



ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

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Principal's Corner

Dear Students & Parents,

Another great week at OSS!

I hope everyone made it past Daylight Savings Time and is enjoying that extra hour!

OSS is excited to once again host our annual Scholastic Book Fair; to read up on it, page down to article 7.

There are just a few OSS Spirit shirts left, so fill out the order form and turn it in to Ms. Beece.

Check out page 9 to learn more on the exciting career of game development and how to design your own game.

There are only a few spots left for our high school students to tour the universities of Georgia: check out page 12 for more information.

As Thanksgiving approaches, take time to think about those you love and care for and to reach out to them during this special season.

As always, enjoy our lunch menu on page 13.

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

"The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page." ~ Augustine of Hippo

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OSS Upcoming Events

1. OSS Book Fair- November 7-14
2. Thanksgiving Break- November 24-28
3. Atlanta Field Trip –December 4-6

2014-2015 Report Card Dates for Parents

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

2014-2015 Parent Teacher Conference (PTC) Days

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

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

Dear Parents and Guardians,

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

Sincerely,

Mr. Yalcin

Curriculum Coordinator

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

This Week in History

This Week in History, Nov 2 - Nov 8

Nov 02, 1947

[Spruce Goose flies](#)

Nov 03, 1964

[D.C. residents cast first presidential votes](#)

Nov 04, 1956

[Soviets put brutal end to Hungarian revolution](#)

Nov 05, 1994

[George Foreman becomes oldest heavyweight champ](#)

Nov 06, 1962

[U.N. condemns apartheid](#)

Nov 07, 1991

[Magic Johnson announces he is HIV-positive](#)

Nov 08, 1895

[German scientist discovers X-rays](#)



this week in
HISTORY

Dear OSS Parent/Guardian,

Orlando Science Schools will be administering Semester Finals, the dates and the courses are listed below. You may find the details regarding the schedule for students as well as the information regarding the Semester Finals process on the second page of this letter with which you may review with your students. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting Mr. Yalcin at yalcin@orlandoscience.org.

Department	Grade	Date
Electives	6 through 12	Wednesday, December 17 th
Math	6 through 12	Thursday, December 18 th
ELA	6 through 12	Friday, December 19 th
Social Studies	6 through 12	Monday, December 15 th
Science	6 through 12	Tuesday, December 16 th

Questions and Answers for Semester Finals

Q-1) How will the Semester Finals affect my student's grade?

- It affects 7% of the student's overall Semester Grade.

Q-2) How long will the Semester Finals take?

- One Class Period- the same length as Chapter Tests

Q-3) How many questions will be asked in the Finals?

- Depends on the Department.

Math: 25 Questions

ELA: 30 Questions

SS: 40 Questions

Science: 30 Questions

Electives: 30 Questions

Q-4) How will the students take the Semester finals if they have accommodations?

- They will receive their accommodations as is written in their Section 504 IAP or IEP.

Q-5) What if my student(s) is absent on the Semester Final days?

- The student may take a makeup test when s/he comes to school.

Q-6) What type of questions will be on the test?

- The test will be a multiple choice test and it will cover all the topics from the first lesson of the school year up to one week before the Finals.

Q-7) Will there be other classes on Finals day?

- Yes, the students will take only their designated subjects final during one class period. The rest of the day will continue as a normal day.

Q-8) Are the Semester Finals created on OSS Connect?

- Yes, they are available under "Final" weeks.

Q-9) Who is the best contact person if I have any questions?

- You may directly contact your student's course teacher for course related questions. For general questions, please contact Mr. Yalcin at yalcin@orlandoscience.org



OSS School Spirit Shirts!!!!!!

Show your school spirit! Get your spirit shirt now! You can wear it on Fridays all year long! There is a limited supply in each size, so don't procrastinate. Fill out the information below, turn in to your HOMEROOM teacher with \$15.00 and your spirit shirt will be to you before the next Friday. Proceeds help support club functions throughout the school. First ordered, first served!

Student Name: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Paid in CASH or Check # _____ (\$15 per shirt)

Size needed: Please clearly circle one choice per shirt ordered.

Youth

Youth

Youth

Youth

Small

Medium

Large

X-Large

Adult

Adult

Adult

Adult

Small

Medium

Large

X-Large



CAN TABS

Please drop off your can tabs to the black can in front of Ms. Becc's desk.
We are collecting these tabs for Ronald McDonald House.

In April, along with many other Orange County schools, we will join the Ronald McDonald House in the "2014-15 School Pop Tab Recycling Contest".
The tabs collected will help families with sick children.

This will be an ongoing collection throughout the year.

TAKE A FYLER AND COLLECT AT WORK AND SAVE A LIFE



The First Lego League Team, RoboHobos, would like to invite all to their first ever competition Saturday, November 15 at Lawton Elementary School in Oviedo.

The fun begins at about 8:45 lasts until about 3:30pm. Stop by and say "Hello" to the

Robo Hobos, Team #11589!

Dear Parents and Families:

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills kids learn, it is the one you can influence the most.

We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: *encouraging kids to read every day so they can lead better lives.*

Our Book Fair is part of a reading event that brings to school a wonderful selection of fun, engaging, and affordable books kids want to read. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose books will motivate them to read more. And like most acquired skills, the more kids practice reading, the better they'll get.

Reading is vital to every child's success and it's the door opener to the 21st century for all children. Since there will never be a substitute for a parent's direct involvement in his/her child's education, please make plans to visit our Book Fair.

Book Fair Dates: November 7-14th (closed Saturday and Sunday.)

Shopping Hours: 8am-5pm

Special Events: Look for the fliers next week.

Before you visit the Book Fair be sure to download the FREE Book Fairs App to help you find the right fit books for your student. For more information, visit:

scholastic.com/apps/bookfairs. And if you're all booked up during Book Fair week be sure to visit the Book Fair online at

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=ossbookfair>

Our Online Fair is available for an extended time from November 2 to November 22.

We look forward to having you participate in our Fair, and remember, all purchases benefit our school.

Sincerely,

**Mr. Kriebel
OSS Book Fair Chairperson**

As many Floridians are aware, our state has been in a period of transition as we have made important decisions to improve our education system and raise the bar for our schools, educators and students. Please see below for an overview of the direction we are moving in statewide assessments, which assessments will be offered in the upcoming school year, how those assessments will be offered and ways families can support their children in preparation for the new assessments.

The Florida Standards and Florida Standards Assessments

The Florida Standards in Mathematics and English Language Arts were approved by the Florida State Board of Education in February 2014 and will be fully implemented in grades K-12 in the 2014-2015 school year. All Florida schools will teach the Florida Standards, and the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has contracted with the American Institutes for Research (AIR) to develop and administer new statewide assessments. These assessments will provide parents, teachers, policy makers and the general public with information regarding how well students are learning the Florida standards.

What assessments will my child be taking?

The following Florida Standards Assessments will be administered for the first time in Spring 2015:

- Grades 3-11 English Language Arts (Writing component in grades 4-11)
- Grades 3-8 Mathematics
- Algebra 1 End-of-Course Assessment
- Geometry End-of-Course Assessment
- Algebra 2 End-of-Course Assessment

Promoting Success and Family Support

Parents can promote student success by staying involved in their child's education, offering positive support and feedback and encouraging them to relax and do their very best. By staying connected with their student's school and teachers and taking advantage of online resources, such as school websites and portals, parents can stay informed and be best equipped to meet the needs of their students at home.

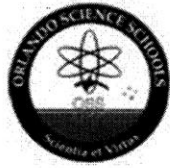
Finding Resources

Families are encouraged to take advantage of the information and resources available on the Florida Standards Assessments portal (www.FSAssessments.org) and the FDOE website (wwwfldoe.org). More resources will be made available throughout the 2014-2015 school year, so parents and students should check these websites regularly for updates.

Computer-Based Testing

Florida has been transitioning to computer-based testing since 2010 and will continue to do so in Spring 2015. AIR offers a dynamic computer-based test delivery system. Students will respond to items in multiple ways, including creating graphs, writing short responses and using other interactive features. The various question types are designed to assess higher order thinking skills and offer exciting new ways for students to show what they know and can do. Training tests are now available for students, parents and educators to become familiar with the new testing system. The training tests can be accessed at www.FSAssessments.org/training-tests.

In Spring 2015, all grades 5-11 English Language Arts and Mathematics assessments will be administered online, with paper-based versions available for students with disabilities who have this accommodation outlined in their Individual Educational Plans (IEPs). Computer-based accommodations, such as text-to-speech, will also be available in the platform for eligible students who require them. Grades 3 and 4 assessments in 2014-2015 will be paper-based tests only. Please reference the 2014-2015 Statewide Assessment Schedule located on the FSA portal (www.FSAssessments.org) for information about when the tests will be administered.



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Game Development Speaker Series

Throughout the Fall, DeVry University will be hosting local game industry experts, giving each of them a chance to share their knowledge with our students. If you've ever wanted to know more about the ins-and-outs of video games, here's your chance to learn from some of Orlando's best developers!

Nov. 5th
5pm-6pm
Rm. 101

How To Design, Build, & Fund Your First Indie Game

Erica Holcomb, Cameron Bolinger, Joseph Arcidiacono | TBA Games

TBA promotes science by incorporating realistic principles into games. Their titles include the planet simulator Pet Rock, and the real-time strategy game PeriAreion, which was successfully funded on Kickstarter.

Nov. 12th
5pm-6pm
Rm. 101

Mobile Game Production

Derek Tishler | DMT Source

With seven games across four marketplaces and over 1.6 million downloads, DMT Source has quickly grown into a major provider of mobile 3D flight simulators for Android & iOS since its first release in November of 2013.

Nov. 19th
5pm-6pm
Rm. 101

Storytelling Techniques

Jay Tholen | Dropsy

Jay Tholen is an artist, game designer, and musician. His current project, Dropsy, is "a point-and-click adventure that wields sorrow in one hand and gut-busting humor in another, with a fascinating open-world structure gluing everything together" (Rock, Paper, Shotgun).

Dec. 3rd
5pm-6pm
Rm. 101

The "Why" Of Video Games

Corey Cochran | ThatWhichIs Media

Corey Cochran creates experimental games for a variety of platforms under the ThatWhichIs Media label. He is an active member of Orlando's game development scene, organizing events such as The Indie Galactic Space Jam.

Dec. 10th
5pm-6pm
Rm. 101

Topic TBD

James Morgan | IndieBox

DeVry graduate James Morgan is a founding member of IndieBox, a subscription service that delivers collector's edition versions of indie games through the mail. With over 800 subscribers, IndieBox has gained the attention of popular sites like The Escapist, Kotaku, and Joystiq.

Free Food & Prizes.

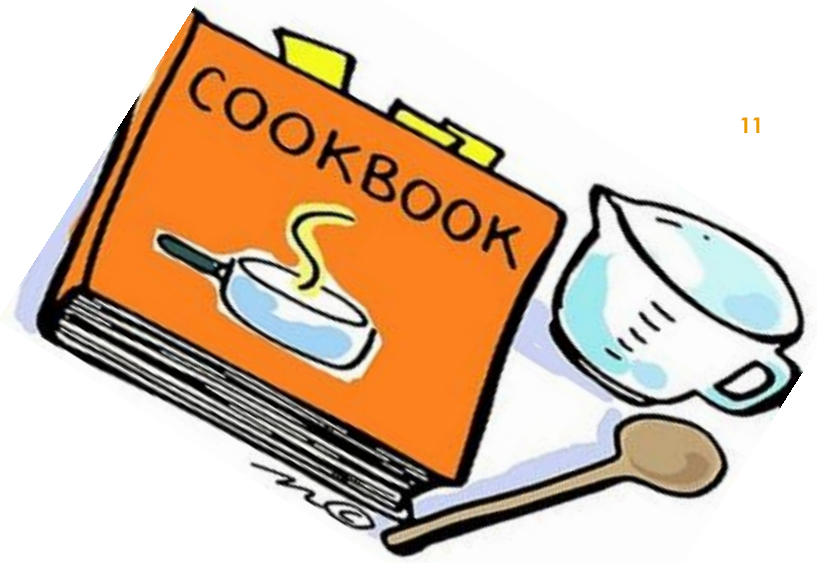
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For more information, contact Professor Sushil (dsushil@devry.edu).

**Visit Mr. I @room 116 to register and join the group.
Open to everyone!**

OSS is excited to announce we will be publishing our own cookbook!!!



Soon we will start gathering recipes, so if you've that coleslaw that everyone loves or that dessert that makes your friends lick their fingers, share them with the OSS family!

More information will be coming soon, so stay tuned on how you may submit your recipe and purchase this wonderful collaboration from students, staff and parents!





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College Trip to Atlanta, Georgia

The Atlanta region in Georgia enjoys a concentration of colleges and universities which offer an extraordinary mix of missions and campus settings - from downtown campuses to tree-lined quads, from internationally renowned research institutions to small liberal arts colleges, from comprehensive universities to specialized schools of art, theology, technology and medicine.

Orlando Science Schools invites our students to visit the world class city Atlanta

When: December 4th -6th

Where: Atlanta, Georgia

Places to visit: Emory University-Georgia Tech University -Kennesaw State University- CNN-Coca-Cola Museum

Fee: 150 Dollars (includes transportation, hotel, Coca-Cola and CNN)

Who: 8th grade and High School Students (first come first serve for 11 students)



November 2014

Charter School Hot Lunch W/Pizza

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Breakfast Selections	Assorted Cereals w/ Cheese Stick Craisins Apple Slices <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Strawberry Pop Tart Apple Juice Fruit Punch <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Yogurt Parfait/Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal Raisins Bananas <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Bagel with Cream Cheese Orange Juice Apple Juice <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Ultimate Breakfast Round Granny Smiths Grapes <u>Choice of Milk</u>	Breakfast 9-12 th Grade Tuesdays serve two- 1.76oz packs of pop tarts or one 3.75oz pack Daily - 2 fruits	
	26	27 Hamburger/Cheese Burger 1c. Black or Red Beans Diced Peaches or Pears	28 Roasted Chicken WG Garlic Breadstick 1c. Corn Orange Wedges	29 Cheese/Pepperoni Pizza 1c. Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Sliced Apples	30 Ravioli with Bread Stick 1c. Broccoli Nectarine	31 Chicken Tender Sub 1c. Veggie Dippers Pineapple Tidbits	9-12 th Grade 10/28 - Use HS Recipe; give 2 breadsticks. 10/30 - HS Recipe with 2 Breadsticks Daily - 2 fruits (or 1c.)
	2	3 General Tso Chicken Vegetable LoMein 1c. Stir Fry Vegetables Grapes	4 Hamburger/Cheese Burgers On WG Bun 1c. Deli Roasters Applesauce	5 Cheese Pizza 1c. Steamed Carrots Bananas	6 Montego Bay Chicken Legs Seasoned Brown Rice 1c. Cuban Black Beans Apple Slices	7 Chicken Tenders with Dinner Roll 1c. Broccoli Carrot Sticks HS ONLY (1/7c.) Diced Peaches	9-12 th Grade 11/3 - 1c. Lo Mein 11/6 - 1c. Brown Rice 11/7 - 2 Dinner Rolls Daily - 2 Fruits (or 1c.)
	9	10 Ravioli with Garlic Bread ½ c. Broccoli ½ c. Steamed Carrots Applesauce	11 Pepperoni Pizza 1c. Green Beans Pears	12 Sloppy Joes 1c. Carrot Dippers Apple Slices	13 All Beef Hot Dog 1c. Baked Beans Banana	14 Mac and Cheese 1c. Deli Roasters Mixed Fruit	9-12 th Grade 11/10 - HS Recipe w/ 2 Sliced Garlic Toast 10/14 - Add Garlic Toast Slice w/ Mac & Cheese Daily - 2 fruits (or 1c.)
	16	17 Chicken Tenders Dinner Roll ½ c. Baby Carrots 2/3c. Baked Beans Diced peaches	18 Teriyaki Meatballs 1c. Seasoned Rice 1c. Broccoli Pears	19 Cheese Pizza 1c. Corn Sliced Apples	20 Holiday Meal Roasted Turkey ½ c. Sweet Potato Soufflé - New* ½ c. Green beans Cornbread Stuffing Apple Bake	21 Teriyaki Chicken Veggie LoMein 1c. Stir Fry Veggies Craisins	9-12 th Grade 11/17 - 2 Dinner Rolls 11/20 - HS Recipe for Turkey, 1c. Stuffing, & 1c. Sweet Potato Soufflé 11/21- 1c. Lo Mein Daily - 2 fruits (or 1c.)