baumann  
Principal**

**Mr. Edward  
Lesniak  
Asst. Principal**

**Office Hours  
6:45 - 3:15**

**Phone  
Number:  
815-485-2125**

*FIND  
THE  
CHAMPION  
IN YOU!*



Welcome back to the 2021-2022 school year! The year is off to a MARVELous start! Your children are amazing and kind, thank you for sharing them with us! We are looking forward to many fun activities this year! We are inviting all staff and student to join us for MARVEL00US Mondays! That is not a misspelling, instead it is a reminder to wear Oster-Oakview colors, spirit wear, or super hero shirts every Monday as we focus on having a MARVELOUS year!

Our theme this year is to "Be the Hero in Your Own Story!" Our goal is to encourage your child to be a hero for themselves and for others through acts of kindness and strength. We will be focusing on the character traits that all heroes need to be great: Respect, Responsibility, Trustworthiness, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. We will continue to highlight your children when they demonstrate those character traits. Staff will be mailing postcards, calling home, or sending emails to share the great things your children are doing!

Please be sure to review the newsletter for information on 6th grade physicals as well as quarantine procedures. We look forward to a wonderful year!

Ms. Baumann and Mr. Lesniak.

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/oster](http://www.nlsd122.org/schools/oster)



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### SEPTEMBER

- 6 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
- 8 - PTO Dine and Donate at the Creamery
- 16 - PTO Meeting at Spencer Trail 7:30
- 16 - Girls Basketball Away vs Spencer
- 20 - Girls Basketball Home vs Ridge
- 21 - School Board Meeting
- 24 - ½ DAY 10:35 DISMISSAL - School Improvement Day
- 30 - PTO Dine and Donate @ Tom Kelly's

## **Quarantine Information**

### **Here are the current CDC quarantine options:**

**10 days** - if your child does not develop any symptoms of COVID, they may return to school after day 10 of the quarantine period. Testing is not required.

**7 days** - if your child does not develop any symptoms of COVID and has a negative PCR test on day 6 of the quarantine, they may return to school after day 7 of the quarantine period.

**Quarantine for a case within the home:** If the affected individual lives in the home and is able to isolate from your child, the above quarantine guidelines apply. If you are not able to isolate the affected individual from your child, the quarantine period starts after the affected person's 10-day isolation ends. The reason for this is that the affected person is able to shed the virus for 10 days, which produces the potential for exposure to your child up until the affected person's isolation ends.

### **Example:**

Mom is diagnosed with COVID on May 1st

Mom is contagious until May 10th.

Child's quarantine begins on May 11th and lasts for 7-10 days, depending on whether testing is performed.

Child is able to return to school on May 19th with testing or May 22nd without testing.

### **Special Circumstances:**

Quarantine of 14 days is required in our classes with mask exemptions or in settings where 6 feet is unable to be maintained (Ex: early childhood settings and some self contained special education settings).

## Signing Out Procedures

When coming to pick up your student during the school day, for any reason, please bring your photo ID and be sure to wear a mask. You will be buzzed into our foyer where you will sign out your student on our iPad.

## Attendance

If your child will be absent from school, you're required to call the office at (815) 485-2125 to report the absence. This is a 24 hour line, so you can call any time: please leave message if calling after hours.

## Dropping off Items

When dropping off items during school hours, (lunches, backpacks, homework, iPads, etc.) please leave them on the table in the vestibule. Please make sure your child's name is on the item. We will continually check the table throughout the day.

## LUNCH AND RECESS TIMES

	LUNCH	RECESS
GRADE 6	11:00 - 11:15	11:15 - 11:30
GRADE 5	11:40 - 11:55	11:55 - 12:10
GRADE 4	12:10 - 12:25	12:25 - 12:40

## Technology Help

If your student is having trouble with technology, please complete a "tech ticket" by taking the following steps:

- Email [tech-help@nlsd122.org](mailto:tech-help@nlsd122.org)
- Subject: CALL CENTER TICKET
- Body of email: Your email address, your phone number, the issue/problem and any troubleshooting steps you may have taken.



We would like you to join us in showing our school spirit by participating in MARVELOOUS Mondays! Each Monday we encourage staff and students to wear Green and Silver, Oakview Spirit Wear or super hero shirts! We look forward to celebrating MARVELOOUS Mondays every Monday!

### 6th grade Physical Requirements

I just wanted to remind you that all 6th graders will need a physical completed for this school year. All physicals need to be turned in no later than October 12th. Please note that a sports physical will not be accepted for the 6th grade physical. Please feel free to drop off meds and physicals in the office at any time. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Baumann or Mr. Lesniak at Oakview School. (815) 485-2125.

### OAKVIEW PICTURE DAY

We will have our picture day on Wednesday, October 13th. As part of their package, you will be able to view and order all pictures online. Pictures will be mailed directly to your home from VIP. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Lesniak at 815-485-2125 or email him at [elesniak@nlsd122.org](mailto:elesniak@nlsd122.org).



Hello Oster-Oakview Family and Friends,

My name is Jeremy Kman and I am the Physical Education Teacher here at Oster-Oakview Intermediate School! This is my 6<sup>th</sup> year teaching and my 4<sup>th</sup> year in New Lenox School District. I will also be coaching 6th grade boys basketball at Oakview. I also am the Assistant Varsity Softball Coach at Bremen High School in Midlothian, Illinois. I am looking forward to another great school year in Physical Education at Oakview!

The first couple of months of the school year will be very exciting for the students! We will begin the year by establishing and practicing classroom expectations and routines. We will also begin playing tag and other lead up fitness activities. After Labor Day weekend, we will begin our first unit of the school year which is soccer. We will learn the basics skills and fundamentals of playing soccer and eventually play small sided games of soccer.

Mr. Kman



## OAKVIEW SPIRIT WEAR SALE!

Don't forget to order your Oakview spiritwear! All orders are handled online through the link below. Orders cannot be accepted **after September 10**. All sales are final so please refer to the sizing charts. Orders will be sent home when they arrive. Students are encouraged to wear their spiritwear or Oakview colors (Green and Silver) on designated days. Thanks you for supporting Oakview School.

[https://palosshirts.com/oakview\\_spiritwear/shop/home](https://palosshirts.com/oakview_spiritwear/shop/home)



## Lines from the LRC

Welcome back to another exciting year! I am thrilled to announce that our libraries are open and ready to welcome your child. My name is Claire Lasak, and I will be your child's librarian this school year. This will be my eleventh year working in the New Lenox School District and my third year as a librarian.

Students will be visiting the library for a thirty-minute session each week. During that time they will be taught library skills, read literature, and borrow books. Library classes will begin on August 20, 26, or 27 depending on grade level and teacher. All books are due one week from the day they are checked out. Books may be renewed, but the student must bring the book to the library in order to do so.

Students are able to check out up to two books each week. If new books are needed before the next check out date, they are more than welcome to visit the library and select new books. If a student is absent on their library day, they can return their books when they return to school.

The library is always in need of volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering, or have any questions, please email me at: [clasak@nlsd122.org](mailto:clasak@nlsd122.org)

Happy reading!

Mrs. Lasak



## A NOTE FROM OUR SOCIAL WORKER

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! Every month, I travel into each classroom to help support the social-emotional learning of our students through the Safe and Caring Schools curriculum. During the month of September, your student(s) will be learning about the following topic(s):

*Me and My Safe & Caring School: Setting Expectations, Classroom Community, Social Awareness, Self-Awareness, Acceptance, and Belonging*

We will address the topics through a variety of activities and classroom discussions. Please feel free to call or email me should you have any questions regarding our September topic.

For more information regarding the Safe and Caring Schools curriculum, visit: <http://www.safeandcaringschools.com/>

I look forward to a great school year!

--  
Ms. Jillian Justice, L.S.W.  
School Social Worker



## 5th Grade Band and Orchestra

We are excited to begin 5th Grade Band and Orchestra in September and we encourage all 5th graders to join our amazing instrumental music program.

### **Information About the Band and Orchestra Program:**

Please click on this Google Slides Presentation link to access information about the band and orchestra:

<https://tinyurl.com/5thgradebandandorchestraslides>

### **How to Register:**

Interested in Joining Band or Orchestra? Excellent! Please fill out the Google Form link below to officially register for the program. **Please complete the registration by Friday, September 10**, so there is enough time to get an instrument and for the teachers to plan for instruction that will begin the week of Sept. 20. Thank you!

<https://tinyurl.com/5thgradebandandorchestrasignup>

### **How to get an instrument:**

Call Quinlan and Fabish Music Company at 630-654-4111 or visit [www.qandf.com](http://www.qandf.com) by **Friday, September 10** to make sure your child has an instrument/supplies when we begin band and orchestra the week of September 20.

Please contact the band and orchestra directors with any questions.

Mrs. Clark (Band) - [jclark@nlsd122.org](mailto:jclark@nlsd122.org)

Mr. Janiszewski (Orchestra) - [tjaniszewski@nlsd122.org](mailto:tjaniszewski@nlsd122.org)

Mrs. Jen Clark

Liberty/Nelson Ridge/Oster-Oakview Band

Liberty JHS National Junior Honor Society

815-46-7951 x.6166



# Oakview Music Happenings



Greetings from the music room! Welcome back to another school year. It's good to be back teaching in the music room after a year of traveling from classroom to classroom. Let's see what we have started doing during these first few weeks.

All grade levels have been working on their steady beat skills. We played name games, moved to the steady beat and have started creating simple four quarter note beat compositions with rhythm sticks. Musicians have also gone over the rules of the music room and have been putting them into practice during class.

The fifth grade students attended a band and orchestra demonstration with Mrs. Clark (Band director) and Mr. Janiszewski (Orchestra director). They were able to hear the different instruments that they could learn if they joined band or orchestra. Just a reminder, if you are interested in joining band or orchestra, all forms are due by Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

SI musicians have been reviewing the four voices. We have started practicing echo response and matching pitch. REACH students are learning how to be successful musicians during class. We have been singing, moving, learning, and dancing.

All students had to try and guess the "Masked Singer". Each day a new clue is presented to the students to help them figure out who is hiding under the mask. Our first masked singer was Olivia Rodrigo.

We will start working on grade level specific skills as we continue learning during the first trimester. What a great start to a new school year!

- Mrs. Ruklic



# NLSD 122 IS HIRING!

NLSD 122 is seeking interested applicants for paraprofessional positions for the 2021-2022 school year. Paraprofessionals need only to be 19 years of age and show proof of ONE of the following requirements:

- Associate's degree or higher or
- 60 semester hours of college coursework or
- High School Diploma or Equivalency and a score of 460 or higher on the ETS Parapro Test or
- High School Diploma or Equivalency and passing the ACT Work Keys tests

Interested applicants can apply on our website [HERE](#). All positions offer benefits and competitive hourly rates. Please contact Mandy Novotny at [mnovotny@nlsd122.org](mailto:mnovotny@nlsd122.org) with any questions.



# NLSD122 PTO CORNER

nlsd122pto@gmail.com



## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

There will be another opportunity for calendars. Please make sure to be on the lookout for a form coming soon. We will have calendars to purchase at the September PTO meeting.

We have a lot of fun things planned for this year. Check us out on Facebook and Instagram.

If you would like to get involved with the PTO please visit our website.

Let's get involved in the PTO! The New Lenox School District 122 Parent Teacher Organization is a group of staff representatives from each of our 12 schools, District office, and parents who are invested in helping enhance the school district that our children attend.

Please join us for our monthly meetings, which are held every third Thursday of the month. The meetings will rotate from 9:30 a.m and 7:30 p.m. every month. Our next meeting is September 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m at Spencer Trail.

Check our website for any additional information:  
<http://www.newlenoxpto.org>



### UPCOMING EVENTS

September 8, 2021  
Creamery New Lenox  
4-9p.m.

Celebrity scooper, Mayor Tim  
Baldermann 4-6:30p.m.  
Celebrity scooper,  
Dr. Motsch 6:30-9p.m.

September 30, 2021 Tom  
Kelley's Dine and Donate

## PARENTS + TEACHERS

## SUCCESSFUL KIDS

JOIN SPANISH QUEST AFTERSCHOOL!

# WANT TO HAVE FUN & LEARN SPANISH?

Join your friends in *español* this year!  
The Spanish Quest afterschool language program is  
returning to your school, Oster Oakview.  
Hurry! Fall registration starts in September.

All students will bring a registration form home soon! For more  
information or to register online visit [www.spanishladderandquest.org](http://www.spanishladderandquest.org).

## ARE YOU READY FOR BILINGUAL FUN!?



SPORTS



TRAVEL



MUSIC



STORY TIME



GAMES



ARTS &  
CRAFTS



COOKING

**& MUCH, MUCH MORE!**

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