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## Find out what's happening this week at Ogden!

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# This Week at Ogden December 3, 2018

Dear Ogden Families and Community,

Thank you to the parents and community members who attended the elementary State of the School presentation this past Monday. The presentation deck is attached [here](#) if you would like to review it. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

For those of you who were not able to attend this past Monday or would like an opportunity to hear more about west's state of the school, a friendly reminder that Monday I will do the high school State of the School at west campus from 5-6 pm. Once both presentations are completed, we will send out an FAQ to the entire school community.

### Updates

In order to comply with state and district requirements for documenting student absences, we will be making a slight change to our attendance policy. As directed by Chicago Public Schools, Ogden will no longer accept email or an electronic form submission as a way to excuse absences. The reason being is that neither provide a parent or guardian signature, which is a requirement to validate an absence.

Instead, on the first day an absent student returns to school, the parent/guardian must provide the school with a signed "[Reason for Absence Note](#)" or handwritten note that identifies the reason and date for each student absence. Elementary students will turn in the note to their teacher who will submit the note to the office and the paper copy will be processed and filed. High School students will turn in the note to the main office upon their return.

I know that we are used to the conveniences that technology offers us and we are working to find a solution that will easily allow for parents to submit letters with signatures, but in the meantime we will have to comply with established requirements. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

In partnership,

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***Please scroll down for important information for each Campus.***

### **East Campus:**

**Middle of the Year NWEA:** Please be aware that our middle of year NWEA testing for second through fourth graders will take place starting December 13th and make up testing can run through January 25th. Your homeroom teacher will provide the specific dates for your child's classroom. More information can be found [HERE](#).

December calendar [HERE](#)

- December 3 - PTA Meeting, 9am
- December 6 - Coffee Talk with Kranz & Ivory with focus on International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme
- December 10 - 12 - International Baccalaureate Organization
- December 13 - Middle of Year Testing window opens
- December 14 - PTA Cookie Exchange for teachers
- December 17-21 PTA Sponsored Spirit Week
  - Monday - Pajama day
  - Tuesday - Dress like your favorite book character day
  - Wednesday - Wacky holiday wear day
  - Thursday - Animal day
  - Friday - Crazy hair day & PTA Troll Movie Event @ 3:30
- December 24 - January 4 - Winter Break / No School

Helpful Information:

- CPS calendar [HERE](#)
- Menus and absence report [HERE](#)

- Behavior expectations [HERE](#)

**Right at School:** Registration for Right at School Winter session enrichment classes is now open. [HERE](#) is the list of electives for the Winter session. You can learn more about Right at School on their [website](#).

### PTA Update:

- Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Monday, December 3. It will be at 9am in the Owls Nest, Room 208. All are welcome!
- Let's get baking! We are looking for volunteers to provide cookies and treats for teachers and staff to choose from and take home on December 14th. Items can be dropped off at the table in the lobby on the morning of the 14th. Not a baker? That is ok! Store bought goodies are always welcome, too.

### Jenner Campus:

[December Calendar Here](#)

- **Important Dates to Remember**
  - **December 5th** - "Kupcakes with Kishasha" 7:45am and 5:00 pm - Monthly dialogue with the Head of Jenner Campus
  - **December 10-** PTO "Family Meet Up/Game Night" (more info below)
  - **December 14-** PTO- Holiday Cookie Exchange for Teachers/Staff (more info below)
  - **December 17-21-** Campus Spirit Week
    - Monday- Pajama Day
    - Tuesday- 90's Day
    - Wednesday - College Day
    - Thursday- Twins/Duo Day (pick a friend and dress alike or like an infamous pair (Bonnie and Clyde, Tom and Jerry ect)
    - Friday- Wacky Holiday gear
  - **December 21-** Holiday Showcase
  - **December 24th- January 4th-** Christmas Break
- **Attendance is critical to your child's success in school. If your child falls below 95% attendance, they cannot participate in sports, clubs, dances, or other school activities.**
- **"Kiss and Go" Reminders**
  - Parents when dropping off children, please have your child exit the car on the street side to avoid going into traffic.
- **Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)**
  - On **Monday, December 10, the PTO** will be having a family meet-up/game night at Fado Irish Pub. It is free to attend. Food and drink

specials will be available. This is a family-friendly event so all students must attend with a parent/caregiver.

- On **Friday, December 14, the PTO** will be having our annual holiday cookie/treat exchange for the teachers/staff. Please sign up if you would like to bring something in: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bK61LSbiBQJJhavChw4pbc328sYq\\_4eT-CHkmcAh8vU/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bK61LSbiBQJJhavChw4pbc328sYq_4eT-CHkmcAh8vU/edit?usp=sharing)
- **Seeking volunteers:**
  - Level 2 Volunteer status is required at a minimum to volunteer. Information about obtaining Level 2 Volunteer status can be found [HERE](#).
    - We need volunteers for the following:
      - Shuttle Ambassadors - AM 7:45 am - 8:45am AND PM 3:00pm- 3:50pm
      - Robotics Club (Mon-Thurs) - 4:00pm- 5:30pm
      - Recess/Lunchroom Monitors - 11:45pm - 1:50pm
    - Please reach out to Mrs. Ford if you can assist
- **Important links:**
  - [Student Behavior Expectations](#)
  - [CPS calendar](#)
  - [Before and after school clubs](#)
  - [Sports](#)

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### West Campus:

As we are now in the second quarter of school, it is especially important for parents/guardians to regularly check CPS' Parent Portal, a web-based tool that allows you to securely view your child's grades and attendance online to ensure they end quarter 1 strong. [Learn more HERE](#). We want to ensure all students are On-Track to graduate (A,B,Cs in all classes and at least 95% attendance). These few weeks before Winter Break are critical for academic retention and preparation for the HS final exams that will take place after the New Year.

- Upcoming events:
  - December 5th is a Seminar Day in which students will engage in nontraditional, holistic learning like film analysis, music production, and language acquisition. **Students will be released at 12 noon on Wednesday** unless they choose to eat at school in which case they will be released at 12:50 PM. For more info visit our website, [www.ogden.cps.edu](http://www.ogden.cps.edu)
  - High School State of the School presentation on Monday December 3rd from 5-6pm at West

- Reminders for Parents/Caregivers and Students:
  - **IB Authorization Visit:** A team from the International Baccalaureate will be coming to learn more about our practices at Ogden International. They would like to meet with parents of 6th-10th graders and parents of Diploma Programme students. The 6th-10th grade parent meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 11th from 3:30-4:15pm at Jenner Campus. Please contact Mr. Campillo at [wmcampillo@cps.edu](mailto:wmcampillo@cps.edu) if you are able to attend! The Diploma Programme parent meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 11th from 3:15-4:00pm at West Campus. Please contact Mr. McGinnis at [jtmcginnis@cps.edu](mailto:jtmcginnis@cps.edu) if you would like to join!"
  - **Illinois State Board of Education Special Education Letter:** We sent home copies of this [letter](#) with your child's report card, but here is also a [list of resources/advocacy centers](#) in Chicago for your convenience.
  - Visit the West Campus PTO website [HERE](#).
  - There are many SAT Prep Opportunities at Ogden HS, read more [HERE](#).
  - Attendance is absolutely critical to your child's success in high school. **If your child falls below 94% attendance they cannot participate in sports, clubs, dances, or other school activities.**
  - [HERE](#) is a list of clubs and activities that are offered at Ogden International High School. The library is also open everyday after school from 3:30-4:30PM Monday-Thursday as a study hall.
  - Seeking Volunteers:
    - Interested in speaking to Ogden HS Students about your career or journey in the professional world? Sign up for the Career Speaker Series [HERE](#).
    - Have a few hours to spare in the next week or month? The West Campus main office can use your help with office work. Please reach out to Ms. Melendez at [mmelendez17@cps.edu](mailto:mmelendez17@cps.edu) if you are interested.
    - Have fitness equipment you no longer use? Donate it to Ogden HS PE Dept to help redesign the HS Fitness Room. Email [wapoole1@cps.edu](mailto:wapoole1@cps.edu) if you have anything to donate.



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[Check Student Grades](#) 

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