

Olsen Middle School

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Dear Awesome Olsen Parents, Guardians and Students:

Welcome to a new school year at Awesome Olsen Middle School, an inclusive iCan Magnet boutique middle school in the heart of Dania Beach committed to providing a personalized educational experience in a safe and supportive learning environment.

Reflecting on our achievements from the past academic year, we are proud to share some remarkable successes. Our hard work and commitment to excellence have paid off, as we increased our total points earned under the Florida Department of Education School Accountability Reporting System by 9%. This achievement places us just 5% points away from earning a "B" letter grade. These gains are a testament to the significant learning progress made by our students, and they reinforce our commitment to reaching and surpassing our goals in the coming year.

At Olsen, our small school size is one of our greatest strengths. It allows us to offer individualized attention to each student, ensuring that every child receives the support and resources they need to thrive. We believe that every student is unique and deserves a tailored educational experience that fosters their personal and academic growth. Our Viking Values of Excellence, Character and Respect are the foundation of teaching and learning. We are looking forward to another year of growth, learning, and success. We are thrilled to have you and your child join our vibrant and dedicated school community. Together, we will continue to build on our achievements.

A back-to-school orientation and student schedule pick up will be held for students and parents in the cafeterium on Friday, August 9th at 2:00 p.m. Please come to learn about school policies and procedures and meet your Awesome Olsen school administrators, counselors, and staff. Student schedules will be distributed after the orientation. If you are unable to attend, you will be able to access your child's schedule on FOCUS.

Please note, students have the responsibility to dress appropriately at school and when participating in school sponsored activities. Olsen Middle School Students must adhere to the dress code listed in the Broward County Public Schools Code of Student Conduct. Please read and review with your student making note of the following: **Students in grades K-8 cannot wear backless, slingback or open-toed footwear.** Revealing, suggestive or indecent clothing or clothing that exposes the torso is not allowed. All pants must be worn and secured at the waist. Items designed as undergarments, sleepwear or beachwear may not be worn. Skirts and shorts must reach mid-thigh length. Leggings

must be worn with overblouses that reach mid-thigh. Head coverings including hats, hoodies, and bandanas are not allowed.

Children need healthy meals to learn. Olsen Middle School is happy to announce it will operate under the Community Eligibility Provision or (CEP) for the 2024-2025 school year. The provision is available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs with 40% or more students receiving SNAP, TANF or Extension of Benefits. This means all students enrolled at Olsen Middle School are eligible to receive Breakfast and Lunch at no cost.

STUDENTS WITHOUT UPDATED STATE REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS WILL NOT BE GIVEN THEIR SCHEDULE. WE MUST COMPLY WITH THE LAW: NO SHOTS – NO SCHOOL. If you have any questions regarding immunizations, please contact the School Counseling Department at 754-323-3800.

Eligible students needing bus transportation for this school year who were registered at <https://tfsweb.browardschools.com/ride> by June 28th are guaranteed a bus for the first day of school. Students registered by July 12th will receive a bus assignment by the second week of school. Registrations received after July 12th will be routed expeditiously in the order in which they were received. If you have any questions, please email register2ride@browardschools.com or call 754-321-4499.

Monday, August 12, 2024, is the official start of the 2024 – 2025 school year. School hours are from 7:10 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. Student supervision is provided from 6:45 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. Students cannot arrive on campus before 6:45 a.m. Parents choosing to drive their child to school must use the car loop for student drop-off and pick-up. Please do not drop students off on SE 11th Terrace.

Safety and security of students and staff is priority #1 at Olsen Middle School. **Students must wear their current, unaltered, and official school issued ID at all times on the front of their person and not lower than elbow level** while on school grounds, on school transportation and school sponsored events. **It is NOT optional.** ID's will be distributed during the first week of school. Students may receive up to 4 replacement ID's. A \$5 charge/obligation will be incurred upon the issuance of the 5th student ID and beyond. **Students not displaying/wearing their ID will be issued consequences according to the BCPS Code of Student Conduct and Discipline Matrix.**

Packets containing important documents will be distributed to students on the first day of school. Parents/guardians are asked to review the information in the packet and complete/sign and return the required school forms with their child by Friday, August 16, 2024. The Broward County Public Schools Code of Student Conduct for secondary students is available online at: www.browardschools.com. Please review this important information with your child.

Mark your calendar. Open House for all students will be held on Thursday, August 29th at 5:30 p.m. On behalf of the faculty and staff at Awesome Olsen Middle School, we look forward to the opportunity to serve you and your child this school year. Thank you for choosing Awesome Olsen Middle School for your child's middle school years.

Sincerely,



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