



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 you all are ready for your weekend and had a great week! I would like to congratulate Neelam H. and Ms. Zeratsky for winning our newsletter trivia contest of the week! Please turn to page fifteen for another chance to win next week.

Day Light Savings Time begins this Sunday March 13th 2016 please do not forget to set your clocks an hour ahead. Please turn to page seventeen for more information.

We are still in our standard ordering phase for the 2015-2016 yearbooks; order this memorable item by March 25th 2016 to avoid the price increase. To find more information please turn to page eleven.

The 2015-2016 Seniors Class will be holding a Spring Uniform Sale beginning this Saturday March 12th and on Thursday March 17th, please flip to page thirteen for details.

Your club of the week is folk dance club. Please turn to page six for more information on this outstanding club.

The OSS College Corner is a wonderful resource for those students in high school and their parents. Please check back weekly for great tips and information. Our OSS College Corner is sponsored by Mr. I, if you have any college related questions feel free to contact him.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our first Spring Book Fair a great success. We also cannot thank our parent and student volunteers enough for all your help; we could not do it without you. I would also like to thank Mr. Kriebel for all of his help organizing and coordinating this great event.

Join OSS for Sunday in the Park this Sunday March 13th 2016 from 12-5:00pm if you would like to come out to this great event please turn to page eighteen.

Sincerely,

Abdulaziz Yalcin

Principal
Orlando Science
Middle/High School

OSS Upcoming Events

- March 13th 2016:** Sunday in the Park
- March 14th 2016:** Pi Day
- March 14th 2016:** USNA Patrick Rearden Presentation
- March 16th 2016:** Relay for Life Fundraising Event at Giraffas
- March 18th 2016:** No School Teacher Workday
- March 19th 2016:** Science Olympiad State Competiton
- March 21st-25th 2016:** 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)
March 7 th 1876	Alexander Graham Bell is granted a patent for the telephone.
March 8 th 1961	Max Conrad circles the globe in a record time of eight days, 18 hours and 49 minutes in Piper Aztec.
March 9 th 1959	The Barbie Doll is unveiled at a toy fair in New York City.
March 10 th 1910	Slavery is abolished in China.
March 11 th 1969	Levi-Strauss starts to sell bell-bottomed jeans.

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 Semester/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

Folk Dance

Turkey has a complex, sophisticated culture reflected in the variety of its folk dances. Each of these dances carries a story of its own which represents the cultural structure emerging from the different regions of Turkey.

Our folk dance club practices a special dance from the Konya region; they enjoy wearing authentic costumes and practice with traditional Turkish music.

Turkish folk dance club is offered on Tuesday and Thursdays.

For more information please contact Mrs. Aksu.



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 Leadership Academy Studies

Will continue this Saturday March 12th 2016

ORLANDO SCIENCE COLLEGE CENTER CORNER

High School College Prep Timeline

Use this timeline to help you make sure you're accomplishing everything you need to accomplish on time.

Ninth Grade

- As soon as you can, meet with your College Coordinator to begin talking about colleges and careers.
- Make sure you are enrolled in the appropriate college-preparatory or tech-prep courses.
- Get off to a good start with your grades. The grades you earn in ninth grade will be included in your final high school GPA and class rank.
- College might seem a long way off now, but grades really do count toward college admission and scholarships.
- Explore your interests and possible careers on the Internet.
- Get involved in extracurricular activities (both school and non-school-sponsored).
- Talk to your parents about planning for college expenses. Continue or begin a savings plan for college.
- Use the internet to check out college websites.
- Tour a nearby college, if possible. Visit relatives or friends who live on or near a college campus. Check out the dorms, go to the library or student center, and get a feel for college life.
- Investigate summer enrichment programs.
- If you are interested in college athletics, please see your College Coordinator as soon as possible.

Tenth Grade

Fall

- In October, take the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) for practice. When you fill out your test sheet, check the box that releases your name to colleges so you can start receiving brochures from them.
- Become familiar with general college entrance requirements.
- Participate in your school's or state's career development activities.

Winter

- Discuss your PSAT score with your College Coordinator.
- The people who read college applications aren't looking just for grades. Get involved in activities outside the classroom. Work toward leadership positions in the activities that you like best. Become involved in community service and other volunteer activities.
- Read, read, read. Read as many books as possible from a comprehensive reading list from your English teacher.
- Work on your writing skills—you'll need them no matter what you do.
- Find a teacher or another adult who will advise and encourage you to write well.

Spring

- Keep your grades up so you can have the highest GPA and class rank possible.
- Continue to explore interests and careers that you think you might like.
- Begin zeroing in on the type of college you would prefer (two-year or four-year, small or large, rural or urban).
- If you are interested in attending a military academy, such as West Point or Annapolis, now is the time to start planning and getting information.
- Visit a few more college campuses. Read all of the mail you receive from colleges. You may see something you like.
- Attend annual college fair at Orlando National College Fair (NACAC).
- Keep putting money away for college. Get a summer job.
- Consider taking SAT II Subject Tests in the courses you took this year while the material is still fresh in your mind. These tests are offered in May and June.

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



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.



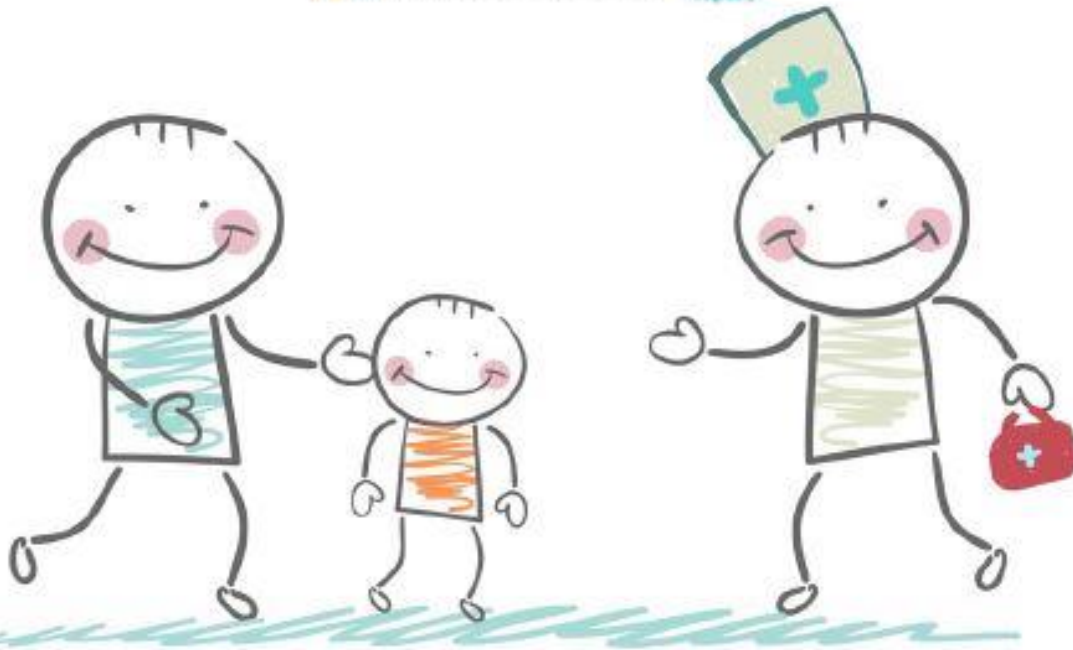


Spring Break Shots

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

Dear Parents,

Your High School Seniors are having a
GENTLY USED UNIFORM SALE!!

Saturday, March 12th from 9am-12pm

&

Thursday, March 17th from 4pm-6:30pm

OSS room 140



Shirts-\$5

Pants- \$5

Shorts-\$4

Skorts-\$4

Jackets-\$10

Sweatshirts-\$8

P.E. separates-\$3 each or 2 for \$5

Cash Only



Giraffas Spirit Night

Event's Date:

March 16, 2016

Address:

**1430 North
Mills Ave
Orlando, FL
32803**

Time of event:

3:00p.m to 7:00pm

Contact information:

**Ms. Stevens
Mrs. Frunker**

This event is to kick off our Relay for Life team! Relay for Life is an event that promotes cancer research and cancer prevention. Last year, our school helped raise over \$10,000 for this great cause and we are hoping to exceed that goal this year. Please come out and support our Relay for Life team.

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 5pm Tuesday will be entered to win a free dress down day! Good luck and thank you for participating!

1. Who is your club of the week and on what days do they meet?

2. What was unveiled at the Toy Fair on March 9th 1959?

3. If you are a JUNIOR when should you send a thank-you letter to your interviewer?

4. When was the popcorn chicken bowl offered as a choice for school lunch?

5. What time is the Relay for Life Spirit Night and where is it being held?

6. What two states do not participate in Daylight Savings Time?

7. What grade will be taking the FCAT 2.0 Science?

8. How much money did the OSS Relay for Life Team raise last year?

9. Are we setting our clocks forward or backwards on Sunday?

10. What page is Waldo on?

11. How many countries participate in Daylight Savings time and what is one country that does not?

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.

Daylight Savings



Did you know that during Daylight Savings we lose an hour of sleep but we also gain an hour of Daylight? While most of our devices will correct themselves such as cell phones and computers some devices won't such as a standard wall clocks and microwaves. So please make sure to check your clocks Sunday Morning to make sure all devices are following the correct time.

During this time it is also important to check the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

Fun Facts:

- Did you know that only 48/50 States participate in Daylight Savings, Hawaii and Arizona does not.
- And 78 Countries participate in participate in Daylight Savings time as well, however Russia is one country that does not.

SUNDAY IN THE PARK



Please join OSS at *Sunday in the Park* this Sunday March 13th 2016 from 12:00-5:00pm. This is a fantastic event for all ages and we cannot wait to see you all there.


Below is the web address for the event to find more information:

<http://mycpna.org/sip>



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) Sautéed 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(1E1&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) Sautéed Carrots (1/2 red) Whole Assorted Apples (1/2c Fruit) Choice of Milk	Chicken Taco with Salsa Verde (Green Sauce)(2M, 2G) Chorizo 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