

# Bear Paw Times

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**APRIL**

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## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to the Narcoossee Middle Cheerleading Team!!! They won their 3rd championship in a row!!! This has never been done before. A huge shout out to these wonderful athletes.



## Congratulations

NCMS Math team represented us in Proud Narcoossee Bear Fashion!

**8th Grade Team Won 1st Place**

**7th Grade Team Won 1st Place**

**6th Grade Team Won 2nd Place**

Overall, we won 3rd place behind Neptune and Celebration because they rocked the individual rounds.

It was so fun working with these amazing, math loving, students. Congratulations to them on a job well done!

Thank you,  
Ms. Shashaguay



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## Special Guest Visit

### STEM Class

Our 6th grade design and modeling students had a guest speaker Mark Greg from Siemens Energy. Mr. Greg spoke to the students about metrology, and the use of lasers in measuring. The students asked great questions and enjoyed being able to get hands on. We were very grateful to have Mr. Greg visit us!



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## AVID News

Our three 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 to high school planning and schedule selection for next year. We are also currently accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year. We will be visiting our feeder schools, NCES, Eastlake Elementary, and Hickory Tree to recruit new 6th graders for next year. If your child is 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 STRONG at NCMS!

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## Media Center News

We still have a few copies left of the yearbook for pre-order. You can purchase them for \$26 at <https://jostensyearbooks.com>

April is School Library Month! Please help us celebrate by checking out books in the media center, reading books, and logging in your minutes into Beanstack! There is going to be an April District Challenge, and this is our chance to bring the trophy to Narcoossee Middle School!!!

It is almost the end of the school year, please make sure you return your library books.

### **SAVE-THE-DATE:**

The last bookfair of the year will be from May 10th-May 17th.

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## Sports News

### **Flag Football Games**

- April 1st at Neptune Middle - boys 6pm, girls 7pm
  - April 3rd at Austin Tindall vs Harmony Middle - boys 5:30pm, girls 6:3pm
  - April 8th at SCHS vs Canoe Creek - boys 6pm, girls 7pm
  - April 15th at St. Cloud Middle - boys 6pm, girls 7pm
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## NJHS News

### **News from the NJHS President**

For Earth Day this year, National Junior Honor Society students will be cleaning up the school and beautifying the garden. We will pick up trash around the school and update the fenced garden by building 5. NJHS students will pull weeds, plant new plants, take vines off the fence, and clear

## Cheer News

Narcoossee 8th graders are you Interested in High School Cheer?

scan the QR codes below for more information

**TOHOPEKALIGA HS CHEER**  
**CLINIC DATES: MAY 13-16**  
**TRYOUTS: MAY 17**  
**CONTACT COACH PARADISO**  
[Jessica.paradiso@osceolaschools.net](mailto:Jessica.paradiso@osceolaschools.net)



Google forms

**HARMONY HS CHEER**  
**CLINIC DATES: APRIL 8-10**  
**TRYOUTS: APRIL 11**  
**CONTACT COACH CURRY**  
[Danielle.curry@osceolaschools.net](mailto:Danielle.curry@osceolaschools.net)



BAND app

ALL prospective candidates **MUST** have the following:

- Clearance in Aktivate with a **HS physical form**
  - Current ECG
- New impact testing with correct HS selected

**\*\*\*DEADLINES ARE FIRM, MAKE SURE YOU ACT QUICKLY**

See Coach Trujillo in room 5-114 for more information

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## 8th Grade News

### 8th Grade End-of-Year Events

#### SAVE-THE-DATES!

May 3rd - Gradventure Trip

May 17th - 8th Grade Dance 6pm-8pm

May 22nd -8th Grade Awards 5:30-7:30pm (by invitation only)

May 28th - 8th Grade "Donut" forget the memories event (donuts & superlative awards)



## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE, want to earn a DRESS DOWN DAY?



**8TH GRADE FUNDRAISER**

Help us say good-bye to our 8th Grade Narcoossee Bears!

**Funds needed for 8th Grade End of Year Events:**

- Awards Night
- 8th grade Dance
- Donut forget the memories event

**DONATE HERE**



<http://bit.ly/narcoossee>

**\$3000 GOAL**

The poster features three circular images on the right: a hand holding a star, silhouettes of people dancing, and a tray of donuts.

If every 8<sup>th</sup> grader receives a donation of \$7, we will reach our \$3000 goal!

If we reach our goal ALL 8<sup>th</sup> graders will receive a dress down day!

Donations can be completed on MySchoolBucks.com

OR you can donate cash to Ms. Shashaguay, room 3-212

\*Receipts will be provided for cash donations of \$5 or more

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## Attention Parents

### Tutoring

Geometry Tutoring is available after school on Thursdays 4:40 to 5:40 PM pick up by 5:45 PM.

EOC prep is in Canvas - 3 each week - for 6 weeks.

A reminder that the End Of Course score for both Algebra I Honors and Geometry Honors is 30% of the total grade and mandated by the State of Florida.

Both tests are on May 13 and results should be in the next day.



### Box Tops for Education

We need your help to get more families to support the Box Tops program here at NARCOOSSEE MIDDLE SCHOOL. The more people that participate, the more our school can earn to help get the supplies it needs! This year, our goal is to earn \$1,000.00 through Box Tops.

PLUS, you can earn a bonus for our school by inviting your friends,

sign up and participate in Box Tops. To refer friends to sign up, go to the Invite Friends section of the Box Tops app. (You can get there by tapping on the person icon in the upper-right corner of the app home screen.) You'll get a referral code that you can send to a friend. You'll BOTH earn Bonus Box Tops for our school when they scan their first receipt – that's extra cash that counts towards our Box Tops earnings goal of \$1,000.00 this year.

Thanks for your help!

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/s/get-the-app>

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## Mark Your Calendar

- 4/1 - Flag Football Game at Neptune MS 6-8 PM
  - 4/2 - FAST Writing (all grades)
  - 4/3 - Flag Football Game at Austin Tindall 5:30-7:30 PM
  - 4/3 - FAST Writing (ESE/makeups)
  - 4/4 - Jeremiah Ice Spirit Night (all day)
  - 4/4 - PTO & SAC Meeting 5 PM
  - 4/8 - 3rd 9 Weeks Report Cards
  - 4/8 - Flag Football Game at SCHS 6-8 PM
  - 4/15-4/26: NEWA Science
  - 4/15 - Flag Football Game at St. Cloud MS 6-8 PM
  - 4/18 - 3rd Quarter Honor Roll
  - 4/24 - Domino's Pizza Spirit Night (all day)
  - 4/25 - STEM EOC (tentative)
  - 4/29 - 4th 9 Weeks Progress Reports
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## Calendar News

### Testing Information

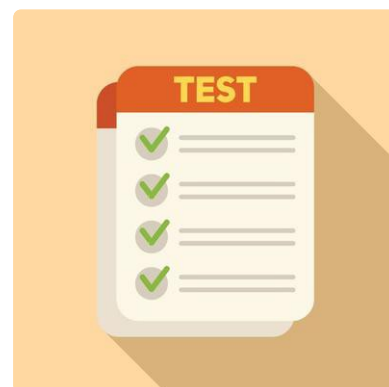
#### April Testing Dates:

April 2- FAST Writing (all grades)- whole school modified bell  
April 3- FAST Writing (ESE/makeups)- no modified bell schedule

April 15 to 26- NEWA Science- no modified bell schedule  
April 25- STEM EOC (tentative)- no modified bell schedule

April Date TBD CTE EOC (tentative)- no modified bell schedule

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# Clubs

**Book Club:** Meets on Mondays 9:00-9:20 AM

**Battle of the Books:** Meets on Wednesdays 9:00-9:20 AM

**Yearbook Club:** Meets on Fridays 9:00-9:20 AM

For more information about these clubs, such as how to join and more, please contact:  
Ms. Biela at 407-891-6600, ext. 32400 or <mailto:heather.biela@osceolaschools.net>



## STEM Clubs

**Sphero:** Meets one Mondays from 4:30-5:30 PM

**Odyssey of the Mind:** Meets on Tuesdays from 4:30-6:00 PM

**VEX Robotics:** Meets on Thursdays from 4:30-6:00 PM

For more information,

<mailto:Stephani.Mckeown@osceolaschools.net>

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## PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support) Expectations

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, Positive Referrals, etc.). Students can spend their Bear Bucks at our PBIS events/activities, dress down days, and at our Bear's Den in the Cafeteria.

- Be Responsible
- Encourage Others
- Act Safely
- Respect All
- Strive For Success



### APRIL PBIS NEWS

Positive Referrals so far this quarter is 63 but 1,115 in total for the year. That's amazing! Keep it up black bears!

Students must continue to follow our B.E.A.R.S. Expectations and save those bear bucks for special incentives.

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# NCMS Business Partners in Education

Brue Family Dentistry 407-979-4170  
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  
Huntington Learning Center, St. Cloud 407-789-3688  
Jeremiah's Italian Ice 407-313-0782  
Lissette Sanchez, EXP Realty 407-603-5210  
Mansour Orthodontics 407-846-2150  
Peter Luu Signature Group w/Premier Sotheby's  
The Naked Cupcake 407-308-5736  
WAWA Gas Station on Narcoossee Rd/Boggy Creek  
Ur Learning Solution 407-658-7575



## Other News and Resources

### Donations

NCMS is always looking for donations of school appropriate jeans for middle school students. Please drop off fairly used or new jeans that are NOT distressed with holes, tears, or frays.

We also welcome other school appropriate clothing such as polo shirts, spirit shirts, kaki's, bermuda shorts, belts and sneakers.

In addition, the school accepts various donations of school supplies. We thank you in advance for your generosity!



### Free Crisis Services

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).

### ONE MORE CHILD Anti-Trafficking Mobile Team

If you or someone you know has been forced or coerced to perform sexual activities, or promised false opportunities, text or call us to set up a meeting with a mentor, advocate, or clinician.



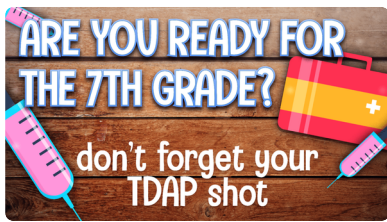
YOU MAY BE A VICTIM IF:

- You are not free to come and go as you wish.
- You are involved in the commercial sex industry (prostitution, stripping, pornography) with a trafficker, or you are under 18.
- You do not have control over your own personal documents/money.
- You were recruited to your job through false promises.
- You are forced to provide labor or commercial sex.

SERVICES INCLUDE:

- trauma-informed counseling
- psychoeducation
- court accompaniment
- life skills
- mentorship
- case management
- free food boxes & hygiene items
- access to 24/7 hotline
- advocacy
- referrals to other providers
- interpreter services available

For more information: <https://onemorechild.org> or <mailto:antitrafficking@onemorechild.org>



**Important Information for 7th Grade:**

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: <mailto:ncmsregistration@osceolaschools.net>  
 For FREE Vaccines, contact The Osceola County Health Department at 407-343-2066. Located on Fortune Road in Kissimmee.

**Adult Learning Opportunity/Oportunidad de aprendizaje para adultos!**

Nighttime English Classes for Adults at ALCO or at Narcoossee Middle School.

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

For more information, contact Carolina Figueroa at NCMS 407-891-6600 or ALCO at 407-518-8140.



You may apply at:

<https://otech.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/apply/>

**Clases de Ingles para Adultos en ALCO o Narcoossee Middle School.**

Clases cada martes y jueves de 5:30-8:30 PM.

Contacte a Carolina Figueroa en NCMS al 407-891-6600 o ALCO al 407-518-8140 para mas información.

Puede presentar su solicitud en: <https://otech.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/apply/>



## Narcoossee Middle School- Home of the Bears

AVID National Demonstration School

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

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Instagram: ncmsblackbears

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*Samantha Alfred, 8th Dean*

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*Brenda Lopez, 7th Counselor*

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