

**Orono Middle School | Nuts and Bolts**  
Welcome back, OMS. We are so excited to be back in session!  
Frequently asked questions to get you started for the year



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The 2020-21 school year will begin on Tuesday, September 8 for all students. Hybrid students with last names beginning with the letter L-Z will be in person on Tuesday.

***Schedules***

A/B Schedule will run as follows:

A schedule = Last Names A-K

B schedule = Last Names L-Z

Click [here](#) to view the A/B calendar

***Schedule Copy***

Please print out a copy of your school schedule on Monday, September 7, or write it down in a notebook. Bring the most recent copy of your schedule to school. Copies will not be available in school.

**How do I check my bus schedule?**

Bus schedules are available in ParentVUE under Student Information.

**How will B Day students pick up their school-issued devices?**

If you are a B Day student and you've requested a school-issued device, it will be waiting for you in your period 1 classroom when you arrive on September 8.

**What if I missed the device and/or materials pick-up days for A Day and Distance Learning students?**

Please call the Orono Middle School office at 952-449-8450 to set up individual arrangements for pickup. We will be happy to help.

***Personal Backpack or Bag***

At the start of school, main and physical education lockers will not be assigned in order to comply with social distancing expectations. Please plan to keep your device and personal supplies/items in a backpack or bag.

***Lunch and Water Bottle***

Lunch Options:

- Food service daily lunch options. Click [here](#) to view the menu.
- Lunch prepared at home. Milk and water can be purchased from food services or brought from home.

Dining: Students in grades 6-8 will eat in their Extended Learning rooms.

Water bottle: Drinking fountains will be disabled; however, students are allowed to bring a refillable water bottle and refill it at bottle-filling stations.

***Personal Technology Device***

Please make sure you do the following:

- Charge your device each night
- Bring your device and charger to school

## **Daily Health Screening**

Please download the [daily health screening instructions](#).

## **Arrival and Dismissal**

Arrival Time: OMS student doors open at 7:40 a.m. for security reasons. Students should be dropped off between 7:35 a.m. - 7:55 a.m. Class begins at 8:00 a.m. **Please tell your student to report directly to their first period class when they arrive at school.**

Dismissal: OMS students are dismissed at 2:40 p.m. and will go directly to the bus or a waiting vehicle. All OMS students must be picked up at 2:40 p.m. Students are not able to remain in the OMS building or on OMS grounds after dismissal.

OMS will be closed shortly after student dismissal to accommodate the enhanced building-wide cleaning and sanitization process.

## **My child is new to Orono Middle School. Who will help students locate their classrooms?**

Students can use the linked OMS Building Tour Video and Building Map to become more familiar with classroom spaces and other building locations. Staff will be in the hallways to greet students and help them locate their classrooms.

### **Video**

Click [here](#) for the Orono Middle School Virtual Tour

### **Map of Orono Middle School**

Click [here](#) for a map of Orono Middle School

### **New Students to Orono in Grade 7 and 8**

The Guidance Counselors will be meeting with new 7th and 8th grade students on Tuesday (B day students) and Wednesday (A day students) to give them a building tour.

## **What do I do on the first day of school if I am a Distance Learning or A Day student?**

Teachers will send emails\* to parents and students by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 4, with a link to their live session on Tuesday, September 8. The email will come from Synergy and will be titled using this format **Subject - Teacher - Period - First Day Link**.

### **ParentView**

***\*Please check to make sure that your email is correct in ParentVUE.***

## **What will my student be doing on their at-home days or during Distance Learning?**

Students will begin class with their teachers whether they are on campus or learning virtually. Teachers will engage students in a variety of directed, independent, and/or collaborative learning activities to meet the day's learning objectives.

## **Does my student need to check-in to their classes on days that they are learning virtually?**

Yes. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of the period and classes will start together. Physical Education classes may have different expectations due to the nature of this class. Please look for information from teachers.

**NOTE:** On their virtual days, Hybrid students will be working independently during the Extended Learning period.

\*\* Distance Learning students should attend their Extended Learning period virtually based on their assigned day (students with last names A-K are A Day students and L-Z are B Day students)

**How do I know what time class starts for live sessions?**

Students should copy their grade-level template, below, and input classes into the template. This will help students keep track of times in the day when they need to join live sessions.

**NOTE:** On their at-home days, students will be working independently during the Extended Learning Block.\*\* Distance Learning students should attend their Extended Learning period\*\* virtually based on their assigned day (students with last names A-K are A Day students and L-Z are B Day students).

*\*\*Please note that the periods are different for different grades.*

*\*\*As a reminder schedules can be found on ParentView*

**6th Grade**

6th Grade Schedule	Classes
Period 1 8:00-9:30	
Period 2 9:33-11:03	
Period 3 11:06-11:51	Extended Learning
Period 4 11:54-12:19	LUNCH
Period 5 12:22-1:07	
Period 6 1:10-1:55	
Period 7 1:55-2:40	

**7th Grade**

7th Grade Schedule	Classes
Period 1 8:00-9:30	
Period 2 9:33-10:18	Extended Learning
Period 3 10:18-11:03	
Period 4 11:06-11:31	LUNCH
Period 5 11:34-12:19	
Period 6 12:22-1:07	
Period 7 1:10-2:40	

## 8th Grade

8th Grade Schedule	Classes
Period 1 8:00-8:45	
Period 2 8:45-9:30	
Period 3 9:33-10:17	
Period 4 10:17-11:03	
Period 5 11:06-11:51	
Period 6 11:54-1:07 (includes Lunch)	Extended Learning/Lunch
Period 7 1:10-2:40	

### How does my student access technology applications?

1. A student may access his/her **SCHOOLGY** account (which includes his/her email) by using the following credentials:

- Click on or copy and paste this link: <http://orono.schoology.com> (bookmark this page for easy future access!)

**USERNAME:** First name initial (lower case) + Last name (lower case) + 2 digit graduation year (no spaces) @[orono.k12.mn.us](mailto:orono.k12.mn.us).

Example: jappleseed25@orono.k12.mn.us

**PASSWORD:** CAPITAL first name initial + lowercase last name initial + lunch pin + 4 digit graduation year

Example: Ja12342025

2. Student may access his/her **StudentVUE** account by using the following credentials:

- Click on or copy and paste this

link: [https://pvue10.region1.k12.mn.us/rt0278/PXP2\\_Login.aspx](https://pvue10.region1.k12.mn.us/rt0278/PXP2_Login.aspx)

(bookmark this page for easy future access!)

**USERNAME:** first name initial (lower case) + last name (lower case) + 2 digit graduation year

Example: jappleseed25

**PASSWORD:** 4 digit lunch pin + 4 digit graduation year

Example: 12342025

### Lunch

#### How do I find my student's lunch pin?

Parents may log into ParentVUE for this information. Upon logging in, on the left side of the screen, click on "Student Info," scroll down to the bottom of the page and you'll find it listed there.

Please review the [Child Nutrition webpage](#) for complete information on meals for hybrid and distance learning students.

## **Calendars**

### [A/B Calendar](#)

Orono Middle School online calendar: <https://orono.k12.mn.us/ms/about/calendar/>

## **Drop-off and Pick-up Process**

[Drop-off and Pick-up Video](#) for parents transporting students by private car

## **How will band and choir be handled this year?**

During the first week of school, band and choir students will remain in their Extended Learning period. Please watch for an email from Ms. Arnold (Band) or Ms. McCauley (Choir) about the structure of band or choir this year via ParentView.

## **How do I learn about my child's teachers?**

Please look for introduction/curriculum emails from your student's teachers by the end of the day Friday.

## ***OMS Picture Day***

OMS Picture day will take place on Tuesday, September 22 and Wednesday, September 23. More information will follow for the Distance Learner picture times and package options.