



OAK GROVE LUTHERAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Most Frequently Asked Questions



- 1. What time does the school day begin and end?** Middle school students' normal day begins with period 2 at 8:40 a.m. There are two middle school electives (English and Science) offered beginning at 7:45 a.m. The normal school day ends at 3:39 p.m. NOTE: There is a special schedule for the first day of school. (see #2 for more information.)
- 2. What is the schedule for the first day of school?** Our first day of school has a unique schedule, as we have a special chapel that morning. Start time is historically 9:00 a.m. All this information will be posted on our website.
- 3. What school supplies are needed?** Supply lists can be found on our website and in area retail stores by mid-July.
- 4. How early may students be brought to school and where should they be dropped off?** Students may come to school any time after 7:00 a.m. Middle school students may be dropped off in the loop on the front courtyard, or at the east door of Jackson. Pick up can also be at either place. Doors on the outside access points of campus will be locked at 7:40 a.m. Students arriving to school early must wait in either Eid Center or Grover Grounds.
- 5. Is transportation available to and from school? Where does my child park if he/she brings their own car?** There are several places in the F-M area that we use as shuttle pick up spots (locations available on our website). Students can also meet our shuttle at the south campus by 8:10 a.m. At the north campus, your child may park anywhere in the East, South and West parking lots where it is not assigned to handicap, Oak Grove staff or Gala winner. They may also park on the street. Follow the city *No Parking* signs.
- 6. Where does the shuttle drop students off in the morning and pick them up at the end of the day?** The morning shuttle will load the bus at the south campus gym. Students will be dropped off at the north campus at Gorder Gymnasium. The afternoon shuttle will pick up next to the Gorder Gymnasium. Drop-off for the students in the afternoon at the south campus will be at the gym.
- 7. Where do students go after they are dropped off at the school?** Students are asked to gather in either Grover Grounds or in Eid (the dining hall). Students are asked not to go to lockers or classrooms until after 8:30 a.m. due to Period 1 classes that are in session.
- 8. Who do I contact if my child misses school?** If your child is not at school due to an illness, trip or an appointment, contact Mrs. Vogel at 701-373-7100 or miriam.vogel@oakgrovelutheran.com as soon as possible. If they are late or need to leave for an appointment, Mrs. Vogel also needs to be contacted. *The student must sign in and out at the HS office whenever arriving or leaving campus once the school day has begun.* If missing days are known in advance, request a pre-excuse form from the office, notifying teachers and getting any assignments that may be missed.
- 9. How late may the students be on campus, and where may they go to be picked up?** Many of our students remain on campus for after-school activities or to wait for their ride. Most congregate in Grover Grounds (Gorder Gymnasium lobby) but there are other sitting areas available to them. We also have supervised, after-school 9th hour until 4:30 p.m. for those students that are required to attend to support areas of academic concern.
- 10. What is the schedule for chapels?** We have a 20-minute chapel on a regular day of school and various special 30-60 minute chapels throughout the school year. Please check daily schedules online for up to date times and speaker scheduling. Everyone is welcome to attend!

- 11. Is breakfast served?** Breakfast is available to students starting at 7:00 a.m. Hot breakfast is served on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Students charge breakfast to their lunch accounts.
- 12. What's for lunch?** Middle school lunches cost \$3.25. We also provide ala carte items. These items range in price from .25 to \$1.00. Students are encouraged to take hot lunch first, with the ala carte providing additional options for the hungry students! Students and/or parents may deposit lunch money in accounts at any time through Mrs. Vogel in the high school office, in the lunch line or go to www.myschoolbucks.com to charge to your credit card.
- 13. How do I check my student's grades and attendance?** Net Classroom is available for students and parents to check assignments, grades and attendance. If you are new to the north campus, you can obtain a username and password from Mrs. Vogel in the high school office. Middle school teachers post their weekly assignments on the "announcement" section of Net Classroom. Please ask a teacher or the Middle School principal if you need help. Your username and password remain the same as your student transitions from middle school to high school.
- 14. Can my student be in band and choir?** Band and choir are open to all middle school students. Middle school students are required to be in one music class but may choose to be in both. Band students are not expected to have their instruments the first day of school. Within the first few days of school, an evening will be held for families to choose instruments if their student is new to band.
- 15. Does the middle school have a yearbook?** Middle school students have their own yearbook. The middle school yearbook is exclusively for middle school with many pictures capturing all the activities and special days throughout the year. Students have the opportunity to be part of the middle school yearbook staff. The cost of the soft covered yearbook is \$20 and orders are taken in the spring of the year. Middle School students might also be included in the high school yearbook.

16. Are there school clubs and activities for middle school students?

Refer to the *Activities & Organizations Brochure* for detailed information.

Arts

Solo and ensemble contest
Theatre
Choir
Band
Voice Lessons
String lessons
Piano lessons

Academics/Clubs

Student Council
Mathcounts
Board Game Club
Robotics
Yearbook/Messenger Writing

Sports

Grades 6-8
Volleyball
Boys/Girls Basketball
Boys/Girls Hockey
Football

Grades 7&8

Boys/Girls Swimming & Diving
Boys/Girls Track
Boys/Girls Cross Country
Boys/Girls Golf
Boys/Girls Soccer
Baseball
Softball

Please review the Oak Grove Activities Handbook, Student Handbook and other publications and important information on our website at www.oakgrovelutheran.com, click on *Schedules/Menus/Information Resources/Publications/Forms* at the top of the page.

17. Do Middle School students perform service projects?

Middle school students participate in bell-ringing for the Salvation Army, make tie blankets for the Ronald McDonald House, contribute to Fill the Dome, and perform additional area service projects to build service and leadership.

18. What special field trips do the middle school students take?

Middle School students typically travel to a low ropes course, ski trip, movie at the Fargo Theater, and an end of the year activity.

19. Is there a way for my child to work and earn money for future high school trips?

A majority of our students are involved in activities which will require travel and the expenses that accompany these trips. We have options for students to defer some of the costs. All students and parents have the opportunity to do this in several different ways. Students and/or parents can work/sell at the OG rummage sale, work at Grover Grounds and/or work concessions at any Oak Grove home athletic event. Money collected from these opportunities is only available to go towards Close-up, Choir or Band tour, Mission trips and European studies trips. It cannot be used for any other school expense.