The Old Brooklyn Middle Magazine

Constellation Schools: Old Brooklyn Community Middle School 2026-2027 Volume 2 Issue 1

September
Character Trait: Respect

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
31 Do you have all of your forms turned in? Students without all completed forms cannot participate in field trips, after school activities, etc	1 iReady Testing!	2 Our spiritwear store is live! Shop HERE	3 Make sure your child is coming to school ON TIME!	4 All Middle School Dress Down Day for good behavior during our first fire drill! No hoodies, pjs, crocs/slides, ripped clothing, short skirts or midriff tops permitted
7 NO SCHOOL! 	8 iReady Testing! Flag Football Volleyball Practice 3:45-5:00pm	9 iReady Testing! Flag Football Volleyball Practice 3:45-5:00pm	10 iReady Testing!	11 iReady Testing!

Office Notes

Welcome to Old Brooklyn Community Middle School!!



Can you believe we have officially begun the 2026-2027 school year?? We have so many exciting things planned!

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Mrs. Rybak and this is my 18th year at Constellation Schools and my 14th year as an administrator/principal at Constellation Schools!! I am the Executive Principal of both Old Brooklyn Community Middle & Madison Community School! I spend most of my time here at OBCM, but I do go to Madison at least one day a week. I am always able to be at either school at the drop of a hat should I be needed. Mr. Utt is 2nd in command at OBCM. He is our Dean of Students and Family Engagement. Should both Mr. Utt and I be out of the building, Mr. Monhart is our lead teacher.

A little about me, my husband and I have 3 children who are almost all grown up, ages 26, 21, & 16. We have 3 basset hounds who are our fur-babies. I love ALL animals but I LOVE basset hounds! I love spending time with my family and traveling to my husband's bike races across the country over the summer months! I cannot wait to get to hear what everyone did on their summer break! I am excited to get to know all of our families!

I will usually post my newsletter to the SCHOOL dojo page/story. So, please make sure you are signed up for ***both*** your child's classroom and the school on Class Dojo. As you can see, the format has a 2 week calendar for space to go into detail. Then on the 2nd page, I have an area where I share important messages. I also try to put important dates for the entire year on the 2nd page, as well. That way you can plan your out of town trips around our off days.

Important Dates to Remember:

Mon 9/7- NO SCHOOL Labor Day
Tue 9/1-Fri 9/11-iReady Testing ALL GRADES
Thur 9/17-Father's Walk
Tues 9/22-Grades 5,6 Cycling Schools Field Trip (GOOD Behavior REWARD TRIP)
Fri 10/9- NO SCHOOL Building Work Day
Mon 10/12-NO SCHOOL
Tue 10/20-End of Quarter 1
Fri 10/23-NO SCHOOL Building Work Day
Mon 11/2-NO SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
Mon 11/23-Fri 11/27-NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK
Mon 12/21-Mon 1/4 - NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK
Tue 1/12-Quarter 2 Ends
Fri 1/15-NO SCHOOL Building Work Day
Mon 1/18-NO SCHOOL MLK Jr Day
Fri 2/12-NO SCHOOL
Mon 2/15-NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day
Tue 3/16-Quarter 3 Ends
Fri 3/19-NO SCHOOL Building Work Day
Fri 3/26-Fri 4/2-NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK
Fri 5/21- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!! Quarter 4 Ends

Remember, do not use Dojo to get in touch with me...Please EMAIL or Call me. If no one answers, please leave a voicemail! Thank you!

- **Please make sure your child is in dress code. No crocs, hoodies, or t-shirts among other items listed here School spiritwear may be worn on *FRIDAYS* only**

Character Traits
September-Respect
October-Responsibility
November-Citizenship
December-Compassion
January-Fairness & Cooperation
February-Courage
March-Honesty
April-Perseverance
May-Sportsmanship
June-Loyalty
July & August-Respect





Please note that because I have so many families across both schools that it is IMPOSSIBLE for me to check Dojo messages. If you need to speak with me, please call the main office or send me an email. In most cases, I will return your call/email within one business day unless I am out of town.

PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO GET YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL ON TIME BY 8AM AND DAILY UNLESS THEY ARE LEGITIMATELY ILL. Our attendance rating as a school is VERY low and we are being tasked with improving it for the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce.

I am looking forward to a fun year filled with events, clubs, awards ceremonies, field trips, etc! Let's make this a memorable year!!

Thank you for all you do!!
Mrs. Rybak

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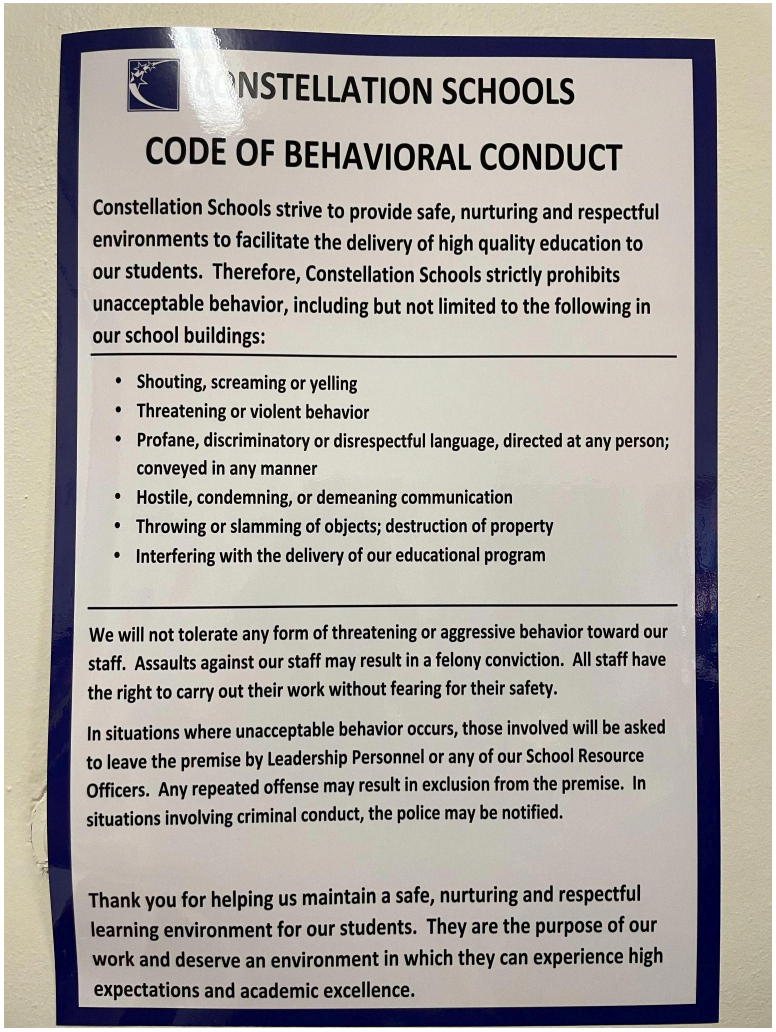
Please see below for the Behavioral Expectations for all visitors, parents, family, etc. of Constellation Schools. All staff should be able to carry out their work without fearing for their safety.

- **To ensure students are monitored at all times & are safe, we are having each class take scheduled bathroom breaks twice a day. 1 am & 1 pm. We obviously understand that emergencies will arise from time to time, but they should be few and far between. If we go into lockdown, I want to make sure no students are ever locked out of their classes due to the student being in the bathroom when they should be in class.**
- **Students should bring and keep a backup CLEAR water bottle to keep in their locker. For most days, students will not have their bottles with them in class. Only when it is hot will I have them fill them up. Otherwise, they will get water in the am, at lunch, and in the pm. This is to limit bathroom breaks. But I will always ensure students are adequately hydrated.**
- **Should you require a conference with your child's teacher, our Dean, or myself, you MUST schedule a meeting. No "on the spot" conferences will be permitted as it compromises the safety and security of the students when we pull staff away**

Is your child sick and unable to come to school? Make sure that we know about it! Please do not message us on Class Dojo. Instead, contact Ms. Cenname! 216-351-0280 / ccenname@oldbrooklynmiddle.com

Please remember to have your phone number updated with the office! In order to receive text and call alerts, we must have your current number. You must also confirm that you want to receive messages from our school. This is very important, as it is the way I notify families of any urgent information.

Please send your child to school in DRESS CODE clothing! Make sure they have a sweater that is NOT a HOODIE to take on and off as the temperature is always changing!



CONSTELLATION SCHOOLS

CODE OF BEHAVIORAL CONDUCT

Constellation Schools strive to provide safe, nurturing and respectful environments to facilitate the delivery of high quality education to our students. Therefore, Constellation Schools strictly prohibits unacceptable behavior, including but not limited to the following in our school buildings:

- Shouting, screaming or yelling
- Threatening or violent behavior
- Profane, discriminatory or disrespectful language, directed at any person; conveyed in any manner
- Hostile, condemning, or demeaning communication
- Throwing or slamming of objects; destruction of property
- Interfering with the delivery of our educational program

We will not tolerate any form of threatening or aggressive behavior toward our staff. Assaults against our staff may result in a felony conviction. All staff have the right to carry out their work without fearing for their safety.

In situations where unacceptable behavior occurs, those involved will be asked to leave the premise by Leadership Personnel or any of our School Resource Officers. Any repeated offense may result in exclusion from the premise. In situations involving criminal conduct, the police may be notified.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe, nurturing and respectful learning environment for our students. They are the purpose of our work and deserve an environment in which they can experience high expectations and academic excellence.

from your children to meet with parents during instructional time.

VOCABULARY WORD OF THE WEEK

Dada

noun

1. An early 20th-century international movement in art, literature, music, and film, repudiating and mocking artistic and social conventions and emphasizing the illogical and absurd.

Ex: "This form of absurd art got its start in France in the 1920s, but *dada* still influences artists today."



Students may wear spiritwear polos, tees, long sleeve shirts on FRIDAYS ONLY Shop our store CLICK HERE and support our school! Our school receives 10% of every order to put towards events!

Kindred Spirit Behavioral Health is at OBCEM 5 days a week providing our students with TWO counselors, Mr. Carter & Ms. Ballard! Do you think your child may benefit from counseling? Let us know and ask your child's teacher for a referral form!!
