

OVMS Important Information for 18-19

First Day of School- Tuesday 8/7/18, Back to School EXPO: Saturday, July 21st from 10:00am to 12:00pm at OVMS.

Registration for 7th & 8th grade is online through Final Forms <https://spencerowen-in.finalforms.com/>: The office will be open starting July 23rd for assistance with registering online. Starting August 2nd, the office will make schedules, book rental statements, and locker combinations available. Student agendas will be passed out the first day of school. The agenda contains a planner and the student handbook.

Attendance

- Students report to classes in the morning at 8:08 a.m. Class begins at 8:15 a.m. and ends at 3:20 p.m. Each Friday, school will end at 2:50 p.m.
- Students entering the building after 8:15 a.m. should report to the office and will be counted as tardy.
- Attendance is taken by period, not by half days.
- If your student is absent, please call 829-2249 before 9:00am to report the absence. The student will also need to bring a note to the office within three days in order for the absence to be excused.
- Educational leave days will not be granted. After ten days of absence, a medical note is required.
- The 2018-2019 school year Fall Break is Oct 8-12, Winter Break is Dec. 24-Jan. 4, and Spring Break will be from March 11th – 15th.

Chromebooks

- Students will be provided with a Chromebook at the beginning of the school year to use during the school day. These devices are the property of Spencer-Owen Community Schools.
- Students that damage a Chromebook during the day will be charged a fee for the repair of the device. Insurance will be made available through the school system. If you are interested in purchasing the insurance, sign up online through Final Forms.

Report it App

- Spencer-Owen Community Schools is committed to providing a safe, positive, productive, and nurturing educational environment for all students. SafeSchools Alert is our district's tip reporting service. If you have information regarding safety, bullying, etc., please report it!
- Reports can be made in four easy ways:
 - Web- <http://1590.alert1.us>
 - Email- 1590@alert1.us
 - Phone- 812-652-4505
 - Text- 812-652-4505

Phones

- Student usage of office and teacher phones will be for emergencies only. Please make after school arrangements in advance.
- Cell phones are permitted but are not allowed to be out/on/used during school hours. Students who violate this will have their phone taken, a parent will need to pick it up at the office, and they will receive a discipline referral. Phones are allowed at lunch for games and music.
- Only with expressed permission from a teacher or an administrator are students allowed to use a cell phone during the instructional day.
- Students who become ill at school need to report to the nurse's office for the nurse to call home.

Dress Code

- Shorts and skirts must be knee length or longer
- No low necklines
- No spaghetti straps
- Bare midriffs should not show skin
- Holes in pants/jeans that expose skin are not to be above the knee.

Dress Code (Continued)

- Undergarments should not show at any time
- Pants must be worn at or near the waist
- No wallet chains
- No pajamas
- All sayings and logos on shirts should be school appropriate
- Shoes with wheels are not permitted
- (This is not the entire dress code- just some commonly violated rules. The full dress code can be found in the student handbook/agenda.)

Lockers

- Do not buy a huge backpack; it will not fit in your locker.
- Do not share your locker or combination with anyone.
- Do not kick your locker.
- Do not bring expensive items or money to keep in your locker.
- If there is a problem with a locker report the locker number and the problem to the office.

Lunch

- 7th grade lunch is after 3rd period at 11:14 a.m.
- 8th grade lunch is after 4th period at 12:08 p.m.
- Friday 7th grade lunch is after 3rd period at 11:03 a.m.
- Friday 8th grade lunch is after 4th period at 11:52 a.m.
- Regular tray lunch is \$2.75. Breakfast tray (morning only) is \$1.35
- When depositing money into a student lunch account with a check, please include driver's license number or phone number and the student's name & ID#

Communication

- A digital newsletter is on the website throughout the school year.
- Website- click on OVMS from the SOCS web page- www.socs.k12.in.us
- Phone-829-2249
- PowerSchool grades and assignments are posted and available for review
- Check out our Twitter account: @OVMSLaGrange

Courses

- Every 7th grade student will take: Language Arts, Math (7th grade math or honors math), Social Studies, Science, and a Related Arts rotation which consists of Language Communications, Gateway to Technology and PE/Wellness.
- Students who are struggling with reading will be assigned to Reading Class.
- Other elective courses include: Band, Choir, Art, and Reading Enrichment.

