



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,

We have completed our first week of FSA testing and we cannot thank you enough for your hard work and readiness. It is because of you that we are successful. This week's newsletter is short and sweet and we ask that you spend time looking over it with your families, it is packed with information that you will not want to miss.

Congratulations to Ms. Palmer on being our very first Newsletter Trivia Contest winner, she was awarded a free dress down day. You will find this contest on page fourteen. All entries are due by 5pm Tuesday.

We are pleased to announce that our OSS College Center Corner is back for the second week in a row. Junior Parents please do not miss out on the wonderful even located on page nine. You will find all college information located on pages eight through ten.

We are currently in the standard ordering phase for our 2015-2016 yearbooks. You will not want to miss out on this wonderful memorabilia. Please turn to page eleven more information.

Congratulations to Ms. Zeratsky's volleyball club as being chosen for our club of the week. For a description on this event please turn to page six.

As we are well on our way for completing on third nine weeks, I ask that you turn to page fifteen on a few brief reminders. We are on track for having another successful year at OSS!

Our Spring Book Fair starts next week! Please come out and help support our school and turn to page sixteen for more information. Good luck to all of our students competing in the history fair tomorrow at Lake Highland Prep, you will do amazing!

Did you know that OCPS is offering Free Vaccination Day? Turn to page twelve for this wonderful information.

Congratulations to the thirty students from OSS that participated in the American Mathematics competition please turn to page ten for recap on this remarkable accomplishment.

Sincerely,
Abdulaziz Yalcin
Principal

OSS Upcoming Events

- March 5th 2016:** County History Fair at Lake Highland Prep
- March 7th-March 11th 2016:** Spring Book Fair
- March 10th 2016:** Junior Parent Night
- March 11th 2016:** FSU Professor Dr. Cottle Visits OSS
- March 14th 2016:** Pi Day
- March 14th 2016:** USNA Patrick Rearden Presentation
- March 18th 2016:** No School Teacher Workday
- March 19th 2016:** Science Olympiad State Competiton
- March 21st-25th:** Spring Break School and District Office are closed!

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

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

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

This Week In History...



DATE	EVENT(S)
February 29 th	Happy Leap Day !
March 1 st 1642	York, Maine becomes the first incorporated American City.
March 2 nd 1853	The Territory of Washington is organized.
March 3 rd 1923	The first issue of <i>Time</i> magazine is published. It's editor, Henry R. Luce, is just out of Yale.
March 4 th 1801	Thomas Jefferson becomes the first President to be inaugurated in Washington, D.C.

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

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

Orange County Public Schools: 2015-2016 School Calendar

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



2015-16 Orlando Science Schools Assessment Calendar

Florida Standards Assessments (FSA)

English Language Arts and Mathematics - Required by State

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

End-of-Course Assessments - Required by State

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

Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) Assessments

End-of-Course Assessments - Required by State

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

Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test FCAT 2.0 - Required by State

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

AP College Board Exam Dates

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

Common Final Exams – Required by Orange County Public Schools

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

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

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

Updated – September 30, 2015

Club of the Week

VOLLEYBALL



Volleyball club is offered once a week on Tuesdays. During club, students have a chance to enhance skills for volleyball games and play each other in scrimmage games.

EXTRA, EXTRA

Orlando Science School System Accreditation

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

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

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



OSS FACEBOOK

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

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



Saturday Studies

OSS Middle/High will have Saturday Studies tomorrow with the exception of AP Chemistry.

ORLANDO SCIENCE COLLEGE CENTER CORNER

JUNIOR YEAR TO DO LIST!

Spring

- Meet with your college coordinator/AP to review senior-year course selection and graduation requirements.
- Discuss ACT Assessment/SAT I scores with your college coordinator. Register to take the ACT Assessment and/or SAT I again if you'd like to try to improve your score.
- Discuss the college essay with your English teacher.
- Stay involved with your extracurricular activities. Colleges look for consistency and depth in activities.
- Consider whom you will ask to write your recommendations. Think about asking teachers who know you well and who will write positive letters about you. Letters from a coach, activity leader, or an adult who knows you well outside of school (e.g., volunteer work contact) are also valuable.
- Inquire about personal interviews at your favorite colleges. Call or write for early summer appointments. Make necessary travel arrangements.
- Apply for a summer job or internship. Be prepared to pay for college application, financial aid, and testing fees in fall.
- Request applications from schools you're interested in or apply online.

Summer

- Visit the campuses of your top 2 or 3 college choices.
- After each college interview, send a thank-you letter to the interviewer.
- Talk to people you know who have attended the colleges in which you are interested.
- Continue to read books, magazines, and newspapers.
- Practice filling out college applications, and then complete the final application forms or apply online through the Web sites of the colleges in which you're interested.
- Volunteer in your community.
- Compose rough drafts of your college essays. Have a teacher read and discuss them with you. Proofread them, and prepare final drafts. Proofread your final essays at least three times.
- Develop a financial aid application plan, including a list of the aid sources, requirements for each application, and a timetable for meeting the filing deadlines.



COLLEGE CENTER



Mark Your Calendar!

College Information Night for Junior Parents and Students

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

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

We are looking forward to see you all at the OSS Cafeteria at

5:00pm on Thursday, March 10th

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

Or via email hisikli@orlandoscience.org



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ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

30 students at Orlando Science Schools participated in the 67th annual American Mathematics Contest 12, and/or the 17th annual American Mathematics Contest 10. The contests were held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016). The students competed for local, regional and national student and school awards. The contest, which covers high school mathematics, is given in participating schools. Its purpose is to spur interest in mathematics and develop talent through the excitement of friendly competition at problem solving in a timed format. In 2015, over 210,000 students from 4,100 schools participated in the AMC 10 & AMC 12 contest.

Top scorers at OSS were Esha R. in AMC 10 and Zhi (Jimmy) W. in AMC 12. With this outstanding accomplishment, both students are invited to take American Invitational Mathematics Examination (AIME). The AIME will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2016. This contest was established in 1973 as an intermediate step between the high school (AMC 10 and AMC 12) contests and the U. S. A. Mathematical Olympiad (USA (J)MO). **The AIME is a 15 question, 3 hour examination in which each answer is an integer from 0 to 999.** Students are very unlikely to obtain the correct answer by guessing. The questions on the AIME require only high school mathematics, and are much more difficult than those on the AMC 10 and AMC 12. Congratulations to Esha Ranade and Jimmy Wang again for this great success.

According to Dr. Mark Saul, who serves as Director of the American Mathematics Competitions, the AMC 12 (first offered in 1950), and the AMC 10 (first offered in 2000), are part of a series of contests sponsored each year by The Mathematical Association of America, through their program, the American Mathematics Competitions. The AMC offers the only math competition series in the country leading to the United States of America Mathematical Olympiad (USAMO), the United States of America Junior Mathematical Olympiad (USAJMO) and the Mathematical Olympiad Summer Program (MOSP). From this group of students, the AMC sends the highly competitive USA Team to the prestigious annual International Mathematical Olympiad.



MAA

MATHEMATICAL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOL YEARBOOKS FOR SALE

Purchase your 2016 yearbook today!

~~**Early Order Discount - \$30.00**~~

~~January 11th - February 26th~~

Standard Order Window - \$35.00

Beginning February 27th - March 25th

Final Order Window - \$40.00

March 26th - April 8th

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

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

Thanks so much!

Ms Carhart

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Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.



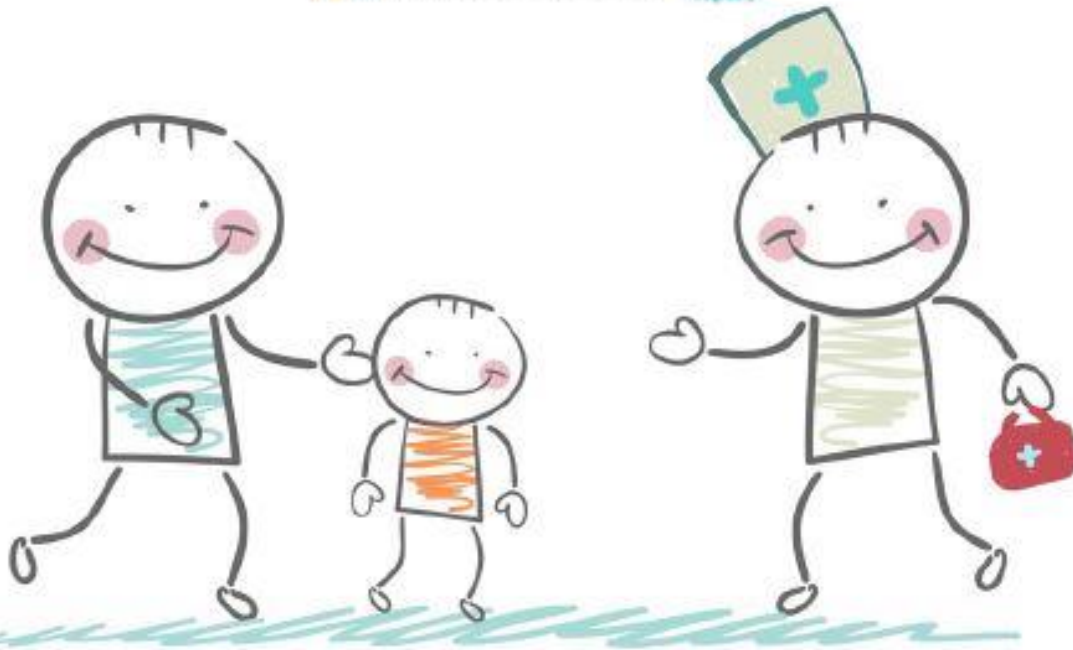


Spring Break Shots

Provided by OCPS and the
Florida Department of Health in Orange County



Orange County
Public Schools



Free school-required vaccinations
and printing of current 680 forms

Parents: Bring valid ID and child's current immunization records
March 22, 23 and 24 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Ronald Blocker Educational Leadership Center
445 W. Amelia Street, Orlando 32801
Walk-ins only, First come, first served

Questions? Call 407.317.3200, ext. 2002609 or see Spring Break Shots Link at www.ocps.net

School Uniform Sale Off!

50% off

Orlando Science Uniforms at

All Uniform Wear

Hurry in for the best selection!

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

Newsletter Trivia

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

1. When are the emergency contact forms due back if you have not turned one in yet?

2. At what time are students required to attend our Extended Day program on Wednesdays?

3. When is the last day of school for students?

4. When is the OCPS Spring Break Shots event ?

5. Who is the professor coming to speak at the Junior Student Parent Information Night?

6. When is the AP Biology College Board Exam being held?

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

8. What day is your club of the week held on and who is the teacher responsible for this club?

9. Which two students are invited to take the American Invitational Mathematics Examination?

10. What page is Waldo on?

11. What is the location that students should be dropped off in the morning prior to 8:05AM?

Name: _____

OSS Reminders

Drop Off

Students are to be dropped off to school no earlier than 7:30AM. Students dropped after 8:05AM must be signed in by a parent or guardian, regardless of grade level.

School begins at 7:55AM for grades 6th-8th and 8:00AM for grades 9th-12th. Students are to be dropped off behind the school and are not permitted to enter through the front of the building prior to 8:05 AM

Early Pick Up/Dismissal

Please note that students are not allowed to be checked out early within the last ten minutes of dismissal, unless prior arrangements are made with the front desk. Students who are driving and need to leave early for appointments need to have approval from Mr. Murphy at least 24hrs in advance.

Emergency Contact Forms

A while back your students were sent home with an Emergency Contact Form, this form is required by OCPS to be on file. If your student did not turn in a form a new one will be sent home with them during this next week. Regardless of the grade level and age all OSS students must have a form turned in. We cannot thank you enough for your understanding. Forms are due by March 11th 2016.

Belts and Jackets/Sweaters and Hoodies

Belts must be worn by all students. Jackets must be the grade appropriate color and embroidered with the OSS school logo. **Hoodies are not permitted on the OSS Campus even on dress down days.**

After School Clubs and Extended Day

Students are permitted to be on campus until the end of club time each day. For those students who are not picked up by 4:00PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and 3:00PM on Wednesday they will be required to attend our Extended Day Program and will be charged a fee. Students are not permitted to wait up front for their parents. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Visitors at OSS

All visitors must check in and receive a visitors badge at the front desk. Parents are not permitted to walk their students to class in the morning or after school without receiving clearance from the front desk first. Only those visitors who are Additions approved, may have lunch with their student(s).

Parent Teacher Conferences

Here at OSS our teachers work countless hours to make sure your child is learning at the highest level. With that in mind please keep in mind that our teachers are not able to answer their emails right away or return your phone calls immediately. If you need a conference with your student's teachers please make sure to arrange one ahead of time by emailing them in advance. We thank you for your understanding.



SPRING BOOK FAIR



Our first annual spring book fair will begin on Monday March 7th and will run through Friday March 11th 2016.

The fair will be open daily from 8-4 daily.

We will have a display in the media center for teachers to write a wish list. You may purchase a book or two off their list and help fill their classrooms.

We invite you all out to support this amazing event!



Lunch Menu

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

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

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