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Superintendent's Message

Greetings Oregon-Davis! I am extremely excited to be the Superintendent of the Oregon-Davis School Corporation. I appreciate the welcome and hospitality I have received thus far. I encourage you to introduce yourself to me at some point this summer/fall.



Oregon-Davis Jr./Sr High is still committed to technology, project Lead the Way (PLTW), and project-based learning. Another focus will be to communicate with all stakeholders through various methods such as this newsletter, our website and social media. I plan to be visible and model a positive relationship with students, staff, parents and the community. Building a positive learning environment is a must!

As the Oregon-Davis

Superintendent, I believe the important factors for maximizing student achievement include relationships, relevance and rigor. To maximize student achievement and to allow learning opportunities for all students, positive relationships with students as well as relevant and rigorous curriculum need to be present in all aspects of the school corporation.

As the corporation prepares for your child to begin school on Aug. 4, our custodial staff, transportation department and maintenance staff have worked diligently in preparing our buildings and buses. Our teachers, support staff and administrators have also been preparing by revising curriculum, updating lesson plans, ordering supplies and preparing the technology.

The 2016-17 school year will be a great experience for you and your child. I hope every student is excited to come to school and learn. I am proud to be a Bobcat and I hope you are too!

—Dr. Donald E. Harman, Superintendent,
Oregon-Davis School Corporation

Opening School

First Day of School for Students

Aug. 4, 2016

First Day for Teachers

Aug. 3, 2016

Registration

Registration can be completed online or at your student's school on either July 18 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. or July 21 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. More information will be available on the banner of the school website. Parents who previously registered their students online for the 2015-16 school year already have a username and password (forgotten username and password functions are available). To create a new username and password, you will need information from the bottom of your student's report card.

School Class Time Hours

Oregon-Davis Elementary ..7:20 a.m. - 2:34 p.m. Monday-Thursday
Elementary Friday Dismissal..... 7:20 a.m. - 1:50 p.m. Friday

Oregon-Davis Jr./Sr. High ..7:20 a.m. - 2:34 p.m. Monday-Thursday
Jr./Sr. High Friday Dismissal 7:20 a.m. - 2:05 p.m. Friday

(If a two-hour delay is called on a Friday, the early dismissal is cancelled and the regular school closing times will be followed.)

School Office Hours

Corporation..... 6:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Elementary and
Jr/Sr High Schools..... 6:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

All calls go directly to the principal's email and calls will be returned.

Open House

Aug. 3, 2016 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Meal Prices

Breakfast.....	Free
Lunch K-5.....	\$2.25
Lunch 6-8.....	\$2.35
Lunch 9-12.....	\$2.45

What makes Oregon-Davis so great? It's students. Our students are focused and determined to succeed.



Textbook/Classroom Fees

Kindergarten	\$80
First Grade.....	\$100
Second Grade.....	\$100
Third Grade.....	\$100
Fourth Grade	\$100
Fifth Grade	\$100
Sixth Grade	\$100
Seventh-Eighth.....	\$145
Ninth Grade.....	\$170
Tenth Grade.....	\$190
Eleventh Grade.....	\$140
Twelfth Grade.....	\$140

Textbook fees listed above may vary due to student choices of specialized elective courses, especially at the high school level. All fees can be paid at registration by cash, check or credit card.

School Closings and Delays

An all call goes to all parent/guardian phone numbers on record; WKVI Radio, WSBT, WNDU and Fox 28 television stations and websites.

Jr.-Sr. High School

Welcome Students and Parents to the 2016-17 School Year!

We are eager to begin another successful school year, and we are excited to tell you about some changes here at Oregon Davis Jr/Sr High School. First, we are no longer affiliated with the New Tech Network of schools, but this will have little effect on our day to day operations. We will have more flexibility with our courses without having fully integrated classes. Students will still take biology and agriculture courses, for example, but they will not be connected for two consecutive periods. We want our teachers to be able to offer instruction that focuses on student needs.

Oregon Davis Jr/Sr High is still committed to technology and project-based learning. Each student will have access to a device to use for school purposes; however, we are going to work to enhance our digital literacy, using these devices in a more efficient manner for instruction and study. Students will still be asked to interact with teachers via this technology, and we will still continue to better deliver digital opportunities.

Finally, we are going to keep working on building a positive school environment and culture. We will implement a "We are B.O.B.C.A.T.S." (Bringing Our Best Character, Attitude, Teamwork, and Scholarship) initiative. Students and staff alike will be participating to maintain strong, positive relationships that adhere to these ideals. More information about this initiative will be provided.

Respectfully yours,
Timothy J. Pletcher
Principal



Three Keys to Success

Oregon-Davis Jr/Sr High faculty and staff regularly emphasize three keys to succeeding throughout school: attendance, work ethic and extra participation. Students who show up on time, work hard and get involved will certainly get the most out of their middle school and high school years. This is not to say that they will not face challenges. School should be challenging to adequately prepare students for life after graduation. Students who work on these three keys, however, will find the strength within and the resources around them necessary to achieve in the face of obstacles. These keys not only help students to find academic success but lifelong fulfillment as well.

Elementary School

Welcome Back to Elementary School!

Dear Parents,

Let me be the first to say welcome back to school! I am looking forward to meeting and working with all of you during the 2016-17 school year. You are welcome and encouraged to stop by the school to volunteer, have lunch with your child or simply say hello. Open communication is an integral part of your child's success.

At Oregon-Davis Elementary, we strive to make sure students are provided high quality learning opportunities necessary to prepare them for our ever-changing global society. In addition to traditional school curriculum based on the Indiana Academic Standards, Oregon-Davis Elementary strives to provide authentic real life learning experiences by offering STEM content through Project Lead the Way. In PLTW, students will be working collaboratively to solve real life problems that involve science, technology, engineering and math. Students will have instruction delivered by highly-qualified staff using state of the art technology that will allow students to be confident and prepared for the technological demands of the 21st century.

All of us at Oregon-Davis Elementary are looking forward to an exciting new school year. Thank you for the opportunity to work with your children.

Sincerely,
William Bennett, Principal

Help Your Child Set Goals and Achieve Them

In school, we often use the term goals with your children. With a new school year starting, take advantage of this prime time to help your child set new goals for success. How can we help our students beat the odds and achieve their goals? Consider these ideas you can also support at home:

1. **Make the goal specific.** The target needs to be very clear for your child. Help him/her clearly articulate what it is they want to achieve. Instead of a goal to get better at reading, the goal could be to better understand what is being read.
2. **Set a short timeframe.** Many goals fail because the timeframe is too long. Set small, specific timeframes (2-3 weeks) that can be more easily monitored.
3. **Make a plan.** Help your child figure out actions they can take to reach their goal. How will you better understand what you are reading? Will you write a summary after a certain number of pages? Will you ask questions as you read?
4. **Adjust the goal.** There is nothing wrong with your child adjusting his/her goals. Adjusting will be more successful than quitting.
5. **Celebrate.** Celebrate the small successes like sticking to the goal's steps. There is something about acknowledging progress, even small progress, that propels us to keep at it and work toward the next small step along the road of attaining a goal.

There's something to smile about at O-D!

You're Invited!

The Oregon-Davis School Board meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building, 5998 North 750 East, Hamlet, IN. You are invited to attend these meetings.

Board of Education

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Feedback Is Welcome

We welcome our readers' letters, comments and critique. Write to us at Editor, *Oregon-Davis Schoolhouse*, Oregon-Davis School Corporation, 5998 N. 750 E., Hamlet, IN 46532, or call (574) 867-2111.

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 Mr. William BennettElementary Principal
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Our Website Address

<http://odschools.org/>



At Oregon-Davis, we strive to give students opportunities for a lifetime of learning.

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All School Calendar 2016-17

Aug. 3 Teacher Orientation Day
 Aug. 4 First Day for Students
 Sept. 5 Labor Day (no school)
 Oct. 7 First Nine Weeks Grading Period Ends (46 Days)
 Oct. 12-13 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:30 p.m.
 Oct. 17-19 Intersession Days
 Oct. 17-21 Fall Break (no school)
 Nov. 23-25 Thanksgiving Vacation (no school)
 Dec. 21 Second Nine Weeks Grading Period Ends (45 Days)
 Dec. 22-Jan 3 Winter Break (no school)
 Jan. 4 Teacher Records Day/Professional Development Day (no school)
 Jan. 5 Second Semester Begins
 Feb. 20 President's Day (no school or make-up day)
 March 10 Third Nine Weeks Grading Period Ends (46 Days)
 March 27-31 Intersession Week
 March 27-April 7 Spring Vacation (no school)
 April 14 Good Friday (no school)
 April 17 No School/Make-up Day
 May 29 Memorial Day (no school)
 May 26 Fourth Nine Weeks Grading Period Ends (43 Days)
 May 26 Last Student Day
 May 30 Teacher Records Day/Professional Development Day (no school)
 June 2 Commencement (Friday 6:30 p.m.)