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Dear Ogden International families,

This week we have **parent-teacher conferences**. On Wednesday, November 15th, East Campus will have conference and there is no school for students in K-5th grades. On Thursday, November 16th, West Campus will have conferences and there is no school for students in 6-12th grades. Please see below for more details about parent conferences.

This Wednesday at 5pm we are giving our annual **State of the School** presentation in the East Campus Global Citizen Center (formerly known as the library). Following at 6pm is the monthly Local School Council meeting.

We are making changes to how teachers input grades in **Gradebook**. You should begin seeing teachers add grades for one assignment per week with a label or name starting as FA. This means "Formative Assessment," which is simply an assignment used to determine student progress towards mastery of a standard. Following "FA" will be a Common Core of Next Generation Science Standard.

For example, if the Formative Assessment is aligned to Common Core grade 7 Geometry standard 1, the name of the assignment in Gradebook would read

as FA.7.GA.1. We are making this change to a) foster adoption of standards-based grading practices, and b) ensure alignment of instruction and assessment to the standards. Teachers will most likely include a parent-and-student friendly explanation of the assignment in the description section in Gradebook.

We appreciate your patience as we make this adjustment, and encourage you to have your child self-advocate to ask teachers for clarification prior to parents emailing the teacher.

This past week we had several wonderful reasons to celebrate our students' accomplishments, including our debate team reaching the finals in a tournament, to the Model UN club receiving awards, to our MS boys soccer team winning, and a US Army medical officer visiting classrooms at East Campus. We can't include all of these amazing events in our weekly email, so be sure to join Ogden on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) to see photos and descriptions.

Two fundraising opportunities are listed below. Sign up for a youth sport with i9, and \$5 goes towards Friends of Ogden.

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Practice held before game.

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...2017/18 sports in Chicago donated over \$1000 to Chicago schools and are looking to donate even more in 2018. Research shows that youth athletic activities help students increase self-esteem, improve leadership skills, and lead to better social and academic performances in school. Simply put, i9 Sports helps kids succeed in life through sports.

For more info go to:

i9sports.com or call 773-245-7834

Another easy way to help our school is through [Primal Roots Farms](#), which continues to offer a monthly give-back opportunity to Friends of Ogden. They deliver their organic meat once a month right to East Campus (the next delivery is Thursday, November 16). 10% of the sales come back to us and are specifically used for K-5 healthy celebrations for attendance. Your child will be directly impacted by this money! This is not just for Ogden families – share the link with your friends and family (just have them mention that it's for Ogden).

Please continue reading below to learn more about what is happening at East and West Campus.

Sincerely,



Dr. Michael Beyer, Principal

East Campus

Week of November 13, 2017 [Specials Schedule](#):

- Monday, 11/13 = **F**
- Tuesday, 11/14 = **A**
- Wednesday, 11/15 = **Parent/Teacher Report Card Conferences/No School for Students**
- Thursday, 11/16 = **B**
- Friday, 11/17 = **C**

The recess schedule will follow **Week A**. Here is our [November calendar](#).

Note from Mrs. Kranz: As Dr. Beyer mentioned above, Wednesday is a day of student non-attendance so that parents and guardians can conference with their child's teacher about first quarter progress. You'll receive your child's report card that seeks to reflect growth and achievement in meeting grade level standards and skills for the various subjects. Work, social habits, social/emotional development,

health and safety are also important to the child's academic growth. Please know that our teachers and staff have the responsibility of providing feedback in all these areas, as they all impact learning. Feel free to stop by each of the specials teacher's classrooms, as they will be available to discuss your child's progress, as well! Thank you in advance for your participation.

5th Grade Showcase on November 30th: We are looking forward to the premier dance and drama showcase for fifth grade on Thursday, November 30, at 5:30 PM in the gym/auditorium. All fifth grade students should report to room 219 at 5:00 PM for warm-ups. As the performance approaches, fifth grade families will receive an email with more detailed information.

The arts department is seeking up to eight volunteers to assist backstage before, during, and after the performance. Please reach out to either Ms. Crystal and Mrs. Wilkinson (Hancz) at racrystal@cps.edu or rhancz@cps.edu to sign up.

The drama department is also seeking donations of materials for their technical theatre and costuming unit including fabric, felt, headbands, tights, leggings, winter hats/beanies, plain sweatshirts and sweatpants, costume accessories, safety pins, scarves, needles and thread, etc. Please send any donations with your child to deliver to room 319. Look for a sign up if you would be interested in volunteering to assist with our costume and set construction on the drama website at ogdendrama.weebly.com.

Showcase events have been scheduled for the year, as follows:

- 5th grade- November 30th
- 4th grade - December 21st
- 3rd -grade - January 25th
- 2nd grade - February 22nd
- 1st grade - March 15th
- K - April 26th

Spelling Bee: Congratulations to our Spelling Bee champion, Letty Young who represented Room 305! Letty will continue to the city championship on behalf of Ogden East! A special thanks to the PTA for sponsoring our first annual spelling bee. It was a wonderful event for our learning community and we are very proud of everyone who participated.



Family Income Information Forms (FIIF): If you have not yet turned in your lunch/FIIF form, please do so ASAP. These forms determine if schools qualify for Title I funds (which could mean at least \$500,000 in our budget next year if we qualify). You can access the form [HERE](#), or stop by the office.

Upcoming Events

- November 15th -- No School due to Parent/Teacher Report Card Conferences
- November 17th -- Ogden East closes right after dismissal to prepare for Festival of Lights
- November 22nd, 23rd, and 24th -- No School due to Thanksgiving
 - Please help us by not planning travel on school attendance days before or after Thanksgiving. Doing so helps our overall attendance goals!
- November 30th -- 5th Grade Showcase at 5:30pm

IB Home Connection: Our PYP IB Programme recognizes five essential elements of learning: the acquisition of knowledge, the understanding of concepts, the mastering of skills, the development of attitudes and the decision to take action. Parent/Teacher conferences are Ogden's most important method of reporting information about what students know, understand, and can do in their journey as a PYP student. We thank you for your collaboration and partnership to attend your child's conference on Wednesday!

Ogden is Level 1+ thanks to our amazing students, parents, teachers and staff! Check out our report [HERE!](#)

West Campus

Note from Dr. Chana: We look forward to seeing each of our families at parent conferences at West Campus on Thursday, November 16th, from 12:00-6:00pm. If you plan to see each of your child's teachers please plan a minimum of two hours to be on campus. Typically, visiting between 1:30pm-4:00pm is recommended as this is the least busy time of the day. We expect nearly 900 families who want to see up to seven teachers, so please be mindful of the length of your individual conferences. Lastly, public or shared transportation is highly recommended as parking is extremely limited at West Campus.

Ogden International Weekly: Please read the West Campus Weekly [HERE](#).

High School Showcase: This week we will host our final High School Showcase for the school year. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about Ogden International High School we highly recommend you join us Wednesday November 15th from 6:00 to 8:00pm at the West Campus. Sign up [HERE](#). You will have opportunities to meet High School staff and learn about our IB Middle-Years programme for 9th & 10th grades, and Diploma Programme for 11th & 12th grades.

“Career Pathways” Speaker Series starts this week! Our high school students are excited to have the 3rd annual Speaker Series kick-off this Friday. Thank you to the parents and community members that signed up to be part of this amazing enrichment offering. The presentations occur over 14 weeks – 28 different career paths will be discussed – and the students walk away each time thinking about more possible directions they can pursue for their future. A few slots still remain if you would like to share your career story – please sign up [here](#).

Reminders:

West Campus Attendance Incentives: We appreciate the efforts that students and families make each and every day to be at school on time and for the entire day. To reward your efforts we are officially rolling out a variety of attendance incentives at West Campus for 2017-2018. For questions related to attendance please reach out to Mr. Lee (cmlee5@cps.edu) or Mrs. Melendez (mmelendez17@cps.edu) for more information. Please see the incentives applicable to your student's grade level below. Note: Perfect Attendance is defined as no absences (excused or unexcused) for any full day or portion of a school day (class period). Additionally, students must have all compliance documents submitted to be eligible to win.

- **Campus Wide Monthly Ogden Wear Raffle (6-12):** Each month for the duration of the school year, every student with perfect attendance for that month will be entered into a monthly raffle to win \$100 worth of Ogden Wear. The raffle will take place the first Monday of every month.

- **Middle School Winter Wonder Fest (6th-8th):** Beginning Monday November 6th, middle school students who have perfect attendance through December 22nd will be invited to attend a trip to Winter Wonder Fest at Navy Pier. More details will be forthcoming in the coming weeks. *There will be a small fee associated with this trip.*
- **8th Grade Luncheon Ticket Raffle (8th only):** Beginning Monday November 6th, 8th grade students who have perfect attendance through December 22nd will be entered into a raffle to win a free luncheon ticket. The raffle will take place when we return from Winter Break. *All other graduation criteria as defined by the 8th grade contract must be met for students to be eligible to win this prize.*
- **Senior School Debt Relief Raffle (12th only):** Beginning Monday November 6th, 12th grade students who have perfect attendance through December 22nd will be entered into a raffle to have \$100 of their school debt relieved. Two winners will be selected for this incentive. *Please note all debts must be paid in full before students are allowed to purchase prom tickets.*
- **Senior Prom Ticket Discount Raffle (12th only):** Each month for the duration of the school year, each senior with perfect attendance for that month, will be entered into a monthly raffle to win a \$50 discount on their prom ticket. The drawing for this raffle will take place the first Monday of every month. *Students while eligible to win this incentive more than once per year if eligible and their name is drawn in the raffle, they may only win a total discount amount up to the maximum value of one prom ticket.*

PTO: A group of West Campus parents have started a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). The West Campus PTO will help build a stronger sense of community among parents, students and teachers; it will sponsor student and family events and will work to raise money for activities and special interest projects for all of the West Campus students (6th-12th grade). It is just in its infancy and we need to raise funds to process the paperwork, contracts, etc to get started. Please fill out [this form](#) and become a founding member of the new West Campus PTO!

West Campus Attendance Policy: Students are required to maintain a 93% attendance percentage to be eligible to participate in any extra curricular or sports activities. Reach out to our Attendance Team Lead, Mr. Lee (cmlee5@cps.edu) to check on your student's attendance percentage.

Sports

- Thank you to Ms. Melissa Caref who stepped up to the plate and accepted the task of coaching our Middle School 5th-8th grade Girls Basketball team. Practice times, days and location are TBD. Let's Go, Lady Owls! Also, stay tuned for game details - this information is still being sorted out by Chicago Park District. Thanks for your patience!
- Registration for Middle School Sports is now officially closed. Thank you for your continued support and patience as we work to improve the registration and try-out process.
- Preparing for Spring Sports: Anyone interested in coaching a Middle School sport in the Spring, please reach out to our Athletic Director, Mr. Short. No details are available yet, but we would like to gauge interest now. Typically, we have the following sports: baseball, softball, soccer, track and field
- Upcoming Games:
 - Ogden's Girls Varsity Basketball team will host their first game at East Campus on November 28 against Alcott @ 5pm. Please come out and support them! (This is a great opportunity to get our younger Owls excited about playing on a team at Ogden in the future!)
 - Ogden's Boys Varsity Basketball team will have their first game on November 29 at Clemente High School. Let's show Clemente how we support our Owls!

For more information about sports please contact our Athletic Director, Mr. De'Andre Short: dshort@cps.edu

Calendar

Monday

GOTR, 3:30-5:00pm

Tuesday

5th Grade Girls Scouts, 3:30pm, East Campus

Wednesday

East Campus, grades K-5th Parent Teacher Conferences, 12-6pm. No school for students in grades K-5

High School IB Information Session, 5pm @ West Campus

High School Showcase and Tour, 6pm, @ West Campus

State of the School, 5pm @ East Campus

LSC Meeting, 6pm @ East Campus

Thursday

West Campus, grades 6-12th Parent Teacher Conferences, 12-6pm. No school for students in grades 6-12.

Girls on the Run @ 3:30, East Campus Room 215

Friday

Career Speaker Series, West Campus, 12-2:30pm

Junior Girl Scouts, 3:30pm, East Campus art room

Friday 3:30pm until Saturday, midnight: East Campus is closed for the Magnificent Mile Festival of Lights

Reminders

Pre-order your Ogden yearbooks!

Go to <http://www.jostens.com/> and search to find one of the following:

1. Ogden International K-5. Chicago, IL
2. Ogden International Middle school Chicago, IL
3. Ogden International High School, Chicago, IL

Cost: \$35.00

Attendance matters each and every day!

Be on time!

Avoid early dismissals!

East Campus arrival is 8:15am. Students are tardy if they enter after the 8:30am arrival bell. If you arrive even one minute late, your child will be disrupting the Morning Meeting for everyone. Please be on time! Dismissal is at 3:30pm. Please avoid early dismissals, as they are disruptive to the entire classroom. Please support our school by not requesting dismissals between 3:00 and 3:30pm.

West Campus arrival is 7:30am. Students are tardy if they enter after the 8am arrival bell, it is strongly suggested that students arrive prior to 7:45 to have time to pass through security, go to their lockers and make it to first period on time. Dismissal is at 3:15pm, and students must exit the building if not in a supervised pre arranged

activity. Please avoid early dismissals, as they are disruptive to the entire classroom. Please support our school by not requesting dismissals between 2:30 and 3:00pm.

Students at each campus will be excluded from special events and extra-curricular activities if their attendance is too low or have chronic tardiness.



[Calendar](#) 

[Athletic Calendar](#) 

[Pay Student Fees](#) 

[Report an Absence](#) 

[Check Student Grades](#) 



Dr. Michael Beyer, Principal

Mrs. Cara Kranz, Head of East Campus, grades K-5

Dr. Stacie Chana, Head of West Campus, grades 6-12





An Ogden International School education engages a **K-12 diverse** student body with **inquiry-based** learning experiences fostering **empathy, critical thinking** and **global mindedness** for the world of tomorrow. Ogden International's globally-recognized IB programmes provide **concept-based, academic frameworks**, and **student centered learning by inquiry** grounded in **global context** and **real life situations**.

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