

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 great week, this week's newsletter is packed with exciting announcements and wonderful recaps.

I am pleased to announce that our AdvancED Accreditation Parent/Student Surveys are now open! You will be able to find more information on pages five through seven. You may also contact me at any time with questions; these surveys will close on Friday February 10th 2017.

Congratulations to January's *Study Island* Stellar winners found on page eight, keep up the great work! CMP Parents, information regarding our upcoming parent night may be found on page ten. I would also like to congratulate Siyona M. for winning the OCPS Spelling Bee! We wish you best of luck at Nationals!!

OSS is excited to announce we will be celebrating Black History Month by featuring five distinguished individuals weekly that have helped shape our society/nation today, please turn to page twelve for more information.

Eight Grade Parents, information regarding your student's upcoming **Gradventure** trip may be found on page sixteen through nineteen, please note permission slips and payments are due by March 15th 2017. Please help me congratulate the students found on page twenty for representing OSS MH in the ALL COUNTY BAND Concert, this is an outstanding accomplishment.

Eight through twelfth grade parents who are interested in their students attending the upcoming Puerto Rico trip must attend the informational meeting that will be held on Friday February 10th 2017. For more information please turn to page twenty two.

Information regarding the upcoming 3rd Quarter PTC conference nights may be found on page twenty-eight, please remembers sign-ups will begin this Sunday February 5th 2017 at 8pm.

Have a wonderful and safe weekend!

Sincerely,

Abdulaziz Yalcin

Principal
Orlando Science
Middle/High School

The very spring and root of honesty and virtue lie in good education.

- Plutarch

OSS Upcoming Events

- **Sunday February 5th 2017:** 3rd Quarter PTC Signups Begin at 8pm
- **Tuesday February 7th 2017:** Jostens will be on campus to order Junior/Senior Class Rings
- **Friday February 10th 2017:** Parent/Student Accreditation Survey will close please see pages five through seven for more information
- **Friday February 11th 2017:** Gently Used Uniform Sale 9am-12pm-RM 140
- **February 13th-17th 2017:** NHS/NJHS Canned Food Drive
- **Wednesday February 15th 2017:** 3rd Quarter PTC Night
- **Thursday February 16th 2017:** 3rd Quarter PTC Night



2016-2017 Progress Reports/ Report Card Dates

1st Quarter Progress Report	Wednesday September 14 th 2016
1st Quarter Report Card	Thursday, October 13 th 2016
2nd Quarter Progress Report	Wednesday November 16 th 2016
2nd Quarter Report Card	Friday, December 16 th 2016
3rd Quarter Progress Report	Wednesday February 1 st 2017
3rd Quarter Report Card	Thursday, March 16 th 2017
4th Quarter Progress Report	Wednesday April 26 th 2016
4th Quarter Report Card	Wednesday, May 31 st 2017

2016-2017 Parent Teacher Conference (PTC) Nights

1st Quarter	Wednesday September 21 st 2016	4:00PM-6:00PM
	Thursday September 22 nd 2016	4:30PM-6:30PM
2nd Quarter	Wednesday November 30 th 2016	4:00PM-6:00PM
	Thursday December 1 st 2016	4:30PM-6:30PM
3rd Quarter	Wednesday February 15 th 2017	4:00PM-6:00PM
	Thursday February 16 th 2017	4:30PM-6:30PM
4th Quarter	Wednesday May 3 rd 2017	4:00PM-6:00PM
	Thursday May 4 th 2017	4:30PM-6:30PM

3rd Quarter Parent Teacher Conference Night Sign-Ups

Just a reminder 3rd Quarter PTC Nights will be held on **Wednesday February 15th 2017** and **Thursday February 16th 2017**. Signups will take place on Sunday February 5th 2017 at 8pm, using the link below.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949a9aa23a6f94-201620179>

This Week In History...



DATE	EVENT(S)
January 30 th 1980	The first-ever Chinese Olympic team arrives in New York for the Winter Games at Lake Placid.
January 31 st 1919	Jackie Robinson, first African-American baseball player in the modern major leagues.
February 1 st 1965	Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. and 770 others are arrested in protest against voter discrimination in Alabama.
February 2 nd 1876	The National Baseball League is founded with eight teams.
February 3 rd 1954	Millions greet Queen Elizabeth in Sydney on her first royal trip to Australia.

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

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

2016-2017 OCPS School Calendar

Monday August 15th 2016	First Day of School for Students
Monday September 5th 2016	Labor Day Holiday (School and District Offices are closed)
Thursday October 13th 2016	End of 1 st marking period(43 Days)
Friday October 14th 2016	Student Holiday/Teacher Workday
Monday October 17th 2016	Begin 2 nd marking period
Friday October 28th 2016	Student Holiday/Teacher Professional Day/Teacher Non-workday
W-F November 23rd-25th 2016	Thanksgiving Break
Friday December 16th 2016	End of 2 nd marking period (41 Days)
December 19th-January 2nd	Winter Break
Tuesday January 3rd 2017	Student holiday/Teacher Workday
Wednesday January 4th 2017	Students Return/ Begin 3 rd marking period
Monday January 16th 2017	Martin Luther King, JR Holiday(School and District offices are closed)
Monday February 20th 2017	President's Day Holiday (Schools are closed. District Offices are closed)
Thursday March 16th 2017	End of 3 rd marking period(50 Days)
Friday March 17th 2017	Student Holiday/Teacher workday
March 20th-24th 2017	Spring Break(Schools are closed, district offices are open)
Monday March 27th 2016	Begin 4 th marking period
Friday April 28th 2017	Student Holiday/ Teacher non-workday
Monday May 29th 2017	Memorial Day Holiday(School and District Offices are closed)
Wednesday May 31st 2017	End of 4 th marking period. Last Day of School for students
June 1st-June 2nd 2017	Post-planning for teachers

Dear Orlando Science Family,

I am very excited to inform you that Orlando Science Middle High School will host an AdvancEd SACS/CASI External Review Team for the purpose of re-accreditation on April 10th – April 11th , 2017. A team of visiting professionals representing the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (CASI) will evaluate our adherence to the AdvancEd standards, as well as our commitment to continuous school improvement in order to improve student achievements, learning and our commitment to our stakeholders (parents, guardians, students, teachers, community members).

As part of the School Accreditation process, parent and student survey are two of the most important elements for the institutions to see the areas where they are strong and the areas where they can continuously improve and develop in order to pursue their student achievements and successes.

Our Accreditation parent and student surveys are open. Please use the links below to reach the surveys. These links will also be available in our school website.

The purpose of parent survey is to find out your opinions about your child's school. Read each statement and choose the response that most closely matches your opinion. Please answer each item honestly. Your responses will be completely confidential.

Parent Survey Link: <http://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/15346/27260>

The purpose of student survey is to find out your child's opinions about his or her school. Students will read each statement and choose their response that most closely matches their opinions. Please make sure your student answers each item honestly. Their responses will be completely confidential.

Student Survey Link: <http://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/15343/27260>

I like to thank you and your student to complete our surveys in advance. Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions. You will also be able to find more information the following two pages.

Sincerely,

Abdulaziz Yalcin

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Who is AdvancED?

AdvancED is the parent organization of the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), and the National Study of School Evaluation (NSSE). NCA CASI and SACS CASI serve as accreditation divisions of AdvancED and operate through state offices. Our school is part of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI).

Dedicated to advancing excellence in education worldwide, AdvancED provides accreditation, research, and professional services to 23,000 public and private schools and districts across the United States and in 65 countries worldwide and serves nearly 15 million students. AdvancED engages 18,000 volunteers and touches the lives of nearly 15 million students each year.

What is Accreditation?

Accreditation is a voluntary method of quality assurance developed more than 100 years ago by American universities and secondary schools. Today, to demonstrate educational quality, accreditation is used by education providers of all types from traditional schools to distance learning providers to tutoring centers serving all ages of students from toddlers to adults.

Accreditation engages the school community in meeting high quality standards, implementing a continuous improvement, and engaging in quality assurance through internal and external review.

Who provides Accreditation?

Through AdvancED, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI) accredit Pre-K through grade 12 public and private schools and districts in 30 states, the Navajo Nation, the Department of Defense Schools, and Latin America. NCA CASI also accredits non-degree granting post-secondary schools.

SACS - CASI is a non-governmental, nonprofit organizations founded in 1895, AdvancED is the parent organization for SACS-CASI, and the National Study of School Evaluation (NSSE), a research and development organization, and is dedicated to advancing excellence in education worldwide.

Why Does Accreditation Matter?

For Students

Students benefit from their school's commitment to raising student performance, achievement and accountability. Students that attend an accredited institution gain greater access to federal loans, scholarships, postsecondary education and military programs.

For Parents

This ethic of excellence ensures that institutions will find rich benefits from accreditation and that parents can confidently make informed decisions about their children's education, knowing their child's school is accredited.

For Teachers/Staff

The accreditation process leads teachers to critically evaluate teaching and learning with a focus for academic excellence.

For Communities and Businesses

As a result of schools exhibiting educational excellence, communities are viewed as desirable for economic growth and business expansion.

How do schools earn accreditation?

To earn accreditation from SACS-CASI, schools must:

1. Meet the AdvancED standards. The standards require that schools have a clear vision and purpose; have effective and responsive leadership; have a rigorous curriculum taught through sound, research-based methods; collect, report, and use performance results; provide adequate resources and support for its educational programs; value and communicate with stakeholders; and have a commitment to continuously improve. The standards are derived from educational research and best practice. They can be viewed and downloaded at AdvancED.
2. Engage in a continuous process of improvement. Accredited schools are committed to being better today than they were yesterday. The schools identify a shared vision, maintain a school-wide profile of the current reality, establish plans and assess the implementation of interventions, and document the results of their efforts to improve student learning and schools effectiveness.
3. Demonstrate quality assurance through internal and external review. Internal review involves the schools and their stakeholders. External review involves feedback from experienced educators outside the schools. In both cases, reviewers examine evidence to determine if schools are meeting the standards and achieving goals for improving student learning and school effectiveness.

Do I have a role in accreditation?

Yes. You can assist with accreditation efforts by:

- Staying informed about your school's accreditation.
- Educating other parents about your school's accreditation.
- Reinforcing the skills your school is teaching your children.
- Requesting and participating in opportunities to provide feedback to your school,

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Yalcin should you have any questions! Thank you very much for being involve in your student(s) education. Your support and cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Study Island Blue Ribbons

“Study Island Stellar”

The following students have earned the top 5 spots in their grade level for “Blue Ribbons”



Study Island Stellar

TOP 5 STUDENTS FOR EACH GRADE LEVEL

Blue Ribbon Snapshot	
Grade 6 ▾	
Changour, Shivana	40
Kesineni, Harvik	40
Khan, Yasmine	36
Boughton, Matthew	35
Abdelwahed, Ibrahim	34

Blue Ribbon Snapshot	
Grade 7 ▾	
Kaur, Navneet	133
Gidipally, Chanakya	92
Li, Vincent	92
Bhrugubanda, Samhith	88
Nguyen, Donald	88

Blue Ribbon Snapshot	
Grade 8 ▾	
Foley, Colin	126
Mallonee, Avari	106
Aldarondo, Leonardo	105
Talluri, Meghana	101
Kasi, Ananya	95

Blue Ribbon Snapshot	
Grade 9 ▾	
Persaud, Keshan	145
Huang, Tony	142
Bhrugubanda, Saardhak	129
Yamaguchi, Hanna	129
Nguyen, Jenny	110

Blue Ribbon Snapshot	
Grade 10 ▾	
Abedeem, Russell	109
Wada, Shuhey	101
Chinnery, Deshaun	88
Zakers, Anigue	83
Engelhardt, Mark	77

Blue Ribbon Snapshot	
Grade 11 ▾	
Jittan, Lance	74
Joseph, Jeffrey	69
Yun, Justin	64
James-Anderson, Cienna	62
Sharma, Dhruv	62

Blue Ribbon Snapshot	
Grade 12 ▾	
Patel, Nikhil	34
Abraham, Salina	33
Vasquez, Laura	30
Galloway, Logan	29
Goktepe, Mustafa	29

OCPS

Spelling Bee Champion

Congratulations to 8th grade student

Siyona M.

for becoming the OCPS Spelling Bee Champion!

We are proud of her success and wish her good luck at the Sentinel Bee in March!



Siyona M.

College Mentorship Program (CMP) Parent Night

Dear CMP parents,

Orlando Science Schools is inviting you for "CMP (Collage Mentorship Program) Dinner on Friday, February 17th 2017. The dinner will take place at the OSS campus in the cafeteria from 5:00-6:30 P.M

During this event there will be an award ceremony for the "CMP Short Movie Contest". We will also watch the winning movie together. After the movie, Mr. I will have a presentations about the "Congressional Award" and couple of our students who are holding a silver medal in this program will share their experience.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite all of our returning and new CMP parents to attend this wonderful event as we enjoy a nice dinner, share more information and celebrate your students

We are looking forward to your participation in the Dinner. Please R.S.V.P by February 13th 2017 using the link below:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949a9aa23a6f94-cmpparent>

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Harun Koc

High School Turkish Language Teacher

CMP Coordinator

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**Interested in joining PVO but know you can't make every meeting?
Then please read below, because we have a spot for you!**

OSS PVO needs your help to grow their team! Have you been interested in joining our PVO but know you cannot make the meetings? Not to worry! Just fill out the form using the link below and we will start sending you more information on ways you can help our school! Are you currently a member? Great, please still fill out the form using the link below. There is an annual due of \$20 per family to join PVO. Please remit cash or check at the front desk. If you are a current member or non-member please be sure to fill out all required fields.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScEPxSvKu_WMN1MoSk2DnLLjFDXf6uEzUDMJ_hRhpTiuixr6A/viewform

Volunteer Opportunities

Below are links to some exciting volunteer opportunities that we would love your help in. Please note that ADDitions approved volunteers are ONLY able to sign up for the events listed below. If you are interested in becoming an ADDitions volunteer please contact Ms. Smith for an informational packet.

AR Party

New Date-February 8th 2017

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949a9aa23a6f94-arparty>

celebrate BLACK history MONTH

OSS Celebrates “Black History Month” by featuring monumental individuals who have shaped our nation and have been proven leaders in our great society.

Ben Carson



“Renowned neurosurgeon Ben Carson made an unsuccessful bid to become the Republican candidate for U.S. president in 2016. He was nominated to become the secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development by president-elect Donald Trump.”

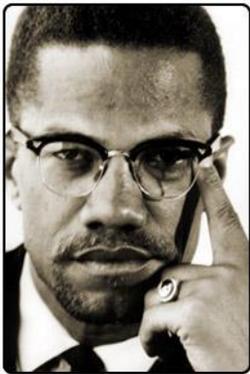
[Ben Carson Biography](#)



Mae Jemison

“Mae C. Jemison is the first African-American female astronaut. In 1992, she flew into space aboard the Endeavour, becoming the first African-American woman in space.”

[Mae Jemison Biography](#)



Malcom X

“African-American leader and prominent figure in the Nation of Islam, Malcolm X articulated concepts of race pride and black nationalism in the 1950s and '60s.”

[Malcom X Biography](#)

Alice Walker



“Alice Walker is a Pulitzer Prize-winning, African-American novelist and poet most famous for authoring *The Color Purple*.”

[Alice Walker Biography](#)

Club of the Week

Badminton

Description

Middle School Badminton meets every Friday after school; the club is sponsored by Mrs. Masuoka. Members have stated that the thirty minute allotted club time feels like five minutes in length because of all of the fun they are having. In April-May the badminton club will host a tournament against its members.





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BOX TOPS NEWS

It's time to start sending in your Box Tops again. Please make sure that your student's homeroom teacher's name is on the baggie so that they receive credit. Also, make sure to check those expiration dates. (No credit will be given for expired Box Tops.)

Congratulations to our last class winners, Ms. Zeratsky's 7th grade homeroom class.

Our next deadline for turning in your Box Tops to receive class credit will be February 27th 2017. This is an ongoing program so please continue to send these in year round.

BOX TOPS are a wonderful way to raise funds for our school. Each Box Top is worth \$.10 and really adds up. Please make sure to continuously send these in so that I can mail them before their expiration dates. The monies received go to supporting our Academic and Sporting Teams, the PLTW (Project Lead the Way) along with many other OSS programs and classroom needs.

Please check your pantries...I am sure every family has some hiding in there. Ask your friends and relatives to save them for you also.

To see a list of products go to:

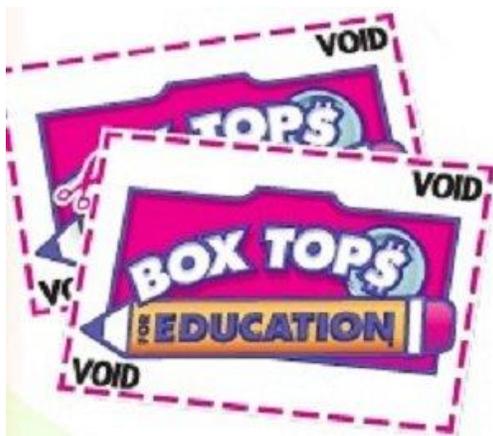
<http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/participating-products>

If you would like to learn more about the Box Tops program go to: www.btfe.com

For questions or thoughts please email Ms. Foley!

HAPPY CLIPPING!!

-Denise Mallonee (BOXTOP Coordinator)





8th Grade Students Only

Friday May 12th 2017

4:15PM-12:30AM

Universal Studios/Islands of Adventures

The "Gradventure" Permission Slip may be found on the following three pages. All permission slips and fees are due by March 15th 2017, there will be no exceptions.

Please read through all the items found on the permission slip. There you will find dress code, eligibility, cost, and all trip details you will need.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Frunker at frunker@orlandoscience.org

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our class is planning to take a field trip on Friday, May 12, 2017. Please complete the field trip permission form on the last page and return it before the deadline date.

Eight Grade Class Trip

Site	Universal Studios/Island of Adventures
Date	May 12, 2017
Check-In Time	NO LATER THAN 4:15 P.M. IN ROOM 148
Transportation	School buses
Cost	\$100.00 per student (admission to both Universal Studios and Island of Adventures, t-shirt, meal voucher plus bus)
Supervision	One adult chaperone for each group of ten students
Special Rules	Students are responsible for any electronic devices brought with them on the trip. The school is not responsible for any stolen, lost, or damaged electronics students choose to bring with them. Students must be transported to the event by the school and must be picked up from the school after the event.

Students will visit Universal Studios/Island of Adventures Gradventure. Annual passes are not counted as tickets for this trip; a separate ticket must be purchased. Students must be picked up at OSS, parents cannot pick their students up at the parks. The purpose of this field trip is to celebrate the students' hard work and achievement in middle school. Also please note, that the money is **NOT REFUNDABLE AND NO LATE PERMISSION SLIPS WILL BE ACCEPTED**. Also, if the student owes any money to the school, the money must be paid first before the student will be allowed to attend the field trip. Students who do not meet the eligibility requirements (attached) will not be permitted to attend. For more information about Gradventure, please go to the following web site:

<https://www.universalorlando.com/Events/Gradventure/Overview.aspx>

Please make sure that your child brings the following items along on the trip:

- Light jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt (school uniform approved)
- Medications (if any) and instructions with student's name labeled on the box/bag
- Pocket money for purchasing souvenirs (optional)
- Checks to ensure that he/she meets the eligibility requirements.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me by e-mail, phone, or letter: Katrina Frunker (407) 253-7304 ext. 148 or frunker@orlandoscience.org

ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS
Liability Release, Medical, and Consent Form

Please return this permission slip by: **March 15, 2017**

Liability Release: Should my child sustain or incur any accident or illness while attending the Universal Gradventure field trip, 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.

For transportation needs, I am giving full consent to the OSS Staff for the transportation of my child.

I give permission for my child to participate in any and all activities on the Universal Gradventure trip, and I do not hold the Orlando Science Schools liable for my child.

Enclosed is \$100.00 (Exact cash/money order/check)

Parent Name: _____ **Parent Signature:** _____ **Date:** ____ / ____ /2016

➤ **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 Universal Gradventure field trip. In doing this, I am giving permission for _____ to be on the trip. I understand every effort will be made to contact a parent or guardian.

STUDENT NAME: _____ **STUDENT DATE OF BIRTH:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ **WORK PHONE:** _____ **CELL PHONE:** _____

Action Plan and Authorization for Medications	<p>1) Does your student have a Medical Action Plan on file with Orlando Science Schools? Circle Yes or No</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a. If so indicate the medical alert on file: _____</p> <p>2) Does your child have an Authorization for Medication form on file? Circle Yes or No</p>
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PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

Chaperoning

Unfortunately, Universal policy states that all chaperones must be school employees and parents are not permitted to chaperone this trip.



Guidelines for the 8th Grade End of the Year Field Trip—Gradventure

- To attend the field trip, students must have a GPA of a 2.5.
- Students will be expected to act within the accordance of all OSS policies while on the field trip.
- Full payment and completed permission slip must be submitted by the due date (no late permission slips will be accepted).
- Students must have transportation when they return from the trip.
- Students have to be picked up from OSS—if a student is going home with anyone other than their parents, a note must be written and given to Mrs. Frunker at least 48 hours prior to the field trip date.
- Students must not owe any money to the school.
- No office referrals for third quarter until the field trip day (February 1- May 12).
- No PASS for third quarter until the field trip day (February 1 -May 12).
- No more than 4 lunch detentions for third quarter until the field trip day (February 1-May 12).
- Students must follow OSS dress down dress code. ANY STUDENT NOT FOLLOWING DRESSCODE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE TRIP (no clothing that has holes or shredding or offensive language, no visible tank tops, undershirts, or undergarments, no exposed mid-drifts or clothing that is too revealing, no chains, spiked collars or belts, or accessories that may be used as weapons, etc.).
- Students must wear the Gradventure shirt. The shirt may not be altered in any way.
- Students that have a Universal Annual Pass cannot use their pass to get into the parks, it is a separate event.
- Parents may not chaperone the field trip.



OCPS



All County Band

Congratulations to Emily D. and Visly Z. who represented OSS Middle High in the Orange County All County Band Concert on Saturday January 28th 2017. These students are taught by our very own music director Mr. Andrew Jenkins.



Gently Used Uniform Sale

Saturday February 11th 2017
9am-12pm * RM 140

Prices are as follows:

- Shirts-\$5
- Pants- \$5
- Shorts-\$4
- Skorts \$4
- Jackets \$10
- Sweatshirts \$8
- P.E. separates \$3
each or 2 for \$5



8th-12th Grade Students

Puerto Rico Field Trip

Dear 8th-12th Grade Families!

Orlando Science schools would like to invite you on a field trip to Puerto Rico this summer!

Field trip Information:

Program: Essential Puerto Rico (All –inclusive 5 day program)

Departure Airport: MCO (Orlando International Airport)

Date: June 2017

Destination: Puerto Rico

Program fee: \$ 1,570

Insurance fee: \$65 /student

Payment: Monthly installment

Program Includes:

Great Flights: Convenient departure times, minimal connections

Prime Accommodations: Comfortable hotels, centrally located in safe and friendly neighborhoods

Authentic Dining: Students decide when and where they will dine each evening, ordering from the full menu like locals. Breakfast is at the hotel or a nearby café. Lunch is not included.

Flexible itinerary- Carefully designed and packed with activities, yet easy to customize for any group

All ground transportation, guided tours, group activities, and entrance fees

Airport Taxes and Security

Please note anyone may attend this informational meeting but there are only 10 spaces available for this trip.

Please contact Mrs. Harper for more information: Carolina.Harper@orlandoscience.org

****Enrollment due date 02/10/2017****

For more information please attend the informational meeting being held on Tuesday
February 10th 2017 from 4:30-5:00PM in RM 145.

Please RSVP using the link below:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949a9aa23a6f94-puerto>

EXTRA, EXTRA

Orlando Science School Accreditation

Orlando Science School's plan to obtain accreditation is moving forward. A Readiness Visit was conducted by AdvancED to prepare the school's accreditation team.

Please view the link below for updates, links, and further information about Policies and Procedures of AdvancED. Please also re-visit pages five through seven for more information regarding our parent/student surveys.

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



Wednesday Pizza Day

We are pleased to announce that Pizza Day has returned to OSS Middle High. Students may bring \$5 on Wednesdays and receive two slices of pizza and a PowerAde during their scheduled lunches. Please note that OCPS provided lunches will still be offered if students choose to not purchase the \$5 pizza combo. Please also note that Pizza Day cannot be added to your student's lunch account, it is a separate cost.

Stay Connected

WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OSS MIDDLE/HIGH ON SOCIAL MEDIA



FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/orlandoscience>

Our FACEBOOK page will provide you with the most up to date information regarding events, announcements and emergency information. Please LIKE our page to stay in the know!



TWITTER: <https://twitter.com/OrlandoSciMH>

Our TWITTER page will provide you with announcements regarding emergencies, events and other important information! Please FOLLOW us on Twitter.



YOUTUBE: <https://www.youtube.com/user/orlandosciencesch>

Our YOUTUBE PAGE will provide you with exciting videos of events our students have participated in as well as news stories OSS has been featured in.



January 29th-February 11th

Riyan A.	Joshua L.	Canaan M.	Yusuf M.
Rodolfo G.	Jorge A.	Bansari M.	Amira I.
Jaire W.	Madison D.	Ethen O.	Faraaz Q.
Eliza C.	Gwen H.	Chi Q.	Nikita R.
Jania J.	Josiah H.	Mischa F.	Adiah T.



Birthday Dress Down Approval Form

If your student is interested in dressing down for their birthday please stop by the front office fill out the proper form. Students are permitted to dress down on their birthday if their birthday falls on a weekday when school is in session or the Friday before if their birthday falls on a weekend. If their birthday falls over a scheduled break students are able to dress down the Friday before break begins and after their form is filled out and approved.

2016-2017 Yearbooks

The 2016-2017 Orlando Science Middle/High Yearbooks are now on sale! The current price for the year book is \$35 until March 6th 2017 after this date the price will increase to \$40. We are pleased to announce that there are two payment options you may use. One would be to complete the form attached to the bottom of this sheet with the exact payment amount attached and turn it in to Mrs. Foley. Payment may be made in cash, check, or money order; please make checks and money orders payable to Orlando Science. The other payment option would be to use the *School Pay* feature. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Lakner directly at Michael.Lakner@orlandoscience.org.



PLEASE RETURN TO OSS FRONT DESK BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL, ALONG WITH YOUR PAYMENT

MAKE ALL CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS

TODAY'S DATE: _____ NUMBER OF YEARBOOKS ORDERING: _____

STUDENT(S) NAME(S): _____

HOMEROOM TEACHER(S): _____

PAYMENT AMOUNT: \$ _____

PERSONALIZED COVER WITH STUDENT'S NAME (Please add \$3.00 for each book) YES or NO

METHOD OF PAYMENT: CASH CHECK MONEY ORDER

Please provide exact payment, any questions may be emailed to Mr. Lakner at Michael.Lakner@orlandoscience.org.

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SAT DATES

<i>Test Date</i>	<i>Normal Registration</i>	<i>Late Registration</i>	<i>Online Score Release</i>
Oct 1 st 2016	Sept 1 st 2016	Sept 16 th 2016	Oct 20 th 2016
Nov 5 th 2016	Oct 7 th 2016	Oct 21 st 2016	Nov 24 th 2016
Dec 3 rd 2016	Nov 3 rd 2016	Nov 18 th 2016	Dec 22 nd 2016
Jan 21 st 2017	Dec 21 st 2016	Jan 3 rd 2017	Feb 16 th 2017
Mar 11 th 2017	Feb 10 th 2017	Feb 24 th 2017	Mar 30 th 2017
May 6 th 2017	Apr 7 th 2017	Apr 21 st 2017	May 25 th 2017
Jun 3 rd 2017	May 9 th 2017	May 19 th 2017	Jun 22 nd 2017

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ACT DATES

<i>Test Date</i>	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Late Deadline</i>	<i>Score Release*</i>
Sept 10 th 2016	August 5 th 2016	August 19 th 2016	Sept 19 th , Oct 3 rd 2016
Oct 22 nd 2016	Sept 16 th 2016	Sept 30 th 2016	Nov 8 th , Nov 15 th 2016
Dec 10 th 2016	Nov 4 th 2016	Nov 8 th 2016	Dec 21 st 2016, Jan 4 th 2017
Feb 11 th 2017**	Jan 13 th 2017	Jan 20 th 2017	Feb 21 st , Feb 28 th 2017
Apr 8 th 2017	Mar 3 rd 2017	Mar 17 th 2017	Apr 26 th , May 10 th 2017
June 10 th 2017	May 5 th 2017	May 19 th 2017	June 21 st , June 28 th 2017



2017



Washington D.C Trip

Attention:

Rising 8th Grade Students and Families

This is just reminder that the registration deadline to save \$40 on this fall's 8th grade DC trip is **TUESDAY, January 31st!**

We hope your child can join us on our exciting education adventure this fall from **October 26th-October 30th 2017**

I look forward to leading our 3rd annual fun and educational program to Washington, DC. There is even an online course students can take afterwards for high school credit.

There are three ways to register:

1. **Online** :at <https://worldstrides.com/register/>
2. **By phone**: call the WorldStrides Customer Service Team at 1-800-468-5899 Monday-Friday 8:30am-7pm EST
3. **By mail**: use the student invitation packet you received

I recommend registering online. Please use our Trip ID #140089 when registering. You can also get started with fundraising by creating your own personal Gift of Education link to share with family and friends.

P.S. – I know some interested parents were unable to attend our parent meeting, so I've included the link to WorldStrides' NEW Parent Presentation. Please share it with anyone you know who wasn't able to make it!

<https://resources.worldstrides.com/parent-presentations/>

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Ms. Frunker!

3rd Quarter

Parent Teacher Conference Nights

Wednesday February 15TH 2017

4:00PM to 6:00PM

Thursday February 16th 2017

4:30PM to 6:30PM

OSS Middle/High will host its 3rd Quarter Parent Teacher Conference Nights on Wednesday February 15th 2017 and Thursday February 16th 2017. Time slots will run 10 minutes in length in order to open up more time slots for each grade level.

You may begin signing up for a time slot on

Sunday February 5th 2017 at 8pm

using the link found below. Please note that OSS Middle/High Staff member are not permitted to sign up for time slots for you so please make arrangements, we will also not be accepting email or phone reservations.

If your desired grade level becomes full you will need to contact your student's teachers in order to make other arrangements if you wish. We will not be making additional appointments for you. If these dates and or times do not work well for you please email your student's teachers directly to make other arrangements, you will be able to find their information located on OSS Connect.

The link is as follows:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949a9aa23a6f94-201620179>



Parent-Teacher
Conferences

OSS Connect Mobile App

We have updated our Mobile App and will now use the Radix App, which can be found in both the iTunes Apple Store and Google Play Store. You may find the app using methods found below:

iTunes App Store

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/radix-mobile/id1159005166?mt=8>

Google Play Store

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.radix.radixmobile>

The links can also be found at the bottom of your connect page by the other social media links



Some of the new features on the updated app:

Push Notifications (When the assignments are graded. "Notify students" at the bottom of the grading screen must be checked)

Academic Calendar

Missing Assignments (shows the assignments that are marked missing by the teachers)

Conduct and Commendation log

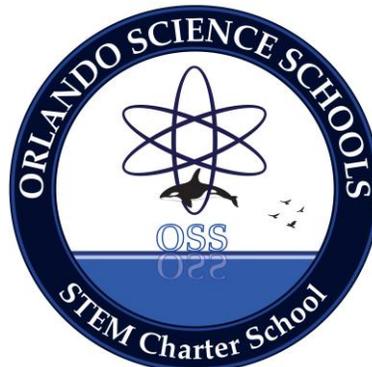
Download course content to access offline

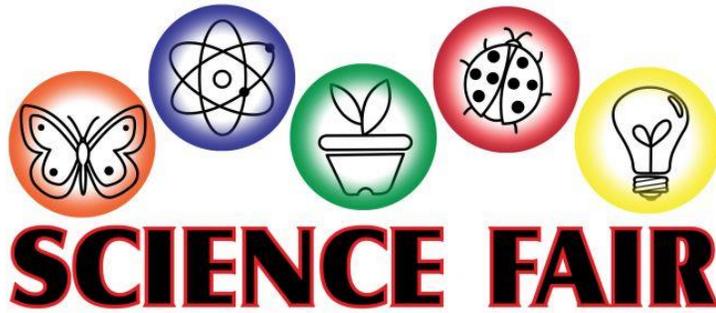
Take SBAs on mobile (Quizzes)

Play SCORM packages on and offline

Access the Glossary, Wiki, and Chat

Submit online assignments with attached files or text





Please look at your project. You will have to fix and edit your presentation and data analysis. Please make sure you apply a statistical test: F-test, T-test, ANOVA test. These tests will really impress the judges; when you speak of your data's low variance and high precision you really shine as a researcher. In addition please add more scientific articles. These are articles that have abstracts, go to google scholar or type in a "life science" database. High schoolers please have 20 peer reviewed articles, middle schoolers please have 10. Print out the useful pages to your resources and place them in your science fair binder. It makes a huge difference when you present your binder and journal to the judges in your presentation. Tab specific pages ready to show them. Lastly research your scientific laws and formulas that are on topic to your project.

Science Olympiad



Thank you so much for your support and help during our regional tournament, our teams will be moving onto states! Our middle school B-03 and B-04 teams placed in the top 3 overall! Our High school team placed 7th out of 43 teams! All marvelous! Congratulations to you all as you study for states in two months!

HOSA

This past Saturday our young health students competed in their pre-med regional competition at Keiser University. About 75 teams competed from neighboring counties in various fields from healthy life styles to childhood development. Our students, who have been studying hard, have progressed to the state competition in April!

Congratulations to the following students who placed in their respective events:

Dante C, Sumaiyah M, Briana M, Russell A, Gina P, Kavita K,
Anique Z, Anthony T, and Veronique H. Good work to them!

STEM

Thank you for all that ventured to Otronicon over the holiday weekend! We helped many young students enjoy the basics of STEM as well as peered into the future. We saw the latest technology in simulations and medical engineering. Next year we look forward fun time.

Please thank Rebecca C, Christina N, Zachary M, and Lance J in this year's Math Competition STEM Demos. These students help bring science and engineering entertainment to participating mathletes, this past Saturday!

Environment Club

Recycling, planting new plants, researching the latest green technology, these students keep striving for the best for our planet. If you are interested in some of the competitions that these students do please feel free to swing on by to Ms. Piontkowski's environmental club! They compete in Energywhiz Olympics, an event in which students design solar power contraptions that can cook the most delicious meals to modifying current technology with the latest green innovations. If you have another competition that you would like to participate, e.g. Envirothon, feel free to share it with the club. Earth Day is around the corner and these students need help coming up with ideas for this year's Earth Day celebration that will be happening in April. Please see Mrs. Piontkowski in how you can help out!

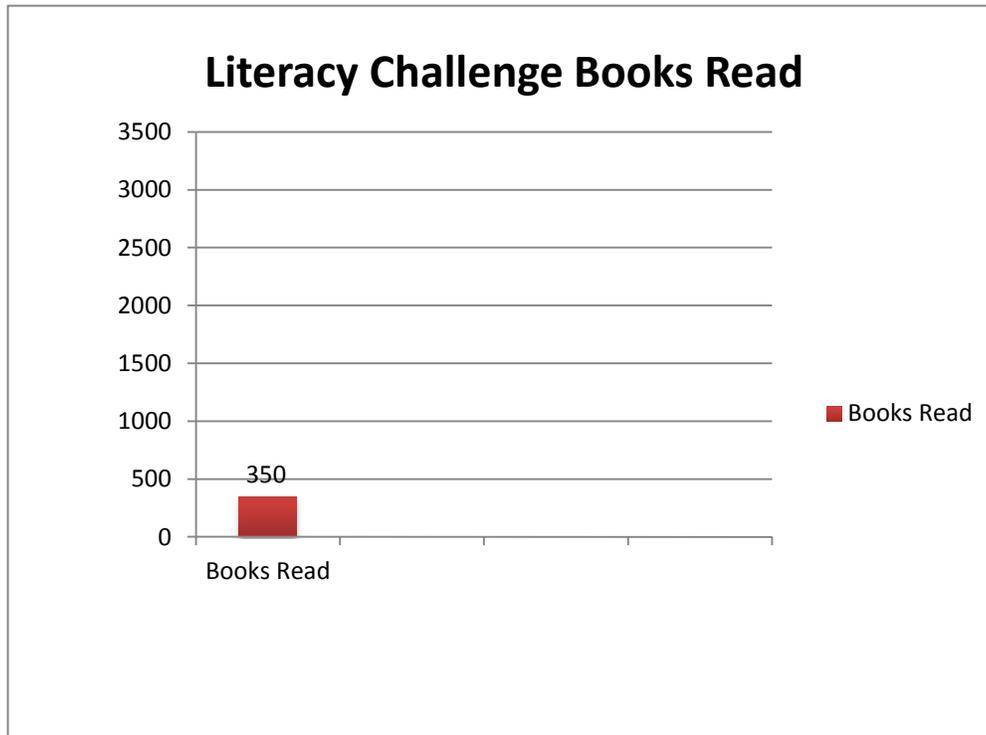


THINK GREEN

2016-2017

Literacy Challenge

We are pleased to announce our 2016-2017 Literacy Challenge: 3500 books, read across the school, for a HUGE, school-wide celebration! Check out the display outside Ms. Stevens' room or check in with Ms. Smith in the Media Center to pick up your grade level book. Help us reach our goal!



Congratulations

AVINASH H.

For turning in the 300th Book Slip for our literacy challenge

Most Books Read

Saad A. and Donna Q

Congratulations to the students mentioned above for checking out the most books during the Month of December, you will both receive your certificate during our annual semester award ceremony.



Club Schedule and Coaches

Day	Club	Coach
Monday/Tuesday/Thursday	Advanced Band	Mr.Jenkins
Monday	AMC 10/12- (8th-12th)	Mr. Akyalcin
Thursday	Art Club	Ms. Killian
Friday	Badminton(MS)	Ms. Masuoka
Thursday	Basketball(6th-8th)	Ms.Zeratsky
Monday	Basketball(9th-12th)	Mr.Morgan
Tuesday	Battle of the Books	Ms. Leal
Thursday	Character Traits with Anime	Mrs. Nef
Thursday	Chess Club	Mr. Koc
Wednesday	Comic Book Club	Mr. Liesch
Monday/Wednesday	Competition Math Algebra 1(6th and 7th)	Mrs. Koc
Wednesday/Friday	Competition Math Algebra 2 (8th-9th Grade)	Mr. Moon
Wednesday	Competition Math Number Theory and Probability(6th Grade)	Mr. Akyalcin
Monday	Competitive Writing	Ms. Leal
Monday	Competition Math Pre-Algebra(6th)	Mr. Yakisma
Wednesday/Friday	Competition Math Pre-Calc and Calculus (9th-12th)	Mrs.Akyalcin
Friday	Drama Club	Ms.Harper
Tuesday	Duke TIP	Mr. Thomas
Thursday	Environmental Club	Mrs.Piontkowski
Wednesday	Film Club	Mr.Lakner
Friday	Fitness Club (HS Only)	Ms. Zeratsky
Wednesday	Flag Football(Grades 8th-12th)	Ms. Zeratsky
Thursday	History Fair Club(6th-8th)	Mr.Kriebel
Wednesday	History Fair Club(9th-12th)	Mr.Slason
Friday	International Festival(Folk Dance)	Mrs. Dilek
Wednesday	Key Club	Mrs. Dunbar
Tuesday	Lab Assistants	Mr.Stampas
Wednesday	Martial Arts-Taekwondo Club	Parent Sponsor
Friday	Math Counts AMC 8-Intermediate	Mr.Akyalcin
Friday	MathCounts/ AMC (6th-8th)	Mr. Thomas
Tuesday	MathCounts/ AMC (6th-8th)	Mr. Akyalcin
Thursday	Media Club (9th-12th Grade)	Mr.I

Monday	Model UN(6th-8th)	Ms.Dunbar
Thursday	Model UN(9th-12th)	Mr. Slason
Wednesday	Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society (9th-12th)	Mrs.Akyalcin
Monday/Tuesday	NHS(9th-12th)	Ms. Stevens
Monday/Tuesday	NJHS	Mrs. Frunker
Monday	Odyssey of the Mind-Middle School	Mr. Liesch
Wednesday	Oil Painting Club	Parent
Wednesday	Paper Marbling(Ebru) and Calligraphy	Mrs. Aksu
Monday	Poetry	Ms. Killian
Wednesday	Rho-Kappa Honors	Mrs.Gourdie
Wednesday	SAT Math Club	Mr. Yakisma
Friday	Science Olympiad	Mr. Ulgut
Tuesday	Scrabble	TBD
Tuesday	Soccer Club	Mr. Morgan
Thursday	STEM Club	Mr. Stampas
Friday	Student Government Association	Mr. Kriebel
Tuesday	Volleyball Club	Ms. Masuoka
Thursday	Women's History Club	Mrs. Gourdie
Tuesday/Thursday	World Language Speech Club	Mrs. Dilek
Monday	Yearbook	Mr. Lakner

OSS Tutoring Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Science	History	Electives	Math	Language Arts
				

Lunch Menu

Charter Hot School Menu

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February MENU Lunch Fresh Fruit, Red/Orange, Dark Green, Legumes

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Assorted Cereal Bars (1G) w/ Mozzarella Cheese Stick E 0211 100% Apple Juice (¾ cup fruit) F 0013 Pear Cup (½ cup fruit) F 0029	Assorted Yogurt cups with Assorted Granola Pack (Chocolate or Cinnamon) (2G) 100% Orange Juice (¾ cup fruit) F 0014 Whole Assorted Apple (½ Cup fruit) F 0001 - Golden; F 0002 - Granny; F 0003 - Red	Assorted Cereal (cups, Bowls, or Bars Must offer w/ Cheddar Cheese Stick) (2G) 100% Orange Juice (¾ cup fruit) F 0014 Banana (½ cup fruit) F 0022	Bagel with Cream Cheese(2G) D 0001 100 % Apple Juice (¾ cup fruit) F 0013 Orange Wedges (½ cup fruit) F 0020	Assorted Pop-tarts (2 pack) (2G) D 0038; D 0039 Assorted Juice (¾ cup fruit) F 0013; F 0014 Applesauce (½ cup fruit) F 0007
6	7	8	9	10
Breaded Chicken Leg Basket (complete meal) CH E 9194L Cole Slaw (1/2c other) CH B 0050 Apple Juice (3/4 cup) CH F 0013	Fiesta Fajita Bowl w/peppers and onions over 1c Cilantro Lime Rice *(New recipe) CH E 0307L Pico de Gallo (1/2c. red/orange) CH B 0091 Lettuce & Tomato Salad CH B 0053 (1/2 c. other, ¼ c. red/orange) Kiwi, Quarters (1/2c. Fruit) CH F 004	Cheeseburger/Hamburger E 0090L / E 0094L Vegetarian Beans (¼c. legumes) B 0033 Carrot Dippers with Ranch (1/2 c red/orange) CH B 0005 Pineapple Tidbits (1/2c. fruit) CH F 0034	Popcorn Chicken Bowl CH E 0111L w/ Corn & Mashed Potatoes Dinner Roll CH D 0007 Tangerine (1/2c. fruit) CH F 0045	Beef Teriyaki Bowl with 1c. Lo Mein CH E 0096L/CH D 0021 Stir Fry Broccoli (1/2c. green) CH B 0023 Cauliflower (1/2c. other) CH B 0015 Mixed Fruit (ss) (¼c. fruit) CH F 0031
13	14	15	16	17
Oven Roasted BBQ Chicken Legs CH E 0060L w/ 2 Dinner Rolls D 0006 BBQ Sidewinders (1/2 c starch) B 0229L Cole Slaw (1/2c. other) CH B 0050 Apple Juice (3/4 cup) CH F 0013	Buffalo Tacos CH E 0301L with ½ cup Cilantro Lime Rice CH D 0019 Pico de Gallo (1/2 red/Orange) CH B 0091 Lettuce & Tomato Salad (1/2 c. other, ¼ c. red/orange) CH B 0053 Orange Wedges (¼c. fruit) CH F 0020	Macaroni and Cheese with Chicken Nuggets CH E 0043L Steamed Broccoli (1/2 c Green) CH B 0020 Sweet Potato Waffle Fries (1/2c Red) CH B 0043 Pears(ss) (¼c. fruit) CH F 0029	Homemade Cheese Pizza CH E 0131L *Curly Fries (1/2 c. starch)* [New recipe) B 0045 Parmesan Garlic Roasted Garbanzo (¼ c legume) B 0062 Pineapple Tidbits (¼c fruit) CH F 0034	Rotini with Meatballs and Garlic Toast (new recipe) CH E 0250L/CH D 0010 Fresh Green Beans (1/2c Other) CH B 0019 Sweet Plantains (1/2 c Starch) CH B 0109 Orange Wedges (¼ c. fruit) CH F 0020 Peaches (ss) (¼c. fruit) CH F 0024

1/11/2017 9:48 AM Fresh Fruit, VEGETABLES Red/Orange, Dark Green, Other, Legume, Canned Fruit (ss), Shell Stable, G= Whole Grain Equivalent M/MA = Meat/Meat Alternates