



August 10, 2021

Dear Ockley Green Middle School Families:

I hope that you and yours are well, and that you have been able to enjoy some time with family this summer.

Deputy Superintendent Shawn Bird will soon be writing to share information about Ockley Green's Interim Principal, and regarding additional resources the district is putting in place to support OGMS in this year of transition. In the meantime, we want to ensure you have the information you need for the start of school, which will be fully in-person, on campus.

OGMS staff are excited to welcome students back to in-person learning beginning September 1.

Key Upcoming Dates:

- **OGMS Virtual Office Reopens: Monday, August 16, 2021, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.** PPS is following Oregon's [*Ready Schools, Safe Learners*](#) guidance, and will be providing updated information about building access for visitors and volunteers shortly. Contact info for office staff and administration follows below. Counselors are available to assist students and families beginning August 20th. Teachers return to campus August 26, and are in professional development during the day prior to the start of school.
- **First Day of School: September 1, 2021.**
 - **6th grade students will start their day with Jump Start at 9:10 AM.** This time is designed to welcome new students, and to provide time for them to learn about middle school routines and campus spaces from 8th grade leaders and OGMS staff.
 - **7th and 8th grade students: 2-hour late start: day begins 11:10 AM.**
 - **Buses:** PPS Transportation will run routes to transport students at both times.
 - **Student Schedules:** Students will receive their course schedules on the first day of school; parents will also be able to see them on ParentVue at that time. More info will follow once the Interim Principal is announced.
- **Family Social: Friday, September 3, 4:00-5:00 pm.** More info to follow.
- **Back to School Night: Thursday, September 16:** Meet staff, visit classrooms, and learn about OGMS. We will have meetings for families of TAG-identified, Special Education-identified, and Emerging Bilingual students beginning at 5:30; the primary event begins at 6:00 and runs until 7:30 PM.

Key Contact Info: *If you have a **registration or general question**, office staff are available to help via email beginning August 16.* The physical office will soon be open for visitors/volunteers, but remains closed at the moment pending PPS updates to COVID protocols, which will be coming soon.

Office Contacts:

Ms. Sandra Luna, School Secretary, svillaluna@pps.net

Ms. Shakyla Mosley, Principal's Secretary, smosley@pps.net

Assistant Principal Contact: *(available beginning August 9)*

Dr. Aaron Green-Mitchell, agreenmitchell@pps.net

Counselors: *Counselors return to campus 8/19 and will be available to assist beginning 8/20*

Ms. Jillian Stone, jstone@pps.net (Students with names beginning A-K)

Ms. Galen Dickstein, gdickstein@pps.net (Students with names beginning L-Z)

Community Partner Information & Contact:

SUN School Manager: **Jamarr Lawson**, jamarrl@selfenhancement.org

More information and contacts for our community partners will be sent in a future communication.

PPS & OGMS Calendars & Bell Schedules:

- [PPS 2021-2022 Calendar](#)
- [Ockley Green Middle School Calendar](#)
- [2021-2022 OGMS Bell Schedule](#)

Bus Routes: Updated 2021-2022 routes will be posted [here](#) by PPS Transportation on August 24. If your student receives bus transportation, you will be able to find their bus stop at that link.

School Supplies: We will be sending out a communication regarding school supplies the week before school starts.

Updated COVID-19 Health & Safety Information:

- PPS schools are following Oregon's [Ready Schools, Safe Learners](#) guidance.
- All students K-12, and all school staff, must self-screen for symptoms, using the [PPS Daily Self-Screening Checklist](#), prior to arrival at school.
- Consistent with state requirements, all PPS staff (and partner staff) and PreK-12 students will be **required to wear masks** when indoors and on school buses, regardless of vaccination status.
 - PPS has over **1.7 million** age-appropriate masks in stock throughout our schools for those who need them.
- **Three (3) feet physical distance** for students and staff will be maintained, to the extent possible.
- **HEPA filters** are in every classroom and on school buses.
- PPS is upgrading central air filters to MERV 13 standards in every school building.
- PPS continues to provide testing for symptomatic students and staff.
- Each classroom will be regularly stocked with disinfectant and hand sanitizer.
- Visitors and volunteers will be allowed in school buildings and will be required to wear masks while indoors and around people. Ultimate discretion on visitors and volunteers at schools will be handled through the principal's office.
- **Vaccination information** is available [here](#).
- You can expect to continue to receive updates from PPS Communications prior to the opening of school.

More information and regular updates will be coming soon from the Interim Principal. In the meantime, Assistant Principal Dr. Aaron Green-Mitchell and OGMS office staff listed above can help with any questions you may have. I'll be coordinating closely with them and with the new principal.

We are excited to see students back in the building soon! Wishing them and you a safe and happy remainder of the summer.

Sincerely,

Kristyn Westphal
Area Senior Director, Middle Schools