



ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

The mission of the Orlando Science Schools (OSS) is to use proven and innovative instructional methods and exemplary reform-based curricula in a stimulating environment with the result of providing its students a well-rounded middle school and high school education in all subject areas. OSS will provide rigorous college preparatory programs with a special emphasis in mathematics, science, technology, and language arts.

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Dear Students & Parents,

Please make sure to check out important end of the year information on page 2!

A reminder there is no school on Monday, the 28th, in observance of Memorial Day!

Congratulations to the 7th graders who scored in the top 5% in the SAT's in Duke Tip! Turn to page 9 for more information!

Mon-Thurs, June 4th-7th, will all be early release days. Please plan accordingly.

The student government is sponsoring an end of the year school dance on June 1st for 6th and 7th grade and 8th, 9th and 10th grade dance will be held on June 2 in the OSS cafeteria. The theme of the dance is: Masquerade Night.

Congratulations to OSS Science Olympiad!!! They ranked in top 10 in two categories at National Science Olympiad last Saturday! Please see page 7 more information!!!

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,
Necati Sahin

The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn and change. Carl Rogers

Important End of Year Information

Dear parents,

As the end of the school year approaches, OSS has a few important details that need to be addressed.

1. **Upcoming 7th graders, you must get your 7th grade immunizations before next school year
2. **All students must get a physical before next school year
3. **If you have moved, you must fill out the first two pages of the enrollment forms, located on our website; plus, the correct proof of Orange County Domicile.

**** bring in the original of the above documents to the school registrar.
If you do not supply OSS with these documents, your student will not be given a schedule
or placed in any classes.**

4. Pick up any medications/inhalers, etc. before school ends, otherwise they will be properly disposed.

**5. I need one business sized self-addressed stamped envelope
(One per student)**

**By
Monday, June 4th, 2012**

to send out your student's FCAT scores and final report cards to you!!!

(If you owe money, e.g., lost books, aftercare, lunch money, etc., your report card or FCAT scores will **not** be mailed to you till payment has been made)

It is imperative that you bring them to Ms. Becc ASAP

It needs to be addressed as follows:

**To the Parents of:
Student Name
Address
City, State Zip**

OSS Upcoming Events

1. **Early Release Days, Mon-Thurs, June 4th-7th**
2. OSS Spring Play, Friday, May 25th
3. No school on Monday, May 28th for Memorial Day
4. 8th grade graduation, May 31st 6:30pm
The Sheraton Orlando Downtown Hotel, 400 West Livingston Street, Orlando, FL.
<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=3576>
5. 6th/7th grade dance, Friday, June 1st and 8th, 9th, and 10th grade dance, Saturday, June 2nd .
6. Last day of School, Thursday, June 7th

Always check the OSS website and PVO tab for all events!!!!!!!

This Week in History May 25, 1977 Star Wars opens

On this day in 1977, Memorial Day weekend opens with an intergalactic bang as the first of George Lucas' blockbuster *Star Wars* movies hits American theaters.

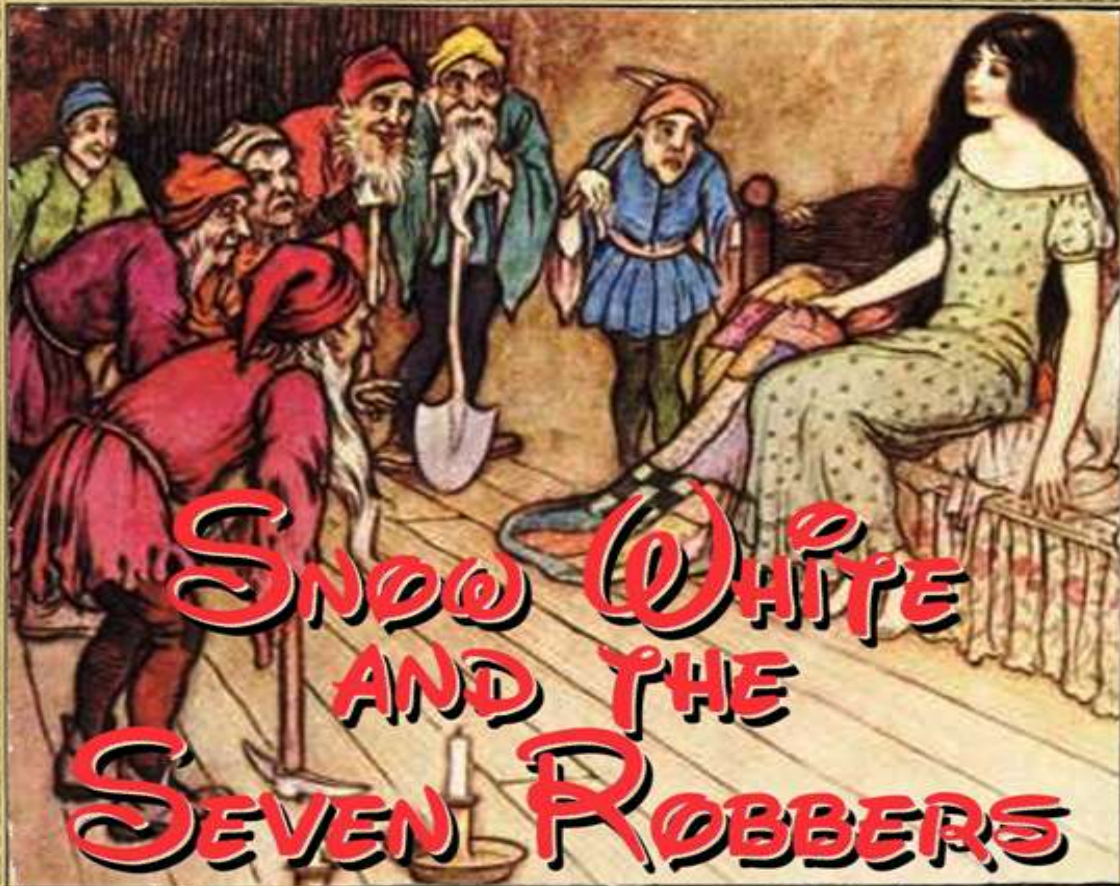
The incredible success of *Star Wars*--it received seven Oscars, and earned \$461 million in U.S. ticket sales and a gross of close to \$800 million worldwide--began with an extensive, coordinated marketing push by Lucas and his studio, 20th Century Fox, months before the movie's release date. "It wasn't like a movie opening," actress Carrie Fisher, who played rebel leader Princess Leia, later told *Time* magazine. "It was like an earthquake." Beginning with--in Fisher's words--"a new order of geeks, enthusiastic young people with sleeping bags," the anticipation of a revolutionary movie-watching experience spread like wildfire, causing long lines in front of movie theaters across the country and around the world.

With its groundbreaking special effects, *Star Wars* leaped off screens and immersed audiences in "a galaxy far, far away." By now everyone knows the story, which followed the baby-faced Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill) as he enlisted a team of allies--including hunky Han Solo (Harrison Ford) and the robots C3PO and R2D2--on his mission to rescue the kidnapped Princess Leia from an Evil Empire governed by Darth Vader. The film made all three of its lead actors overnight stars, turning Fisher into an object of adoration for millions of young male fans and launching Ford's now-legendary career as an action-hero heartthrob.

Star Wars was soon a bona-fide pop culture phenomenon. Over the years it has spawned five more feature films, five TV series and an entire industry's worth of comic books, toys, video games and other products. Two big-screen sequels, *The Empire Strikes Back* (1980) and *The Return of the Jedi* (1983), featured much of the original cast and enjoyed the same success--both critical and commercial--as the first film. In 1999, Lucas stretched back in time for the fourth installment, *Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace*, chronologically a prequel to the original movie. Two other prequels, *Attack of the Clones* (2002) and *Revenge of the Sith* (2005) followed.

The latter *Star Wars* movies featured a new cast--including Ewan McGregor, Liam Neeson, Natalie Portman and Hayden Christensen--and have generally failed to earn the same amount of critical praise as the first three films. They continue to score at the box office, however, with *Revenge of the Sith* becoming the top-grossing film of 2005 in the United States and the second worldwide.

**Orlando Science Schools
Theatre Club
Presents**



**SNOW WHITE
AND THE
SEVEN DWARFS**

Date: Friday, May 25, 2012

Time: 6:30 PM

Tickets: \$5.00

On Monday May 26th OSS will observe Memorial Day. This is an annual holiday celebrated on the last Monday of May to remember those who have given their lives to defend our freedoms. Memorial Day also marks the beginning of the summer season. On behalf of OSS and the Social Studies Department, I would like to wish you all a Happy Memorial Day and hope you all have a safe and wonderful summer.

Cathy Cannon

Social Studies Department Chair

OSS School Spirit Shirts are on sale at the Front Desk!!



(S-M-L \$12 OR 2 FOR \$20, XL-2XL \$14 OR 2 FOR \$24)

They will be available in Blue and Heather Grey
There is a limited number, so don't wait!!
First come, First Serve (no holds please)

****Students may wear them on Fridays with their uniform bottoms****

OSS Science Olympiad Results

OSS Science Olympiad ranked in top 10 in two categories at National Science Olympiad last Saturday!

In Experimental Design category; Beth Martin, Daniela Gutierrez, and Raquel Guerrero received 6th place.

In Awesome Aquifer category; Carlos Barea and Isaac Gordon received 9th place.

Here are our outstanding team members:

Annabel Zinn
Ahmed Rashid
Markus Zirkle
Sam Dai
Omar Gammouh
Raquel Guerrero
Taylor Ramsamy
Elizabeth Martin
Daniella Gutierrez
Jordanis Barzana
Daniel Stetzinger
Lucas Lamoureux
Sebastian Gonzalez
Carlos Barea
Sebastian Orellana
Danh Pham
Isaac Gordon



Congratulations and Good luck in 2013 Nationals at Ohio!

OSS Environmental Club Adopts Animals

The OSS Environmental Club collected donations to adopt at least one endangered animal. We are proud to announce the animals we are able to adopt include the penguin, giant panda, sea turtle, bald eagle and manatee! The Environmental Club would like to say thank you, and we greatly appreciate all of the support! Thank you for doing your part in helping endangered species!

Happy Earth Day 2012!



Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Florida Legislature passed Senate Bill 4, which included the creation and use of the End of Course (EOC) exams in Algebra 1, Biology, and Geometry for Florida's students. These tests are being phased in over the course of three years and began last school year with the Algebra 1 EOC exam being given for the first time. Last year any student who entered grade 9 for the first time (2010-11), the Algebra 1 EOC exam counted as 30 percent of their overall grade. Any student who entered grade 9 for the first time in 2010-11 who is completing the Algebra 1 curriculum this year will continue to have the Algebra 1 EOC exam count towards 30 percent of their grade.

This year the Geometry and Biology EOC exams will be given for the first time. All OCPS students (in any grade) who complete an Algebra 1, Biology, or Geometry curriculum in 2011-12 are required to take the corresponding EOC exam this year. All exams are computer-based unless an exceptional education student has included in an active IEP stating that the exam must be taken in a paper-pencil format.

For students who are entering grade 9 for the first time this year (2011-12) and who complete the Algebra 1 curriculum this year, the Algebra 1 EOC exam score will be used as the indicator for the course in order to gain or not gain course credit. Students entering earlier grade levels, including grades 6 through 8, who complete the Algebra 1 curriculum this year, the Algebra 1 EOC exam score will be used as the indicator for the course in order to gain or not gain course credit.

- If a student passes the course and passes the Algebra 1 EOC exam, the student receives credit for the course and the grade will be rolled into their GPA.
- If the student does not pass the course but passes the Algebra 1 EOC exam, the student will receive credit for the course and the failing grade will be rolled into their GPA. The student will be eligible to take the course again for Grade Forgiveness but will not have to take the EOC exam again.
- If the student passes the course but does not pass the exam, the student will not get credit for the course and the course grade will roll into the GPA. This student might be able to participate in the Algebra exam prep course this summer and will retake the exam in July.
- If the student does not pass either the course or the exam, the student will be expected to retake the course the following year and retake the exam in the spring of that year.

The new Geometry and Biology exams given this year will count towards 30 percent of the course grade for students who are entering grade 9 for the first time this year (2011-12). Provisions have been made for these students and any student who entered grade 9 during last school year for the first time (2010-11) to receive their report cards with an "NG" (No Grade) designation for their Geometry, Algebra, and/or Biology grade if the district does not receive exam scores from the state prior to report cards being printed. Once scores have been received, report cards will be rerun to include the Geometry, Algebra and/or Biology EOC grade as 30 percent of the overall grade for the course and will be mailed home. If the district receives the exam scores before report cards are generated, final grades will appear on the student's report cards with the inclusion of the EOC grade as 30 percent of the course grade. For students in other grade levels than first time grade 9 students taking the Geometry and Biology curriculum, they will take the corresponding EOC exam but it will not count toward their course grade.

Due to our concern for the amount of testing that students who are enrolled in an Algebra 1, Biology, or Geometry curriculum are undergoing, OCPS has decided that no semester 2 exams will be given for those courses. Students who must have the EOC exam included as 30% of their grade, as previously mentioned, will have their grades reflected to include the EOC exam as 30% of their grade. For all other students in these courses, the final grade will be calculated as listed below with the second semester calculation changing from how the first semester grade was calculated.

First Semester Grade 50%
Third Nine Weeks Grade 25%
Fourth Nine Weeks Grade 25%

If there are any modifications to the above process, you will be notified immediately. If you have any questions related to this test administration or information, you may contact school administration at 407-253-7304.

Sincerely,
Principal
Mr. Sahin

Congratulations OSS 7th Grade Students on a wonderful SAT performance in Duke TIP!

Duke Tip Recognizes Orlando Science School Students



Orlando Science School Math Department is proud of our students that were recognized by the Duke University TIP Program. The Statewide recognition ceremony was held at the University of Florida in Gainesville on Tuesday, May 22nd, 2012. Only the top 5 percent of academically talented students in the seventh grade are invited to participate in this Talent Search, making this a very distinguished pool. 32 Orlando Science School students participated and took the SAT Test after they studied very hard with OSS Math Teachers.

Dominic Canora, 7th grade, scored 590 from Official SAT Math Section. Duke TIP recognizes Dominic with Grand Level Award. We congratulate him on his outstanding success.

State Level outstanding recognitions were given to 16 Students.

16 7th Grade Students are qualified for the State Recognition by getting 520 score or higher from SAT-Math or Reading. Congratulations;

Dominic Canora
Colin Chaney
Samuel Dai
Izan Declet
Hedyeh Erfani
Roman Ferrer
Oscar Guerrero
Tyler Haugh
Willie Jones
Anthony Madrazo
Annelese Mascoc
Ranya Saldanha
Caleb Spence
Cassandra Spence
Jeffrey Vernier
Markus Zirkle

12 7th Grade Students qualified for the Academy for Summer Studies according to their SAT-Math or Reading. Congratulations! These students have qualified to attend Duke- TIP's Academy for Summer Studies which offers an exceptional academic and social experience for those students who are among the **top five percent** of academically talented students in their grade level. Students in this program will experience challenging coursework and build friendships with other academically gifted peers.

- Izan Declet
- Hedyeh Erfani
- Roman Ferrer
- Amanda Fulkerson
- Omar Gammouh
- Oscar Guerrero
- Willie Jones
- Annelese Mascoc
- Dara Moux
- Ranya Saldanha
- Cassandra Spence
- Jeffrey Vernier

4 7th Grade Students are qualified for Center for the aSummer Studies according to their SAT-Math or Reading. Congratulations; Students who qualify for the Center for Summer Studies represent the highest-scoring students in Duke TIP's 7th Grade Talent Search. The courses offered at the Center for Summer Studies are some of the most challenging and rigorous available to academically gifted students in the country. We congratulate all of our students and their teachers.

- Dominic Canora
- Colin Chaney
- Caleb Spence
- Samuel Dai
- Tyler Haugh
- Anthony Madrazo
- Markus Zirkle