

Welcome to Middle School at OLMCS

We are a comprehensive Middle School program, beginning in 6th grade and culminating in 8th grade to provide the full foundation needed for success in high school. We are happy to partner with you, and look forward to a great year!

ELECTIVES

- Electives are offered Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 1:00-2:00pm. Students submit their choices and are assigned a course each trimester, with priority given to the 8th grade.
- Grading for electives is based on academic achievement and effort. These grades are calculated into the GPA for Academic Awards each trimester, weighing as 2 points each.
- Art
 - (1) Drawing
 - (2) Painting
 - (3) Ceramics/Sculpture
- Technology
 - (1) Garage Band
 - (2) Yearbook
 - (3) Web Design
- Music
 - (1) Garage Band
 - (2) Ukulele
 - (3) Music Production

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 5 hours per trimester (summer hours count for 1st trimester)
- Choose a different area of service for each trimester:
 - School/church
 - Home
 - Community
- Get homeroom teacher's pre-approval signature prior to assigned due date
- Take form with you to the event to be signed by Activity Coordinator
- Write about service experience describing what you did, and what you learned from this experience
- Due one week prior to the end of the trimester (typed or written neatly in cursive with proper heading)
- If community service is not turned in, a student cannot receive higher than a "C" in overall effort, and is ineligible for honors

HOMEWORK

- Final drafts need to be typed or written neatly in cursive with proper heading
- Black or blue pen only for all assignments (Math – pencil only)
- Average amount of homework is 2 hours per night (including daily and long-term assignments)
- Students are responsible for writing down homework in their planners, bringing home the appropriate materials, and turning in assignments on time.
- Assignments can be cross-referenced on class websites, which are updated daily.
- Late work may be turned in the next day for a maximum 50% credit.

GRADELINK

- Grades will be updated Fridays. Please use as a tool to track homework completion and progress.
- See Mrs. Simolon to reset or with any complications.

TARDIES/ABSENCES

- Tardies
 - Ten tardies are tolerated each trimester. Any beyond ten disqualifies a student from academic honors, and constitutes loss of morning recess.
- Absences
 - **Illness:** Students get the number of days they were absent due to illness, plus one extra day to turn in absent work. It is the students' responsibility to check class websites for updated assignments. Work will be available for pick up in the office after school if requested.
 - **Vacation:** Written notification is requested for all pre-planned absences. Pre-assigned work will be given at the discretion of the teacher.
 - Students are expected to take scheduled tests and turn in long-term projects upon return.
 - A written or emailed note is **REQUIRED** upon return for any absence.

BOOK CLUB

- We offer an enriching teacher and student-led Middle School Book Club.
- Book selections are made based upon current, popular independent reading books including recommendations from students, teachers, and/or local book purveyors.
- We meet monthly at a Middle School family home. Please let us know if you can host!
- We encourage parents to read the books also!

ATHLETICS

- Middle School students are eligible to participate in the Christian Athletic League as long as they maintain:
 - A "C" average in each subject area, including Effort and Behavior
 - If a student is ineligible at Progress Report time, he/she has two weeks to make positive progress and become eligible before returning to the team.
- Middle School sports offered:
 - Girls/Boys Volleyball
 - Girls/Boys Soccer
 - Girls/Boys Basketball
 - Co-Ed Flag Football

BEHAVIOR/DISCIPLINE POLICIES

- Class Rules
 - Follow directions the first time they are given
 - Raise your hand and wait for permission to speak
 - Respect and be polite to all people and property
 - Speak at appropriate times, using appropriate voice and language
 - Remain in your seat unless you have permission to do otherwise
- Positive Recognition
 - Praise
 - Positive notes sent home to parents
 - Earn tickets for weekly drawing
 - **The ultimate reward is an enjoyable, interesting and challenging class**
- If you choose to break a rule
 - First time – conduct referral and loss of recess
 - Second time – conduct referral and loss of lunch recess
 - Third time – conduct referral and after school detention
 - Fourth time – conduct referral and meeting with principal, parent(s), student and teacher(s)
 - Fifth time – conduct referral and Saturday detention
 - Severe clause – send to principal
- Conduct referral slips can be given to a student in any class or during recess. If a student receives a slip, he or she must sign it as well as take it home to be signed by a parent. The slip must be returned the next day. A duplicate copy of the conduct referral will be sent home in the Lancer Folder for parents to keep.
- Any detention will be served at the discretion of the principal.

GRADING SCALE

- A 100-95
- A- 94-93
- B+ 92-90
- B 89-87
- B- 86-85
- C+ 84-80
- C 79-75
- C- 74-70
- D 69-65
- F 64 and below