

# 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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- 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*

### Media Center News

Our Winter Bookfair will be from January 20-27. We take all forms of payment including apple and google pay. If you are paying cash, please give exact payment for no change will be given (any amount under \$1 will be donated to the media center to purchase new books).

Literacy Week is January 23-27. "Take a Deep Dive into Literacy-Splash into new Worlds!" Look out for fun literacy activities we have planned for the week.

Yearbooks are for pre-sale on [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com) for \$25



8th Grade Shout-Outs are for sale for \$20 on [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com)

(Please email: [narcoosseemyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:narcoosseemyearbook@gmail.com) with up to 3 photographs and your message)



Signed Copies of Neal Shusterman's book Gleanings are still available on [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com) for \$16

January is a great time to return past due books. Remember all overdue books must be turned into the library. If you are missing a book, please see Mrs. Biela.

### Testing Updates

- ⇒ Semester classes will be giving their Pre-Tests. Teachers will provide additional details in January.
- ⇒ Biology will be giving their Progress Monitoring #1 from 1/9-1/13. Teacher will provide additional details in January.
- ⇒ Osceola Writes #2 window opens on 1/11. ELA, Research, Intensive Reading teachers will provide additional details.
- ⇒ ACCESS for ELLs will begin testing at the end of the month. This is for our students that speak a language other than English. Mr. Polanco (our EES) will be providing additional information.
- ⇒ Students who were unable to test for FAST PM #2 for ELA and Math will have make-ups upon return in January. Details are forthcoming.



**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.



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](http://Osceolaschools.net)

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

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






Instagram  
**Nemsblackbears**



AVID students spent some time earning Community service hours when they volunteered at Narcoossee Elementary's Holiday Shop. Their time was spent helping the K-5 students shop, wrapping gifts, and spreading cheer.



## Mark Your Calendar!

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| <p>1/1 - New Year's Day!</p> <p>1/2 - Last Day of Winter Break</p> <p>1/3 - Teacher Work Day/Student Holiday</p> <p><b>1/4 - Classes Resume/First Day of 3rd Grading Period</b></p> <p>1/5 - SAC Meeting in Media Center 5 PM</p> <p>1/7 - Saturday School (grade recovery)<br/>8-11 AM in the Media Center</p> <p>1/9 &amp; 1/10: Musical Audition 4:30-6:30 PM</p> <p>1/13 - NHJS New Year's Eve Party<br/>in Media Center 4:30-5:30 PM</p> <p><b>1/16 - Martin L. King Jr. Day (NO SCHOOL) Teacher/Student Holiday</b></p> <p>1/17 - 2nd 9 Weeks Report Cards</p> <p>1/19 - Jeremiah Ice Spirit Night (all day)</p> <p>1/20 - All County Band Rehearsals &amp; Concert</p> <p>1/20-1/27: Book Fair</p> <p>1/25 - Domino's Pizza Spirit Night (all day)</p> <p>1/28 - Saturday School (grade recovery)<br/>8-11 AM in the Media Center</p> | <p><b>NCMS would like to congratulate our Metal Bears Team for qualifying for State!</b></p> <p><b>Great Job!</b></p>   | <p><b>Science Olympiad Meetings</b></p> <p>Thursdays<br/>4:30-6:00 PM</p>  | <p>Sphero's Robotics Team meets on Tuesdays<br/>4:30-6 PM</p> <p>VEX IQ Robotics Team meets on Fridays<br/>4:30-6:00 PM</p>  |
|  | <p><b>Drama Play Practices</b><br/>Mondays, Tuesday, and Thursdays 4:30-6:00 PM</p>  | <p><b>ODYSSEY OF THE MIND</b><br/>THURSDAYS<br/>4:30-6:00 PM</p>          | <p><b>Battle of the Books</b><br/>Battle of the Books meets every other Tuesday in room 3-114 from 8:50-9:10 AM</p>          |
| <p><b>The first phase of scheduling for the 2023-2024 school year</b> will begin in February or March. Current 6th &amp; 7th grade students will receive information about elective options. Students will meet with NCMS representatives to input their top interests for next school year. Current 8th grade students will be speaking with high school representatives during this time as well. The final phase of scheduling will begin once test scores are available at the end of the school year. Each student's individual test scores and data will be reviewed. Required core classes will be scheduled followed by available elective options. Scheduling will continue throughout the summer until all student schedules are completed.</p>  |   |  |   |



**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)**



### 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:-)*

 **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 415 positive referrals and counting. Way to go Black Bears! Continue modeling our BEARS Expectations! 

More incentives for positive behaviors coming soon. Our PBIS Committee is working on new events and activities for students following our school expectations. Keep up the good work!

**NCMS Friendly Reminder**

Students need to:  
 -fully charge their computers every night before leaving for school  
 -computers are to be in the cases  
 -charge cord should be in the case  
 This is a requirement for every student every day.



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

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.

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

**\*January 10th Mental Health Lesson will be on Setting Healthy Boundaries and Human trafficking Prevention.**

**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*