



February NEWSLETTER

Middle School Edition



Odyssey Online Learning Middle School

A Note from Ms. Vann

Dear Middle School Families,

We enjoyed seeing so many of you last month at the Middle School Town Hall meetings and Quarter 2 Awards celebration. Thank you for joining us. Congratulations again to our students, we are proud of your hard work and accomplishments throughout Quarter 2. I'm thrilled with how smoothly our school community has transitioned into Quarter 3. The focus, positivity, and effort I see each day make me incredibly proud to be your principal.



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THEIR FAMILIES

I want to extend a warm welcome to all of our new families that joined us at the start of Quarter 3. We are so happy to have you here. We look forward to partnering with you to support your student and their success here at OOL.

Please take a few moments to explore this month's newsletter for important updates and exciting middle school happenings. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

Warmly,
Ms. Vann

🌟 Middle School Students of the Month 🌟



River Witzke

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT

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Julian Aguilera

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT



Highlights from Middle School Classes 💡

Mrs. Fachko's PE Classes 🏃🏻‍♂️👉

- 6th Grade PE: Students have transitioned into the health unit, where they are learning about personal health and wellness. Students are learning how to care for their own well-being.
- 7th Grade PE: The new semester is off to a great start as students explore the basics of nutrition and fitness and learn how these two areas work together to support a healthy lifestyle.

Dr. Coyle's Math Classes ➕

- Students are taking advantage of re-attempts and test re-takes; this is what Dr. Coyle wants to see! The goal is mastery of math content, Dr. Coyle is always willing to allow a student to re-attempt an assignment after they have deepened their understanding.
- Students are **showing their WORK!** Dr. Coyle loves to see handwritten math work or work shown on Kami. When students show their work, Dr. Coyle can see how they are thinking through a problem and give more specific feedback.
- Shout out to 6th Graders on rocking their most recent unit test! 🎉

Mrs. Hill's English Classes 📖

- Students have been diving into the SC Ready test format, learning what they can expect on this major assessment in May.
- Students are practicing their close reading skills and analyzing complex texts, to enhance their critical thinking skills.

- Students are practicing the rules of grammar and sentence structure, to grow their writing skills.

Mrs. Wilber's Social Studies and History Classes 📖

- 6th Grade: Students are learning about Modern Times through the study of world revolutions.
- 7th Grade: Students are exploring Africa's geographical regions.
- 8th Grade: Students are taking a closer look at the war between the States and how America rebuilt during the Reconstruction era.
- Students in all three classes will continue to focus on academic vocabulary and practice with document analysis.

Mrs. Farmer's Science Classes 🌱

- 🌊6th Grade: Students are studying the water cycle and learning how the sun and gravity affect the movement of water around Earth. In early February, students will begin the next unit of study about weather and energy in the atmosphere.
- 🌿7th Grade: Students are studying the chemical processes of photosynthesis and cellular respiration, with a focus on plants. As students move into the next unit, they will learn how energy moves through different living organisms within an ecosystem.
- 🐾8th Grade: Students are learning how living organisms grow, develop, and reproduce. In the next unit, students will be studying the structure and function of cellular DNA in living organisms and begin studying genetics and heredity.

Mrs. Mugeo's Computer Class 🖥️

- Students are strengthening their understanding of computer hardware, software, and operating systems while building their confidence in everyday technology use.

Upcoming Field Trips 🎒

- Clemson Lab, February 6th
- Riverbanks Zoom, February 20th
- USS Yorktown, March 27th
- Frankie's Fun Park, May 8th

Please visit the OOL Student Life page, [HERE](#) to learn more about dates and locations of upcoming field trips. We look forward to seeing our students and families!

Save the Dates 📅

- Live Session **MAP Testing** at Home: April 13 - 15
 - End of Quarter 3: March 19
 - Spring Break: April 6 - 10
 - **In Person SC Ready** Testing: May 11, 12, 13, 14
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RISE Sessions

RISE sessions kicked off in Middle School at the start of Quarter 3. RISE stands for reach, improve, support, and engage. RISE sessions maximize instructional time during our school day. Increasing instructional time is key to increasing student growth *and* achievement in math and reading.



RISE ELA and Math sessions for are required for students in 6th - 8th graders. Our 6th grade students also have required RISE Science sessions. RISE sessions have been added to students' Canvas calendars. These sessions are twice per week, 25 minutes, and hosted live via Zoom.

In Middle School, our ambitious, yet attainable academic goal is to earn a Good or Excellent rating on the SC State Report Card, with at least 60% of students in grades 6-8 earning meets or exceeds in ELA and Math. Our RISE sessions are an actionable step towards reaching that goal!

Keep an Eye on Your Student's Grades

Become an Observer in Canvas

Step One, for Students:

1. Login to Canvas
2. On left side of page, click account
3. Next, settings link
4. Click on 'Pair with Observer' button
5. Write down the pairing code
6. Click 'Okay'

Step Two, for Parents and Guardians:

1. Parent/Guardian should login to Canvas
2. Click 'Parent of Canvas User'
3. Create account with unique code that was written down

Note: The code expires after 7 days.



We strongly recommend for parents/guardians to complete the steps to become "Observers" in Canvas. As an Observer, parents and guardians can view student grades, missing assignments, and more!

Reminders from Your SESs, Ms. Adams & Ms. Austin

- Please remember to log in daily to live sessions and RISE sessions. Please submit assignments every day for attendance purposes, and most importantly stay on track!
- Fridays are always a great opportunity to submit any missing assignments in classes. Fridays are a great day for catching up!
- Please remember to watch all assignment due dates in classes, so that you can make sure you're on pace.
- Parents and Guardians, reach out to us if you need help completing the steps to become Canvas Observers.

In Case You Missed It

We enjoyed seeing all of our students and families at the Town Halls and Quarter 2 Awards celebration.

If you were not able to make one of the events, you're welcome to take a look at each presentation.

- [Town Hall Presentation](#) 📄
- [Quarter 2 Awards](#) ✨

Middle School Daily Schedule

OOL Middle School Daily Schedule 2025-2026

	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
8:00 - 9:00	Transition Class <i>required only for select students</i>				<u>No</u> Math, ELA, Science, Social Studies, PE or Computer classes. Guidance Lessons Independent Work Small Groups Extra Support
9:00 - 9:45	6th Grade Math 8th Grade English 7th Grade Science	6th Grade Math 8th Grade English 7th Grade Social Studies	6th Grade Math 8th Grade English 7th Grade Science	6th Grade Math 8th Grade English 7th Grade Social Studies	
10:00 - 10:45	8th Grade Math 7th Grade English 6th Grade PE	8th Grade Math 7th Grade English 6th Grade Science RISE	8th Grade Math 7th Grade English 6th Grade PE	8th Grade Math 7th Grade English 6th Grade Science RISE	
11:00 - 11:45	7th Grade Math 6th Grade English 8th Grade Science	7th Grade Math 6th Grade English 8th Grade SC History	7th Grade Math 6th Grade English 8th Grade Science	7th Grade Math 6th Grade English 8th Grade SC History	
12:00-1:00	LUNCH				
1:05-1:30	7th Grade ELA RISE 8th Grade Math RISE	7th Grade Math RISE 8th Grade Fundamentals of Computing Part 2	7th Grade ELA RISE 8th Grade Math RISE	7th Grade Math RISE 8th Grade Fundamentals of Computing Part 2	
1:05 - 1:45	6th Grade Science	6th Grade Social Studies	6th Grade Science	6th Grade Social Studies	
1:45 - 2:30	7th Grade PE	<i>Independent Work or Meeting with Teacher for 6th - 8th</i>	7th Grade PE	<i>Independent Work or Meeting with Teacher for 6th - 8th</i>	
2:00 - 2:30	6th Grade ELA RISE	6th Grade Math RISE 8th Grade ELA RISE	6th Grade ELA RISE	6th Grade Math RISE 8th Grade ELA RISE	
2:30 - 3:30	Master Class with Student Engagement Specialist <i>required only for select students</i>				

Families can view the Middle School Daily Schedule [HERE](#).



Ashley Owings

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