

July, 2011

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Oakland Junior High! It is mid-July and time to begin thinking about a new school year. We are eager to meet our new students and their families and making you feel part of our OJHS family. We are also eager to see our Freshmen and the growth they have made over the summer. Oakland has a proud tradition of excellence and outstanding school spirit; we anticipate this coming year to be nothing less. During your years at Oakland, you will encounter a very talented and dedicated staff willing to team with students and parents to provide your child with the best education in Columbia.

We are excited to introduce two new programs at Oakland this year that we think will have a positive impact on our school community. 1) "Eagle Hour" will provide a daily 30-minute time frame to provide intervention or enrichment for our students. 2) "Scholastic Crimestoppers" is a program sponsored by Crimestoppers to provide an avenue for students and parents to anonymously give information to prevent crimes or report information about crimes at school. Please plan to attend a meeting during schedule pick-up times to learn more and ask questions about these programs. There is additional information enclosed in this newsletter.

You will find information and paperwork needed to prepare your child for the upcoming school year enclosed in this newsletter. Schedule pick-up for 8th graders will be Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00-6:00 p.m., and 9th grade orientation will be Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Students will be able to pick up schedules and meet some teachers. To get your schedule, you **must** return the enclosed forms. We will **not** release schedules without these completed forms. Please take the time to fill these out before you come to make things run more smoothly. If you lose your forms, we will have extras available that evening. See information in this packet for more details and plan to join us on the 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>.

WE NEED YOU!! Our success as a school rests on our ability to work together as a team. We have many areas for you to get involved. If you are like most of us, your free time is limited, but you are still very important in the life of our school. Please take time to read the volunteer sign-up sheet found in this newsletter and consider where you might be able to make a contribution. We look forward to getting to know and work with each of you this year.

Mark your calendar for our Back-to-School night on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 p.m. At this time you will be able to meet your child's teachers and receive working copies of curriculum guidelines and classroom expectations.

Dr. Kim Presko  
Principal

Mrs. Helen Porter  
Assistant Principal

Mr. Jacob Sirna  
Assistant Principal



***8<sup>th</sup> grade Orientation Night/Schedule Pick-Up***  
***Tuesday, August 9th, 2011***  
***4:00—6:00 p.m.***

This will be an afternoon packed with valuable information for everyone. If you are a family who has never had students at Oakland, this orientation will be a great way for you to get school off to a great start.

Please put this date on your calendar and make plans to join us. If you cannot make it Thursday afternoon, you may pick up all schedules and materials between 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> or August 15<sup>th</sup> through August 17<sup>th</sup>.

**4:00—6:00 pm—Schedule Pick up—Gymnasium**

- turn in all forms (health forms, technology agreement forms, volunteer forms). You will be given your student's information form to edit/update information we currently have on file.
- pick up your schedule, along with student agenda and handbook
- tour Oakland on your own, find classes and meet teachers
- visit the OFA (Oakland Family Association) table and sign up to volunteer, buy spirit shirts, athletic passes and Oakland attire (**If you pay by check, you will need a separate check made out to Oakland Jr. High.**)
- visit the Food Service Table to open a lunch account to avoid the hassle of bringing lunch money every day (**If you pay by check, you will need a separate check made out to Columbia Public Schools.**)
- visit the Extra Curricular Activities (ECA) booths to sign up for the many clubs and activities offered at OJHS. Booths will be located in the cafeteria.

**Parent Orientation Informational Meetings in the Media Center at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

- Learn about the programs and expectations at Oakland
- Learn and ask questions about Oakland's new Intervention/Enrichment Program
- Meet Mrs. Helen Porter—Assistant Principal, Mr. Doug Harl—Guidance Counselor, and  
• Dr. Presko—Principal
- The meeting should last about 30 minutes

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** is Thursday, August 18th.  
Classes begin at 7:55 am and end at 2:45 pm.

**Oakland is a school 'Committed to Excellence'. If there are any questions or concerns that you might have, please contact us at 214-3220. One of our administrators, counselors or teachers will be happy to help you.**

***Freshmen Schedule Pick Up***  
**Wednesday, August 10th, 2011**  
**4:00—6:00 p.m.**

Schedule pick-up is always filled with energy and anticipation for the upcoming new school year. We will have separate 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Freshman schedule pick-up days to make it more efficient for our families, so plan to come and visit with your friends and teachers. For those students new to Oakland, we will have a family orientation at 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. in the Media Center. We will also discuss the new “Eagle Hour”, our new intervention/enrichment program (see details in this newsletter).

Please put this date on your calendar and make plans to join us. If you cannot make it on the 10th, you may pick up all schedules and materials between 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on Friday August 12th or August 15th through August 17th.

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- turn in all forms (health forms, technology agreement forms, volunteer forms) You will be given your student’s information form to edit/update information we currently have on file.
- pick up your schedule, along with student agenda and handbook
- pick up your locker assignment or choose your locker\*
- tour Oakland on your own, find classes and meet teachers
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\*Students who earned a “Citizenship Award” during 2010-11 by getting 2.0 average or better conduct rating will get to choose the location of their locker that evening.

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# Oakland Family Organization Volunteer Form

Oakland Junior High takes pride in our many family volunteers. Please use this form to let us know the areas you are interested in.

- Staff Appreciation  
contribute items for teacher meals (usually 5 or 6 a year): plan and coordinate Teacher Appreciation Week in May
- Hospitality  
contribute baked items and serve refreshments at various student recognition celebrations and parent participation activities 4 or 5 times a year
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance/All School Party  
plan and help during the 9<sup>th</sup> grade dance and chaperone during the 2 all-school parties
- Athletic Boosters  
help with concession stands held at home football and basketball games and with the sports banquets
- Music Boosters  
contribute cookies and serve refreshments at 6 band and choir concerts during the year
- School Activities  
available during the school day 3 or 4 times during the year to help with school pictures, vision/spinal screenings, 9<sup>th</sup> grade mock interview day
- Trivia Night  
plan and help during this FUN fund raiser
- Golf Tournament  
help organize, solicit hole sponsors or play in our 8th annual golf tournament
- Fund Raising  
work with the fund raising team to collect and check orders, collect money and deliver prizes 2 or 3 mornings during the year
- Media Center  
volunteers assist with shelving, filing, copying etc.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

You will be contacted by email or phone with more information. Thank you.  
(Oakland Family Association)

**NEED**

WE WANT YOU! If you would like to be involved as an officer of OFA, or as a committee chair, we need your assistance. Please call Denise Fernandez at 443-7663, or e-mail her at [dfernand@columbia.k12.mo.us](mailto:dfernand@columbia.k12.mo.us) if you can help!!

## "EAGLE HOUR" COMING SOON!

Think back to when you were in school – don't you wish you had time to work with your Math teacher on a hard concept, plan your next essay with an English teacher, extend your learning or learn a new craft or sport with a favorite staff member?

Through Oakland's Commitment to Excellence, we want to ensure all students meet the expectation of the rigorous curriculum standards. By assisting students either through a flexible and targeted intervention, or through extension and enrichment during a time of the day called "Eagle Hour", we are committed to helping students meet the essential course outcomes during the school day. The faculty and staff, in connection with parent and student input, have developed intervention time in the schedule for the 2011-2012 school year. This will change the schedule from previous years, but will still provide students enough time to get the instruction they need. Eagle Hour is an opportunity for students to get extra help in all classes during the school day, and also learn new things of great interest.

Teachers will look at grades and other assessment scores on essential skills to determine if academic targets are being met. Students who do not require intervention on certain days will be able to partake in enrichment activities offered in a variety of interest areas.

We look forward to Eagle Hour implementation and believe this program will assist students who are struggling with concepts while enriching students who want to extend their learning.

**Come learn more and have the opportunity to ask questions at our informational meeting during schedule pick up nights at 4:30pm and 5:30pm on August 9<sup>th</sup> (for 8<sup>th</sup> graders) and 10<sup>th</sup> (for 9<sup>th</sup> graders) in the Media Center.**



Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>  
School Pictures!!



**Attendance/Absences:** If your child will be absent from school, please call 214-3220 to let us know as soon as possible. If you are late, you must sign in at the main office to get a pass for class. Your child will be granted 7 excused absences by parent permission. After 7 absences, your child will be expected to bring a doctor's excuse for additional absences. An 8-day letter will be sent to notify you. If your child's attendance pattern continues, the juvenile office will be notified. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Sirna or Mrs. Porter.



### Dress for Success:

Thanks for your continued help in reminding your child that dressing appropriately for school is important. Students are expected to wear clothes that do not distract from the learning environment. Clothes with inappropriate writing and/or connotations are unacceptable. Clothing that show or could show a students' undergarments (e.g. men's tank undershirts, sagging pants, short shorts, spaghetti strap shirts, halter tops, pajamas, etc.) as well as those revealing a students' stomach (e.g. midriiffs, tube tops, etc.) are not permitted at school. Clothing designated as "gang related" (e.g. bandanas, etc.) will not be allowed. Students are not to wear house slippers to school. If a student wears an inappropriate item of clothing, he/she will be asked to change into something more appropriate.



# Health Form

# Asthma Form

# Technology Form

# OAKLAND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

## CLASSROOM SUPPLY LIST

English: 1" binder or pocket folder  
Spiral or composition notebook  
Blue or black ink pens (no neon or red)

Reading/Writing Workshop:  
Spiral or composition notebook  
Blue or black ink pens, or pencils

Social Studies:  
1" or 1 ½" binder  
Looseleaf notebook paper  
Blue or black ink pens and pencils  
Colored pencils  
White out correction fluid  
3 x 5 index cards  
Kleenex tissue (for classroom)

Math: 1" binder  
Grid or graph paper  
Pencils  
Looseleaf paper  
Kleenex tissue (for classroom)

Science: 1" or 1 ½" binder  
Quad ruled composition book (this is a composition book full of graph paper, not lined paper)  
Black or blue ink pens/pencils

Physical Education: (students are to take gym clothes home at least once a week for laundering)  
Tennis shoes  
Socks  
Elastic waist gym shorts—basketball length  
Two white t-shirts (to rotate home/school)  
Towel/deodorant

\*Individual teachers may ask students to bring additional items.

\*\* Students will need to have all supplies at school by Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, after lockers have been assigned. **Backpacks are NOT allowed in classrooms, so students will need to bring only the materials they can carry until they have an assigned locker.** 9<sup>th</sup> graders will have individual lockers while 8<sup>th</sup> graders will share lockers.

# Oakland Eagles Fall Sports



Whether you have athletic talent or just like to watch and cheer, our Fall sports season allows you to get involved in the Oakland Spirit. If you want to be an OJHS Super Fan, wear your orange and blue and cheer our volleyball and football teams on to victory. During Schedule Pick-Up you will have the opportunity to purchase season athletic passes that will provide significant savings to you.

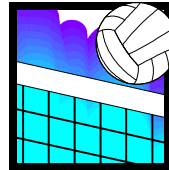
Oakland Family Sports Passes for \$30 (admits up to five family members to all Columbia Public Schools Junior High athletic events).  
 Student Pass for \$15 (gets an Oakland student into all CPS Junior High athletic events.)

Oakland Freshmen have the opportunity to be involved in football or volleyball at Oakland. Freshmen interested in participating in cross-country, girls' softball, girls' golf, or boys' soccer, will need to contact the high schools for more information. **The first day of practice for all Fall sports is Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.** See details below.



## 9<sup>th</sup> Volleyball Schedule

| <u>August</u>    |        |           |                         |           |
|------------------|--------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 30               | Tues.  | 6:00 pm   | Jeff City A & B         | Away      |
| <u>September</u> |        |           |                         |           |
| 1                | Thurs. | 5:00 p.m. | Rolla 9/A/ B            | Home-RBHS |
| 7                | Wed.   | 6:00 p.m. | Helias A & B            | Home      |
| 12               | Mon.   | 6:00 p.m. | TBA                     | TBA       |
| 14               | Wed.   | 4:00 p.m. | Jeff Jr. A & B          | Home      |
| 17               | Sat.   | 8:30 a.m. | Helias Tourn. A         | Away      |
| 20               | Tues.  | 6:00 p.m. | Fr. Tolton Catholic A   | Away      |
| 22               | Thurs. | 3:30 p.m. | West Jr. A & B          | Home      |
| 27               | Tues.  | 6:00 p.m. | Helias A & B            | Away      |
| 29               | Thurs. | 3:30 p.m. | West Jr.                | Away      |
| <u>October</u>   |        |           |                         |           |
| 3                | Mon.   | 6:00 p.m. | Jeff City A & B         | Home      |
| 4                | Tues.  | 5:30 p.m. | Camdenton 9/A/B         | Home-HHS  |
| 6                | Thurs. | 5:00 p.m. | Hannibal 9/A/B          | Away      |
| 8                | Sat.   | 8:00 a.m. | B Tournament            | Away      |
| 11               | Tues.  | 4:00 p.m. | Jeff Junior A&B         | Away      |
| 13               | Thurs. | 6:00 p.m. | Fr. Tolton Catholic-A   | Home      |
| 15               | Sat.   | 8:00 a.m. | Columbia Invitational A | HHS/JJHS  |



### Volleyball Practice

starts August 8th  
 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

\*must present current physical (dated after Feb. 1, 2010) and insurance info to participate.

\*shorts, t-shirt, running shoes, knee pads, water bottle

## 9<sup>th</sup> Football Schedule

| <u>September</u> |        |           |                 |           |
|------------------|--------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
| 1                | Thurs. | 6:00 p.m. | SoBoCo          | Home-HHS  |
| 8                | Thurs. | 6:00 p.m. | Jeff City A & B | Away      |
| 22               | Thurs. | 6:00 p.m. | California      | Home-HHS  |
| 29               | Thurs. | 6:00 p.m. | West Jr.        | Home-HHS  |
| <u>October</u>   |        |           |                 |           |
| 6                | Thurs. | 4:30 p.m. | Helias          | Home-HHS  |
| 13               | Thurs. | 6:00 p.m. | Tipton          | Away      |
| 20               | Thurs. | 6:00 p.m. | Centralia       | Home-RBHS |
| 27               | Thurs. | 5:00 p.m. | Jeff Jr.        | Home-RBHS |



### Football Practice

starts August 8th  
 7:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

\*must present current physical (dated after Feb. 1, 2010) and insurance info to participate.

\*shorts, t-shirt, running shoes/ cleats, light snack to eat during break, water bottle. Will break between 9-10 a.m.

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# August 2011

Phone: 214-3220

Fax: 214-3221

Guidance: 214-3222

Nurse: 214-3223

| Sun | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri                                 | Sat                              |
|-----|--|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|     | 1  | 2  | 3<br>9:00-4:00 BIST<br>Media Center               | 4  | 5<br>9:00-4:00 BIST<br>Media Center | 6                                |
| 7   | 8<br>1st day of<br>practice Football<br>& Volleyball | 9<br>4:00-6:00 pm<br>8th Gr. Schedule<br>Pick-Up | 10<br>4:00-6:00 pm<br>9th Gr. Schedule<br>Pick-Up | 11   | 12                                  | 13<br>11:00 am VB<br>Parent Mtg. |
| 14  | 15   | 16   | 17  | 18<br><b>First Day of<br/>School</b><br>3:00 pm Faculty<br>Mtg.<br>6:00 pm FB<br>Parent Mtg. | 19                                  | 20                               |
|     | Teacher Work Days                                    |  |   |  |                                     |                                  |
| 21  | 22   | 23<br>5:30 pm VB<br>Blue/Orange<br>Scrimmage     | 24<br>1st Hour Fire Drill                         | 25   | 26                                  | 27                               |
| 28  | 29   | 30<br>6:00 pm VB @<br>JC Simonsen                | 31<br>3:00 pm Dept<br>Chair Mtg.                  |  |                                     |                                  |

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| Sun | Mon                          | Tue   | Wed   | Thu   | Fri  | Sat                           |
|-----|------------------------------|---|---|---|--|-------------------------------|
|     |                              |   |   | 1<br>5:00 pm VB vs. Rolla (RBHS)<br>6:00 pm FB vs. SoBoCo (HHS) | 2  | 3                             |
| 4   | 5<br>NO SCHOOL<br>Labor Day  | 6<br>7:00 pm Back To School Night                               | 7<br>7:00 am SocSt Dept Mtg.<br>6:00 pm VB vs. Helias | 8<br>2nd Hr Fire Drill<br>6:00 pm FB @ JC High A&B              | 9  | 10                            |
| 11  | 12<br>VB—TBA                 | 13  | 14<br>3:00 Faculty Mtg.<br>4:00 pm VB vs. JJHS        | 15  | 16   | 17<br>8:30 am VB Helias Tourn |
| 18  | 19<br>3:15 pm SpEd Dept Mtg. | 20<br>6th Hour Tornado Drill<br>6:00 pm VB @ Fr. Tolton Cath HS | 21  | 22<br>3:30 pm VB vs WJHS<br>6:00 pm FB vs California (HHS)      | 23<br>NO SCHOOL<br>Teacher Collaboration Day | 24                            |
| 25  | 26                           | 27<br>6:00 pm VB @ Helias HS                                    | 28<br>3:00 pm Dept Chair Mtg.                         | 29<br>3:30 pm VB @ WJHS<br>6:00 pm FB vs WJHS A&B (HHS)         | 30<br>Progress Reports<br>School Pictures    |                               |

Show your  
 Eagle Pride!  
 Order a school  
 logo t-shirt or  
 sweatshirt today!  
**GO EAGLES!**



Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

### **OJHS Order Form**

Family Sports Pass \$30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (admits up to five family members to all CPS **Junior High** games in which we're playing)

Student School Activity Tickets \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (admission to all home games - \$36.00 value)

NO FUNDRAISER LIST (to add your name) \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Sub-Total \$* \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirts— White—screen print on front—"O" design

S—XL \$8.00  
 XXL \$10.00 (will have to be ordered)

Orange '6th Man' T-Shirts /or/ Blue Oakland Eagle T-Shirts

S—XL \$8.00  
 XXL \$10.00 (will have to be ordered)

40th Anniversary (2010-2011) T-shirt

S—XL \$4.00

*Sub-Total \$* \_\_\_\_\_

Hooded Sweatshirts—Gray (screen print on front only—all sizes will have to be ordered)

\_\_\_\_\_ small @ \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ medium @ \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ large @ \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ x-large @ \$25.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ xx-large @ \$28.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ xxx-large @ \$28.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Sub-Total \$* \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Due \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**School use: Payment received: Check#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cash** \_\_\_\_\_

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**August 9th—8th grade orientation and schedule pick-up**

**August 10th—9th grade orientation and schedule pick-up**

**August 18th—First Day of School**

September 5th—Labor Day—No School

**September 6th—Back to School Night**

**September 23rd—No School—Teacher Collaboration Day**

**September 30th—School Pictures**

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