

OAK PARK AND RIVER FOREST HIGH SCHOOL

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November 5, 2007

Dear Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2012:

We look forward to welcoming you and your student to Oak Park and River Forest High School. This letter serves as your official Huskie welcome and an invitation to transition events and meetings we have planned for you, our incoming Class of 2012. If you are a returning parent/guardian, you will notice some changes in our 8th grade transition program. On the reverse side of this page is the detailed calendar of events leading up to Huskie Paw Print Day - the first day of high school for your student.

The transition process for 8th graders will begin with the EXPLORE and science/math placement tests, described on the enclosed blue sheet. You will also find information about the Student Shadowing Program on this sheet.

Programs for parents will begin with a Special Education Parent Information Night on Tuesday, November 27th, 7:00 p.m. in the high school library. The following night, Wednesday, November 28th, is an informational School House Forum for parents of 8th graders who may have general questions about the school, its programs, or the transition process. The night will include a building tour at 6:30 p.m. (for those new to OPRFHS), and a general question and answer session at 7:30 p.m. An alternate parent tour opportunity will also be available on December 12th at 9:00 a.m.

The transition process will begin in earnest with middle school meetings on Monday, January 28, 2008 (Brooks Middle School), Tuesday, January 29th (Julian Middle School), and Wednesday, January 30th (Roosevelt Middle School and all private/parochial schools). The meetings will be held at OPRFHS in the South Cafeteria beginning at 7:00 p.m. If you cannot attend on your scheduled night, you are welcome to come on any of the other evenings. Parents will receive freshman year course recommendations for your student, the Academic Catalog, enrollment forms, health forms, and information on fall sports and activities, and summer school registration dates. At least one parent of every 8th grader should be sure to attend this important information session.

The highlight of the transition year is always the New Freshmen Open House. This year we will welcome the Class of 2012 on the evening of Wednesday, February 13, 2008. Details will be mailed to your home in January.

If you have any questions about any of the programs listed on the reverse side, please call my Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Deloris Collins at 708.434.3502, or email her at dacollins@oprfs.org.

We look forward to seeing you and to welcoming you and your student as the Huskie Class of 2012!

Donald Vogel
Principal (Interim)

OPRFHS Freshman Transition to High School Program – Class of 2012

Step	When	What	Time/Place
1	November 5 th	Student/Parent Letter to homes and Middle School Principals	
2	Nov. 12 th –April 30 th	8th grade Student Shadowing: Call 708.434.3774 after Nov. 1st	½ day OPRFHS
3	Nov. 14 th - 28 th	ACT Explore Tests taken by 8 th graders- placement for English and History* *Students with IEPs or 504 Plans contact the Middle School case managers for information about accommodations and participation.	Middle Schools
4	Nov.27 th	Special Education 8th Grade Parent Night- 7:30 p.m.	OPRFHS Library
5	Nov. 28 th	Parent Tour- come before the question answer session to tour the building (alternate tour date Dec. 12 th) School House Forum for 8th Grade Parents Questions and Answers	6:30 pm - Tour 7:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. – Q & A
6	December 1 st	Placement Exams for Math and Science*	8: 45 a.m.- OPRFHS
7	December 5 th	Make-up Placement Exams for Math and Science* *Students with IEPs or 504 Plans contact the Middle School case managers for information about accommodations and participation.	3:45 p.m.- OPRFHS
8	Dec. 12 th	8th Grade Parent Tour	9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a..m.
9	Jan. 7 th - 18 th	Transition Visits- High school staff/students to Middle Schools	Middle Schools
10	Jan.15 th	Reminder Parent Letter /January Meetings to homes	
11	Jan 28 th . –Brooks MS Jan, 29 th Julian MS Jan 30 th . Roosevelt MS/Private Schools	Parent Transition Meetings- receive course recommendations for your child, the Academic Catalog, Enrollment forms, Health forms, information on Athletics and Summer School.	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm OPRFHS South Cafeteria
12	Jan. 28 th - Feb. 29 th	Special Education IEP Transitions Staffings	Scheduled Appointments
13	February 13 th	Open House/Class of 2012- Meet with representatives of all academic areas, clubs and athletic teams. Tour the building.	6:00 pm- 8:00 pm OPRFHS- Student Center and Fieldhouse
14	Feb. 26 th , 27 th , 28 th According to Counselor Assignment	Course Selection- Small group meeting with counselor to select courses for 2008-2009	7:00 pm –8:00 pm Meeting locations posted in Student Center
15	March 6 th	Parent Visitation Day- Spend all-day or part of the day visiting classes.	All Day- Start your day in 2 nd Floor Board Room
16	March 31 st - April 26 th	Mail-In Summer School Registration	
17	April	Course selection verification mailed to homes of incoming freshmen	
18	May	Leadership workshops for 8 th graders	Middle School
19	June	Preliminary schedules mailed to incoming freshmen who have turned in all enrollment information and forms.	
20	June 2,3,4,,5 & 10	Summer School Walk-in Registration	OPRFHS
21	August - TBD	Book/Fee Day- pick up books, get locker assignment pay outstanding fees.	TBA
22	August - TBD	‘Huskie Paw Print’ --First Day of High School for Freshmen Freshmen Parent Meeting	8:00 a.m. (Students) 7:00 p.m. (Parents)