



ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

"The mission of Orlando Science Middle/High Charter School is to provide students with a well-rounded education with special emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) and Reading in the light of research based, proven and innovative instructional methods in a stimulating environment."

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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope we had another successful week here at OSS! We have so many important things to share with you this week so please read this newsletter from beginning to end.

I would like to announce that Ultimate Frisbee is our Club of the Week! Please see pages seven and eight for more details about this great club.

We have a new addition to our newsletter this week; please turn to pages ten through fourteen for our OSS College Center information. Page ten highlights all of our students who have been accepted into Colleges, a great big congratulation to all of them! Page eleven provides details of our Junior Parent/Student Night. Please also turn to pages twelve and thirteen for information on Quest Bridge!

Our 3rd Quarter Parent Teacher Conference (PTC) Night will take place next Wednesday March 2nd and Thursday March 3rd, please turn to pages twenty through twenty two for more information.

We have also added another new addition to this week's newsletter that you will not want to miss! Please turn to page twenty three for more information.

Congratulations to Mrs. Frunker's homeroom for being our Quarter Two Box Top Winner! Also congratulations to Jonathan Canatay for being our Quarter Two Box Top Individual winner!

As our FSA and other State Exams approach it is important that you look over the assessment calendar located on page five, you will also find an important letter from our Testing Coordinator Ms. Santos located on page six.

A huge congratulations to our entire history and geography bee finalist! Please turn to pages and sixteen and seventeen to see all of those students who qualified to move on to the next round and represent OSS!

I would also like to congratulate Siyona M. on being the OCPS Spelling Bee Champion for the second year in a row! Good luck at the Sentinel Spelling Bee!! Please see page eighteen for more info.

Sincerely,
Abdulaziz Yalcin
Principal

OSS Upcoming Events

February 26-28th 2016: Model UN Flagship Conference

February 27th 2016: Mu Alpha Theta States

February 27th 2016: Signs ups for PTC go live at 10am

February 29th-March 11th 2016: FSA English Language Arts Writing
Component Grades 6-10

March 2nd 2016: Parent Teacher Conference Night 4:00-6:00pm

March 3rd 2016: Parent Teacher Conference Night 4:30-6:30pm

March 7th-March 11th: Spring Book Fair

March 18th 2016: No School Teacher Workday

March 21st-25th: Spring Break School and District Office are closed!

2015-2016 Progress Report/Report Card Dates

1st Quarter Progress Report Card	Wednesday, September 23, 2015
1st Quarter Report Card	Thursday, October 22, 2015
2nd Quarter Progress Report Card	Friday, November 20, 2015
2nd Quarter Report Card	Thursday, January 14, 2016
3rd Quarter Progress Report Card	Wednesday, February 17, 2016
3rd Quarter Report Card	Thursday, March 17, 2016
4th Quarter Progress Report Card	Wednesday, May 4, 2016
4th Quarter Report Card	Wednesday, June 8, 2016

2015-2016 Parent Teacher Conference (PTC) Days

1st Quarter	Wednesday, October 7 th , 2015	4:00PM - 6:00PM
	Thursday, October 8 th , 2015	4:30PM - 6:30PM
2nd Quarter	Tuesday, December 15th, 2015	4:30PM - 6:30PM
	Thursday, December 17th, 2015	4:30PM - 6:30PM
3rd Quarter	Wednesday, March 2 nd , 2016	4:00PM - 6:00PM
	Thursday, March 3 rd , 2016	4:30PM - 6:30PM
4th Quarter	Wednesday, May 11 th , 2016	4:00PM - 6:00PM
	Thursday, May 12 th , 2016	4:30PM - 6:30PM

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

This Week In History...



DATE	EVENT(S)
February 22 nd 1819	Spain signs treaty with the U.S. ceding eastern Florida.
February 23 rd 1938	Twelve Chinese fighter planes drop bombs on Japan.
February 24 th 1908	Japan officially agrees to restrict immigration to the United States.
February 25 th 1913	16 th Amendment to the Constitution is adopted.
February 26 th 1951	22 nd Amendment is added to the Constitution.

If you would like to know more information regarding each of these events, please visit:

<http://www.historynet.com/>

Orange County Public Schools: 2015-2016 School Calendar

DAY	DATE(S)	EVENT
Monday	September 7 th 2015	Labor Day holiday (Schools and District Offices are closed)
Thursday	October 22 nd 2015	End of 1 st Marking Period
Friday	October 23 rd 2015	Student Holiday/Teacher Professional Day/ Teacher Non-Work Day
Monday	October 26 th 2015	Student Holiday/Teacher Workday
Tuesday	October 27 th 2015	Begin 2 nd Marking Period
Monday – Friday	November 23 rd -27 th 2015	Thanksgiving break: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are out all week • District Offices are open Nov. 23-25th • Teacher Non-Workdays: Nov 23rd-25th • Teacher Holiday: Nov 26th-27th
Two Weeks	December 21, 2015- January 1 st 2016	Winter Break (Schools are closed. District offices are closed)
Monday	January 4 th 2016	Students Return to School
Thursday	January 14 th 2016	End of 2 nd Marking Period
Friday	January 15 th 2016	Student Holiday/ Teacher Workday
Monday	January 18 th 2016	Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday (Schools and District offices are closed)
Tuesday	January 19 th 2016	Begin 2 nd Semester/3 rd Marking Period
Monday	February 15 th 2016	Presidents Day holiday (schools and district offices are closed)
Thursday	March 17 th 2016	End of 3 rd Marking Period
Friday	March 18 th 2016	Student Holiday/ Teacher Workday
Monday – Friday	March 21 st -25 th	Spring Break (Schools are closed. District offices are closed)
Monday	March 28 th	Begin 4 th Marking Period
Monday	May 30 th	Memorial Day holiday (Schools and District offices are closed)
Wednesday	June 8 th 2016	End of 4 th Marking Period/ Last day of school for students
Thursday-Friday	June 9 th -10 th	Post Planning for Teachers

2015-16 Orlando Science Schools Assessment Calendar

Florida Standards Assessments (FSA)

English Language Arts and Mathematics - Required by State

Dates	Assessment	Grade Level
February 29 - March 11, 2016	FSA English Language Arts - Writing Component	6 - 10
April 11 - May 6, 2016	FSA English Language Arts - Reading	6 - 10
April 11 - May 6, 2016	FSA Mathematics	6 - 8

End-of-Course Assessments - Required by State

Dates	Course
April 18 - May 13, 2016	Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2

Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) Assessments

End-of-Course Assessments - Required by State

Dates	Course
April 18 - May 20 2016	Biology 1, Civics, US History-High School

Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test FCAT 2.0 - Required by State

Dates	Assessment	Grade Level
April 11 - May 6, 2016	FCAT 2.0 Science	8

AP College Board Exam Dates

Dates	Course
May 2, 2016 - Morning/Afternoon	Chemistry (Morning); Psychology (Afternoon)
May 3, 2016 - Morning/Afternoon	Computer Science A (Morning); and Physics 1: Algebra - Based (Afternoon)
May 4, 2016 - Morning	English Literature and Composition
May 5, 2016 - Morning	Calculus AB (Morning); and Calculus BC (Morning)
May 6, 2016 - Morning/Afternoon	United States History (Morning); European History (Afternoon)
May 9, 2016 - Morning	Biology
May 10, 2016 - Morning	United States Government and Politics
May 11, 2016 - Morning	English Language and Composition
May 12, 2016 - Morning/Afternoon	World History (Morning); Statistics (Afternoon)

Common Final Exams - Required by Orange County Public Schools

Common Final Exams will be given in courses that do not have a state or other designated end-of-course exam.

Dates	Course
January 6 - 12, 2016	Semester 1 Exams (Courses that are only one semester)
May 31 - June 6, 2016	Secondary End of Year Exams

PSAT	Grade	Status	Test Date	Fee	Deadline to Register
PSAT 8/9	8th-9th	Optional	Oct - 28	\$10	9/1/2015
PSAT 10	10th	Optional	Feb - 24	\$15	12/1/2015
PSAT/NMSQT	10th-11th	Required	Oct - 14	\$0	N/A

Updated - September 30, 2015

Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) ELA Writing assessments next week from February 29th – March 4th

Please review the testing schedule below and make arrangements to prevent an absence or late arrival on this day. School opens at 7:30 am, and testing will begin promptly at 7:55 am. We are asking that students try to arrive between 7:30 am – 7:55 am so they can eat a snack, and use the restroom before testing begins at 7:55am. Pop-tarts snack and juice box will be provided.

English Language Arts FSA Writing Assessment

Monday 2/29/2016	Tuesday March 01, 2016	Wednesday March 02, 2016	Thursday March 03, 2016	Friday March 04, 2016
Accommodations	6th Grade	10th Grade	8th Grade	8th Grade
Retakes	7th Grade			
9th Grade	9th Grade			

Individual student rosters and room assignments are posted in the hallways.

If you or your student would like to review item types, response formats, paper-based practice tests and answer keys are available at <http://www.fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/paper-based-practice-test-materials/>.

For information regarding test session lengths for all Spring 2016 FSA assessments, please visit the FSA Portal at www.FSAssessments.org, click on the **Students and Families** icon, and then select *Spring 2016 Testing Times*.

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **Electronic Devices**—Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including but not limited to cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing OR during breaks (e.g., restroom), **even if they are turned off or students do not use them.** If your student is found with an electronic device, his or her test will be invalidated.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All FSA tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment printed in the student’s test and answer book that reads, “I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated.” Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by signing below the statement in their test and answer book.
- **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they sign below the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states, “Because the content in all statewide assessments is secure, you may not discuss or reveal details about the passages or items after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting online, for example, on websites like Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.” Please make sure your student understands that “discussing” test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting to blogs or social media websites. **While students may not share information about secure test content after testing, this policy is not intended to prevent students from discussing their testing experiences with their parents/families.**
- **Working Independently**—Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated. FDOE employs a test security company, Caveon Test Security, to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Student tests within a school that are found to have extremely similar answer patterns will have their results invalidated.
- **Leaving Campus**—If your student begins a test session and leaves campus before completing it (for lunch, an appointment or illness, etc.), he or she WILL NOT be allowed to complete that test session. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Ms. Santos at Julie.Santos@OrlandoScience.org. For more information about the FSA program, please visit the FSA Portal at www.fsassessments.org.

Club of the Week

Ultimate Frisbee

Ultimate Frisbee is a fast paced and growing sport that involves speed and precision. Teams comprise of seven people and the game is played on a field that is comparable to the size of a football field. To be successful as an ultimate Frisbee team, you must communicate with your teammates, make precise throws to moving targets, have a ton of speed and stamina, and play great defense. OSS ultimate Frisbee club is held on Sunday mornings at Barnett Park. It is a ton of fun, and a great workout. Please see Mr. Murphy for more details.





EXTRA, EXTRA

Orlando Science School System Accreditation

Orlando Science School's plan to obtain accreditation for a school system is moving forward. A Readiness Visit was conducted by AdvancED last week to prepare the school's accreditation team for what is to come over the next several months.

Please view the link below for updates, links, and further information about Policies and Procedures of AdvancED.

<http://www.orlandoscience.org/advanced-accreditation/front-page/advanced-accreditation>



OSS FACEBOOK

Orlando Science Middle/High School is now on its new Facebook page. Due to the events and activities, our middle/high school page has moved to www.facebook.com/orlandoscience

Please like us! You may also visit and follow the recent events and activities that are happening at the school on our new Facebook page.



Parent Teacher Conference Nights

Parent Teacher Conference Nights will be held next Wednesday March 2nd 2016 and Thursday March 3rd 2016. Please see pages sixteen through eighteen for more information.

ORLANDO SCIENCE COLLEGE CENTER CORNER

'Tis the Season: College Acceptances!
We will keep you posted for more great news to come!



Florida Institute of Technology
High Tech with a Human Touch™



Berrios, Camila	Florida Institute of Technology	Accepted
Berrios, Camila	University of Florida	Accepted
Garms, Evan	University of Central Florida	Accepted
Botsford, Bryce	Eckerd College	Accepted
Botsford, Bryce	Lynn University	Accepted
Gonzalez, Christian	University of West Florida	Accepted
Martin, Elizabeth	Florida Institute of Technology	Accepted
Martin, Elizabeth	University of Florida	Accepted
Martin, Elizabeth	Georgia Institute of Technology	Accepted
Martin, Elizabeth	Colorado School of Mines	Accepted
Mubarak, Nuridean	Florida Polytechnic University	Accepted
Sprinkle-Will., Pleasant	Elizabethtown College	Accepted
Sprinkle-Will., Pleasant	Quinnipiac University	Accepted
Sprinkle-Will., Pleasant	Uni of South Florida, Tampa	Accepted
Tariq, Areeba	University of Central Florida	Accepted
Torres, Antonio	Florida Polytechnic University	Accepted
Vega, Angel	University of Central Florida	Accepted
Vega, Angel	Florida International University	Accepted
Vega, Angel	Uni of South Florida, Tampa	Accepted
Webb, Alesha	Florida Institute of Technology	Accepted
Samuel Ambrose	Florida Polytechnic University	Accepted



Mark Your Calendar!

College Information Night for Junior Parents and Students

Orlando Science College Center is inviting you to an exciting college information night. The agenda will include; starting the college search, tasks and timeline, review the basics, types of colleges and testing (SAT/ACT).

Also, Dr. Paul Cottle, FSU Nuclear Physics Professor, will join us to give information about FSU and FSU Physics Department.

Looking forward to see you all at the OSS Cafeteria at **5:00pm on Thursday, March 10th**

You may RSVP via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/college-information-night-for-junior-parents-and-students-tickets-22284278878>

Or via email hisikli@orlandoscience.org



SAT[®]

ACT[®] Engage[®]



QUEST BRIDGE

Dear Junior Students and Parents,

Did you know that any eligible high school juniors who are excelling academically can have an early advantage in college admissions by applying to **QuestBridge** for the **2016 College Prep Scholars Program**? **The Deadline for students to apply is March 23, 2016.**

QuestBridge seeks students who have demonstrated a level of academic achievement that meets the admissions standards of their partner colleges. These are students whom you can envision thriving on the campus of a leading college. In addition, students must demonstrate evidence of financial hardship and obstacles they have overcome.

While there are no absolute academic or financial cut-offs, successful applicants *usually* fulfill these characteristics:

- They are in the top 5% or 10% of their class.
- They have received mostly A's grades in the most rigorous classes.
- They have scored >1250 (Critical Reading +Math) on the SAT or >27 (Composite) on the ACT.
- Their household income is less than \$65,000 a year, and often less for a typical family of four.
- Often they are among the first generation in their family to attend college.
- They are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.

TO APPLY;

- ✓ **A free, online College Prep Scholars Program application, including information on your academic and extracurricular accomplishments, financial background*, essays, short answer questions**

<https://apply.questbridge.org/apply/>

- ✓ **A letter of recommendation** from a teacher in a core academic subject
- ✓ **A high school transcript**
- ✓ **School Profile** (optional)
- ✓ **Any standardized test score reports** to-date. We accept PSAT (from October only), SAT, PLAN, ACT, Subject Tests, IB, or AP test scores. SAT and/or ACT test scores are recommended.

Please do not hesitate to email Mr.I for more details at hisiki@orlandoscience.org. Looking forward to see the qualified applicants!

Apply Now



COLLEGE CENTER



QUESTBRIDGE PATH TO COLLEGE



THE NATIONAL COLLEGE MATCH

The National College Match program pairs high-achieving, low-income seniors with admission and full four-year scholarships to our college partners.

THE QUESTBRIDGE SCHOLARS NETWORK

Students who become Finalists through the National College Match and enroll at a college partner become members of the QuestBridge Scholars Network, a national network of students committed to scholarship, leadership, and service.

QuestBridge is a (501)(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1994. Our mission is to increase the number of outstanding low-income students who attend leading colleges and to support them to achieve success in college and beyond.

WE KNOW the vast majority of very high-achieving, low-income students do not apply to selective colleges or universities.

WE BELIEVE the right information can change the way outstanding low-income students see their futures.

WE PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES to high-achieving, low-income students to help them understand that an education at a top college is possible.

WE'VE HELPED THOUSANDS of students gain admission with scholarships or excellent financial aid.

QUESTBRIDGE COLLEGE PARTNERS:

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| Amherst College | Princeton University |
| Bowdoin College | Rice University |
| Brown University | Scripps College |
| Caltech | Stanford University |
| Carleton College | Swarthmore College |
| Colby College | Trinity College |
| Colorado College | Tufts University |
| Columbia University | University of Chicago |
| Dartmouth College | University of Notre Dame |
| Davidson College | University of Pennsylvania |
| Duke University | University of Southern California |
| Emory University | University of Virginia |
| Grinnell College | Vanderbilt University |
| Haverford College | Vassar College |
| MIT | Washington and Lee University |
| Northwestern University | Wellesley College |
| Oberlin College | Wesleyan University |
| Pomona College | Williams College |
| | Yale University |

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Phone: 1.888.275.2054 (toll-free)



COLLEGE PREP SCHOLARS PROGRAM

FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

A pathway to top colleges for outstanding low-income high school juniors



THE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS ADVANTAGE

Want an advantage in the admissions process to top colleges and universities?

THE COLLEGE PREP SCHOLARS PROGRAM WAS DESIGNED TO GIVE YOU JUST THAT.

College Prep Scholars are uniquely prepared to gain admission and full scholarships to top-tier colleges through QuestBridge. The majority of College Prep Scholars are selected as Finalists for the QuestBridge National College Match, our program for high school seniors through which you could receive a full scholarship to one of the nation's best colleges. In fact, your College Prep Scholars application will automatically convert to your National College Match application, giving you an early start on your college applications...in your junior year!

With a proven track record of helping high-achieving, low-income students attain their college dreams, the QuestBridge College Prep Scholars Program will provide you with everything you need to know about getting into a leading college—for free.

WHAT YOU GET

ALL COLLEGE PREP SCHOLARS RECEIVE:

- > **Specialized guidance on applying to college:** Our "VIP club," where you can get exclusive resources and support
- > **Essay coaching:** Get personalized feedback on your essay, giving you a head start on your college applications
- > **The distinction of being identified to our college partners** as a student with excellent potential to be admitted to a highly selective college

YOU COULD ALSO RECEIVE:

- > **Full scholarships to college summer programs** at Stanford, Yale, Emory, Penn, and more that cover travel, tuition, and room & board
- > An invitation to a **QuestBridge National College Admissions Conference**, where you'll participate in workshops led by admissions officers at top colleges
- > **All-expense-paid campus visits** to our college partners
- > **Quest for Excellence awards**, such as laptops and college visits, awarded on the basis of geography, special interests, or other individual criteria
- > **Telementoring** from Amherst College students



HOW TO APPLY

College Prep Scholars are among the nation's brightest high school juniors who have demonstrated academic excellence despite facing economic challenges.

ELIGIBILITY:

- > Have an unweighted GPA of 3.5 or above in their high school's most challenging courses
- > Come from families earning less than \$65,000 annually (for a typical family of four)
- > Be a current high school junior attending high school in the United States

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- > Academic and financial information
- > An essay and short answers
- > Current high school transcript
- > Letter of recommendation from a high school teacher
- > Any available standardized test scores

TYPICAL COLLEGE PREP SCHOLARS:

- > Are in the top 5-10% of their class
- > Scored >1250 (CR+M) on the SAT or >27 (COMPOSITE) on the ACT (if taken)
- > Are often among the 1st generation in their family to attend a four-year college
- > Are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch



February:
College Prep Scholars Program application opens



Late March:
Application deadline



Late April:
College Prep Scholars selected



Summer:
Continue working on application for the National College Match

Apply at www.questbridge.org

Being a College Prep Scholar did help me become a more competitive college applicant by teaching me how to turn my disadvantageous background into a story that made for a very convincing application essay.



Miles Lowe
2013 College Prep Scholar
QuestBridge Scholar
Colorado College
Class of 2018

Parent Quiz: What Kind of Helicopter Are You?

The term “helicopter parents” typically refers to parents who are intensely involved in their child’s college search. But other types of helicopter parents exist, too. Answer these questions to see which kind of helicopter you might be.

1. Your child has an interview with the admissions dean at a potential college. You:

- A. Offer to ask sample interview questions and help with transportation.
- B. Sit next to your child during the interview and answer questions.
- C. Tell stories from your college days.
- D. Ride up to campus and take in a football game during the interview.

2. The deadline for the college application essay is approaching. You:

- A. Offer to proofread for spelling and grammar.
- B. Write the essay.
- C. Proofread, adding in a few paragraphs of your own because you are familiar with both the college and your child.
- D. Point out that there are pencils in the desk drawer.

3. The best college for your child is:

- A. Whichever school offers my child a chance to succeed in a comfortable yet challenging environment.
- B. Harvard.
- C. My alma mater.
- D. Whichever, as long as we can afford it.

4. When do you think it is best to call the counselor at your school:

- A. When the process appears to be stalled and deadlines are approaching.
- B. Daily.
- C. Whenever they suggest schools I don’t approve of.
- D. I need the counselor’s name.

5. Discussions about paying for college include:

- A. You provide your student with need-to-know information about expected family contributions and cost constraints, but allow your student to make final decisions.
- B. You plan to complete the financial aid and scholarship applications without your child’s knowledge.
- C. Your child has no say in this process. You are the only voice to be heard or followed.
- D. You change the topic every time your child asks about family involvement in paying for college.

6. When college information arrives in the mail what do you do?

- A. Place it with other college mail on the child’s desk.
- B. See which schools look promising, look them up online, request applications.
- C. Sort it, dropping unknown or unwanted colleges in the trash.
- D. Drop it on the kitchen table.

7. Should you call the college president’s office to discuss your student’s application?

- A. No.
- B. Calls should be frequent.
- C. I donate money to the alumni club. I can talk to the president if I want.
- D. What application?

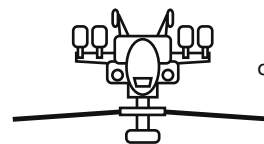
8. What college search activities have you scheduled for your child?

- A. Low-pressure chats about what my child needs, what we can afford and what might be a good fit.
- B. A 12-state, 54-school summer road trip. We’ll hit Harvard twice.
- C. A tour of your former dorm.
- D. Watching college football on Saturdays.

Your helicopter type:



If you answered mostly A’s: Kiowa Recon Helicopter



If you answered mostly B’s: Apache Helicopter



If you answered mostly C’s: Police Chopper



If you answered mostly D’s: Air Ambulance

You play a supporting role providing information about the road ahead. You scout out potential pitfalls, and make sure your child is prepared for what lies ahead. You provide prep materials, deadline reminders and encouragement.

Aggressive and forceful, your actions can cause collateral damage that can negatively impact your child’s college search. It’s good to be involved, but you need to give your child some space and let him or her take charge of the college search. Your child should write his or her own essay, ask questions on college tours and be the only one to interview with the college. Do not call the college and ask to speak to the president.

You enforce your college views on your child. You lay down the law making demands about where your child can apply and what’s best. Have you thrown away brochures from schools because they’re not on your list? Painted your living room the colors of your alma mater? The best college for you may not be the best for your child. Let your student’s needs and desires dictate the college search.

You’re only around in life-threatening situations. During the college search your child will need your help and guidance. Get involved. If you don’t know where to start, start small. Talk with your child about what he or she enjoys about high school, and what he or she might want to do afterwards.

ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOL YEARBOOKS FOR SALE

Purchase your 2016 yearbook today!

~~**Early Order Discount - \$30.00**~~
~~January 11th - February 26th~~

Standard Order Window - \$35.00
Beginning February 27th - March 25th

Final Order Window - \$40.00
March 26th - April 8th

NO EXTRA COPIES WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER APRIL 8TH
Distribution - last week of school
LIMITED SUPPLY

Students can now purchase their 2016 school yearbook. Students were given an order form in their homeroom. Order forms are placed on the front table when you walk into OSS. If you plan on ordering a 2016 yearbook, please attach the order form with your payment. You may pay using exact cash, money order, or check. All checks should be made out to Orlando Science School. Students should hand in their order form with their name, in an envelope, to the front desk before or after school only. Please be aware of the order windows, as prices will increase as the year progresses. The ultimate last chance to buy a yearbook is on April 8th, 2016. Once we figure out all the details for the Ads, such as costs and the process, we will let everyone know as soon as possible!

Thanks so much!

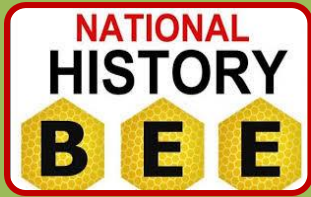
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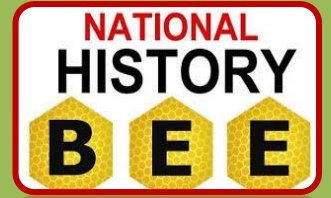
Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.



History Bee



Finalists!



We would like to recognize the following students for qualifying for the National History Bee Finals held in Chicago this June.

Sheel T.

Amitha K.

Siyona M.

Alex Y.

Justin K.

Abhi P.

Giancarlo R.

Vishnu C.

Miscia F.

Andrew P.



Geography Bee

Finalist!



Amitha K., from Orlando Science Middle & High has qualified to compete in the state level competition of the National Geographic Bee!

Many thanks to the School Bee Coordinator, Mr. Ballinger, for organizing the school Bee.

The Florida State Bee will be held on Friday, April 1, 2016. Please visit the [State Bee Homepage](#), and click on Florida to access the state Bee website and review event information.

One champion from each state and territory will advance to the national competition, which will be held May 22-25 at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C. Transportation and accommodations for the Washington, D.C. trip are provided for each state champion.

Thank you all for supporting the National Geographic Bee, and best wishes for Amitha' s success in the Florida State Bee.



Spelling Bee Finalist!



On Thurs., Feb. 25, OSS seventh grader Siyona Mishra won the Orange County Spelling Bee. Siyona, who won last year's Orange County Spelling Bee, will once again advance to this year's Orlando Sentinel Spelling Bee on March 23rd when she will compete with other county finalists. Siyona became a spelling bee semifinalist when she won OSS' schoolwide spelling bee in January. Last year, she placed ninth in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Congratulations on this accomplishment, Siyona! Way to go!



- Level 1:** School-based Spelling Bee (sponsored by individual schools—registered through Scripps)
- Level 2:** County Spelling Bee (sponsored by Orange County Public Schools)- February 25, 2016
- Level 3:** District Spelling Bee (sponsored by the *Orlando Sentinel*) - March 23, 2016
- Level 4:** National Spelling Bee (sponsored by Scripps) - May 2016

School Uniform Sale Off!

50% off

Orlando Science Uniforms at

All Uniform Wear

Hurry in for the best selection!

- Discount applies to merchandise that already has your school logo on it. Any item that does not already have your school logo on it and would need to be embroidered is regular price.
- No Special Orders
- All sales are final. No returns or exchanges.



Parent Teacher Conference Nights Wednesday March 2nd and Thursday March 3rd 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Orlando Science Middle High will host the 3rd Quarter Parent Teacher Conference Nights (PTC) for the 2015- 2016 school year on **Wednesday March 2nd and Thursday March 3rd 2016.**

We are happy to announce that we are using the SingUpGenius website once again for this event. **We will be utilizing the website with the following link:**

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0949A9AA23A6F94-parent2

Beginning on Saturday February 27th 2016 at 10:00am EST you will be able to sign up for a time slot and date. Please be advised you will not be able to enroll before this time, and **we are no longer taking email or phone call reservations.** Conference reservations are limited to one per student. If you have multiple students you will be able to select a time slot for each student. Due to the high volume of students, staff members and school personal school personnel are NOT permitted to sign up for these time slots for you, so please plan accordingly.

Please note you will only be permitted to sign up for **one time slot per student for either Wednesday or Thursday and not both. Any repeat time slots will be removed** and you will be asked to sign up for another date and time. Please sign up for the correct grade level that corresponds to your student. Any **incorrect reservations will be invalidated and removed.**

Below are the steps that will help you in signing up for your time slot(s), please note that the information provided in the steps below are examples and will look similar to the 3rd quarter layout.

1. Click on the link above before February 27th 2016. You will be able to view the time slots and website before this time, but you will not be permitted to sign up until the time slots go live at 10:00am EST.
2. Find your student's grade level and select the time slot and date of your desired conference. Once you chose the time and date select "Sign Up" and then scroll down to the bottom of the page and select "Submit and Sign Up"

Available Slot	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Time (EST)	
6th Grade	12/16/2015 (Wed)	4:00pm - 4:15pm	<input type="button" value="Sign Up"/>
		4:15pm - 4:30pm	<input type="button" value="Sign Up"/>
		4:30pm - 4:45pm	<input type="button" value="Sign Up"/>

The second arrow would be an example of if had more than one student.

3. Please fill in the required fields beginning with your student's last and first name; please note the information provided below is an example.

Sign Me Up For:

Date (mm/dd/yyyy - EST)	Available Slot	Qty	Student's Last Name, Student's First Name *
12/16/2015 (Wed) 5:00pm-5:15pm	6th Grade	1	<input type="text" value="Smith, Dylan"/>

* Student's Last Name, Student's First Name is required.

6. Please complete all fields. Please note the information provided below is an example.

I'm a SignUpGenius member

I do not have a SignUpGenius account

First Name *

Last Name *

Email *

Re-enter Email *

Create an account at SignUpGenius so I can login and edit my items if I need to make a change.

Send me a confirmation email with an ICS file and a link that will allow me to edit this item later.

Please note you do not have to have an account to enroll.

5. Once you have filled in the requested information, just select SIGN UP NOW!

4. Once you select SIGN UP NOW! This is what you should see.


Thank You!

Your sign up has been added.

You signed up on the "Parent Teacher Conference " page for 6th Grade on 12/16/2015 (Wed) 5:00PM-5:15 PM EST at Orlando Science Schools.

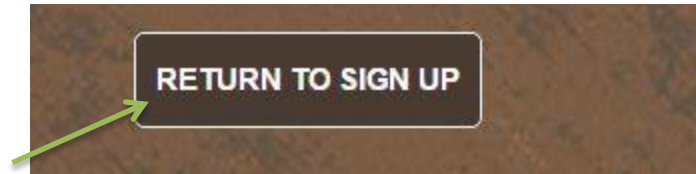
Add To Your Calendar!

Appreciate our site? Please LIKE us on Facebook!

 **Sign Up Genius**
 131k likes

Please continue to page 16

7. If you click on "RETURN TO SIGN UP"



This is what you should see...

Available Slot	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Time (EST)	Calendar View
6th Grade	12/16/2015 (Wed)	4:00pm - 4:15pm	Sign Up
		4:15pm - 4:30pm	Sign Up
		4:30pm - 4:45pm	Sign Up
		4:45pm - 5:00pm	Sign Up
		5:00pm - 5:15pm	Already filled
		5:15pm - 5:30pm	Sign Up
		5:30pm - 5:45pm	Sign Up
		5:45pm - 6:00pm	Sign Up

Please note that only Admin will be able to see the names of those who signed up, on your end it will read "Already filled"

We have had great success with using this website for other events and we have great confidence that this will make this process a lot more efficient and accurate for OSS. If you have any questions please email me at KSmith@orlandoscience.org . Please also know that you may email your student's teachers to set up an appointment for another date and time if these dates or times do not work for you. You will find their emails on OSS Connect under the "Staff Directory" link on the left hand side of the page.

Sincerely

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Newsletter Trivia

Welcome to our newest addition to our weekly newsletter! Below are ten questions that you will be able to find the answers to in this week's newsletter. Once they are complete please turn in this sheet to Ms. Smith by Tuesday at the front desk! Students who get all ten questions correct will be entered to win a free dress down day! Good luck and thank you for

1. When are next week's Parent Teacher Conference (PTC) Nights?

2. When is the last day to order yearbooks for the 2015-2016 school year?

3. When is Spring Break?

4. When is our Spring Book Fair?

5. What website will you use to sign up for next week's Parent Teacher Conferences?

6. Which student was accepted into the Colorado School of Mines ?

7. When are 3rd Quarter Report Cards scheduled to be released?

8. Who is your club of the week?

9. Who should you contact if you are interested in more information on FSA Testing?

10. What page is Waldo on?

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ th

Lunch Menu

MARCH MENU Lunch Fresh Fruit, Red/Orange Vegetable, Dark Green Vegetable, Legume

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Assorted Cereal Cups, bars, and Bowls offer with toast (2 Grain) Applesauce cups (1/2 Fruit) Choice of Milk	Strawberry and Cream Parfait with Cinnamon Granola Pack (2 grain, 1/2 c fruit) (complete meal) Apple Juice (ONLY OFFER TO HIGH SCHOOL) Choice of Milk	Bagel with Cream Cheese (2 Grain) Mixed Fruit (1/2 Fruit) Choice of Milk	Assorted Cereal Cups, bars, and Bowls offer with toast (2 Grain) Apple Juice (1/2 Fruit) Choice of Milk	Assorted Pop-tarts (2 pack) (2 Grain) Diced Pears (1/2 Fruit) Choice of Milk
29	1	2	3	4
Breaded Chicken Dinner Roll Shoe String Fries (1/2 c starch) Cole Slaw (1/2c other) Whole Assorted Apples (1/2c Fruit) Choice of Milk	Soft Tacos offered with 1/2 cup Mexican Rice Cuban Black Beans (1/2 c legumes) Steamed Carrots (1/2 red/Orange) Mixed Fruit (C) (1/2 fruit) Choice of Milk	Homemade Cheese Pizza (V)(2M, 2G) Homemade Pepperoni Pizza (2M, 2G) Broccoli Slippers (1/2 green) Cauliflower (1/2 c other) Orange Wedges (1/2 C Fruit) Choice of Milk	Popcorn Chicken Bowl Offer with 1 dinner roll (2g,2m,1 starchy Veg) Vegetables are offered in the entrée. Sliced Apples (1/2 fruit) Choice of Milk	Garlic French Bread Pizza (2M, 2G) Mild/Mild Sauce (For French Bread) (1/2 red) Stir Fry Blend Vegetables (1/2c other) Apple Juice (1/2 c fruit) Choice of Milk
7	8	9	10	11
Supreme Personal Pan Pizza (2M, 2G) Shoe String Fries (1/2 c starch) Cole Slaw (1/2c other) Whole Assorted Apples (1/2c Fruit) Choice of Milk	Chicken and Cheese Quesadilla(1EL&MS, 2 HS) offer 1/4c Cilantro Lime Rice (.5g) (1/2 legumes) Corn and black bean salsa (1/2 starchy 1/2 c beans) Mixed Fruit (C) (1/2 fruit) Choice of Milk	Bangkok Rice Bowl Stir Fried Broccoli (1/2c Green) Carrot Dippers (1/2c red) Orange Wedges (1/2 C Fruit) Choice of Milk	Chicken Alfredo with Garlic Bread (3G,2M) Smiles Fries (1/2c starch) Green Beans (1/2 C Other) Apple Juice (3/4 cup Juice) Choice of Milk	BBQ Chicken Pizza (2M, 2G) Peas and Carrots (3/4c other) Assorted Whole Apples (1/2 c Fruit) Choice of Milk
14	15	16	17	18
Breaded Chicken Dinner Roll Shoe String Fries (1/2 c starch) Steamed Carrots (1/2 red) Whole Assorted Apples (1/2c Fruit) Choice of Milk	Chicken Taco with Salsa Verde (Green Sauce)(2M, 2G) Charro Pinto Beans (1/2 legumes) Corn (1/2 starchy) Mixed Fruit (C) (1/2 fruit) Choice of Milk	Sweet Thai Chili Chicken with Lo Mein Teriyaki broccoli (1/2c green) stir fry vegetables (1/2c other) Grapes (1/2c) Choice of Milk	*Homemade Cheese Pizza (V) (2M, 2G) Homemade Pepperoni Pizza (2M, Cole Slaw (1/2c other) Sweet Potato Crinkles (1/2 red) Orange Wedges (1/2 c fruit) Choice of Milk	STUDENT HOLIDAY

HS MUST OFFER A TOTAL OF 1 FULL CUP OF VEGETABLES AND FRUIT