

Dear OHS Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back! We are so excited to start a new school year on Tuesday!

Here are some last minute reminders and updates:



As we transition back to a safe learning environment it is especially important for our students to practice all of our safety guidelines, especially wearing masks every day at all times, and social distancing in hallways, lunchrooms, restrooms, and in classrooms. The lunchroom has tables labeled with the maximum number of students and we need students to respect this so we are able to continue to have lunch in the cafeteria.

Tuesday is the first day of school. If your student is assigned to A day, or is participating in Distance Learning, they should check their Orono school email for a note or instructions from their teachers for Tuesday. All students should be in the practice of checking school email every day for teacher updates and important announcements.

What can I expect from my teacher on days when I am at home, or if I am a Distance Learner? This will vary by class and teacher. Students can expect both live, in-person instruction with teachers, and should also expect to utilize on-demand resources, including video recordings of teacher lessons, digital textbook resources, and supplemental online resources. Students can also expect to work independently while at home, completing assignments, readings, writing papers, or working with peer partners.

Health Screening: Remember to complete the health screening for **each student, every day** that they will be in the building. Students who have not completed the form will be called out of class to the health office to complete the screening. <https://oronok12.mn.us/wp-content/uploads/Orono-Schools-Health-Screening-Students.pdf>

School Picture reminder: Picture day will be Thursday, September 10 (B day students) and Friday, September 11 (A day students). If your student is participating in Distance Learning, students should attend picture day on their corresponding alphabetical day: students with last names L-Z on September 10 from 9AM-12 noon, and students with last names A-K on September 11 from 9AM- 12 noon. Distance Learning students can report to the main office. If you are not comfortable with your student coming into the building for school pictures, you may submit a photo of your own. The photo should be a head and shoulder shot taken against a solid background. Please use [this link](#) to share head shots of Distance Learners who may be unable to attend Picture Day, senior and baby photos for the senior section, or any other photos you would like the yearbook staff to consider including this year's yearbook. Once students have had their Lifetouch pictures taken, parents can use the **Picture Day ID: EVT889C4J** at lifetouch.com to order pictures. We do not have a makeup date yet, but that date will be communicated when scheduled.

Bus Information: If your student has signed up for busing, the pickup and route information will be posted in ParentVUE, under student information, for each individual student.

Student pickup/Drop off: If you are transporting your student, please drop off and pickup in front of the main office. Please note that the right side of the drive (closest to the building) is reserved for special bussing from 2:10-2:30 PM- please do not park along yellow striped areas during this time.

School hours: Due to the need to add extra cleaning measures, and the need to limit student congregating, we are asking students to leave the building after school ends at 2:30. Students may meet with a teacher before or after school if they have a scheduled appointment time with that teacher.

Parking permits: If your student did not pick up their parking permit last week, they should email Heather Delong at heather.delong@oronok12.mn.us for further instructions.

Materials: If you have books at home from last year, please remember to bring them in next week and return to the media center. If you are a distance learning student and still need to pick up materials, you may do so in the main office, preferably during picture day. Students should make sure their device is charged prior to the school day. If your device cannot run an entire day on a charge, remember to bring your charging cord to school.

Athletic Gear Storage: On days students are present, student athletes should store bags and gear in the following assigned locations (students should bring their own locks), during the school day, since we are not issuing regular lockers. After school, students should change and gather items, and should not store items overnight. Any questions, please contact Sigrid Heinen sigrid.heinen@oronok12.mn.us

- Boys/Girls Soccer: Activities Center Athletic Team lockers
- Boys/ Girls Cross Country: Storage area near main student entrance (typically the nordic ski room)

- Girls Tennis: Red room behind bleachers
- Girls Swim/Dive: Girls' PE area Athletic Team Lockers

Remember to check our [Hybrid Calendar](#) for details about your students' schedule.

As always, the district [Back to School Webpage](#) is a great resource for continually updated information.

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

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