

The Baldwin Brief

Back-to-School 2022 Edition!

Welcome Back!

Dear OCPS and OCES Families,



We are all very excited to welcome you to OCPS and OCES for the 2022-2023 school year! It is hard to believe that summer is ending and a new school year is beginning. Summer vacation always goes by too quickly, but I hope that you have all enjoyed your time away from school and are ready to get back to school!

The beginning of the school year is always an exciting time for students, teachers, staff, and parents! Please take a moment to look through this newsletter and familiarize yourself with school updates and upcoming events. At Open House, you will receive your beginning-of-the-year packet, including our OCPS/OCES Handbook and Calendar with all the detailed information you will need to make this year a success!

This will be a unique year for me as I serve in the principal role at both schools. As I work closely with both schools, our goal is to more strongly align our Primary and Elementary Schools in preparation for what we hope will be a new, K-5 school in the near future. This will allow us to provide increased consistency for students and families as you navigate your child's K-5 school career. A love of learning starts with us and we want our students to be excited to come to school each day.

I look forward to reconnecting with students and parents that I already know and meeting those I don't know yet. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me!

Once again, welcome back! We have missed everyone and are ready for our classrooms to be filled with our favorite little people!

Katie Baldwin
Principal

General Reminders



1. The school day at both schools begins at 8:00am. Please be certain that car riders are dropped off in time to be in class at 8:00am. If your child will be eating at school, drop-off by 7:45am is recommended to ensure students can eat and get to class on time.
 2. Walking a student to class the first couple of days will be fine, however, start the process of allowing your child to come into the building on their own as soon as possible. That anxiety of leaving mom or dad is a tough way to start the day. The sooner we establish that routine, the better the school day will run for our kiddos!
 3. Our water fountains have been converted to water bottle refilling stations. Please be sure to send your child with a water bottle! They will definitely need water during these hot months!
 4. Changes in dismissal need to be in writing. We will not take the word of a student concerning transportation changes and cannot make changes over the phone. Changes can be emailed to ps@oglethorpe.k12.ga.us or es@oglethorpe.k12.ga.us. They can also be handwritten and sent with the student or faxed to the school. These procedures are for the safety of our students.
-

School Supplies

We are so thankful that our district is able to provide all students with their school supplies this year! Supplies will be on display in each classroom at Open House so that you are able to see what is provided. The supplies, obviously, will stay at school for use in the classroom. Students will need a bookbag from home, but that is all you will need to supply! (Pre-K students will need to supply a mat for nap time.)





Open House

We are looking forward to welcoming our students and families at Open House! Please refer to the graphic above for the Open House schedule.

While we know the most important mission for Open House is to meet your child's teacher and visit the classroom, please be sure to check out some of these other resources that might be beneficial!

- Buses: Student Transportation personnel will be available to help you determine what bus your child will ride to and from school. **Your child's teacher needs this information! Please be certain you have left this information with the teacher before leaving Open House.**
- Medication: The nurse will be available in the clinic to take and store your child's medication if needed. The Medication Administration Permission form will need to be filled out in order for the nurse to provide your child with their meds.
- 4-H: Representatives from our local 4H club will have information at OCES regarding their programs.
- Oglethorpe County Rec. Department: Check out what Fall sports are still open for registration!
- Starlet Twirlers: If you have a child interested in Twirling, get them signed-up!
- Boy Scouts: Stop by the Boy Scouts table for information on how to get involved with scouting.
- ASPIRE: Pick up your application to enroll your child in our ASPIRE after-school program!





For more information contact:
oglethorpecommunityday@gmail.com
Jeanne Jones at (678) 779-5437

PTO



The OCPS/OCES PTO will be conducting their annual membership drive to start the school year! Membership is only \$5.00 and funds go directly back to supporting the students, faculty, and staff at OCPS/OCES. You will find membership envelopes in your child's beginning-of-the-year packet.

PTO does many wonderful things for OCPS & OCES. Here are some of the ways PTO funds are (or have been) used at OCPS/OCES:

- Bounce House for our House Sorting Ceremony (ES)
- Picnic Tables for outdoor areas
- Playground maintenance supplies (mulch/sand/etc.)
- Playground equipment
- Lunch for teachers on the 1st day of School
- Teacher membership for instructional resources
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- Inflatables for Field Day
- Spring Fling
- New sound system
- New gym mats
- Murals painted on the bathroom walls
- Laminator cart
- Headphones for the computer lab
- Book Vending Machine (PS)

We would love to have additional parents help with PTO! Please reach out if you are interested in being more involved at OCPS & OCES!

Student Device Insurance

All of our students will be issued an Ipad (OCPS) or a laptop computer (OCES) for school use. You will have the opportunity to purchase insurance for your child's school device. We highly recommend taking advantage of this opportunity to alleviate the high cost of replacing parts due to damage. Insurance for the device of a single child is \$25, 2 children is \$35, and 3+ children is \$45. In the OCPS & OCES Technology Handbook you will see that, without insurance, the cost of repair and replacement far exceeds the price of insurance. Let us know if you have any questions after you read over everything!



Breakfast and Lunch

Unfortunately, breakfast and lunch will NOT be free for all students this year. Please take time to complete the Free & Reduced applications that will be in your child's packet!

Meal Prices:

- Breakfast: \$1.05
- Lunch: \$1.95

**5 REASONS FOR COMPLETING
Free & Reduced Applications**
ONE MEAL APPLICATION AFFECTS MANY AREAS!

1  INCREASED FUNDING TO SUPPORT STUDENT EDUCATION	2  ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNET ACCESS	3  DISCOUNTS FOR FEES ASSOCIATED WITH COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESSES	4  DISCOUNTED FEES FOR SAT, ACT & AP TESTS, SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES	5  FREE OR REDUCED MEAL PRICES FOR HEALTHY, NUTRITIOUS STUDENT MEALS
--	---	--	---	---

Contact your child's school for details today

OCPS August Lunch Menu

[Download](#)

105.5 KB

OCES August Lunch Menu

[Download](#)

105.2 KB



Car rider procedures from last year will be used again this year at both OCPS and OCES. Please see the maps below (click to enlarge) to help you prepare for drop-off and pick-up at each school.

Let us know if you have any questions and we are happy to explain!

AM Times:

- OCPS: Drop-off begins at 7:20am
- OCES: Drop-off begins at 7:30am

PM Times:

- OCPS: Dismissal begins at 2:40pm
- OCES: Dismissal begins at 2:45pm

Dismissal will run long the first few weeks of school, so please be patient!



OCES Car Rider Map



OCPS Morning Car Rider Map



OCPS Afternoon Car Rider Map



2022-2023 Calendars

2022-2023 District Calendar

[Download](#)

122.6 KB

2022-2023 OCPS School Calendar

[Download](#)

320.3 KB

2022-2023 OCES School Calendar

[Download](#)

314.7 KB



1st DAYS OF SCHOOL


Monday.
August 8th

Tuesday.
August 9th

Wednesday.
August 10th



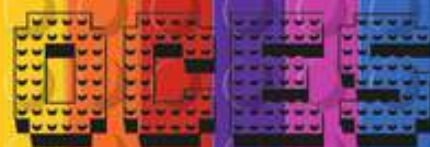
Last Names
A - L



Last Names
M - Z



ALL
Students





Katie Baldwin

Principal

kbaldwin@oglethorpe.k12.ga.us

