



Clara Brownell Middle School

September 2025

We welcomed our 7th- and 8th-grade students back to school on Monday, August 25. The day started with a welcome back assembly, at the end of which students were sorted into their advisory cohorts. These cohorts will attend all core classes (language arts, math, science, and social studies) together, and throughout this year, they will also compete together in various competitions for prizes, bragging rights, and possession of a new school trophy. Last year, we had a lot of success with students working together as teams to hold each other accountable for learning, and we are looking to build upon that success in fun and creative ways.



To help kick off their team-building skills, the 10 cohorts came up with names to reflect their fighting spirits. Teams will earn points through their accomplishments in academics, attendance, and citizenship, and the trophy will move to the class with the highest number of points after each competition. With fall MAPs testing just around the corner, who will claim the trophy for the first time? Will it be the Explosive Emus? Or maybe the Fantastic Flamingos? And how long can the winners hold onto their trophy?

Fall MAP testing starts the week of September 15. We will run two weeks of a block schedule during that time, and students will test in their core classes. We had a lot of success running testing in this manner last year, putting up some of the biggest growth numbers since CBMS implemented MAP testing. Following fall testing, ELA and Math teachers will meet with each of their students to develop individualized learning goals for the year.

Upcoming events:

September 11: Home opener for volleyball vs. LaGrande, 4pm

September 15-October 3: Fall MAPs testing

September 22: CBMS Picture Day

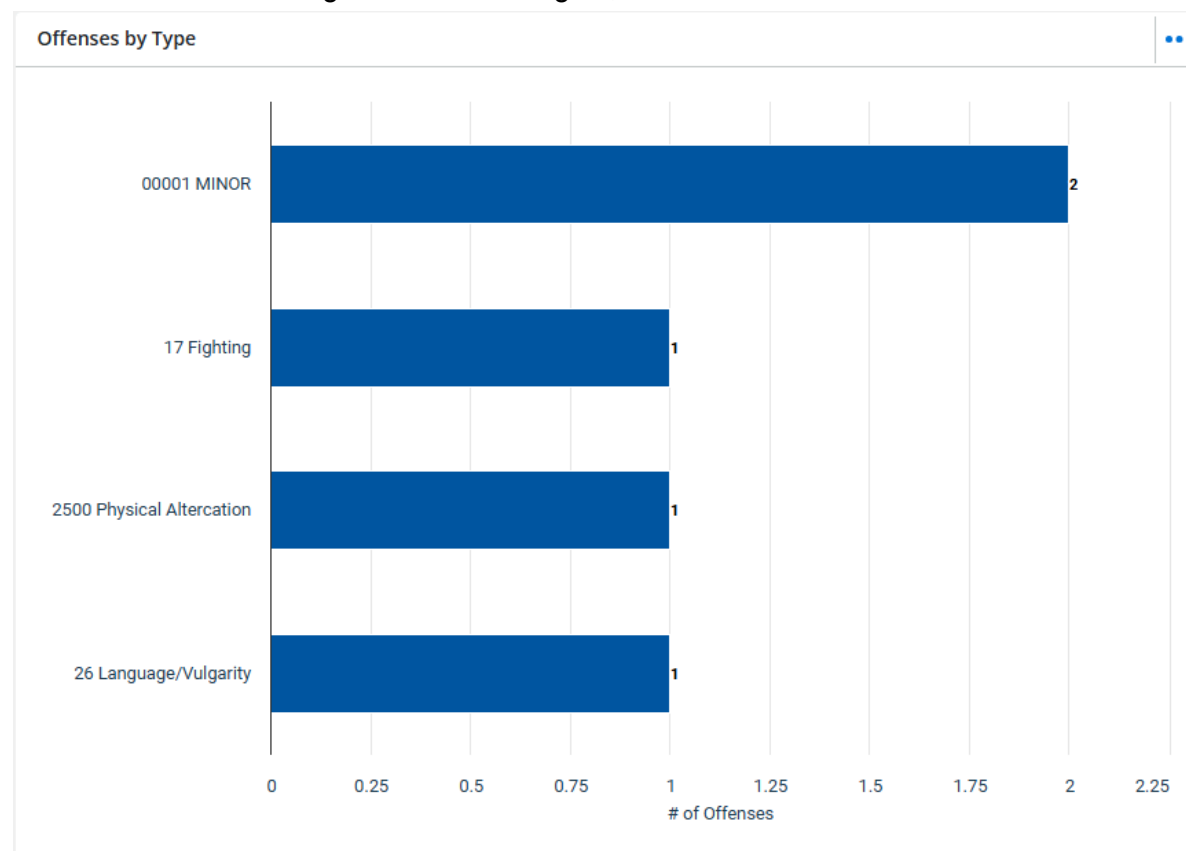
September 25: Home opener for football vs. Stanfield, 4pm

Enrollment 2025-2026

| | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May |
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| 7th | 122 | | | | | | | | |
| 8th | 135 | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 257 | | | | | | | | |

Discipline

We had 5 referrals during the month of August, outlined in the table below:



Athletics

Football and volleyball are in full swing at CBMS. We have a little over 20 students out for football, and right around 50 students playing volleyball. We are grateful for our partnership with Family Health Associates, as well as our District vehicle, both of which have made it possible for us to assist families in getting physicals for their students. These resources help us ensure that any student who wants to participate in athletics has an opportunity to do so.

For the most up-to-date information on athletics and activities, please check out our District page:

<https://www.umatilla.k12.or.us/o/athleticsandactivities>