



# OAKMONT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

August/September 2007

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## Administration

David Uminski, Principal  
Greg Smith, Assistant Principal  
Brian Sargent, Dean of Students

## Main Office Staff

Gin Koski, Registrar  
Pegi Deshayes, Administrative Assistant  
Sharon Eagle, Administrative Assistant

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Welcome back! I am very pleased to introduce our new assistant principal, Greg Smith. He has been the assistant principal at Lunenburg High School and Wachusett Regional. He began his teaching career in the special education department at Oakmont. He lives in Ashburnham with his wife Nora and son Colin, an eighth grade student at Overlook Middle School. Two of his older children are alumni of Oakmont.

Despite the override failure, our commitment to the students remains unchanged. Although it will not be "business as usual" the professionals here will minimize the impact of the cuts on the students.

We are very excited about the challenges of the upcoming school year. We are committed to the continued excellence Oakmont students have realized in and out of the classroom. We are extremely proud of our academic achievements, athletic accomplishments, artistic honors, and consistently solid citizenship. Oakmont is a great high school because we have an outstanding faculty, dedicated support staff, supportive community, involved parents and, most importantly, talented students. The key to success at Oakmont is measured by student learning. Learning is a shared responsibility, the commitment for success must be made by all stakeholders-students, parents and teachers. We urge all of our students to take advantage of as many opportunities to become a part of Oakmont in and out of the classroom. A student will get out of Oakmont what he or she puts into Oakmont—Get Involved! Our mission is to provide an inclusive, nurturing, educational environment for all students. If you have suggestions about how we can better achieve our mission, please contact us:

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## FIRST DAY- TUESDAY, AUGUST 28: 7:30 AM

### FRESHMEN PARENT/STUDENT ORIENTATION NIGHT

A new event this year will be a freshmen parent/student orientation night on **Monday, August 27 6-8 pm**. Freshmen students will receive their class schedule and will participate in introductory activities with the Student Council including a scavenger hunt, locker opening, and ice breakers. Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions to administrators, sophomores, and possibly some teachers and guidance counselors. Students and parents will also have the opportunity to explore the school.

### OPEN HOUSE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 7 PM PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11 12:20-4:00 PM, 6:00-9:00 PM

### STUDENT HANDBOOK

Students will receive the handbook on the first day. Please be familiar with the contents, especially sections concerning dress code, parking, academic eligibility, attendance and graduation requirements.

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

It is recommended that students have an assignment notebook, notebooks for each class, and writing utensils. Students should also have tissues. Teachers may also ask students to have course-specific supplies.

Due to budget constraints we are also accepting donations of pens, pencils, paper, other supplies, etc. Donations can be made to individual teachers or the main office. Contact Ms. DesHayes for more details.

### **TYPICAL SCHOOL DAY**

7:00- Cafeteria open for breakfast  
7:20- Students may enter other parts of the building  
7:30- Block A begins  
8:53- Bagel Bars Open (7 minute break)  
10:33- First Lunch-Downstairs Classes (20 minutes)  
12:09- Second Lunch-Upstairs Classes (20 minutes)  
One 10 minute break (either 10:30 or 12:22)  
1:55- Dismissal  
2:00-Extra Help/Activities/Detention  
3:00-Late Bus  
A, B, C and D Blocks are 83 minutes in length

### **ACADEMIC CALENDER**

#### Semester I

Term 1: August 28-October 26  
Term 2: October 29-January 16  
A and B Block Finals: January 17  
C and D Block Finals: January 18

#### Semester II

Term 3: January 23-March 28  
Term 4: March 31-June 10  
A and B Block Finals: June 11  
C and D Block Finals: June 12  
Last Day- June 13

\*Above dates subject to change due to weather related cancellations.

### **GRADE REPORTING DATES**

#### Semester I

Term 1: Progress Reports-September 28  
Term 1: Report Cards-November 1  
Term 2: Academic Warnings-December 8  
Term 2: Report Cards-January 24

#### Semester II

Term 3: Progress Reports-February 15  
Term 3: Report Cards-April 3  
Term 4: Academic Warnings-May 9  
Term 4: Report Cards-June 19

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### **GRADUATION RELATED DATES**

Last day for Seniors: May 22  
A and B Block Finals: May 23  
C and D Block Finals: May 27  
Class Trip: May 28- TBA  
Baccalaureate: May 29- 7 pm at St. Edwards  
Relays and BBQ: May 30- 10:00 am  
Class Night: May 30- 7:00 pm  
Graduation: June 1- 1:00 pm

### **SUMMER READING**

Please complete your summer reading and writing assignments. More information is available at [www.awrsd.org/oak/Academics/Academics](http://www.awrsd.org/oak/Academics/Academics)

### **FALL ATHLETICS**

All fall athletes must have an up-to-date physical.  
Football Practice Begins Monday, August 20 6 pm  
Equipment pick up will be Sunday, August 19  
Other sports begin Thursday, August 23  
For more information contact Mr. Laroche at [dlaroche@awrsd.org](mailto:dlaroche@awrsd.org)

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Elections to fill vacancies will be held at Open House on September 12. If interested in serving please call Pegi Deshayes at (978) 827-5907. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month in the Oakmont library from 7 to 9 pm.

### **PTO**

Sign up at Open House on September 12. The Oakmont PTO funds many initiatives of the faculty, such as the FACETS program, the MLK Coalition, and other programs.

### **ARMED FORCES RECRUITMENT**

Oakmont Regional High School provides times for recruiters to be available to our students during some lunches. Federal regulations require us to supply names and contact information of our students to recruiters. If you want your student's information to be withheld please contact our guidance office in writing.

### **SENSITIVE COURSE CONTENT**

Biology, Health 9 and 11, Sociology, and Psychology contain human sexuality content. If you have a concern please contact the specific course teacher for more information.

### **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

The Oakmont Alumni Association will sponsor a Sock Hop for former students in the Wyman-Therrien Gym on Friday, October 5 at 7 pm.  
Admission to the Oct. 5 football game v. Holy Name free with dance ticket or membership card

### **YEARBOOK**

Senior photos are due September 21.

# GUIDANCE NEWS

**New Student Registration:** Registration for new students will take place in the Oakmont Guidance Office on:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tuesday, August 21	12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M
Wednesday, August 22	9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M
Thursday, August 23	9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M
Friday, August 24	9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M

You can make an appointment by calling (978) 827-5907 X: 2161. In order to register a student, parents must bring a copy of the immunization and academic records (including SASID), proof of residency, and birth certificate.

**SAT Registration and Test Dates:** SENIORS – Be aware of the early September registration date for the October SAT. You may register on-line at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). or pick up forms and preparation booklets in the Guidance office. You will be reminded to sign-up upon returning for your final year at Oakmont.

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
October 6, 2007	September 10, 2007	January 26, 2008	December 26, 2007
November 3, 2007	October 2, 2007	March 1, 2008	January 29, 2008
December 1, 2007	October 30, 2007	May 3, 2008	April 1, 2008
		June 7, 2008	May 6, 2008

(Sophomores are encouraged to take the PSAT on October 20, 2007)  
(Juniors are encouraged to take the PSAT on October 20, 2007 and the SAT in the Spring of 2008)

**Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT):** The PSAT is a practice test for the SAT and is administered at Oakmont High School each October. Any junior or sophomore student planning to apply to a four-year college her/his senior year should take this test. JUNIORS – The PSAT is the *qualifying test* for the National Merit Scholarship Program so be sure to take it if you want to be considered! SOPHOMORES – Do you perform better when you practice something? If you answered yes, why not plan to register for the PSAT. Guidance is encouraging sophomores to take this test to become familiar with the type of questions and the testing format. Remember, the SAT is a longer version of the PSAT. Also, the PSAT scores do not go on your transcript. **Test Date: Saturday, October 20, 2007 at Oakmont.** Registration information will follow.

**ACT:** The ACT is an achievement test which is utilized as an alternative to the SAT. Juniors may want to take both the SAT and ACT in the Spring and retake the tests in the Fall of Senior Year. Most colleges are comfortable with results from either test.

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadlines</u>	<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadlines</u>
October 27, 2007	September 21, 2007	February 9, 2008	January 4, 2008
December 8, 2007	November 2, 2007	April 12, 2008	March 7, 2008
		June 14, 2008	May 9, 2008

**Orientation Meetings:** We welcome the Class of 2011, and wish you a productive school year. To assist with your transition from the eighth grade to high school, the Guidance Counselors will meet with all of you in small groups in September. We look forward to hearing how the first few weeks have been for you.

## **CLASS SCHEDULE CHANGE TIME LINE:**

**August 28, 29, 30 and September 4, 2007 – Emergency changes only:** System error, course failure makeup, student has fewer than 8 blocks, summer school makeup.

**September 5, 2007 :** Change requests may be considered, but a parent must call the guidance office to initiate any request. Counselors will schedule an appointment with the student to discuss the request, though no guarantees are promised because of the complexity of the entire schedule.

**SPARTANS...ENJOY THE REST OF THE SUMMER... SEE YOU AUGUST 28, 2007**