## Welcome to Onoway Jr./Sr. High School!



We are so happy you are joining us!



EMPOWERING LEARNERS



# What do you already know about OJSH?

# BG differences

Some of the big differences you will notice once you start at OJSH

- More students
- Longer classes for some subjects
- No recess
- Lunch break where you choose (on campus)
- More teachers many are subject specific
- Percent grades for core subjects
- 4 reporting terms
- Many complementary courses over the year
- Cafeteria
- Teachers read daily announcements



### A day in the life of a grade 8 student...

This is a sample timetable for a grade 8 student from school this year.

Block	Day 1	Day 2
1	Language Arts	Language Arts
2A	Math	Math
2B	Phys Ed	Phys Ed
LUNCH		
3	Social	Science
4A	Music	80 Minute CTS/Fine
4B	40 minute CTF/Fine Art	Art

Click here to read about our complementary course program

Click school supply list to see what you should have handy for the start of school

## What can I do at lunch or after school? School Activities and Events

These may vary year to year depending on staff/coach availability and student interest, but groups from the past have included:

WaterPark Trip	Chess	Lighting & Staging Crew
Art Club	Band	Smash Brothers Gaming Club
Intramurals	Tabletop Games Club	Archery
GSA	Student Council	Running Club
Ski Trips	School Spirit Days/Events	Reindeer Games

School Sports Teams (Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, Track and Field, Flag Football, Golf, Handball)

### **How Parents and Students Stay Informed:**





- Synervoice
- PowerSchool
- School Council
- Monthly Newsletter
  - School Website
- School Twitter Account
- Parent-Teacher Interviews
  - School Visits
  - Google Classroom
  - Email and Telephone





### School Information - click the links to explore

Student Handbook - This is updated before Fall

start up, but mainly stays the same

School Website - For so many more

OJSH resources including student supply lists

Our Twitter link is @ngpsohs



On Facebook you will find us at

Onoway Jr/Sr High School





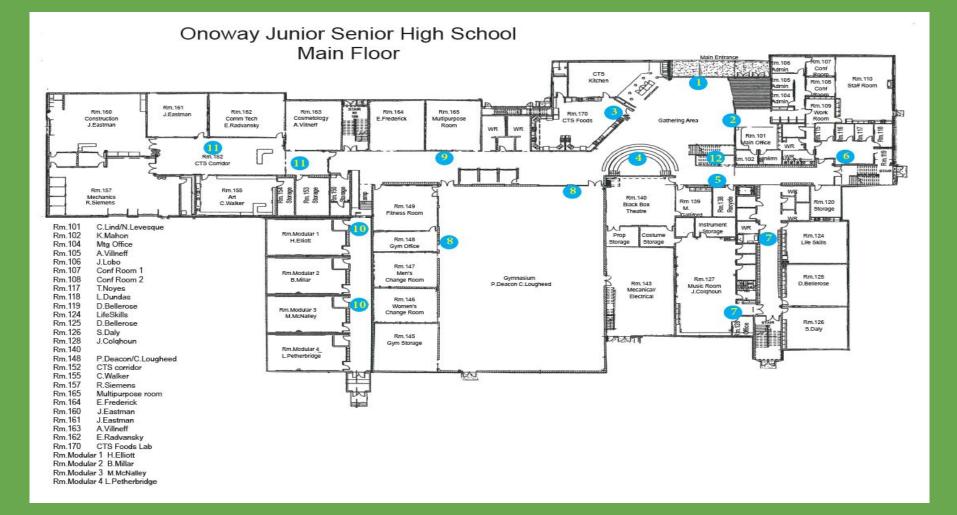
### **Virtual School Tour**

#### Click each link to see various parts of the school:

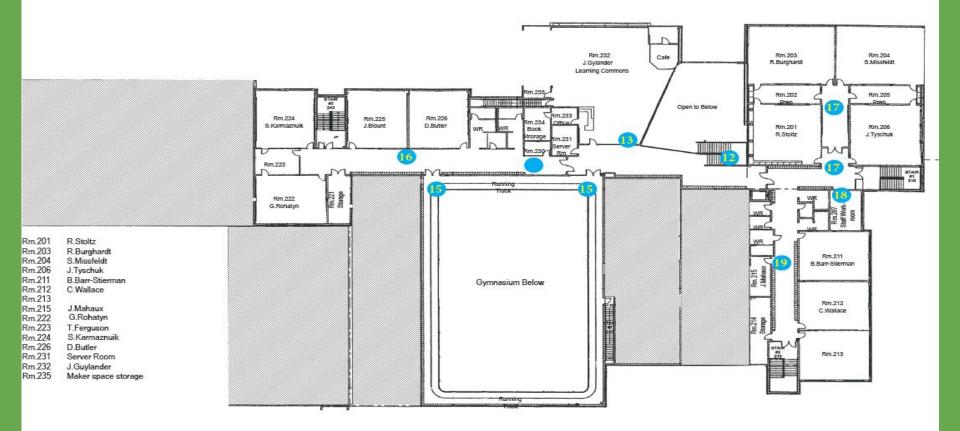


Please keep in mind these videos were made during Covid, when we could not have visitors, so some of the items you see or maybe even people may no longer be at OJSH, but we felt the tour was most important, so we kept the videos to help those who need a preview or reminder!

#### \*maps of each floor are on the next two slides



#### Onoway Junior Senior High School Second Floor



## FAQ (p.1)

- 1. Can I tour the school before September? Students and parents have a chance to see the school during our parent info night on June 7 and students will have tours with their elementary schools prior to that. We will not run tours outside of these times. Everyone gets another tour with their teachers on the first day of school.
- 2. How does my child choose options? Students are no longer required to make the difficult choice of what they should pick for fall start up. We discovered many wanted to try everything, so they have a better idea of what OJSH has to offer. Therefore, every student gets to experience several different complementary courses over the year. This way, for grade 9, students will have a better idea of what they prefer and are better suited for.
- 3. Can I go uptown for lunch? This is covered in our student handbook. Junior highs are not permitted off-campus at lunch. Only town students may go home for lunch, but students who do not live in the Town of Onoway are expected to stay on campus all lunch.
- 4. Can I go outside during lunch? Yes! Many of our students like to sit outside on warmer days or play football, soccer, or softball in the fields. Some just go for a walk around the exterior of the school with their friends
- 5. Are there sports teams? Yes. Tryouts are announced in the daily bulletin. September starts with volleyball tryouts. Teams depend on coach availability and student interest.

### FAQ (p.2)

6. Are there intramurals? Yes the gym is usually open once the weather gets a bit cooler. There are free play days and organized intramurals like December Dodgeball where students make their own teams and compete for prizes!

7. Is there a boot room? No. Students typically come in the main front doors and need to wipe their feet carefully. You only need a change of shoes for the gym. Outside/street shoes are not allowed in the gym as they scratch the floors. Students need proper running shoes for the gym.

8. Do I have to buy a combination lock? We supply all the combination locks needed here at the school. It will be on your locker the first day of school and assigned to you only. Only you (and the office) will know the combination (unless you tell someone, which we do not recommend). If you lose your lock a fee of \$5 for a new school supplied one will be charged to your account.
9. When do I get my locker? Students will be assigned lockers in an area where they attend class(es).

10. How can I pay school fees? How much are they? These can be paid through school cash online or by cheque sent to the office or paid in person at the office. Fees are listed in the handbook. At this point grade 8 fees are \$52.00 - \$32.00 (NGPS Technology Fee) and \$20.00 (OJSH complementary course fee)

11. Is there a dress code? Yes, and you can find out what it is in the <u>Student Handbook</u>.

12. What is the rule about cell phones? This is also in the <u>Student Handbook</u>.

### FAQ (p.3)

13. Can anyone get lunch at the cafeteria? Yes! You can pay with debit or cash or Cafe Cash (a pre-loaded cafeteria gift card). Parents can pay for Cafe Cash online through School cash on PowerSchool!

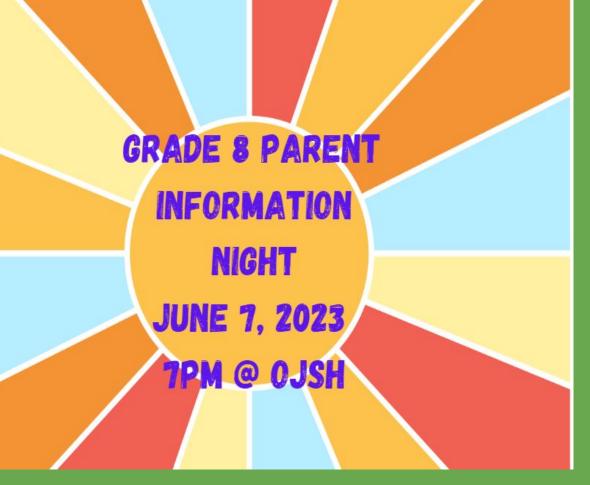
14. Who can help me (other than teachers) if I need it? We have Three Counsellors (Mr. Bellerose, Mrs. Noyes, and Ms. Deacon) and a Wellness Coach (Mrs. Ross), as well as an Inclusive Education Facilitator (Ms. Schmidt-Peterson) and two administrators (Dr. Villneff and Mr. Jespersen).

15. What do I need for my first day? Check out the school supply list on the website.

16. What happens on the first day of school? On your very first day, there are only Gr. 8 & 9 students - high schoolers don't start until the next day. This give you time to figure out the school without so many people around! We spend the morning giving you a tour - reminding you where everything is and showing you where all of your classes will be. Then we give to time to put things in lockers and classrooms. You get to meet your teachers, and new/old friends. In the afternoon we usually have fun doing various games and events and getting to know one another!

What's next? You will visit OJSH sometime between May 31 - June 2. You will get a tour and learn a variety of things.

Then you will bring your parents back **June 7** and give them a tour of your new school!



### Website <u>onowayhigh.ca</u> First day of classes for junior high is September 5th, 2023

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