

July 2022

Dear Bear Sophomore Students and Parents,

On behalf of the entire Bear Family at 3140BSR, I take great pride in welcoming you and your student to the 2022–2023 school year. It is my belief that our success here at OBHS (***America's Most Spirited High School***) is a result of the great staff, students and parents that make up our outstanding BEAR family. I also believe that the strong foundation of TRUST we have built is the reason for the disciplined, positive culture and climate at Berlin, and we are excited to be back! We look forward to working with every one of you to help make your sophomore year outstanding. So...here we go!

**Back-to-school forms will be available beginning August 11:** Prior to the first day of school, Sophomore parents must complete **The Emergency Medical Authorization Form** and the **Handbook Awareness Statement**. Parents must log in to PowerSchool and select Back to School Forms. **\*Note**, parents who have not updated their PowerSchool information, will not have access to the mandatory forms and schedules.

**MANDATORY FORMS TO BE COMPLETED IN POWERSCHOOL:**

- **The Emergency Medical Authorization Form** – Ohio law requires that you submit a new form each school year even if no information has changed. Please also include your student's cell phone number on the Emergency Medical Form. We will then be able to send out important text messages to your student regarding a change in schedule or school closings or delays.
- **Handbook Awareness Statement** – requires both parent and student electronic signature. This is part 7 of the Emergency Medical Form.
- **Parking Permit Registration and Agreement** – This form can be found under "Lunch and Fee Payments". The fee for the parking permit is \$35. **\*NOTE:** All outstanding student fees must be paid, in full, in order to obtain a parking permit.

**Additional Back-to-School information found on the OBHS website:**

- **OBHS parking map** – designated parking areas.
- **OBHS Extracurricular Activities flyer** – This lists all the clubs/sports offered at OBHS and the advisors/coaches associated with the activity.
- **Food Service Information**
- **District Calendar 2022-2023**
- **Possip Information**



**Parking Pass & Student Pictures:** Thursday, August 11th 8am – 3pm, and Friday, August 12th 12pm – 3pm. During this time, HR Imaging will be on site to take yearbook and ID pictures. Sophomores can come to the building and get their picture at this time. You will be receiving a photo packet in the mail from our photographer, HR Imaging, this summer. All students must bring the completed envelope portion of this brochure on Picture Day, whether or not you are purchasing pictures. If you wish to order a picture packet, please be sure to enclose payment, or you will have the option to purchase online from HR Imaging. If you are unable to make it August 11th or 12th, there will be another opportunity to have your yearbook and ID picture taken during your lunch on August 26th.

Students who have purchased a parking pass in PowerSchool (under fees), may pick up their assigned pass. You will need to provide your receipt from PowerSchool in order to receive your parking pass.

Please also mark these important dates on your calendars:

- **Open House** – Monday, August 15th:
  - 6:30 PM - 7:15 PM - Rising Bears and new students and parents in the auditorium
  - 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM - Pep Rally in the gymnasium **(All grade level students and parents are invited to attend!)**
  - 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Booster / group / club and activities fair in the commons (Great opportunity to purchase apparel and see all that Berlin has to offer).
- **The first day of school** for **ALL** students is Thursday, August 18 at 7:20 AM. Once again, **ALL** students (including those with late arrival), should report directly to their 2<sup>nd</sup> period class for attendance.
- **Curriculum Night** – Wednesday, August 24, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. (parents follow student schedule)
- **Labor Day** – No school for students or staff - Monday, September 5
- **Curriculum Professional Development Day** – No school for students – Monday, September 19th



Bears, I work hard to over communicate at Berlin. With that being said, here are three ways to get information in addition to daily announcements, the TVs in the buildings and our electronic sign board out front.

1. The [Berlin High School website](#) has an abundance of information for students and parents.
2. Bear Tracks is a newsletter sent directly to parents by e-mail every Friday throughout the school year. It includes announcements, a calendar of upcoming academic events, and tells you everything you need to know to keep in touch with the goings-on at the school. If you updated your parent contact information in PowerSchool and have included an email address, you will automatically receive the Bear Tracks.
3. Follow us on Twitter, **Olentangy Berlin Bears @Todd\_spinner**, or on Instagram at **OlentangyBerlinHighSchool**.

Again, welcome to your 2022-2023 Sophomore year at Olentangy Berlin High School! If you ever have a concern or question, please stop in and see me or send me an e-mail at [Todd\\_Spinner@olsd.us](mailto:Todd_Spinner@olsd.us). Best wishes for a successful 2022-2023 school year.

I look forward to seeing all of you and please remember, "Berlin Pride...It's Forever!"

Sincerely and Claws-up,

Todd D. Spinner  
Principal, OBHS