



# 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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## Principal's Corner

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Dear Students & Parents,

Another great week here at OSS!

Just a reminder that our 1<sup>st</sup> quarter progress reports will be going out today; it's a great way to start off the year!

Check out page 2 for OSS' upcoming events and for the schedule of report cards and parent teacher conferences.

OSS is excited to announce that we have become the first Panther Ambassadors for the Florida Institute of Technology; to learn more about the wonderful honor, please read page 5.

OSS is so proud of its diversity and to celebrate it, we will be having our annual Hispanic Heritage Dinner. Be a part of this lovely evening by RSVP from page 6.

Last but not least, we will be holding our Welcome Picnic for our 6<sup>th</sup> graders, our new students and their families on September 27<sup>th</sup>! Check out page 14 for all the details.

Sincerely,

Nzcati Sahin, Principal  
"Orlando Science Middle/High

**I am a part of everything that I have read.  
Theodore Roosevelt**

## OSS Upcoming Events

1. Welcome Picnic- September 27<sup>th</sup> 12-2 pm
2. Hispanic Heritage Night- Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> – 5:30-7:30pm

2014-2015 Report Card Dates for Parents	
<b>1st Quarter Progress Report Card</b>	Friday, September 19, 2014
<b>1st Quarter Report Card</b>	Wednesday, October 22, 2014
<b>2nd Quarter Progress Report Card</b>	Friday, November 21, 2014
<b>2nd Quarter Report Card</b>	Friday, January 15, 2015
<b>3rd Quarter Progress Report Card</b>	Friday, February 20, 2015
<b>3rd Quarter Report Card</b>	Friday, March 19, 2015
<b>4th Quarter Progress Report Card</b>	Friday, May 1, 2015
<b>4th Quarter Report Card</b>	Wednesday, June 3, 2015

2014-2015 Parent Teacher Conference (PTC) Days		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b>	Wednesday, October 1, 2014 Friday, October 3, 2014	4:00PM - 6:00 PM 4:30PM - 6:30 PM
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b>	Wednesday, December 17, 2014 Friday, December 19, 2014	4:00PM - 6:00 PM 4:30PM - 6:30 PM
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>	Wednesday, March 4, 2015 Friday, March 6, 2015	4:00PM - 6:00 PM 4:30PM - 6:30 PM
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>	Wednesday, May 13, 2015 Friday, May 15, 2015	4:30PM - 6:30 PM 4:30PM - 6:30 PM

I will send out an email prior to each of these to dates to book appointments

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Students will have their daily homework according to the Homework chart below. Each Homework segment will take about 20-25 Minutes. Please remind your students to turn in his/her homework daily and avoid getting penalized by turning the homework late. Please follow your student's performance on OSS Connect. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mr. Yalcin

Curriculum Coordinator

Department	Homework Number	Daily Homework Days
ELA	4 per week	<b>M-T-W-Th</b>
Math	4 per week	<b>M-T-W-Th</b>
Social Studies	3 per week	<b>M-T-Th</b>
Science	3 per week	<b>T-W-F</b>
Electives	No HW	<b>None</b>
Electives-Foreign Language	1 per week	<b>F</b>

## This Week in History

### This Week in History, *Sep 14 - Sep 20*

Sep 14, 1901

[McKinley dies of infection from gunshot wounds](#)

Sep 15, 1978

[Ali defeats Spinks to win world heavyweight championship](#)

Sep 16, 1932

[Gandhi begins fast in protest of caste separation](#)

Sep 17, 1862

[Battle of Antietam](#)

Sep 18, 1793

[Capitol cornerstone is laid](#)

Sep 19, 1957

[Nevada is site of first-ever underground nuclear explosion](#)



*this week in*  
HISTORY



1. Go to: "www.fuelmyschool.com"



Fuel My School is a fantastic EASY and FREE way to earn money for your school while doing your regular online shopping.

2. Search for: "Orlando Science Schools"



3. Click on "Shop School Mall" and visit dozens of popular sites. All purchases contribute to OSS.

## ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS AND FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP

**Orlando, Fla.** – September 16, 2014 – [Orlando Science Schools](http://www.orlandoscience.org) (OSS) was honored to be named the first Panther Ambassador of the Florida Institute of Technology (FIT) at a recent presentation on the OSS campus.

The partnership between the two schools will encourage collaboration efforts, spark interest and help OSS high school students learn about STEM-based career opportunities. Orlando Science Schools, a public charter school in Orange County that serves grades K-12 and focuses on STEM education, represents the first school to be selected to receive the Panther Ambassador honor from Florida Tech, known as “The STEM University.”

Aviator, shuttle astronaut and U.S. Navy Capt. Winston E. Scott spoke to the students about his life experiences at the recent presentation. Scott currently serves as the senior vice president for external relations and economic development at Florida Tech. He also holds the rank of professor of aeronautics in the College of Aeronautics and professor of music in the College of Psychology and Liberal Arts.

“We were looking to establish a relationship with STEM-focused high schools and we saw a lot of synergies with Orlando Science Schools,” said Leslie Hielema, vice president of Florida Tech’s Orlando Center. “We want students to know that STEM-based jobs are exciting. It doesn’t mean you have to sit in a lab all day. These careers have amazing potential, and we are pleased that both OSS and Florida Tech play such a key role in preparing young adults for jobs in this growing field.”

The Panther Ambassador designation will leverage assets at both schools. Campus tours and presentations will provide OSS high school students with a broad understanding of career paths. In addition, competitions and camps will promote strong teamwork and increase students’ knowledge in specific skill sets.

“We are thrilled to be working with FIT to identify ways to connect our students with higher learning potential,” said Orlando Science Schools Executive Director Dr. Yalcin Akin.

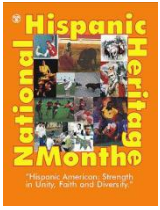
### **About Orlando Science Schools:**

*Orlando Science Schools, a public charter school, is approved by the Orange County School Board as an elementary, middle and high school. The mission of the school is to offer students in Orange County a high-quality education with research-based curriculum, aligned with the Florida Sunshine State Standards, while enabling students to reach their maximum potential in all subject areas with special emphasis on mathematics, science and reading. Orlando Science Schools currently serves grades K–12. For more information, visit [www.orlandoscience.org](http://www.orlandoscience.org)*

### **About Florida Institute of Technology:**

*Founded at the dawn of the Space Race in 1958, Florida Tech is the only independent, technological university in the Southeast. The university is ranked in the top 200 in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2013-14, has been named a Barron’s Guide “Best Buy” in College Education, is designated a Tier One Best National University in U.S. News & World Report, is one of just nine schools in Florida lauded by the 2014 Fiske Guide to Colleges and is recognized by Bloomberg Businessweek as the best college for return on investment in Florida. A recent survey by PayScale.com ranks Florida Tech as the top university in Florida for mid-career salary potential. The university offers undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs. Fields of study include science, engineering, aeronautics, business, humanities, mathematics, psychology, communication and education. Additional information is available online at [www.fit.edu](http://www.fit.edu).*





# Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

Dear Parents and Students,

Orlando Science Schools and students in Spanish Class are organizing a special event called Celebración de la Hispanidad to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at 5:30 pm. We would like to invite students and their families to OSS to enjoy time with teachers and staff for a program with a special guest speaker and a catered dinner by Pollo Tropical.

The cost is \$7 per person which will include a chicken dinner, dessert and beverages.

Participants need to please RSVP to Ms. Becc **no later than Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014**, by turning in the form found below with the money attached. **(CASH OR CHECK)**

We hope that you will be able to attend the Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration. We have celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month in the past and we hope that you have enjoyed the presentations and event as much as we have!

Date: Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Time: 5:30 pm

Where: OSS Cafeteria

**Fill out the bottom portion of this letter. Please return the form with the money attached to Ms. Becc by Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014**

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

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will attend.

\_\_\_\_\_ Number to Attend x \$7.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ which is enclosed.

# OSMS Soccer Team

Red-win  
Yellow- loss



<i>DAY</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>OPPONENT</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>TIME</i>
<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>SEPT. 4</i>	<i>HOWARD</i>	<i>AWAY</i>	<i>4:30PM</i>
<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>SEPT.11</i>	<i>MAITLAND</i>	<i>AWAY</i>	<i>4:30PM</i>
<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>SEPT.18</i>	<i>LEE</i>	<i>AWAY</i>	<i>4:30PM</i>
<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>SEPT.25</i>	<i>MEADOWBROOK</i>	<i>AWAY</i>	<i>4:30PM</i>
<i>Mon.</i>	<i>SEPT.29</i>	<i>LOCKHART</i>	<i>AWAY</i>	<i>4:30PM</i>
<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>OCT.2</i>	<i>GLENRIDGE</i>	<i>AWAY</i>	<i>4:30PM</i>

Game Times May Change Depending On Transportation Of Teams And Arrival Of Officials



## **ORANGE COUNTY PLAYOFFS** *Top 3 teams from each Cluster advance to form an 18 team playoff.*

<i>MON.</i>	<i>OCT. 6</i>	<i>SOCCER FEST ROUND 1</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>WED.</i>	<i>OCT. 8</i>	<i>SOCCER FEST ROUND 2</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>MON.</i>	<i>OCT. 13</i>	<i>SOCCER FEST ROUND 3</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>WED.</i>	<i>OCT. 15</i>	<i>SOCCER FEST SEMI-FINALS</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<b><i>MON.</i></b>	<b><i>OCT. 20</i></b>	<b><i>SOCCER FEST CHAMPIONSHIP</i></b>	<b><i>TBA</i></b>



## OSS Science Fair

OSS will once again be participating in the science fair. Our school fair is December 9<sup>th</sup>! All middle school students will have a project. Please encourage your high school students to participate as well. The science fair looks great on a college application and scholarship can be awarded. By now your student should be working on selecting a topic for the fair. It is your duty to make sure that they are proactively working on this project at home. In addition you should be receiving a series of forms that need to be signed. It is important that you **use blue ink only** and write legibly. Please have your student bring these forms into class as soon as possible. We need them by September 26<sup>th</sup>. Please take a look at this; if you have any question feel free to email Mr. Stampas at [Stampas@orlandoscience.org](mailto:Stampas@orlandoscience.org).



# Opportunities are Knocking!

NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIRS ARE A PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION COUNSELING (NACAC)



## Free to Students and Parents!

The list of schools attending each fair is available online at <http://bit.ly/NCFExhibitorSearch>

### NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIRS CHAIRPERSON

**Lynn C. Stewart**  
Lake Highland Preparatory School  
[lstewart@lhps.org](mailto:lstewart@lhps.org)



## Orlando National College Fair

**Sunday, October 12**  
**1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**CFE Arena (formerly the UCF Arena)**  
**Orlando, FL**

### BEFORE THE FAIR...

Go to [www.nacacnet.org/nctstudent](http://www.nacacnet.org/nctstudent) to:  
Register for the fair.  
Watch the video for a complete fair overview.  
Learn about different types of schools.

### AT THE FAIR...

**Pick up** the on-site locator for the latest school list and a booth location map.  
**Meet one-on-one** with college representatives who can answer questions.  
**Visit** the Counseling/Resource Center to talk to a counselor about choosing a major, financial aid scholarship information, and more.

### ATTEND A WORKSHOP ABOUT...

Financing a College Education in 2014 and Beyond  
National Collegiate Association of Athletics (NCAA): What Every High School Athlete Needs to Know

### NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIRS CONTRIBUTORS



Register today at [www.gotomyncf.com](http://www.gotomyncf.com)

Interested in the performing and visual arts?  
Learn more at [www.gotomypvafair.com](http://www.gotomypvafair.com)





Dear Parent/Guardian and Students,

Attend the largest modeling and simulation event in the world; Orlando Science Schools is providing yet another opportunity to its high school students. The annual Interservice/Industry Training, Simulation and Education Conference (I/ITSEC) will be held in Orlando. The purpose of the I/ITSEC Student Tours is to allow students to experience first-hand, real-world Training, Simulation and Education solutions that will help bridge the gap between classroom theory and the applied use of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) subjects. Each year, over 500 students plus chaperones and volunteer I/ITSEC escorts are exposed to special demonstrations and static displays of the Simulation, Training and Education Industry. Students are able to learn about the basic building blocks required to deliver high fidelity modeling and simulation products across a broad range of training environments. Participating in the I/ITSEC Student Tours (traditionally held on "I/ITSEC Thursday") on Thursday Dec. 4, 2014 from 9am – 2pm will give students a complete understanding of how they may apply STEM related skills they acquire in the classroom to highly successful careers in the industry.

For more information, please visit [www.iitsec.org](http://www.iitsec.org) and <http://www.youtube.com/user/NTSAToday>

What: Interservice/Industry Training, Simulation, and Education Conference (I/ITSEC)

When: Thursday Dec. 4, 2014 from 9am – 2pm

Where: Orange County Convention Center

Who: 9th - 12th grade students who have taken Geometry and maintain a 3.0 Cumulative GPA.

Space is limited to 36 Students. It is on a first come, first serve basis.

Cost: \$20 (Only Cash or Check, payable to "Orlando Science Schools")

Deadline: Wednesday, September 24th 2014 by 5:00 pm.

Dress Code: No jeans, No cutoffs, boys must wear collared shirts.

According to the rules of the conference, disruptive students will be asked to leave. Their school chaperone and schoolmates will also be asked to leave. All are expected to behave and follow instruction.



# 2014 Interservice/Industry Training, Simulation, and Education Conference (I/ITSEC) Liability Release, Medical, and Consent Form

**Liability Release:** Should my child sustain or incur any accident or illness during the conference day. I hereby authorize the director/administrator, or his/her agent, to execute any and all documents, including any necessary releases, which might be required at any medical facility to perform any emergency care on my behalf. In the event that my child has an illness or accident during the program, and it requires a visit to the doctor or hospital, the existing family policies will solely represent the insurance coverage.

I give permission for my child to participate in any and all activities at Orlando Science Schools, and I do not hold OSS and their staff liable for my child.

**Medical:** In the rare event of illness or accident, I hereby give my consent for the necessary emergency treatment of my son/daughter during the sports activities. I understand every effort will be made to contact a parent or guardian.

**In order to maintain safety during the conference day, the following information is required.**

1. Does your child have any type of illness that needs to be monitored? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Will your child need to take medication regularly during the day? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

If so, please give the name of medicine(s) and how it should be taken.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

These and any new medications must be sent in a baggie, in original bottles with student name and directions in the mornings.

**Dress Code: No jeans, No cutoffs, men must wear collared shirts.**

**Emergency Contact Information Phone/ E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Homeroom Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **SAT Saturday Studies**

OSS is excited to announce of SAT Saturday studies will commence on September 27<sup>th</sup> from 9am -12 noon. This is free of charge and available to all middle and high school students who are interested in honing their skills for the SAT.

**There is no need to sign up,  
just show up!**

There will be more details to follow in next week's newsletter!!!

# OSS Welcome Picnic For New & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Families



**September 27th**

**12:00 -2:00 PM**

We invite all of our  
New & 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
students and families  
to the OSS  
Welcome Picnic on  
Saturday,  
September 27th!!

Bring your own drinks (non-alcoholic)  
and/or chips to share!!!

OSS will provide hot dogs, chicken,  
and hamburgers!!!

Please bring bottom portion to  
Ms. Becc no later than  
Wednesday, September 24th

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Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Number to Attend

# September 2014/2015 Charter School Hot Lunch

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Breakfast Selections</b>	Apple Frudel Apple Juice Grape Juice <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Yogurt Parfait w/ Cinnamon Toast Crunch Diced Peaches Applesauce <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Ultimate Breakfast Round Apple Slices Orange Slices <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Very Berry Mini Loaf or Blueberry Mini Loaf w/ Cheese Stick  Fruit Punch Orange Juice <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Banana Bread Pineapple Tidbits Diced Pears <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Breakfast Selections  <b>9-12<sup>th</sup> Grades:</b> -Add 1 cheese stick on Mondays
	1 <b>LABOR DAY STUDENT HOLIDAY</b>	2 Hamburger-Cheeseburger On WG Bun Baked Beans <i>Potato Smiles</i> Diced Peaches <u>Choice of Milk</u>	3 Pasta Florentine Italian Blend Vegetables <i>Steamed Carrots</i> Orange Wedges <u>Choice of Milk</u>	4 Chicken Nuggets Cheez IT Corn <i>Sweet Potato Crinkles</i> Canned Applesauce <u>Choice of Milk</u>	5 Turkey Ham and Swiss on WG Bun Baby Carrots Sautéed Spinach Grapes <u>Choice of Milk</u>	6 9-12 <sup>th</sup> Grades 9/3 HS Recipe (1c.) 9/4 two bags of Cheez IT *Daily - 2 fruits
7	8 Sloppy Nachos 2oz. Tortilla Chips <i>Mexican Corn</i> Red Beans Applesauce <u>Choice of Milk</u>	9 Chicken Tenders HAPPY BIRTHDAY RICE CRISPY TREATS Green Beans <i>Mashed Potatoes</i> Pear <u>Choice of Milk</u>	10 Meatball Pizza Grilled Wrap Popeye Salad Cauliflower Sliced Apples <u>Choice of Milk</u>	11 Roasted Chicken WG Dinner Roll <i>Potato Smiles</i> Broccoli Pineapple Spear <u>Choice of Milk</u>	12 Italian and Provolone on WG Bun <i>Steamed Carrots</i> <i>Sweet Potato Crinkles</i> Mixed Fruit <u>Choice of Milk</u>	13 9-12 <sup>th</sup> Grades 9/8, 9/10 Use HS Recipe 9/11 2 Dinner Rolls **Daily - 2 fruits
14	15 Chicken Nuggets Goldfish Grahams <i>Sweet Potato Crinkles</i> Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit <u>Choice of Milk</u>	16 Soft Tacos with Mexican Rice Corn California Vegetables Side Kicks <u>Choice of Milk</u>	17 Pasta Florentine Broccoli Veggie Dippers Banana <u>Choice of Milk</u>	18 Glazed Chicken Drumstick With Brown Rice Garden Salad <i>Carrots</i> Apple Slices <u>Choice of Milk</u>	19 Turkey and American Sandwich Baked Beans Peas and Carrots Grapes <u>Choice of Milk</u>	20 9-12 <sup>th</sup> Grades 9/16 2 Tacos w/ 1/4c. Rice 9/17, 9/18 Use HS Recipes 9/18- 1c. Brown Rice *Daily - 2 fruits
21	22 Scrambled Eggs with English Muffin Hashbrown Patties Sautéed Spinach Applesauce <u>Choice of Milk</u>	23 Beef Chili 2oz. Tortilla Chips <i>Mexican Corn</i> Broccoli Banana <u>Choice of Milk</u>	24 Turkey Hot Dogs Baked Beans <i>Sweet Potato Crinkles</i> Orange Wedges <u>Choice of Milk</u>	25 Mac & Beef Casserole WG Garlic Bread Stick Popeye Salad Cauliflower Grapes <u>Choice of Milk</u>	26 Peanut Butter Dipper Plate with Goldfish Crackers <i>Carrot Dippers</i> Celery Dippers Apple Slices <u>Choice of Milk</u>	27 9-12 <sup>th</sup> Grades 9/23 Use HS recipe 9/25 Two Bread Sticks 9/26 Two Bags of crackers *Daily - 2 fruits