



ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

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Principal's Corner

Dear Students & Parents,

It seems that another school year has come to greet us with the anticipation of things to explore and learn!

Orientation Day will be August 18th and it is imperative that everyone attend.

OSS staff has been on hand this summer to prepare the school so we have a smooth transition into the Fall semester.

Don't forget the Summer reading list and the reports that are due on the first day of school for 7th-10th graders.

We have a new uniform company that will provide all your student's uniform needs. The dress and appearance of OSS students contributes to the health and safety of the individual, promotes a positive educational environment, and will not disrupt the educational activities and processes.

I hope everyone has had a safe and relaxing Summer break, see you all soon!

Sincerely,
Dr. Akin

As Helen Keller said, "Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement, nothing can be done without hope and confidence"

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Orientation Day for ALL Students will be
Thursday, August 18th

6th and 7th grade students 9 am till 11:00 am
8th, 9th and 10th grade students 1:00 pm till 3 pm

Dear OSS parents,

Orientation Day is an important day for all students and parents and it is imperative that you attend!

You will receive critical information concerning the upcoming school year, car pooling, PVO, student's schedule, etc...

You will meet OSS' teachers and staff that day as well as other parents and students!

Please bring the following items:

- ❖ 6th grade-\$15(per student) for your child's agenda and ID fee
- ❖ 7-10th grade-\$20(per student) for your child's locker, agenda and ID fee
- ❖ 7-10th grade- supplies- they may organize their locker this day
- ❖ Pen/paper to take any notes/numbers/email addresses you may need
- ❖ Returning students from last year- Any monies you may owe for classroom books you may not have returned for the 2010-2011 school year (Ms. Becc has the list if you are unsure)
- ❖ Monies to purchase OSS magnets, 2010 spirit shirts, PVO membership, Yearbooks, etc...



OSS Updated Uniform Information and Vendor*

OSS is proud to announce that All Uniform Wear will be our official uniform company that will provide all the needs of OSS' students.

Only uniforms provided by All Uniform Wear will be accepted at OSS
Uniform pieces that are purchased elsewhere will not be accepted
Uniforms purchased at LOGOS last year will be permitted

(Including P.E. uniforms)

(If you are not sure about uniform items, Please contact Ms. Becc before you purchase any of them.)

Middle school students (6th, 7th, and 8th grade) will wear navy or red polos with the OSS logo with khaki or navy uniform bottoms.

High school students (9th and 10th grade) will wear grey or light blue polos with the OSS logo with khaki or navy uniform bottoms. (9th/10th graders may wear their navy/red shirts from last year for this year only)

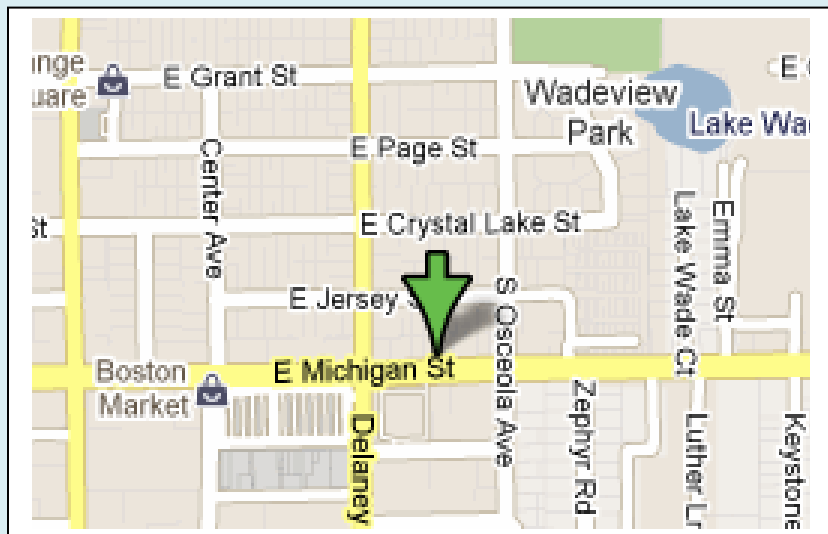
P.E. uniforms will consist of OSS P.E. T-shirt and blue shorts/sweatpants with the OSS logo.

Shoes must be solid black, brown or white and must completely cover the foot (no sandals)

Belts must be solid black/brown.

****NO ROLLING BACKPACKS****

Contact information:
All Uniform Wear # 16
419 E Michigan Ave
Orlando, FL 32806
407-480-4803



*For detailed uniform information, please check the Uniform Policy in the OSS Handbook, available at the beginning of the school year or OSS website

OSS' Uniform Policy will strictly be upheld

OSSS SUPPLY LIST

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*General Items for All Classes

- Wide ruled loose leaf paper with holes that fit into binders (at least five 100 pages)
- Baby Wipes - 1 pack/box
- 5 colored Tab dividers (4 sets)
- **1" 3 ring binder for**
 - Science (Green Color)
 - Math (Blue Color)
 - Social Studies (White Color)
 - Language Arts (Red Color)
 - Foreign Language (Orange Color)

OR You may combine two subjects in a 2" binder

Students who have organizational issues may have additional items such as homework, project folders or bigger binders. Please consider locker or backpack space when buying binders.

- 1 square Post it Notes to take important notes
- 1 Post it colored tabs to mark pages
- 1 or 2 pencil pouches that will fit into binder

*School and PE Uniforms

- Please contact **All Uniform Wear** for your options
- Tennis shoes solid color that is not bright.

*Homeroom Items (voluntary donations)

- 2 boxes of tissues
- 2 bottles of hand sanitizer
- 2 reams of Copy paper
- 1 roll of paper towels for activity cleanup

*Pencil Pouch Items for all classes

- Pencils (REGULAR OR MECHANICAL)
- Blue and Black pens that wont leak upside down
- Or erasable pens
- colored pencils (8 visible colors on paper)
- Highlighters
- Scissors (blunt edge, NOT sharp)
- Glue stick(s)
- Scientific Calculator (i.e. TI 30)
- CLEAN (inside and outside) USB Memory Stick 2GB or more
- *Please delete all suspicious programs in your USB drive to protect your files
- Clear ruler at least 6" at most 12" with both inches and centimeter
- Correction tape (anything to correct pen writings that wont spill)

*Items to keep at home (bring to school as needed)

- 1 tri-fold display board (for science fair)
- 2 spiral notebooks
- 1 composition notebook (60 pages) For Science Fair and/or Writing class
- Graph paper (30 pages 1 cm grid)
- English/Spanish or English/Turkish dictionary(OONLY IF ASSIGNED CLASS)
- 22" x 28" White or Multicolored display board (10 count)
- 1 set fat markers (10 count)
- Construction paper set for projects
- Compass and Protractor (for Math portion of Science)

IF YOU ARE NOT SURE ABOUT AN ITEM YOU MAY ASK DURING ORIENTATION ON AUGUST 18TH TO YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER
NO ROLLING BACKPACKS, MANUAL PENCIL SHARPENERS AND LIQUID WHITEOUT IN SCHOOL BUILDING
LABEL ALL OF YOUR MATERIALS!!!! WE DONATE LOST NOT FOUND ITEMS WEEKLY



OSS HOME VISITS



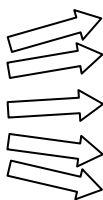
We are very happy with the degree of parent involvement we have in our school. In order to make our student, parent and teacher connection even stronger, OSS teachers researched and came up with the idea of home visits. Experience and research from all over the United States indicates that the interaction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

If you would like to schedule a home visit or learn more about it please email Mr. Peker.

Some feedbacks about home visits from our parents.

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

To



Increase student attendance rates.

Increase student test scores.

See school-wide positive behavior

Decrease suspension and expulsion

rates.

Decrease vandalism at school.



Support
Home Visits

OSS facts that you should know:



- Parents, if you happen to change your phone numbers, e-mail addresses or move, please update Ms. Becc with the current information. It is very important that we have your current phone numbers and e-mail addresses on file. Please call Ms. Becc at 407-253-7304 ext 100 with any changes or updates.

- **If your student arrives after 8:30 am you must come in and sign your student in at the front desk.**

- If your student needs to leave early for an appointment **please send a note in the day before or at least the morning of and give to Ms. Becc.** Ms. Becc will e-mail the teachers and let them know that your child will be leaving early. If it is an emergency and your child needs to leave early, please call Ms. Becc so she can have your child available. Please leave a message on the voice mail if Ms. Becc is not available to answer the call, she will get the message.
- If your student is absent please send a note in with them and turn it into Ms. Becc. On the note please have the date you are writing it as well as the dates that the student was absent.
- Parents, please make sure that you are checking your e-mails as well as your spam mail. Some of our teachers will start e-mailing you and the e-mails may go to Spam the first time.
- OSS uniform will strictly be upheld at all times. Your student may dress in regular school appropriate clothes for their birthday. Please notify Ms. Becc the day before.
- **Parents, if you need to meet with any staff member, you must have an appointment. (Please no walk-ins)**
*To meet with a teacher, you need to email the teacher to set up an appointment.
*To meet with administration, you need to email or call Ms. Becc for an appointment. Please keep in mind that directly before and after school is not a good time due to arrival/dismissal of students.
- Parents, if you would like to have lunch with your student please notify Ms. Becc 24 hours in advance.
- Parents, if you would like to sit in your students classes for a day please notify Ms. Becc 48 hours in advance for authorization.
- **OSS campus speed limit is 5mph. This is strictly enforced for the safety of all.**
- Dismissal starts at 3:29 pm till 3:45 pm at which time the students will be sent to the cafeteria until club dismissal time at 4:25pm. When there is inclement weather, the dismissal process is slow from cafeteria.
We do follow OCPS' 30-30 rule.
- On Club days, dismissal will start at 3:29 pm until 3:45 pm. For students in clubs, dismissal will start again at 4:30 pm until 4:45 pm around back through the cafeteria.
- **Twice a month, OSS will have early dismissals on Wednesdays.**
6th/7th grade dismissal will be at 1:20 pm. 8th/ 9th/10th grade dismissal will be at 1:30 pm.
Students may remain on campus free of charge till 3:40 pm, after which time the cost will be \$10 until 5:15pm. Regular after school care fee applies after 5:15 pm.
- After school is available after 5:15pm. The cost associated with this is as follows:
*5:15-6pm \$10
*6:01-7pm \$15
- OSS is listed on the 5% Back to Schools Programs. All the parent has to do is sign-up at Office Depot (no cost is involved for signing up) and a portion of their purchase goes towards OSS. (Our Number is **70218341**)