



June 2023

## Calendar

- June 9 ½ Day
- June 12-23 – June Break – No School
- July 3-14 – July Break – No School
- July 21 – No School
- July 28 – Early Dismissal
- July 31-Aug 11 – August Break – No School
- August 24-September 4 – Staff Professional Development & Labor Day Holiday - No School

[23-24 School Year Calendar](#)

## Happenings at OAC

### Half Day

June 9 will be a half day. Students will be dismissed for a half day and arrive home 2.5-3 hours earlier than normal. As a reminder, students will not be given 12:00pm medication or lunch on half days. Be sure to mark your calendar to make sure someone will be home when the bus arrives. Student pick up time will begin at 11:35 a.m.

### Early Dismissal

July 28 will be an early dismissal. Please plan for your child to arrive home 1.5 hours early. Student pickup time is 1:25pm. Be sure to mark your calendar to make sure someone will be home when the bus arrives.

## 2023-2024 School Hours

*2023-2024 school hours begin July 17, 2023*

Full Day – 8:37am-3:03pm

½ Day – 8:37am-11:50am

Earl Dismissal – 8:37am-1:35pm

\*\*\*Dean will be communicating directly with families regarding routes and pick up/drop off times in July\*\*\*

## [Voluntary Respite Form](#)

We are still collecting family needs for respite. Form responses will be monitored by our Community School Coordinator, Michelle Brothers. If you currently receive Respite Services through Ottawa County CMH, please note that OAC staff are able to register as approved respite providers after completing the registration process through Community Mental Health. Please contact your CMH Supports Coordinator for more information, should you be interested in this option. If you are not currently receiving respite services through Community Mental Health, agreed upon fees should be established between families and staff members. Contact Michelle Brothers at 616-738-8960 or [mbrother@oaisd.org](mailto:mbrother@oaisd.org) if you have questions.

## 2023-2024 School Forms

School Paperwork for the 2023-2024 school year were sent home just after Spring Break. Please fill those forms out and return as soon as possible. These forms need to be filled out every year. If you need new paperwork please call the office at 616-738-8960 or email Michell Jaarsma at [mijaarsma@oaisd.org](mailto:mijaarsma@oaisd.org).

## Covid Policy Changes

There will no longer be any on site COVID testing for staff or students effective immediately. As far as questions related to illness symptoms, in both staff and students, we will be adhering to our current illness policy and guidelines. Keep in mind, viral illnesses are most contagious 1-2 days prior to symptoms starting until 3-5 days after symptoms started, while symptoms are acute and at their worst. Once you have been fever free, without the use of fever reducing medications, for 24hrs and symptoms are improving, you are able to return to school.

Students who test positive will need to stay home through day 5 from when symptoms started. The student may return on day 6 as long as symptoms are improving and fever free for 24hrs without the use of a fever reducing medication. No mask will be required upon return to school.

There is no longer any required quarantine for exposure to a positive COVID case, even if it is an in the home exposure. Please monitor your student for symptoms after a suspected or confirmed exposure and test if you develop symptoms. As a courtesy, we will still be notifying by email if your student has been exposed to a positive COVID case. Please have an updated email on file with the office, to ensure the receipt of these communications.

## Parent Resources

### Sibling Shops

## SIBSHOPS



#### Did you know?

Sisters and brothers will likely have the longest-lasting relationship with a sibling who has special needs or disabilities. During their lives, they will experience the unique joys and concerns their parents do, yet few will have the chance to talk about their experiences with other siblings who "get it".

Brothers and sisters of children with special needs, disabilities and chronic illness have a group that's just for them, Sibshops. Sibshops are peer support groups that offer a safe and engaging space for siblings to learn, have fun, meet and be supported by other children who understand what it's like to have a sibling with special needs.

Interested in having your child(ren) participate in Sibshops?  
Contact Andréa to sign up for our summer groups

Sibshops are held monthly for children/youth 6-13 years of age

Contact Andréa Vugteveen for more information or to sign up for a group [amvugteveen@gmail.com](mailto:amvugteveen@gmail.com) 616-460-3781

Sessions are held at Engage Therapy Center 10263 Chicago Dr Zeeland, MI 49464

Sibshops participant fee is \$10 per child  
Scholarships are available

Like and follow us on Facebook @ Ottawa County Sibshops

Children will have the opportunity to

Meet other children who understand the unique experience of having a sibling with special needs

Share their experiences and feelings about having a brother or sister with special needs

Learn more about their sibling's special needs

Learn new ways to cope with the challenges that come with being a sibling of a child with special needs

...and have lots of fun

#### Summer Dates

June 6  
July 11  
August 15

Sibshops will be held from 6:45-8:30pm



## Michigan Summer Camp Guide

Guide for 2023 For Families of Children or Adults with Special Needs, Illness, or Disability

## OAC Social Work/OCSN Parent Resources

This is your one stop location for parents/guardians to go for community supports and resources. Please check out this resource at [Social Work/OCSN Resource Warehouse](#). Bookmark this resource on your computer and refer back often. It will be continually updated with fresh and new information.

### [Summer Meet Up and Eat Up Flyer](#)

**Summer 2023**

# MEET UP and EAT UP

- Free meals for children age 0-18
- No registration required
- Come to any site listed below Monday - Friday
- Must eat on site

<b>Boys &amp; Girls Club Holland - North</b> 583 Riley St., Holland June 12 - August 18 Snack: 9:30am - 10am Lunch: 12:15pm - 1:15pm *Closed: July 3rd & 4th*	<b>Leisure Estates Clubhouse</b> 523 Butternut Dr., Holland June 12 - August 18 Lunch: 11:45am - 12:00pm *Closed: July 3rd & 4th*
<b>West Olive Estates Playground</b> 8930 146th Ave., West Olive June 12 - August 18 Lunch: 12:30pm - 12:50pm *Closed: July 3rd & 4th*	<b>Great Lakes Elementary</b> 3200 152nd Ave., Holland June 19 - August 10 Breakfast: 8am - 8:30am Lunch: 11am - 1pm *Closed: July 3rd, 4th, & 14th*
<b>West Ottawa High School South</b> 3600 152nd Ave., Holland June 19 - August 10 Breakfast: 8am - 8:30am Lunch: 12:15pm - 12:30pm *Closed: July 3rd, 4th, & 14th*	<b>West Ottawa High School North</b> 3685 Butternut Dr., Holland June 19 - August 4 Breakfast: 8am - 8:30am Lunch: 12pm - 12:30pm *Closed: July 3 - 7
<b>Quincy Apartments</b> 14158 Quincy St., Holland June 12 - June 16 & August 14 - 25 Lunch: 11:30am - 12:15pm	<b>This institution is an equal opportunity provider.</b>

For general questions please reach out to  
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