

# The Stingray News

*August 16, 2021*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**This area of our newsletter is for important dates happening with HCS or at OBMS in the near future.**

**August 17**

**First Day of School**



**If you are entering the building for any reason please park in the parking lot NOT in the traffic circle.**

**[OBMS Student/Parent Information Site](#)**

Please use the site above to access information related to Ocean Bay Middle School

This area of our Stingray Newsletter is devoted to our weekly after school activities such as clubs, tutoring, sports, etc.



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Nurse 903-8433

Cafeteria 903-8437

Attendance 903-8422

Bookkeeper 903-8431

Technology 903-8418

School begins promptly at 8:20 AM and  
dismisses at 3:30 PM

### *OUR VISION*

*Ocean Bay Middle School creates a culture where students come to discover and experience learning by collaborating with teachers and peers. We strive to build a strong foundation and to understand and appreciate the wealth we see in each other. Furthermore, we believe in ourselves and our abilities to do great things individually, but even greater things together.*

# Quick Links to Important Info

**CLICK ON THE LINK FOR INFORMATION**

[OBM BLOG](#)

[OBMS FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

[OBMS QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE](#)

[MY PAYMENTS PLUS](#)

[OBMS WEBSITE](#)

[MOBILE APP FOR HCS \(APPLE\)](#)

[MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH MENU](#)

[CFHS ATHLETICS](#)

[2021-2022 HCS CALENDAR](#)

[OBM 21-22 Bell Schedule](#)

[OBMS PTO WEBSITE](#)

[HCS WEBSITE](#)

[MY SCHOOL BUCKS](#)

[HCS BUS ROUTES](#)

[VOLUNTEER AT HCS](#)

[MOBILE APP FOR HCS \(ANDROID\)](#)

[ARBITER ATHLETE](#)

[2021-22 OBMS STUDENT HANDBOOK](#)

[OBMS VIRTUAL SITE](#)

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# Procedures for Early Dismissal

If you need to have your student released early from school for any reason, your student **MUST** bring a note to the front office in the morning. This enables the student to be released from class with a pass at the appropriate time so that we do not disrupt classroom instruction by calling the teacher. The note should include:

- ♦ The student's name & grade
- ♦ The requested dismissal time
- ♦ Name of the person picking up the student

Only parents/guardians listed in PowerSchool may sign out a student. You will be asked to show a photo I.D.

**These dismissal procedures also apply to athletes leaving early for sports at CFHS. If your athlete is signing out early please follow these procedures.**

**If you are entering the building for any reason please park in the parking lot NOT in the traffic circle.**

## Afternoon Transportation Changes

Any change in your student's afternoon transportation **MUST** be received in writing by 2:45 PM. This is the most efficient way to ensure that teachers/students receive notice of the change. They may be dropped off at the front office or emailed to [Mrs. Fehlig](#). Thank you for your cooperation.



**August 17—August 20th**

August 17th Hot: corn dog & French fries

Cold: pb&j uncrustable grab & go

August 18th Hot: chicken & rice bowl, green beans

Cold: pb&j uncrustable grab & go

August 19th Hot: chicken bog, pinto beans, roll

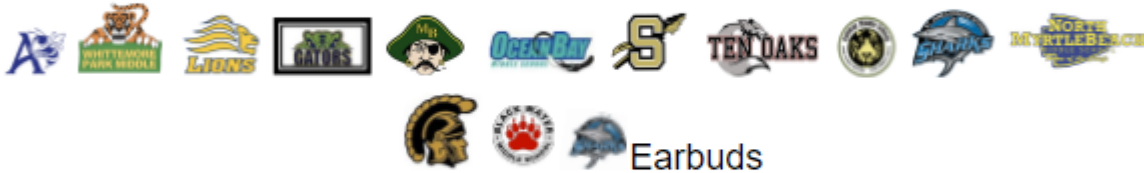
Cold: Turkey & cheese sandwich grab & go

August 20th Hot: Pizza (choice of cheese or pepperoni) steamed broccoli, cookie

Cold: Turkey chef salad



## Middle School Supply List



Earbuds

Pencils

Notebook Paper

Colored Pencils

Composition Book/One Subject Notebook(4)

Pocket Folders(2~Double/3 Pronged)

Highlighters(Multi-Colored Pack)

Binder(2 ~ 1.5" binders)

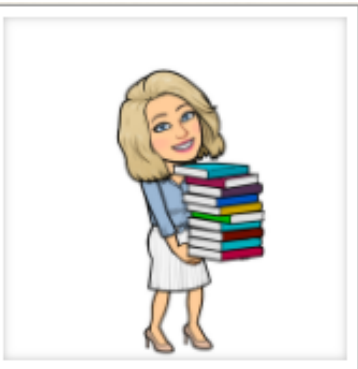
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[Click Here to Access the  
OBMS Bell Schedule](#)

# Welcome to Your OBMS Library!

*Get ready for the best school year ever.*

[Click here for our library website](#)



*Mrs. Kimberly  
Lovette, OBMS Media  
Specialist*



*Mrs. Meg Williams,  
OBMS Media Aide*



OCEAN BAY MIDDLE SCHOOL

# STINGRAY CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS

Contact Coach Chestnut at  
echestnut@horrycountyschools.net  
Link to application below

**AUGUST 23RD-26TH**  
**3:45-5:15 PM**  
**GYM**

**<https://bit.ly/cheertryouts21>**

**Must have a current physical on file by to participate**  
**Applications Due August 22nd @ 5PM**

**Parent Meeting August 19th @ 5:30 PM**

**[Email Coach Chestnut](#)**

**[HCS Sports Physical Information](#)**





**FOOTBALL TRYOUTS  
ATTENTION RISING 7TH & 8TH  
GRADE STUDENTS**

Football tryouts will be August 23rd-27th from 4-6. If interested please contact [Coach Ackerman](#). If you wish to participate you **MUST** have a current physical and all of the Horry County Athletics Participation Forms filled out on [PLANET HS](#).

Parents and students are required to create an online account and complete the pre-participation physical packet. The online packet must be completed before any participation in athletic activities will be allowed. *To complete this process, please follow the instructions on page 10 of this newsletter.*

If your student athlete and the parent already have accounts simply log in and upload the new / current physical and then fill out all the paperwork for the upcoming school year.

Students that played football this year, or any other Horry Country School sponsored sport your physical is current until June 17, 2021. After June 17, 2021 those athletes will need to get a new physical and update then the athlete and parent [PlanetHS](#) accounts.

**Please note...Per South Carolina High School League rules, pre-participation physicals are valid from April 1, 2021 through the end of the 2021-2022 school year.**

**Thinking about playing a sport in 2021-2022?  
IMPORTANT INFO BELOW!**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

In 2017 Horry County Schools implemented a new electronic registration system for athletics. Parents and students are required to create an online account and complete the pre-participation physical packet online. The online packet must be completed before any participation in athletic activities will be allowed. To complete this process, please follow the instructions outlined below.

If you have already completed a parent and student account previously on **PlanetHS** or **ArbiterAthlete**, then simply log in using your same account username and password and complete the required information for 2021-2022. **If you do not remember your account information, please contact the athletic department at your child's school.**

**DO NOT CREATE A SECOND ACCOUNT IF YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN YOUR PASSWORD.**

Visit [www.PlanetHS.com](http://www.PlanetHS.com) and click "sign up" or "log in". You may also text a school code (see below) to **69274** to sign up. **Do not create an account or sign any forms before April 1, 2021.**

**BOTH** parents and student need to make separate accounts and then **LINK** the two accounts. See below for instructions on how to link parent and student accounts and complete the physical forms online.

**Athlete/Parent Account Registration and Pre-Participation Form Completion**

1. Go to [www.PlanetHS.com](http://www.PlanetHS.com) and click "sign up".
2. Parent **AND** Student will need to make separate accounts
  - A. Students, please enter your **legal** first, middle and last name
  - B. **Students, it is recommended that you use your HCS email and password.**  
**Ex. [Jsmith@g.horrycountyschools.net](mailto:Jsmith@g.horrycountyschools.net)**
  - C. Please chose the high school at which the student will be participating. You may add a middle school later.
3. Once logged in to either parent or student account:
  - A. Complete Emergency Information
  - B. Click Athletic Forms
  - C. Click Athletic Participation
  - D. Scroll down and **click "Link Accounts"** and enter the email address or phone number of the parent/student who needs to be linked.
4. The other person will receive an email/text to confirm linking accounts. They will see the invite and **click "Approve"**.
5. Once the accounts are linked, you will follow steps B and C again and then scroll all the way to the bottom.
6. **Click on each of the forms and complete them appropriately.**
7. **PHYSICAL EXAM** form and **BIRTH CERTIFICATE** will need to be uploaded as a document or a clear picture (make sure it is the page of the physical with doctor's signature, we don't need the other pages).
8. **Both the Parent and Student** will have to click on the links to each form from their separate accounts because both signatures will be required before it will be approved.  
**If you have any questions, you may contact the Athletic Director or Athletic Trainer for the school at which you will be participating.**

**PlanetHS School Text Codes**

Aynor HS **S564** Carolina Forest HS **S688** Conway HS **S700** Green Sea Floyds HS **S591** Loris HS **S723**  
Myrtle Beach HS **S637** North Myrtle Beach HS **S653** Socastee HS **S623** St. James HS **S640**

# OBMS Covid-19 Policies & Procedures

- students must mind their social distancing
- students must follow new procedures and protocols
- procedures must be observed as soon as students step on campus
- refillable water bottle stations have been installed on each grade level hallway  
students must bring clear water bottles from home to use at water stations.
- water bottles must be clear & contain only unflavored, noncarbonated water.
- class materials may not be dropped off at school for students to pick up - if a child forgets some thing at home, they may bring it in the following day
- please make all attempts to remind students to bring their lunch boxes as these should not be dropped off either
- lockers will not be used this 21-22 school year
- We are encouraging students to bring as few materials as possible to school including book bags, however book bags are allowed if you feel it is needed.
- parents must contact the nurse if students show symptoms or test positive for COVID 19—(843)-903-8433

# OBM PTO INFO

[Click here for more information about PTO events.](#)

Shop at Lowes & Publix and earn money of OBM. Click on the links below for more information.

Publix.



Lowes  
FOODS

[CART TO CLASS](#)




# How do I find my bus route???


## Bus Route Information

### Step by step instructions for looking up your bus route information


1. Go to [www.horrycountyschools.net](http://www.horrycountyschools.net)
2. From the main page, click on the blue dot with the picture of a bus. This is located about halfway down the page.
3. Scroll down until you see Carolina Forest Schools Bus Stop Locator. Click on it to open the map.
4. Check box to agree to terms & conditions and click OK.

5. On the top left of the page click on this icon 
6. Click the school selector button to filter your choices. See below:



7. Select Ocean Bay Middle from the drop-down menu.
8. At the top of the left-hand side of the screen type, in your street address WITH ZIP CODE) and click on magnifying glass. 
9. Your home will show up as a black dot (.) and the bus stops will be represented by this icon



Click on the  closest to your home and this will be your bus stop. It will give you the Bus number and stop location. The arrow on the top left will scroll between AM & PM times.



#### Reminders:

- Please remember the first 2 weeks of school the bus pick/up drop off time is an approximation. Please always arrive at the stop at least 10 minutes prior to the listed times.
- You can contact the bus office with questions regarding your bus stop at 843-236-0705.
- Please see the bus office Facebook page for bus office news and delays at <https://www.facebook.com/HCS-Carolina-Forest-Area-Bus-Office>





# Attendance, Truancy and Promotion Retention Guidelines

## What South Carolina law says...

**Section 59-65-10:** State law requires a parent to cause his/her children from age five until the attainment of their seventeenth (17) birthday or graduation from high school, to attend regularly a public or private school.

## Truancy:

A student between the ages of 6-17 who misses three (3) unexcused consecutive days or five (5) unexcused total days within a school year is deemed truant and will be placed on an Attendance Intervention Plan (AIP).

If a student is absent unlawfully from school after the AIP conference, the student will be referred to the district's attendance coordinator.

The district attendance coordinator may refer the student to Family Court.

## Promotion Retention:

In order to receive credit for a class, students may not miss:

- over five (5) unexcused or unverified class periods of a subject in one semester/term
- or over ten (10) total unexcused or unverified class periods in year-long classes.

Attendance make-up school is offered each semester for students who need to make up a minimum of three absences per class. Make up school is solely for the purpose of obtaining attendance credit.

## Did you know?

1. Lawful absences are considered medical, judicial, bereavement and recognized religious holidays.
2. Parents and students have daily access to attendance through PowerSchool which is a helpful tool to keep up with grades and attendance.
3. School privileges, such as school transfers, can be denied due to excessive absences or tardies.
4. School attendance office cannot complete required paperwork for obtaining a driver's license unless the student is in compliance with the South Carolina Truancy Law.



**Be There!**  
School Attendance Matters

For more information please visit [HorryCountySchools.net/attendance](http://HorryCountySchools.net/attendance) or contact the Attendance Office at 843-488-6786.



# Managing your student's account just got easier!

Ocean Bay Middle School offers:



**MyPaymentsPlus**<sup>SM</sup>

K-12 Online Payment System

## Use MyPaymentsPlus to:

- Make payments using a credit card, debit card or e-check
- Check account balances online: [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com)
- Manage your student's account online 24/7



## Never any cost to:

- View outstanding student fees
- \*Pay for Field Trips
- \*Purchase a Yearbook

## Easy one-time registration:

- Visit [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com)
- Follow the on-screen instructions to create an account
- Add your students using their Student ID number

Visit  
[MyPaymentsPlus.com](http://MyPaymentsPlus.com)  
to get started!

[www.MyPaymentsPlus.com](http://www.MyPaymentsPlus.com)