

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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- Jane Mabra, Assistant Principal
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- Peter Swanson 7th-Dean
- Samantha Alfred, 8th-Dean
- Gloria Martinez, Counselor
- Brenda Lopez, 6th-Counselor
- 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



AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) has proven time and time again that, when given resources and tools for academic rigor and support, virtually all students can be academically successful. AVID addresses the specific needs of students to help bridge the path from middle school to high school to higher educational completion. As your children look ahead and select classes next year, please consider AVID as a class to be used to guide and prepare them for future challenges. AVID not only provides academic support, but also exposes them to quality curriculum in preparation for college and career readiness. Middle school AVID applications will come home right after Spring Break. Have some discussion with your child about the possibility of selecting AVID at NCMS. High school class selection is also just around the corner. Students who select AVID in high school will complete financial aid applications, research career paths, and write college essays in preparation for their future. AVID moves with your child and supports their entire road to success! Take the time to discover what AVID can do for you and your child. You won't be disappointed!

Teacher

- Bell, Tracy
- Carcia, Jessica
- Cordero, Iraba
- Cruz, Felix
- Dickerson, Kevin
- Marquez, Edgar
- Morales-Aviles, Rosemarie
- Patel, Maliha
- Perez, Nicole
- Respass, Sheridan
- Shaffer, Adam
- Thompson, Michelle
- Woodell, Kimberly

Out-of-Field Assignment

- MG Social Science 5-9
- ESOL-E
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- MG Math 5-9
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- MG Math 5-9
- Family & Consumer Science
- ESOL-E



National Random Acts of Kindness Day is on February 17, creating an opportunity to show others you care. Kindness has been shown to benefit our emotional wellbeing and improve overall happiness. Research has found that performing random acts of kindness can also increase our longevity and boost heart health.



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.

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:



Testing Information Corner

We will continue with ACCESS WIDA for ELLs testing (letters were sent home with students).

2/20-2/24 will be the MOCK 8th grade Science test. Students need to speak with their teachers for specific details.

FSAA testing with Miss Berget and Ms. Chacon will begin 2/27. Parents need to reach out to them for specific details, what dates their students are testing, etc.

FAST PM #2 results are posted in FOCUS.



♥♥ **Mark Your Calendar!** ♥♥

<p>2/2 - School Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting at 5 PM in Media Center</p> <p>2/3 - Basketball Game (2) vs Neptune MS 5:30-8:00 PM</p> <p>2/4 - Robotics Team Competition</p> <p>2/7 - 3rd 9 Weeks Progress Reports</p> <p>2/9 - Jazz Band Music Performance Assessment (MPA) at Harmony High School</p> <p>2/13 - Basketball Game (3) vs Canoe Creek MS 5:30-8:00 PM</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">- MPA Band Rehearsal 4:40-6:30 PM</p> <p>2/14 - Monthly Mental Health Lesson Day</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">- Valentine's Day </p> <p>2/16 - Jeremiah Spirit Night (all day)</p> <p>2/17 - Rodeo Day - Teacher/Student Holiday</p> <p>2/18 - Odyssey of the Mind Regional Competition at Toho high school</p> <p>2/19 - Robotics Team Competition</p> <p>2/20 - Presidents' Day </p> <p>2/27 - MPA Band Rehearsal 4:40-6:30 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">High School Musical Practices</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;">Science Olympiad Meetings</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursdays 4:30-6:00 PM</p> <p style="text-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 style="text-align: center;"></p>
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Mrs. Nurmi wants to thank the 8th grade parents who donated items for our Candy DNA Models. It was so "sweet" of them to help us create a hands-on experience to showcase what DNA is made of.

- 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:-)*

Does your child need social, emotional, or mental health stabilization? Devereux's Mobile Crisis Services, provides free crisis services with trained counselors. Services are available 24 hours a day, every day including weekends and holidays. Dial 2-1-1 or 407-839-HELP (4357)

Edición en español de este boletín disponible en el sitio web de la escuela: <https://ncms.osceolaschools.net>

🐾 **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 80 positive referrals already this new semester. Way to go Black Bears! Continue modeling our BEARS Expectations!

We will be opening our Bear's Den Store in the cafeteria on Wednesday, February 1st during all lunches. There will be small items for sale. Save your bear bucks!

Using health Florida education standards adopted in rule 6A-1.09401, school districts are required to provide a minimum of five (5) hours of instruction to students in grade 6-12 on several topics. Students CANNOT opt out of these mandated lessons.

These classes are taught by certified teachers and will be supported by School Counselors, School Social Workers and School Psychologists.

***February 14th Mental Health Lesson will be on Depression Awareness Nutrition & Mental Health**

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/>