

# Bear Paw Times



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**Mission Statement: Our number one priority is student achievement with high expectations being the responsibility of our entire school community.**



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- Gabrielle Tandlich, Math Coach*
- Leah Boyd, Testing Coordinator*
- Jamie Hopkins, MTSS*
- Meg Hodge, RCS*
- Christina McGee, Social Worker*
- Elaina Hoover, Psychologist*

I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself as the new principal of Narcoossee Middle School (NCMS). It is incredibly exciting to have been appointed principal of such a well-regarded school in the School District of Osceola County (SDOC). During the next several weeks, I look forward to getting to know the students, staff, and parents, so I can learn from you what makes Narcoossee Middle such a wonderful school.

Additionally, I want you to get to know me. I was born and raised in Puerto Rico, but for the last twenty years, I've called Osceola County my home. Narcoossee Middle is the fifth school that I've had the pleasure to work at in SDOC, which means I get to bring to NCMS my knowledge and experiences of four other schools. I am very committed and passionate about education and I am happy to make this transition. Together, we can ensure that Narcoossee Middle School is on the path of continued success!



**New Principal**

Thank you,  
Dr. Francisco Rivera Mieles  
Principal at Narcoossee Middle School



The NCMS AVID programs have been very busy wrapping up our 3rd quarter. We have taken a good hard look at grade point averages & set some serious goals to finish our 4th nine weeks strong. Moving towards our end of the year assessment schedule, we plan to spend some time with test taking tips and strategies in the month of April. We are also completing project based learning with career and college exploration and our 8th graders are looking forward into high school planning and schedule selection for next year. We are also currently accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year. If you are interested in joining our AVID family, please feel free to reach out to one of our AVID teachers and inquire about this amazing program for your child. We are proud to be AVID PROUD at NCMS!

### FREE Tdap Vaccination for 6th Graders

The Osceola County Health Department is coming to Narcoossee Middle School on April 13, 2023, to give the Tdap vaccination to 6th graders. The state of Florida requires that all 6th graders receive this shot before entering into the 7th grade. We would like for all 6th graders to have the Tdap before May 19th. Please look for your child to bring home a form from the Osceola County Health Department on April 3rd. Parents, please fill out the form as soon as possible and return it to the front office. Your child may also give it to their 1st period teacher.

### Media Center News

Last Day for Book Checkout is April 21st. Please make sure you return all books before the end of the year. Eighth grade students, please make sure that your library record is clear before moving on to high school.

Buy one Get one Free Bookfair is from April 24 - 28th. All forms of payment are accepted, including apple and google pay. If you are paying cash, exact payment only is accepted (any change under \$1 will be donated to the media center to purchase new books).



**All students entering 7th grade** must provide the school with an updated immunization record (FL form 680/white form). All 7th grade students must have (1) Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine and all other required vaccines must be up-to-date.

After receiving the Tdap, please email the form to: [ncmsregistration@osceolaschools.net](mailto:ncmsregistration@osceolaschools.net)

For FREE Vaccines, contact The Osceola County Health Department at 407-343-2066. Located on Fortune Road in Kissimmee.

Check out the Osceola County School District website for information and resources to all of your needs. [Osceolaschools.net](http://Osceolaschools.net)

**Official NCMS Social Media Sites to get the Latest News & Info:**

Find us on **Facebook**  
**Narcoossee Middle - School@NCMSbears**

**Instagram**  
**Nemsblackbears**



**NO outside food allowed on school campus.**



## Mark Your Calendar!

<p>4/1 - April Fool's Day </p> <p>4/3 - Flag Football at Neptune</p> <p>4/5 - Flag Football at Parkway 5:30 PM</p> <p>4/8 - Odyssey of the Mind State Competition at Orange County Convention Center</p> <p>4/9 - Easter</p> <p>4/10 - Flag Football at St. Cloud Middle 6 PM</p> <p>4/12 - 1st Track Meet at St. Cloud Middle 5 PM</p> <p>4/19 - 2nd Track Meet at Canoe Creek K-8 5:30</p> <p>4/20 - Jeremiah Ice Cream Spirit Night (all day)</p> <p>4/21 - Spring Chorus Concert at 6-8 PM</p> <p>4/21 - Battle of the Books</p> <p>4/22 - Advanced Band Practicing in the Osceola County Concert Band Extravaganza</p> <p>4/28 - Student vs Faculty Competition</p> <p>4/28 - High School Musical Performance 7 PM in the NCMS Performance Café</p> <p>4/29 - High School Musical Performance on Saturday 2 PM &amp; 7 PM in the NCMS Performance Café</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>High School Musical Practices</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mondays, Tuesday, and Thursdays 4:30-6:00 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>High School Musical!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday April 28th at 7pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday April 29th at 2pm &amp; 7pm with special performances by Ms. Alfred Saturday afternoon!! Tickets are \$5</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ODYSSEY OF THE MIND</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">THURSDAYS 4:30-6:00 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>IN-Coming 9th graders Interested in Harmony HS - Scan QR to Join Band App for Tryout Info!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>IN-COMING HS 9th Grade Students Interested in TOHO Cheerleading</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Plan Ahead!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Parent Meeting 4/12 at 5 PM at TOHO Media Center</p> <p>Current 8th Graders attending Gradventure: Monday - Day One Clinic Tuesday - Day Two Clinic Wednesday - Danced Released Thursday - Review Day 3 Clinic &amp; Then MS Tryout Friday - Current HS Tryout/MS Students NOT Attending Gradventure Saturday - Roster Will Be Posted</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Testing Update:</b></p> <p>*4/17-4/28: NWEA MAP Growth (Spring) for 6th and 7th grade students in Earth/Space Science or Physical Science Advanced (NOT Honors; they will be taking the Science FSA in May). Please contact your student's science teacher for specific details of when they will be taking this test in their classes.</p> <p>*4/17-5/12: Semester 2 classes will be giving their Post-Tests. These classes include: Journalism, Library Skills, Spanish (1, 2, Exploratory), ALL Theatre classes, ALL Band classes, ALL PE classes, ALL Chorus classes, ALL AVID classes, ALL Art classes, ALL Business classes and Health/Nutrition classes. Please reach out to your student's elective teachers to get specific details regarding these assessments.</p> <p>Questions, contact Mrs. Boyd: (leah.boyd@osceolaschools.net)</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NCMS CHEER TEAM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">for a clean sweep of Districts Competitions &amp; a Championship Win 2 years in a row!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PBIS/Expectations</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports)</b></p> <p>Our mission at NCMS is to build environments in which positive behavior is more effective and more appealing to students than problem behavior. Students are recognized and praised for positive behaviors (i.e. Bear Bucks, Golden Tickets, and Positive referrals).</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be responsible</li> <li>Encourage others</li> <li>Act safely</li> <li>Respect all</li> <li>Strive for success</li> </ul> <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; background-color: #e0f0e0;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Students can spend their Bear Bucks at our PBIS events, dress down days, and at our Bear's Den in Café.</p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"> </p>	

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**NCMS Business Partners**

**Bounce N Around 407-460-0871**

**Brue Family Dentistry 407-979-4170**

**Carlyle Orthodontics 407-447-9060**

**ino's Pizza (Narcoossee, St. Cloud) 407-984-4777**

**Dr. Sandra Mauro, & Associates 407-505-2020**

**Esteem Dental & Orthodontics 407-476-5650**

**Hoffner Eye Care 407-207-2020**

**HomePride Realty Services Inc. 407-846-0940**

**Inspire Weight Loss 407-837-3555**  
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**Lissette Sanchez, EXP Realty 407-603-5210**

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**WAWA Gas Station on Narcoossee Rd/Boggy Creek**

**Ur Learning Solution 407-658-7575**

*If you have questions or would like to become a Partner contact, Judi Lowell in the front office @ 407-891-6600. Please support our Partners in Education. They support us:-)*

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So far we have 85 new positive referrals this quarter & total 550 this yr.

PBIS Bear's Den (store) is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays before school from 8:50am-9:30am.

PBIS Taki Tuesday is open near the picnic tables before school from 8:50am-9:30am.

PBIS is preparing our final Student vs. Faculty Tournament! On Friday, April 28th, we will have Student vs. Faculty Beachball Volleyball competition...it is a redemption opportunity for our students who lost by only one point at our last session in December. Maybe they have had enough time to recuperate and show improvement...

**Save the Date!**

**Upcoming 8th Grade Events:**

**Gradventure, 5/5 departing mid-day**

**Dance, 5/19 from 6:30-8:30 PM**

**Awards, 5/25 from 6:00-8:00 PM**

**Nighttime English Classes for Adults**

English Classes each Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30-8:30pm.

Contact Carolina Figueroa for more information at NCMS or ALCO at 407-518-8140 (Summer Enrollment)

You may apply at: <https://otech.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/apply/>

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