



# ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

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Dear Students & Parents,

Curriculum Night at OSS was a huge success! Thank you to all the parents who came out to be part of their student's day while getting their feet wet (and the rest of them!) and learning about a day at OSS!

Check out page 2 to learn more about OSS' upcoming events then scroll on down to page 4 to know how you may help out OSS for free!

Page 5 offers up information about our 7<sup>th</sup> grade Duke Tip program while page 8 discusses the PSAT.

OSS prides itself on its diversity and we are excited to have our annual Hispanic Heritage Night Dinner! Fill out page 6 and send it to the front desk to reserve your place for this incredible night of fellowship, fun and fabulous food while learning more about the amazing Hispanic culture!

To quote Arnold H. Glasow, "Success isn't a result of spontaneous combustion. You must set yourself on fire." Become that fire and get on the path for greatness by learning more about the many college opportunities at the National College fair and the visits here at OSS! Learn more on pages 10 & 11.

Sincerely,

**Nzcati Sahin, Principal**  
"Orlando Science Middle/High

*He that loves reading has everything within his reach.*  
**William Godwin**

## OSS Upcoming Events

1. If you are interested in applying for free or reduced lunch, please click on the link below and click on "click her to apply," on the right hand side of the page.  
<https://www.ocps.net/op/food/Pages/FreeandReduced.aspx>  
 There are also paper based copies at the front desk; however these take longer to process.
2. Hispanic Heritage Night- Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> – 5:30-7:30pm

### 2014-2015 Report Card Dates for Parents

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

### 2014-2015 Parent Teacher Conference (PTC) Days

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

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

Dear parents,

**You must complete your additions volunteer application in order to visit or volunteer on campus.**

**It takes only a few minutes and it is free and it's mandatory!!**

<https://www.ocps.net/es/cr/resources/pages/additions.aspx>

## This Week in History

**This Week in History, Sep 7 - Sep 13**

**Sep 07, 1813**

**[United States nicknamed Uncle Sam](#)**

**Sep 08, 1974**

**[Ford pardons Nixon](#)**

**Sep 09, 1893**

**[President's child born in White House](#)**

**Sep 11, 2001**

**[Attack on America](#)**

**Sep 12, 1940**

**[Lascaux cave paintings discovered](#)**

**Sep 13, 1814**

**[Key pens Star-Spangled Banner](#)**



*this week in*  
**HISTORY**



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



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

2. Search for: "Orlando Science Schools"



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



# Duke TIP

TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

Orlando Science Schools will facilitate the participation of qualified 7th graders in the Duke TIP (Talent Identification Program). Duke TIP is a global leader in identifying academically talented students and providing them with opportunities to support their development.

The largest program of its kind, the Duke TIP 7th Grade Talent Search helps families determine how advanced their students' academic abilities truly are. Since its inception in 1980, over 2 million students have participated in a Duke TIP talent search.

## **Eligibility Is an Honor**

Seventh grade students with strong intellectual abilities are invited to participate if they achieve a qualifying score at or above the 95th percentile on a recent grade-level test. Upon enrollment, Duke TIP registers this select group to take the ACT or the SAT college entrance exam. After participants take their test, we provide valuable benefits to them throughout high school, including access to unique resources for gifted students developed by experts in the field of gifted education.

## **Participant Benefits**

Academically talented students need and deserve special challenges that recognize their interests and exceptional abilities. At Duke TIP, we help these students reach their full potential by providing an [above-level testing experience](#), [access to advanced educational programs](#), educational guidance, resources, and [special recognition of their accomplishments](#). Our services are designed to meet the academic needs of gifted students and to encourage the development of their special talents.

## **Recognition Ceremonies**

Special award ceremonies are held to bring families together so they can celebrate the outstanding achievement of 7th Grade Talent Search participants. Students qualify for recognition ceremonies based on ACT and SAT scores. Qualifying students receive invitations in April. Students who test after March do not attend ceremonies; their awards are mailed in August.

For more information about Duke Tip, please check the following website.

<http://tip.duke.edu/>

Also, please note that there will be an informative parent night about Duke Tip.

## **Duke TIP informative Parent Presentation**

When: Friday, September 12th, 2014 at 4:00 PM

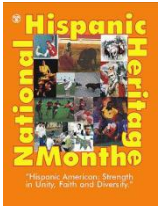
Where: Room# 123

Contact Person/E-mail: Mr. Akyalcin/ [akyalcin@orlandoscience.org](mailto:akyalcin@orlandoscience.org)

Mathcerely,  
Mr. Akyalcin







# Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

Dear Parents and Students,

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

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

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

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

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

Time: 5:30 pm

Where: OSS Cafeteria

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

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

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

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

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

# OSMS Soccer Team

Red-win  
Yellow- loss



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

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



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

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



## ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS



## PSAT/NMSQT

Orlando Science Charter Schools will provide the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) to our students. All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students may take the test on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> between 8:30 am and 11:30.

PSAT/NMSQT is a program cosponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). It is a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT.

The PSAT test can only be taken on the day which it is scheduled, there will be no retakes. Therefore, it is very important that all students attend school and be on time Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

**Cost: 14 Dollars (See Mr. Dag, Room 114)**

**Deadline: September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

Please visit the link below for more information about the PSAT test

[About PSAT/NMSQT](#)





## OSS Science Fair

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



### **Attention OSS 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade students**

Orlando Science Schools is proud to have Leslie Hielema, Florida Institute of Technology, visit our students to discuss the importance furthering their academic futures after high school, the Panther Ambassador Program, and the college experience.

In addition, astronaut Winston Scott will describe his time and personal history as a space explorer to encourage our students to reach for the stars!

Date: September 16, 2014

When: 9:00-10:00 am

Where: OSS cafeteria



### **Attention OSS 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders**

Orlando Science Schools' is honored to have Brooke Pankau, Rollins College Admission Counselor meet with OSS' upper classes to discuss the processes associated with applications, scholarship options and the many opportunities that Rollins has to offer.

Date: September 15, 2014

Time: 9:00-10:00 am

Where: OSS cafeteria

This will be a wonderful chance to learn more about what could be your future!!

# Opportunities are Knocking!

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



## Free to Students and Parents!

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

### NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIRS CHAIRPERSON

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



## Orlando National College Fair

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

### BEFORE THE FAIR...

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

### AT THE FAIR...

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

### ATTEND A WORKSHOP ABOUT...

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

### NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIRS CONTRIBUTORS



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

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



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



**September 27th**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# September 2014/2015 Charter School Hot Lunch

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