



OAK HILL
CLASSICAL SCHOOL

Parent Orientation 2026-2027

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EVENTS TO START THE YEAR

New Family Orientation - Tuesday, July 28 6:30-8pm at Oak Hill (Meet the Board Reception)

Meet the Teacher Open House, on Campus - Monday, August 3, 5:30-7:30pm

This is a drop-in event. Please bring your child's school supplies and stop by their classroom to meet their teacher. To help with limited parking, we kindly ask each family to come in one vehicle, if possible. Parents and students are encouraged to attend.

First Day of School- Thursday, August 6, 2026 (*Early Release at noon*)

Curriculum Night (*Parent Attendance Required)

Upper School Curriculum Night – Thursday, August 13, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

This event includes a mandatory group session beginning promptly at 6:30 p.m. followed by classroom visits. PARENTS ONLY, no students.

Grammar School Curriculum Night – Tuesday, August 18, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

This evening will include a mandatory group session and two classroom session options:

- Group sessions: Choose either 6:00–6:15 p.m. or 7:15–7:30 p.m.
- Classroom sessions: 6:15–6:45 p.m. and 6:45–7:15 p.m.

Please select one group session to attend and ensure you also attend your child's classroom session. Families with multiple children may divide and conquer or attend back-to-back sessions. PARENTS ONLY, no students.

FIRST DAYS

First Day of School

Thursday, August 6, 2026 (*Early Release at noon, Afternoon Carpool: 12:00-12:15*), *No lunch needed (only snack and water bottle)*

- **Grammar School (K4–5th)**

School Day: 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Carpool Drop-Off: 8:10–8:25 a.m.

Students arriving after 8:25 will be considered tardy.

Carpool Pick-Up: 3:00-3:15pm

- **Upper School (6th–10th)**

School Day: 8:15 a.m.–3:15 p.m.

Carpool Drop-Off: 8:00–8:10 a.m.

Students not seated in class by 8:15 will be considered tardy.

Carpool Pick-Up: 3:15-3:30pm

If you have Grammar and Upper School students, please pick up students close to 3:15pm.

First Day Drop Off Note

Parents may escort students to New students and K4-K5 classrooms – first day only.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

- When **picking up early** (i.e. for doctor's appointment), please notify teachers and the [office](#) in advance. Come into the main entrance to sign your student out. Please come prior to 2:40 pm, so that you do not get stuck in carpool.
- Please do not use **cell phones** when your vehicle is moving in the school parking lot. We need every driver's full attention so everyone can be safe, including your own children.
- Please turn right out of the school parking lot during afternoon carpool, this allows us to move cars through the parking lot safely and efficiently.
- The school provides **car signs** that you will display in your window to identify whom you are picking up. These are available at Orientation. You may request extra signs (for grandparents or others who will routinely pick up your student) or carpool signs by emailing admin@oakhillclassical.org.)

ON CAMPUS

Visiting School

- You are welcome to visit, but we ask that you avoid being on campus without a specific reason so that school staff and students can complete their work without distraction.
- If you are visiting campus please email your student's teacher and [the office](#) for permission to do so.
- If you will be coming into the building past the front desk during school hours, you will need to sign in and wear a visitor tag (other than first day drop-off or on campus events).
- If we are conducting a safety drill, we expect everyone in the building to participate.

COMMUNICATIONS

Newsletter

Our primary distribution method for announcements and information is a weekly newsletter from our Head of School, Mr. Matt Baker. It is published electronically via email every Monday. Please take time to read this every week so you are informed. If you do not receive it by the second week of school, please notify [the office](#).

Calendar

Please reference the calendar page for the most up-to-date information about school events. This includes our year-at-a-glance and 2026-27 calendar.

Educate

Educate is our online school management information system for all students. . This is where you can view schedules, grades, report cards, etc. The Educate platform is accessible in a web browser.

Green Folders and Agendas

All K4-5th students will have a Green Take home folder. This is an essential communication tool for the teacher and office to send information home. These should be checked on a daily basis for homework, important notices, behavior tracking, etc. Please clean out the folders on a weekly basis. These folders will be used all year.

Students in 4th-10th grades will also have an agenda (planner). Please ask them to show you their agenda and completed work periodically.

IMPORTANT FORMS

Please be sure to fill out all necessary forms through TADS, including Emergency Contacts, Alternate Pick-Up People, Medical forms (also upload Immunization forms and Birth Certificate). These forms are vital for us to have before the start of school (especially knowing any allergies).

UNIFORMS

Best Dress Uniform

Wednesdays, picture day, Special events, occasional field trips

Regular Uniform

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays are regular uniform days (Green polos are required for most field trips).

Gryphon (Spiritwear) Fridays

Spiritwear may be worn on Fridays. K4-8th must wear uniform bottoms. *Upper School* students are free from color restrictions for socks and shoes. 9th grade only may wear jeans.

Common Uniform Mistakes

- PreK-5th girls – must wear privacy shorts under jumpers/dresses; any time they are not wearing a dress or jumper they must be wearing a logoed polo (not a peter pan blouse).
- Belts – boys must wear a belt every day.
- Bowties: Best Dress Bow Ties required for Grammar School (K4-5th) boys can not be found on our Land's End Uniform website. They must be purchased from the school office. Bow ties are \$18.00 each.
- Best Dress Days- Boys must wear khaki colored uniform bottoms, *not navy*.
- Shoes- Socks and shoes must be predominantly neutral-colored. The following shoes are not permitted: light-ups, shoes with characters, clogs, mules, sling-backs, heels higher than two inches, open-toes, wheels, or *boots*.

Label Everything! Label Everything! Label Everything! Label Everything!

Please put names inside/on your children's clothing, coats, water bottles, lunch bags, even shoes and tote bags/backpacks. This makes it much easier for students to identify their items and makes it possible for us to return misplaced items to their owners.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Read all about what you do and do NOT need on our website. Please note, NO characters on any school supplies (including lunch boxes, water bottles, backpacks, etc). Please refer to handbook.

Electronics

Students are not allowed to have a cell phone or other personal electronic devices on campus.

If students need to contact parents during the day (this should be rare), they may visit the school office to use the office phone.

LUNCH

Lunch/Snacks

- All snacks and lunches should be brought by the child to school.
- Students must bring a water bottle to school. No Drinks are allowed except water.
- Candy is not allowed.
- Students will not be allowed to microwave food.
- Parents should avoid bringing their student's lunch to school after the start of the school day.
- Student's lunch may never be delivered to the school by a vendor (DoorDash, Uber Eats, Instacart, etc.)
- Grammar School (K4-5th) parents, please be aware of the ease of opening and accessing snack and lunch items. Please help your child by practicing opening packaging or pack their lunch in a way that is easy for them to open.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

When a Member of Your Household Is Not Well

We have established criteria that we hope will help us maintain a healthy community and minimize the spread of infectious diseases. Here are some essential things to remember whenever someone from your household is not well.

A child should be kept home for any of the following reasons:

- Fever above 100.4°
- Vomiting/diarrhea
- Continual cough
- Sore Throat
- Sinus infection/Runny nose
- Any other symptoms of a communicable disease

Additionally, please do not bring anyone (including siblings) into the building who are exhibiting any of the above symptoms. Students may return to school after symptoms improve and they are fever free without the use of medications for 24 hours. Additional exclusion and return to school policies may be necessary depending on the circumstances. Please notify the office if your student will not be attending school due to illness.

Medications

The school does not provide any over-the-counter medication. Any medication a child may need during the day, must be dispensed to student by a properly trained school staff member.

All medications sent to school must be delivered to the office in their original package (preferably not Costco size), with a prescription label (if applicable), and have a completed medication form (found on TADS). This includes inhalers, EpiPens, ibuprofen, Neosporin, etc.

The only exception is students in 6th-9th may possess and self-administer inhalers. In order to do so, both parent and student must fill out and sign the self-administration form (also found on TADS).

SAFETY/EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

The safety of our students, staff and faculty is of paramount importance. In the event of an emergency (re, severe weather, intruder), parents will be notified as soon as possible by email and by text. (Parents must sign up for the Remind texts to receive these communications.) Please do not contact the school during a presumed emergency, as our staff and faculty will be working hard to keep students as safe as possible.

Remind Text

The most immediate source of “high importance” information. “Remind” is an app and you will be sent information to log in.

Inclement Weather Closures

If we have a delayed start, early release, or closure, we will send notifications in three ways: Remind text, email, and social media.

Photo/Video

Parents may take photos and videos of their children at school functions. You may use your own children’s images how you see fit, but you may not post photos of other children to social media, the internet, or distribute them in any other form, without the written permission of the affected child’s parents. We encourage parents to share their school photos with us for use in the yearbook, etc. Please send them to [Keri Walker](#).

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Community

We have a wonderful community of families at Oak Hill! We encourage parents to make the effort to participate in our community events throughout the year as well as take the initiative to connect with your child's class!

Gryphon Flight Team

Oak Hill relies on service hours from families to help keep tuition low and develop a Christian community within the school. Our office team is happy to help match parents/grandparents with volunteer needs in the school. We also ask parents/grandparents to read our [Gryphon Flight Team/Volunteer handbook](#) before volunteering. If you have any questions about volunteering at Oak Hill Classical School, please contact Keri Walker, keri.walker@oakhillclassical.org.