

Oliver H. Perry

Dear O.H. Perry Families and Students,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! We are thrilled to welcome our new and returning students to the upcoming year at Oliver H. Perry. This year marks my ninth year as principal, and our school has made measurable progress. I am dedicated to our school's continuous growth, and we are also excited to build brighter futures for our students to enhance the student experience and support teaching and learning.

This year, we will continue to utilize MyPowerHub PowerSchool, our new online grade book portal. Families will have real-time access to their child's assignment grades through an app on their phone or from their computer. Teachers will update grades, always informing you about your child's progress.

We also continue to go phone-free in our classrooms to amp up our learning game and crush those academic goals! No phones, no distractions – just pure focus and success. Oliver H. Perry will use the Yondr program, which provides secure phone pouches. Upon entering the building, students will place their phones and other accessories (smartwatches and wireless headphones) in their individually assigned Yondr pouch. All phones will be collected and remain stored in the pouch until they are unlocked upon exiting the building. If a student intentionally damages their Yondr pouch or is unwilling to place their phone or accessories in it, discipline can be issued per the Student Code of Conduct.

Our Say Yes Family Support Specialist will continue to provide wraparound services to families. Dean McMillon and Dean Williams will continue student support using our four-step model for No Nonsense Nurturer, PBIS implementation, and the development of our students' social-emotional learning.

Ms. Laird will continue as the Eagle's Nest's community, college, and career center coordinator. Media specialist Ms. Ziebold joins her. Last year, we successfully circulated 1,771 books in our library! We will continue building community partners and increasing the Eagle's Nest's use for all students and families, focusing on the upper grades.

We look forward to seeing you and your children at our Meet and Greet on Friday, August 15th, from 2:00-4:00 pm. This event is a great opportunity to meet our team and other families. We are welcoming a new assistant principal, Mr. Ellis, and a new dean, Mr. Williams. We also have several new teachers for you to meet supporting Preschool, Art, PE, and middle school.

We also encourage you to sign up as a parent advisory committee member, as your involvement can make a positive difference in our school community.

With Great Respect,

Brittani Irvin

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