

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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- Maria Morales, 7th-Counselor*
- Neil Yeda, 8th-Counselor*
- Heather Biela, Media Specialist*
- Marisha Smalling, Literacy Coach*
- Leah Boyd, Testing Coordinator*
- Jamie Hopkins, MTSS*
- Meg Hodge, RCS*
- Christina McGee, Social Worker*
- Elaina Hoover, Psychologist*

Testing Updates

The next round of FAST testing is coming up. On Monday, 12/5 is FAST Progress Monitoring (PM #2) for ELA and on Thursday, 12/8 is FAST Progress Monitoring (PM #2) for math.

Those students in a Semester class can expect to be taking their Post-Test in their class between 11/28 and 12/16. They need to speak with their teacher directly for specifics.

NWEA MAP Growth for Winter will occur between 12/1 and 12/16. Those classes affected are Earth/Space Science, Physical Science, Life Science, Algebra and Geometry. Students need to speak with their teacher directly for specifics.

Those students in the HS Biology class will be taking their Progress Monitoring (PM #1) between 12/5 and 12/16. Students need to speak with their teacher directly for specifics.

Parents can reach out to Mrs. Boyd (testing coordinator) via e-mail at leah.boyd@osceolaschools.net if they have any further questions.



Media Center News

-Author Neal Shusterman will be here on December 6th for 8th grade students. Any students can purchase a signed copy of his new book *Gleanings* for \$16 on myschoolbucks.com. If you aren't in the 8th grade and you purchase a book you can still meet the author.

-If you need a replacement ID, please purchase one on myschoolbucks.com for \$2. The new ID will be made after you purchase it.

-December is a great time to look for library books that you borrowed at the beginning of the school year. Please return any overdue books asap to the media center. Thank you.



It is so hard to believe half of our school year has passed! Our AVID students have been so busy with grade checks, TRF's, focused notes, and many other college and career tasks. They have been so busy that most are in NEED of new school supplies. Please consider a special delivery from Santa this year in the form of a shiny new binder, tab dividers, pens, pencils, and all things SCHOOL!!!! Our school supplies in AVID sure do take a beating and what a great way to begin the new year...with new supplies to finish the year strong. Thanks for all you do to support our AVID program at NCMS. Together, we are AVID STRONG!

Let's GLOW to college - AVID Dance

Friday, December 9th (NEW DATE)

Cost: \$5.00

Time: 6:30-8:00 PM

- Wear neon / glow colors - dress code appropriate
- NO glow items will be allowed at entry - items will be sold inside the dance
- Snacks & drinks for sale - cash only
- Come out & support AVID!



Check out the Osceola County School District website for information and resources to all of your needs. Osceolaschools.net

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

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

Instagram
Nemsblackbears



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

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



Cellphones should be kept in backpacks, unless authorized to use or in lunch room.

Mark Your Calendar!

<p>12/1 - NCMS Boys & Girls Volleyball Game @ Canoe Creek Charter - School Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting at 5 PM in the Media Center</p> <p>12/2 & 12/3: The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe Play Performances</p> <p>12/3 & 12/10: Saturday School (grade recovery) 8-11 AM in the Media Center</p> <p>12/4 - VEX Robotics Competition 9-3 PM at St. Cloud Middle School</p> <p>12/6 - Neal Shusterman Author Visit (Café) 9:30-11 AM</p> <p>12/7 - STEM Open House 6:00-8:00 PM - Wednesday Sideline Cheer Practice 3:30-6:30 PM</p> <p>12/9 - Student vs Staff Basketball Tournament</p> <p>12/10 - Saturday Cheer Practice 10 AM-4 PM</p> <p>12/12 - Winter Concert Band Dress Rehearsal 4:30-6:30 PM</p> <p>12/13 - Band Winter Concert 4:30-8:00 PM in the Performance Café</p> <p>12/14 - Winter Concert Chorus Dress Rehearsal 4:30-5:00 PM</p> <p>12/15 - Chorus Winter Concert 6:30-8:00 PM in the Performance Café - Jeremiah's Ice Spirit Night/Lake Nona</p> <p>12/17-1/2: Winter Break (Teacher/Student Holiday)</p> <p>1/3 - Teacher Workday/Student Holiday</p>	<p align="center"> Play Performances December 2nd at 7:00 PM December 3rd at 2:30 & 7 PM</p>	<p align="center">Science Olympiad Meetings Thursdays 4:30-6:00 PM</p> <p align="center"></p>	<p>Sphero's Robotics Team meets on Tuesdays 4:30-6 PM</p> <p>VEX IQ Robotics Team meets on Fridays 4:30-6:00 PM</p> <p align="center"></p>
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<p>On December 7th the STEM Program will host it's Annual Mars Project Open House in the showcase café from 6 pm to 8 pm. We invite students and parents to drop in anytime in that time frame to this informal gallery style display of their Mars Colony Habitats and Rovers.</p> <p>We are wishing our VEX Robotics Team good luck on their next competition on December 4th from 9 am to 3 pm at St. Cloud MS. Their robots performed well in their prior competition and we are eager to see their progress in robot design. Drop in and cheer them on!</p>			



PBIS/Expectations

PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports)

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).

- Be responsible
- Encourage others
- Act safely
- Respect all
- Strive for success



Students can spend their Bear Bucks at our PBIS events, dress down days, and at our Bear's Den in Café.

So far we have 347 positive referrals and counting. Way to go Black Bears! Continue modeling our BEARS Expectations!

PBIS will be hosting the Student vs. Staff Basketball Tournament on Friday, December 9, 2022! This game will take place in the gym. Tickets will be sold from Monday, December 5th through Friday, December 9th before school. They will be sold by the picnic tables near the cafeteria and car loop.

Tickets to play will be \$30 Bear Bucks. Tickets to watch will be \$25 Bear Bucks. First come, first serve until they are sold out. 400 tickets will be sold to watch and 20 tickets will be sold to play.

***In order to buy any ticket, students must have NO REFERRALS and Minimal Tardies.*



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

You may apply at: <https://otech.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/apply/>
**Spring semester enrollment in progress, classes begin on 01/10*

NCMS Business Partners

- Bounce N Around 407-460-0871
- Brue Family Dentistry 407-979-4170
- Carlyle Orthodontics 407-447-9060
- Domino'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
(inspiredweightloss.com)
- Jeremiah's Italian Ice 407-313-0782
- Lissette Sanchez, EXP Realty 407-603-5210
- Moore FL Homes/Keller Williams 407-777-2115
- Peter Luu Signature Group w/Premier Sotheby's International Realty 407-480-5014
- 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:-)

Congratulations to Ms. Evancho's First Period Class for winning the NJHS Community Food Drive!

They brought in the most food items and earned a donut party. NCMS would also like to recognize Mrs. Craig's and Ms. McKeown's first period classes for donating many items. Thank you to all the teachers, students and families for participating in helping families in need!

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