



# 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 special emphasis in mathematics, science, technology, and language arts.

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### Principal's Corner

Dear Students & Parents,

Curriculum Night for 6th and 8th graders will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:15-7pm and for 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> graders on September 15<sup>th</sup> 5:15-7pm. For more information please see page 2.

Picture Day is coming up on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to bring your brightest smiles!

Science Fair is right around the corner. Parents of 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade students please assist your child in picking out their topics for the Science Fair!

Two new clubs have opened only for High School students SAT Study Club and Service Learning Club! For more information on these unique clubs please see page 5 of the OSS Newsletter.

OSS 's first dress down day of the year will be on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Please see page 3 for more information.

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Akin

**Benjamin Franklin: Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember.  
Involve me and I learn.**

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**\*\*Orlando Science School received the highest school grade point from the Spring 2011 FCAT among OCPS Middle Schools\*\***

## OSS PVO

Make sure you check the OSS PVO tab on the Orlando Science website weekly!!!

The calendar of events is always up to date with all the goings on at OSS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

\*\*\*It's not just for members only\*\*\*

<http://www.classconnection.org/ossvo>

## OSS PICTURE DAY

OSS will take school pictures on the following days for school ID's and also for parents to purchase.

Oct 17<sup>th</sup> - Picture Day  
Nov 18<sup>th</sup> - Picture Retake Day



Students, please wear the following OSS uniform shirts

**Red - for the middle school students**

Light blue - for the high school students.

## OSS Upcoming Events

**Curriculum Night for 6th and 8th Graders September 13 5:15-7pm**

**Curriculum Night for 7, 9, 10th Graders September 15 5:15-7pm**

Enjoy a night of going to your student's classes and learning about their day and what the year has in store at OSS!!!!

**Oss Welcome Picnic (New Parents Only) September 24 11am-1pm**

**Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration with Florida Representative Darren Soto September 27**

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

# THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

## September 11-September 17

September 11, 1962: The Beatles recorded their first single, Love Me Do.

September 11, 2001: Two hijacked commercial jets were crashed by terrorists into the north and south towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, causing the collapse of both towers. A short while later another plane crashed into the Pentagon, and finally fourth into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

September 12, 1992: Dr. Mae Carol Jemison became the first black woman in space aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour.

September 13, 1814: Francis Scott Key composed the lyrics to The Star Spangled Banner.

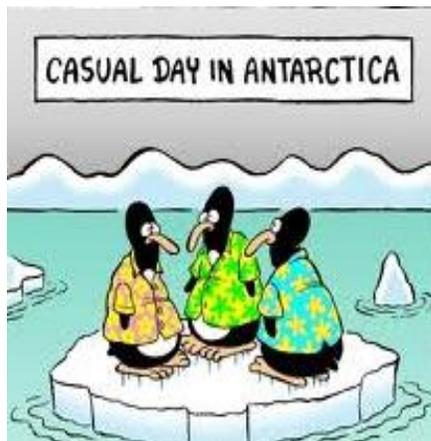
September, 14, 1901: President McKinley died of gunshot wounds inflicted by an assassin. Vice President Theodore Roosevelt succeeded him.

September 14, 1948: Republican Margaret Chase Smith of Maine was elected to the U.S. Senate, becoming the first woman to have served in both houses of Congress.

September 14, 1959: The Soviet space probe Luna 2 became the first man-made object to reach the Moon when it crashed onto the lunar surface.

September 17, 1787: The Constitution was completed and signed by a majority of the delegates attending the constitutional convention in Philadelphia.

September 17, 1862: In 1862, Union forces hurled back a Confederate invasion of Maryland in the Civil War Battle of Antietam. During the battle, 23,100 were killed, wounded or captured, making it the bloodiest day in United States military history.



### Dress Down Days

The first dress down of the year will be on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Students who have not received an Office Referral, Intervention Form, and have less than 4 conduct points, are permitted to dress down (from August 22<sup>nd</sup>). A list of eligible students will be posted in the hallways. Please make sure your student(s) abides by the dress down day rules in the student handbook. No open toed shoes are permitted, no spaghetti strap shirts, tank tops, hats, "reveling" clothing, etc. Any student, who dresses down and is ineligible, will lose his/her next dress down and remain in the ISS for the remainder of the day.

### Student of the Month

On September 30<sup>th</sup>, OSS will choose a student for Character of the Month, for each grade level. Teachers, who feel that a particular student is fond of the award, will give them a commendation via the OSS system. Students can receive commendations for exhibiting a variety of characteristics and good deeds. After tallying commendations, the student with the most commendations is nominated for the award. In the event of a tie, we will review grades, attendance, and disciplinary records.



Dear Parents

Orlando Science Schools is offering two new clubs to only High School students, Service Learning Club and SAT Study Club. Mr. Yalcin will be running the Service Learning Club on Tuesdays and SAT Study club on Thursdays in club times. It is a great opportunity to your students in order to earn the service learning hours during the high school education and be prepared to SAT. There is no application fee and students need to fill the application forms and turn in to Mr. Yalcin. If you have any question, you can feel free to contact to Mr. Yalcin via e-mail [info@orlandoscience.org](mailto:info@orlandoscience.org) "

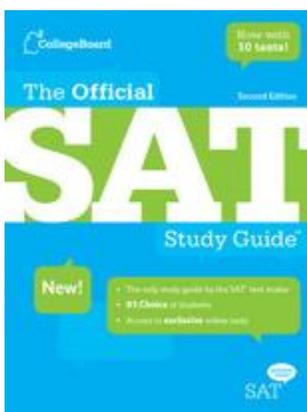
### What is Service Learning?

**Service Learning** is meaningful service to the community with classroom studies in a way that improves student learning and strengthens the community. Service learning is a teaching strategy through which students identifies, research and address real community challenges, using knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. It is a highly engaging and motivating methodology that provides real-life problem solving across all grade levels and content areas. It allows differentiation of instruction aimed at diverse student populations with varying needs, abilities and learning styles. It builds 21<sup>st</sup> century skills of teamwork, communication, critical thinking and decision-making, among others.

### What is SAT?

The SAT is a globally recognized college admission test that lets students show colleges what they know and how well they can apply that knowledge. It tests students' knowledge of reading, writing and math — subjects that are taught every day in high school classrooms. Most students take the SAT during their junior or senior year of high school, and almost all colleges and universities use the SAT to make admission decisions.

Taking the SAT is the first step in finding the right college for most of the students — the place where they can further develop their skills and pursue their passions. But SAT scores are just one of many factors that colleges consider when making their admission decisions. High school grades are also very important. In fact, the combination of high school grades and SAT scores is the best predictor of your academic success in college.



**Orlando Science Schools  
Service Learning Club Application Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever worked voluntarily in any agency or organization before? if so, explain in which organization or agency you worked and what you did \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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I, \_\_\_\_\_ would like to participate OSS Service Learning club and I will commit the Service Learning Club organizations and activities.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Please turn in this form to Mr. Yalcin no later than September 14<sup>th</sup> 2011.



## OSS Facts That You Should Know

**\*\*Changes have been made to start & dismissal times\*\***

1. **6<sup>th</sup>/ 8<sup>th</sup> Graders now start at 8:00am and 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> graders start at 8:05 am. You may still drop students off as early as 7:30 am.**
2. Parents, if you happen to change your phone numbers, e-mail addresses or move, please update Ms.Becc with the current information. It is very important that we have your current phone numbers and e-mail addresses on file. Please call Ms. Becc at 407-253-7304 ext 100 with any changes or updates.
3. **If your student arrives after 8:30 am you must come in and sign your student in at the front desk.**
4. If your student needs to leave early for an appointment please send a note in the day before or at least the morning of and give to Ms. Becc. Ms. Becc will e-mail the teachers and let them know that your child will be leaving early. If it is an emergency and your child needs to leave early, please call Ms. Becc so she can have your child available. Please leave a message on the voice mail if Ms. Becc is not available to answer the call, she will get the message.
5. If your student is absent please send a note in with them and turn it into Ms. Becc.  
On the note please have the date you are writing it as well as the dates that the student was absent.
6. Parents, please make sure that you are checking your e-mails as well as your spam mail. Some of our teachers will start e-mailing you and the e-mails may go to Spam the first time.
7. **OSS uniform will strictly be upheld at all times.**  
Your student may dress in regular school appropriate clothes for their birthday. Please notify Ms. Becc the day before.
8. **Parents, if you need to meet with any staff member, you must have an appointment. (Please no walk-ins)**  
**\*To meet with a teacher, you need to email the teacher to set up an appointment.**  
**\*To meet with administration, you need to email or call Ms. Becc for an appointment.**  
**Please keep in mind that directly before and after school is not a good time due to arrival/dismissal of students.**
9. Parents, if you would like to have lunch with your student please notify Ms. Becc 24 hours in advance.
10. Parents, if you would like to sit in your students classes for a day please notify Ms. Becc 48 hours in advance for authorization.
11. **OSS campus speed limit is 5mph. This is strictly enforced for the safety of all.**
12. **Dismissal starts at 2:43 pm until the car line dissipates, at which time the students will be sent to the cafeteria. When there is inclement weather, the dismissal process is slow from cafeteria. We do follow OCPs' 30-30 rule.**
13. **On Club days, dismissal will start at 2:43 pm.**  
**For students in clubs, dismissal will start again at 3:36 pm until the car line dissipates, at which time the students will be sent to the cafeteria.**
14. **Twice a month, OSS will have early dismissals on Wednesdays.**  
**6<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> (unless specified) grade dismissal will be at 12:43 pm. 7<sup>th</sup>/ 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grade dismissal will be at 12:53 pm.**  
**Students may remain on campus free of charge till 3:45pm, after which time the cost will be \$10 until 5:15pm.**  
**Regular after school care fee applies after 5:15 pm.**
15. **After school care (self study) is available after 5:15pm. The cost associated with this is as follows:**  
**\*5:15-6pm \$10**  
**\*6:01-7pm \$15**
16. OSS is listed on the 5% Back to Schools Programs. All the parent has to do is sign-up at Office Depot (no cost is involved for signing up) and a portion of their purchase goes towards OSS. (Our Number is 70218341)

## OSS HOME VISITS



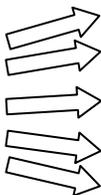
We are very happy with the degree of parent involvement we have in our school. In order to make our student, parent and teacher connection even stronger, OSS teachers researched and came up with the idea of home visits. Experience and research from all over the United States indicates that the interaction with a student's family at their home is a very effective way to help students achieve academic and behavioral progress.

**If you would like to schedule a home visit or learn more about it please email your student's homeroom teacher.**

### Some feedbacks about home visits from our parents.

- When we chose to enroll my daughter at OSS we were very excited as the school seemed like a closer community than the public schools that our daughters have attended. The Home Visit program is a perfect example of this concept, that families and faculty working together can provide a better education for our children by communication and interaction. Please stay in touch and let us know how we can help make OSS an even better place.
- Good Morning Mr. Sahin, I wanted to thank you and Mr. Altintas for taking time out of your schedules to visit my home yesterday. I think the home visit was beneficial and I now better understand what is in store for my daughter this school year and what is expected of her.
- Teachers make a lasting impression on a child's life and this visit showed your love and concern about my son and the next generation; with the help of good parents and good teachers we can make a difference. I have not seen such dedication and care from a school in a long time.
- We know this takes a lot of time from your personal family and this does not go without notice. With the efforts this school has shown it will be a leader in no time. Keep up the good work we look forward to many more years of building a foundation as solid as a rock.
- I wanted to send a note to let you know that we enjoyed our home visit. The home visits are a great idea and facilitate good communication between faculty, students, and parents. We had the opportunity to get to know more about upcoming events and the curriculum

To



Increase student attendance rates.

Increase student test scores.

See school-wide positive behavior

Decrease suspension and expulsion rates.

Decrease vandalism at school.



Support  
Home Visits