



SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

**Ms. Theresa
Baumann
Principal**

**Mrs. Charissa
Swiech
Asst. Principal**

**Julie Negri
Secretary**

**Kelly Morinec
Secretary**

Absentee Line:

815-485-2125

24 hours a day

**Office Hours
6:45 - 3:30**

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

**District
Website:
<http://www.nlsd122.org>**

**School
Website:
<https://www.nlsd122.org/c/index.php/schools/oakview>**

Hello Oster-Oakview families,

It was so nice to see so many of our families at our expectation night on Wednesday. This is a great evening for teachers to share expectations for the coming year as well as procedures that they will do in their classroom. We would love the opportunity to know what your expectations are for your child this year. I highly encourage each parent to write a letter to their teacher, telling us about your child through your eyes. Let us know their likes and dislikes, what makes them unique, things that make them happy or things that they are worried about with the new school year. By sharing this information with us, it allows us to work with you to make this an amazing year at Oakview school for your child.

Please be sure to review the newsletter for important happenings at our school. We have two spirit days in September: 9/8 is our Bears/Packers day- students are encouraged to wear a shirt to represent their favorite football team or an Oakview School shirt on this day. 9/11 is our Red, White, and Blue day- students and staff are invited to honor and remember those that lost their lives on 9/11/2001.

Thank you!

Ms. Baumann and Mrs. Swiech

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
- 8 Bears vs Packers Day- Represent your favorite football team
- 11 Red, White and Blue Day- Wear colors of the flag
- 14 Lockdown Drill with NLPD-See information in the newsletter
- 19 School Board Meeting
- 19 Girls Basketball Game @ Crossing 4pm
- 20 Haines/Oakview Fall Family Fest 5-7pm
- 21 PTO Meeting @ Tyler 9:30am
- 22 ½ DAY **10:35 DISMISSAL** - School Improvement Day
- 26 Girls Basketball Game @ Home vs Bentley 4pm
- 28 Girls Basketball Game @ Nelson Ridge 4pm

Signing Out Procedures

When coming to pick up your student during the school day, for any reason, please bring your photo ID. You will be buzzed in where you will sign out your student on the IPAD in the office.

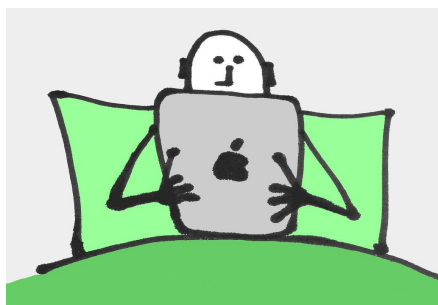


Dropping off Items

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.

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.



Technology Help

If your student is having trouble with technology, please create a "support ticket" by going to the New Lenox School District Website (see link) and follow the steps:

- <https://www.nlsd122.org/c/index.php/departments/technology/technology-help>

	LUNCH	RECESS
GRADE 6	10:55 - 11:15	11:15 - 11:30
GRADE 5	11:35 - 11:55	11:55 - 12:10
GRADE 4	12:10 - 12:30	12:30 - 12:45



Oster-Oakview is excited to welcome back volunteers willing to help our students and teachers with any time or skill they can offer. We value the time and dedication it takes. Please use the link provided to sign up for all volunteer opportunities. Thank you in advance!

[Volunteer Form](#)



Congratulations to the following 6th Grade Girls for making the Girls Basketball Team!!

Kelly Ayala, Raina Bick, Leila Boers, Lily Cagle, Emma Campana, Kinzie Catellier, Giana Ferm, Maggie Gallas, Kailey Hogan, Hailey Kaatz, Emily LaPorte, Makenna Majda, Violet McCann, Elyse Nelson, Eva Taujanskas, Morgan Tippet, Alice Vladika

Preschool Screenings

New Lenox School District will be screening children from ages three to five in the areas of motor, cognitive, and speech/language development. All preschoolers who reside in our district are eligible to be screened free of charge. This is a preschool screening, not a kindergarten readiness screening. This year the screenings will be held at Cherry Hill Elementary and Early Childhood Center.

2023-2024 Screening Dates

September 22nd November 17th
March 8th May 10th

***Call Cherry Hill School at 815-462-7831
to
schedule an appointment.***

Congratulations to the 2022-23 Cross Country Team

Brandon Bettenhausen

Maggie Gallas

Emily LaPorte

Zeke Mol

Henry Radnis

Rocky Salem

Jackson Strein

Elliot Sweeney

Collin Veach

Max Worden





Oakview Music Happenings



Welcome to a new school year! I hope everyone enjoyed their summer! Let's take a look at what the students have started doing in music class.

4th Grade students started the year reviewing the music concept beat. We did a steady beat challenge where they had to keep the beat going and tell me something about themselves. We answered questions like, What's your favorite color to what's your favorite animal. Many students had a great grasp on keeping the beat steady. We started singing the song '*Hiccup Buttercup*' and we learned a cup game. It was interesting to see if they could keep the beat when the tempo (speed of the music) got faster and faster.

5th Grade students also started the year reviewing steady beat and were tasked to complete the same steady beat challenge as 4th grade. They did awesome! We also started reviewing the music word rhythm and reviewed rhythm identification by playing a game called 'Secret Chicken'. We also learned a rhythm stick piece to the song '*Yakety Yak*'. This piece combined steady beat practice as well as rhythm practice.

6th Grade students practiced identifying music notes and how many beats each note received. We then practiced the steady beat with four different note values; whole note, half note, quarter note and eighth notes. 6th grade also started identifying rhythms with the game 'Secret Chicken'. They also starting learning the rhythm stick piece to '*Yakety Yak*'.

SI students started the year singing the song '*If your Happy and You Know It*'. They have been singing the 'Hello song' and 'Goodbye song' so beautifully. We are also dancing with scarves and working on keeping a beat. We started practicing passing a ball around in a circle to a song. We are trying to keep the ball moving without too many stops.

REACH students have started the year using their singing voice by answering questions about themselves. I have learned a lot about them these past couple weeks. We have been reinforcing our beat keeping skills and even practiced our singing skills with the song '*Hiccup Buttercup*'. They really enjoyed freeze dance with Sonic the Hedgehog.

I look forward to a great year of music!

- Mrs. Ruklic

Communication

At Oakview School we value communicating with our parents, but we are not able to give quick responses all of the time. Please note that all of your emails, notes, or phone calls will be answered within 24 hours of our receiving it. During the school day staff are focused on interacting with students and do not always have time to check email during their day. If there is something you need to have communicated to your child we ask that you call the school office so we can make sure your child receives the message. If there is something you need an immediate response to we ask that you call and ask for Ms. Baumann or Mrs. Swiech so that they can hopefully assist you. We appreciate your understanding that our staff wants to be able to dedicate the time during the school day to your children and their evenings to their own families.



DRESS CODE/PERSONAL APPEARANCE

*Research and experience have shown that student conduct, school goals, personal pride, and self-respect are related to personal appearance and mode of dress. Clothing that is disruptive to the educational process will not be tolerated. It is the responsibility of the parents to see that their child is dressed in a manner which reflects good taste, good judgment, safety, and is not disruptive to the educational process. Students are expected to wear clothing in a neat, clean, and well-fitting manner while on school property and/or in attendance at school sponsored activities.

*No student shall wear, or bring to school, any clothing that displays inappropriate language by sign, symbol, or depiction which refers to any drug, tobacco, alcohol, gang, or sexual innuendo.

*Coats, jackets, gloves, sunglasses, hats, and other outerwear may not be worn in the building. Undergarments may not be visible. Students must wear shirts (covering skin in the front, back, and sides under the arms), pants/jeans, or the equivalent, and appropriate footwear at all times. Discrimination based on student hairstyles that are historically associated with race, ethnicity, or hair texture is prohibited.

*Students will be excluded from classes until arrangements for acceptable attire can be made, or appropriate clothing provided. Students will be given reminders/warnings prior to a phone call home.



We would like you to join us in showing our School Spirit by participating in Oakview T-Shirt Tuesdays! Each Tuesday we encourage staff and students to wear Top School or Oakview Spirit Wear shirts! We look forward to celebrating Oakview T-shirt Tuesdays!

OAKVIEW PICTURE DAY

We will have our picture day on Monday, October 16th. 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 Mrs. Swiech at 815-485-2125 or email her at cswiech@nlzd122.org



NLSD 122 has a new and improved Facebook Page!

Follow us and check out the amazing staff and students of NLSD 122 on social media at the links below.

Facebook Page: [NLSD 122](#)

Instagram: [nlzd122](#)

Twitter: [NLSD122@NLSD_122](#)

Lines from the LRC

Welcome back to another exciting year! My name is Claire Lasak, and I will be your child's librarian this school year. This will be my fourteenth year working in the New Lenox School District and my fifth 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, learn about technology, and borrow books. Library classes will begin the week of September 4th. 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, and get new ones 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

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Lasak



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 8th year teaching and my 6th year in New Lenox School District. I am looking forward to another great school year in Physical Education at Oakview! I also have a student teacher joining us to begin the school year! Alicia Hrvatin is a student at NIU and finishing up her PE degree and she will be watching how I teach here at Oakview and she will be taking over and teaching PE to your child starting in the middle of September until October. The first couple of months of the school year will be very exciting for the students! We started the year off by establishing and practicing classroom expectations and routines. We will also begin playing tag and other fun activities. This month in PE, 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.

Nurse's Notes



Dear Oakview Family,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all students and their parents. I am looking forward to working with you and your children at OAKVIEW! I would like to share the following important information with you and ask your cooperation in providing the necessary documentation and communication regarding your child in order to ensure his/her health and safety.

HEALTH CONCERNS: Please inform me of any severe allergies, surgeries, accidents or new health problems that occurred during the summer months or which may occur during the school year.

PHYSICAL EXAMS AND IMMUNIZATIONS: In accordance with the New Lenox School District and Illinois State Law, a *physical exam* and documentation of immunizations are required for all 6th grade students. These are TDAP, MCV4, Completed Heb B series (3), and completed Varicella (2). New students entering must submit an updated immunization record in order to begin school along with a physical exam that was done within one year prior to entrance to school. (unless you were in the district).

MEDICATIONS: NO child is to take or carry PRESCRIPTION OR OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATIONS to school, with the exception of an Epi Pen or an inhaler. A physician's order must accompany all medications to be given during the school day, including over-the-counter drugs. If a student must receive medications in school, both parental permission and a Doctor Order is required. Therefore, a prescription label IS NOT acceptable in lieu of an MD's order. A written order must be obtained. All medication MUST be administered in the nurse's office.

STUDENTS WITH: Asthma, Diabetes, Seizures, and Life Threatening Allergy: Emergency Action Plans must be submitted to the nurse each year.

CONCUSSIONS/INJURIES/SURGERIES: If your child sustains a concussion, an injury or had surgery a doctor's note is required to excuse the student from wellness class and sport activities. The nurses' office along with guidance and teachers will work together if educational accommodations are needed. All doctor notes for concussion/injury/surgery should be given to the nurse by the student in order for her to assess and speak to the student directly on his/her return to school.

ILLNESS/ABSENCES: Please contact the main office at 815-485-2125 in the morning if your child is to be absent and inform them why he/she will not be attending. If your child has been ill, he/she should be free of a temperature for 24 hours before returning to school without the use of fever reducing medication.

Rebecca Filipiak RN, BSN, PEL-CSN

Oster-Oakview School

Nurses' Office : 815-462-7810

Nurses' fax: 815-462-2572

rfilipiak@nlsd122.org



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. Feel free to drop off meds and physicals in the office at any time or upload the physical into Powerschool. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rebecca Filipiak at Rfilipiak@nlsd122.org or (815) 485-2125.



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Notes from the Oakview Social Worker

Helpful Back to School Tips:

Start off on the right track by getting the right amount of sleep each night! The National Sleep Foundation recommends the following:

Ages 3-5: 10-13 hours per day

Ages 6-13: 9-11 hours per day

Ages 14-17: 8-10 hours per day

Keep a consistent bedtime

Calming activity 20-30 minutes before bed (reading, calming music, etc.) and avoid stimulating activities and/or screen time

Contact Information:

Please reach out with any
questions/concerns!

Marie Goulet, LCSW
mgoulet@nlsd122.org
815-485-2125 x6015

Meet the Social Worker:

This is my 5th year working in NLSD #122. I have worked in mental health for a little over 20 years. I have worked as a school social worker and administrator since 2009. I am so excited to return to my school social work roots this year and be the building social worker for Oakview!

On the horizon...

Over the next few weeks I will be starting back up with Lunch Bunch Groups and Kindness Club. More info to come!

Oster-Oakview Intermediate School 2023-2024



Parents/Guardians,

During our school year, we will practice drills for fire, shelter (weather), and lock down. The purpose of these drills is to prepare our students and staff to respond in the unlikely event of an emergency situation.

The following are the talking points our staff use with our intermediate aged students in regard to a lockdown **drill**. An announcement is made clearly indicating that this is a drill only and teachers prepare their class prior to the drill.

The first and most important step in any drill is **STOP... LISTEN to your teacher.**

LOCKDOWN

"Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"

Students are trained to:

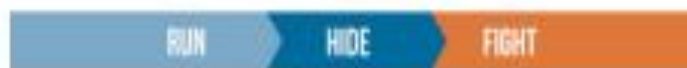
- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Recover students from hallway if possible
- Lock the classroom door
- Turn out the lights
- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door
- Prepare to evade or defend



In addition to the information above, teachers discuss **Run, Hide, Fight** options with students. Student training includes the hide only option. Staff discuss with students what to do if they are in various locations that include run, hide, and fight options (ex: bathroom, hallway, gym, playground).



Your support in discussing these points with your child at home is greatly appreciated.



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Parents,

September is the month for two safety videos; Introduction (1) and Technology Rules (2). Attached is the parent login information for Be Sure Consulting for Cyber Safe Schools. If you would like to watch the student videos with your child, please see the following login information. We will not be showing the student videos at school.

Parent login:

URL: vimeo.com/showcase/nlsp

Password: NLSP623!

Student login:

URL: vimeo.com/showcase/nlss

Password: NLSS876!

SEXTING CYBER-BULLYING SNAPCHAT INSTAGRAM



A powerful presentation **empowering students** on how to protect themselves and understand the risks of social networks and gaming.

New Lenox School District 122 will be hosting a "Keeping Our Kids Cyber Safe" presentation on the following dates:

9/12/2023 - 6:00pm-7:30pm at Liberty Jr. High

9/13/2023 - 6:00pm-7:30pm at Martino Jr. High

9/14/2023 - 6:00pm-7:30pm at Spencer Crossing

All parents, guardians, teachers, and grandparents are welcome to attend. Detective Diane DiSalvo of Be Sure Cyber Training is a nationally recognized High Technology Cyber Crimes Specialist. He will be presenting proactive strategies, expert insight, and invaluable resources designed to empower you to combat Cyber-Bullying and Sexting.

Presenting Information and Strategies on:

- Understand cyber-crime and that "No one online is anonymous"
- Understand appropriate protocols when a someone discloses issues of cyber-bullying, sexting, or sextortion.
- How to protect your kids from drug use.
- How to report criminal Cyber-Bullying.
- Understand the dangers of many popular apps
- How Internet investigations are conducted using subpoenas and search warrants.
- Understand social media laws such as: Harassment, Cyber-Stalking and False Personation.
- How to empower yourself to report cyber crime and harassment.
- How to protect your "digital foot print" and understand what it means to your future.
- Open Forum Q&A.



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WORK THE HOURS YOUR CHILD
IS IN SCHOOL? IF SO, APPLY
NOW TO BE A
PARAPROFESSIONAL!**

With a short-term approval,
paraprofessionals need only to be 19
years of age with a high school
diploma (or equivalent), or higher.
This approval is available now until
June 30, 2025.

Interested applicants can apply on
our website linked [HERE](#).

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PLEASE CONTACT MANDY NOVOTNY AT MNOVOTNY@NLSD122.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.