

Welcome to Onoway Jr./Sr. High School!



Grade 8
Parent
Information
Night



**ONOWAY
JUNIOR/SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOL**

EMPOWERING LEARNERS

BIG differences

Some of the big differences you and your children may 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



Bell Schedule



Time	Block
08:51	Warning bell
08:53	Block 1 (SH) and Block 1A (JH) begins
09:33	Block 1A (JH) ends
09:36	Block 1B (JH) begins
10:16	Block 1 Ends
	Break for SH and JH
10:24	Warning Bell
10:26	Block 2 (SH) and 2A (JH) begins
11:06	Block 2A (JH) ends
11:09	Block 2B (JH) Begins
11:49	Block 2 Ends
	Lunch Break for SH and JH
12:28	Warning Bell
12:30	Block 3 (SH) and Block 3A (JH) begins
01:13	Block 3B (JH) begins
01:52	Block 3 Ends
	Break for SH and JH
02:00	Warning bell
02:02	Block 4 (SH) and Block 4A (JH) begins
02:45	Block 4B (JH) begins
03:25	Block 4 Ends/Dismissal

**Sample
Grade 8
Timetable
for
2024-25
School
Year**

Time	Block	Class
08:51	Warning bell	
08:53	Block 1A	Math
09:36	Block 1B	Science
	Break	
10:26	Block 2A	Social
11:09	Block 2B	Phys. Ed.
	Lunch Break	
12:30	Block 3A	LA
01:13	Block 3B	LA (Health)
	Break	
02:02	Block 4A	Complementary Course Time
02:45	Block 4B	
03:25	Dismissal	

The school isn't the only thing changing!!

- Physical Changes
- Social Changes
- Cognitive Changes



Is this normal?
Who can help?

Stay in Touch & Stay Informed:



- Synervoice
- School Messenger
 - PowerSchool
 - School Council
- Monthly Newsletter (website)
 - School Website
- School Facebook and Instagram
 - School Twitter Account
- Parent-Teacher Interviews
 - School Visits
 - Google Classroom
 - Email and Telephone



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:

Peer Support

Chess

Lighting & Staging Crew

Art Club

Band

Gaming Club

Intramurals

Tabletop Games Club

Archery

GSA

Student Council

School Sports Teams

Running Club

Cheer

Flag Football

As well as: **Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, & Track and Field**

Introduction to Jr. High Athletics



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Welcome!!!!

Welcome to Onoway Junior Senior High School! In our Educational Athletics Program we embrace the idea of competition along with the idea of sportsmanship and respect. All aspects come into play whether you are in PE class or playing with a team. Our main goal is to inspire students, whether you have athletic aspirations or not, and see every student succeed! Success can be viewed in different ways, for some people it is winning, and for others it's just the idea of improvement. Here we want everyone to embrace their goals, develop, and have fun, and we intend to help you achieve that! Students excel in many different areas and that is why we offer many different athletic opportunities!

What kind of sports do we offer?

Volleyball

Over the past few years Onoway Junior Senior High School has had a strong volleyball program. This comes from our athletes having a good attitude, great volunteer coaches, and a drive to improve skills. This program has a lot of interest and we do our best to provide multiple teams so everyone has an opportunity to play.



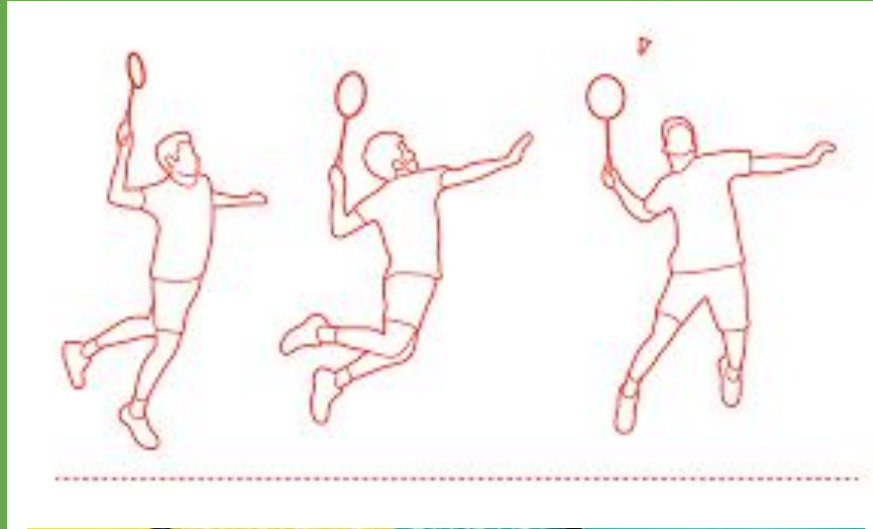
Basketball

Our basketball program also has a lot of interest. Many students are passionate about basketball, whether they are on a team or just playing at lunch. Either way, students and coaches provide each other with an opportunity to improve their skills.



Badminton

There are many different categories for badminton which allow many students to have the opportunity to play. The badminton season allows students to practice their skills while still practicing gameplay against their teammates. It is a shorter season than some of the other sports so it provides an opportunity for students with other commitments to participate.



Track and Field

This program is for more of the individual competitors. It is a low commitment program but still allows athletes to go out and compete, and do what they love. Student athletes get the opportunity to practice their skills, be active outdoors, demonstrate sportsmanship and cheer on their teammates at meets.



Golf/ Cross Country/ Archery

These are some of the other programs we offer throughout the school year! We try and include many sports that students may be interested in, so that we can reach a wide range of athletes that want to improve their skills, enjoy a sport, and compete for OJSH. There is almost something for everyone in our programs!



QUESTIONS?????

If you have questions throughout the school year about sports or athletics come to the gym and speak to Mr Lougheed or Miss Deacon!



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 5 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.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 and Ms. Deacon, Indigenous Student Support Autumn, and a Wellness Coach, 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!

School Information

Student Handbook - This is updated before Fall start up, but generally stays the same. It is highly recommended parents and students review this document before starting at OJSH.

Lunch Policy

- No off-campus for any junior high

Cell Phone Policy

- No cell phones during class time. All students are assigned Chromebooks for the year - just like a textbook. This is the electronic device they may use during class time

Sign in/Sign Out Policy

- Students who arrive late to school or need to leave early (picked up) must sign in/out at the office.
- Students who ride a bus and will not be on that evening must get a bus note from the office



First day of classes is Tuesday, September 6, 2024

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Can't Wait to See You in September!

We can't wait to see you in September! Have a great summer, stay active, hang out outside, and enjoy the sun! Welcome to the OJSH family!

