



# OLYMPIC MIDDLE SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

N  
E  
W  
S  
L  
E  
T  
T  
E  
R

Dear Oly Families,

We are officially through the first quarter of school. Grades will be coming out soon providing you an indication of where your student currently stands in regards to their academic progress. It is critical that we remind you that we focus on standards based teaching and learning meaning your student's grade is based on their current level of understanding of subject area standards. Please talk with your child's' teacher about standards based grading and learning.

November conferences are just a few weeks away. Our schedule will be morning conferences on Wednesday, November 16th and Friday, November 18th from 7:45 -8:15 AM. We will have an evening conference on Thursday, November 17th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM in the gym. All teachers will be accessible during the evening conference but for a more in depth meeting please try to schedule a time on Wednesday and Friday during the morning times. We look forward to seeing you!

All of our students are provided ChromeBooks to enhance their learning at Oly. ChromeBooks are mini laptop computers provided to each student. This is a great opportunity for all of our students to be able to have access to technology in each and every class. With technology being a critical factor of our students' future career paths,we believe providing students access early is critical to their growth.

Lastly, we just had our first meeting of the year with our Parent Advisory Board. Our Parent Advisory Board provides us feedback in regards to how we can better help your students at Olympic. The feedback from this last meeting was great. The parents spoke loudly about our teachers providing more communication about homework and other class details. They also suggested we start a reading program based on getting students to read outside of school with a focus on reading for pleasure. It was amazing to hear our parents insights and passion for helping their students.

It is an absolute pleasure to assist your students in reaching their goals and dreams. Please do not hesitate to come in or call if you have any questions or feedback.

Make It a Great Day the Cougar Way!

Jason Hill

Principal

**OLYMPIC COUGARS**

### SPECIAL DATES:

- ◆ November 7 PLC Late Start
- ◆ November 8 Election Day PLEASE VOTE!
- ◆ November 11 Veterans Day NO SCHOOL
- ◆ November 16-18 Middle School Conferences
- ◆ November 23 Early Release
- ◆ November 24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday NO SCHOOL
- ◆ November 28 PLC Late Start

### CLUB MEETINGS

- Robotics Club  
Tues. 2:25 rm. 312
- Study Hub Tues. & Thurs. 2:15 in rm. 504
- Builder's Club Wed. 2:25 rm. 209
- Journalism Wed. During lunches in Library
- Latino Club  
Wed. 2:25 cafeteria
- Futsal Mon. 7:15 am / Wed. 6:15 am in gym
- Art Club Wed.  
@ 215 rm. 504
- 1st Wed- 6th Grade
- 2nd Wed- 7th Grade
- 3rd Wed.- 8th Grade
- Drama Club Nov-Jan 2:30 rm. 709
- Video Club Thurs. 2:15 rm. 203
- Basketball Club Fri. 6:15 in gym
- Guitar Club Fri. 2:15 rm. 205



## MOVING?

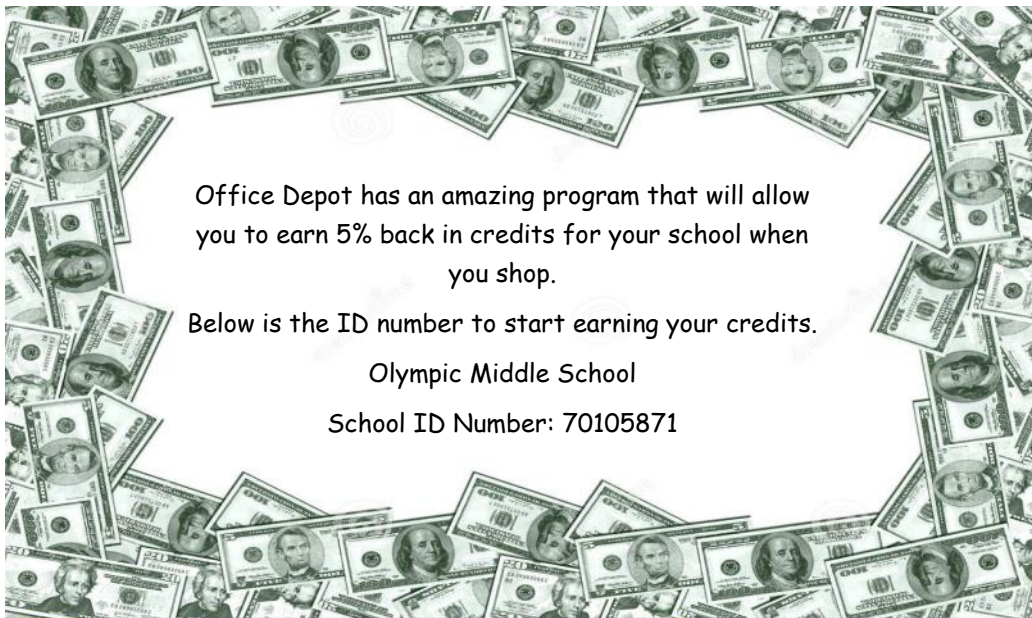
If you are planning to move, would you please call 253.931.4966 or email [pjensen@auburn.wednet.edu](mailto:pjensen@auburn.wednet.edu) prior to the move. It is important for your student to have his/her school records forwarded to their new school in a timely manner. Also, if you have any changes to addresses, email, phone numbers or emergency contact information, please contact Mrs. Jensen.



Any time your student is absent, please call Ms. Park at **253.931.4703** to excuse your student's absence, request bus passes, or to leave important messages for your student. The Attendance Office hours are 6:45 am—3:15 pm Monday through Friday. Please leave a message on the answering machine if you call after hours. Thank you!



## Earn Free School Supplies for Olympic



Office Depot has an amazing program that will allow you to earn 5% back in credits for your school when you shop.

Below is the ID number to start earning your credits.

Olympic Middle School

School ID Number: 70105871

### **Remember to Vote by November 8!**

Auburn School District voters will vote on a bond to replace six aging schools and build two new elementary schools. The bond will modernize learning facilities, increase student safety and provide needed classroom space. The bond requires a 60 percent supermajority to pass.

Please remember to vote and mail in your ballot by November 8.

For more information about the bond, visit [www.auburn.wednet.edu/2016bond](http://www.auburn.wednet.edu/2016bond) .

## Skylert

In an effort to improve communication and provide more choices for families, a new tool called Skylert is now available within Skyward Family Access. Families can now designate which phone numbers should receive calls, which type of calls to receive and even get text messages!

Directions for accessing Skylert recently were sent to all families with an email address on file. If you did not receive the directions, please contact the school office and we will provide the necessary information.

If you have any questions, please email [communications@auburn.wednet.edu](mailto:communications@auburn.wednet.edu).

We hope you enjoy the new options of communication tools as we continue to increase our connections with families.



### Olympic Middle School Counselor's Corner –Mrs. Berg, Mrs. Oremland, Mrs. Medina

Parents!

Are you interested in **FREE MONEY** for your child's education or vocational training after high school?

7th and 8th grade students can apply for Washington's College Bound Scholarship. This scholarship can be applied to a Washington public or private university, community or technical college.

Applying in **EASY** and take **MINUTES** to complete.

If you are interested, contact your child's School Counselor for more information and application materials.

**I**   
**COLLEGE**

# COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS

Communities In Schools of Auburn offers a variety of student support services at Olympic Middle School, serving families in need and students identified as being at risk. Services include a weekend food program, help with clothing and school supplies, and assistance locating community resources. Academically, the Communities In Schools site coordinator helps students get back on track, recruits volunteers to work with students one-on-one, and

runs an after-school homework help program, Study Hub, that is open to all comers, twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:15-3:15 pm. To learn more about Communities In Schools of Auburn and how you can get involved by donating or volunteering, visit us at [www.auburn.ciswa.org](http://www.auburn.ciswa.org) and like us on Facebook. For questions about accessing our programs at Olympic, contact the site coordinator, Mark Lama, at 253-931-4966 or [mlama@auburn.wednet.edu](mailto:mlama@auburn.wednet.edu)

## NOVEMBER CONFERENCES AT OLYMPIC

Conferences are a chance for you to learn about your student’s academic growth by meeting with his or her teachers. On November 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 18<sup>th</sup> you will have the opportunity to do so.

The schedule is as follows:

**Option 1:** Morning “drop-in” conferences are arranged by **student’s last name**. Visit all teachers, just a few, or just one teacher as time permits in their classrooms

### Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

7:45-8:15 am A-E  
8:15-8:45 am F-J  
8:45-9:15 am K-O  
9:15-9:45 am P-T  
9:45-10:15 am U-Z

### Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

7:45-8:15 am U-Z  
8:15-8:45 am P-T  
8:45-9:15am K-O  
9:15-9:45am F-J  
9:45-10:15am A-E

**Option 2:** Evening “drop-in” conferences are arranged by **student’s last name**. Visit all teachers, a few, or just one teacher as time permits. Conference will be held in the gym, “arena” style.

### Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

5:00 – 5:30pm A-E  
5:30 – 6:00pm F-J  
6:00 – 6:30pm K-O  
6:30 – 7:00pm P-T  
7:00 – 7:30pm U-Z

**Option 3:** If you are unable to attend the above dates and times, we still want to meet with you. Please email or call to make other arrangements. Teacher email addresses are found at <http://www.auburn.wednet.edu/olympic> click **Our School**, click **Staff Directory**. Olympic office phone number is **253-931-4966**.

# OLYMPIC MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS

Boys Basketball for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade begins on Monday November 7th. Athletes must have all their athletic paperwork turned into the office and have purchased an ASB card to turn out. 8<sup>th</sup> grade practice is 2:30 to 4:30 and 7<sup>th</sup> is 4:30 to 6:30 the first two days. Practice schedules will be handed out at practice. Please dress for basketball by bringing a t-shirt, shorts, and basketball shoes.

Gymnastics and 7th & 8th Grade Boys Soccer start November 7th as well. See Mrs. Mu'min for details.

## Athletic Physicals.

Information on Sports Physicals and Athletic Participation Paperwork.

Athletic physicals may be good for two consecutive years. If you are an incoming 6th grader, you must get a physical after July 1, 2016 to participate in Olympic athletics. (Available in the ASB office and online on the District Webpage under athletic information/athletics & activities).

Anyone who is currently attending Olympic Middle School (7th or 8th grade) and has a physical on file and signed by their physician after July 1, 2015 it will be good for one additional year.

All athletes participating in sports during the 2016-2017 school year must complete **new** Participation Paperwork, Concussion, Sports Informed Consent, and Sudden Cardiac Arrest forms, complete with parent signatures and insurance information, and purchase ASB **before turning out for the first practice of the season.**

Please contact Mrs. Mu'min in the ASB Office if you have any questions, need paperwork or to pay for ASB.

