

Bear Paw Times

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November News

CONGRATULATIONS to Leah Boyd & Joanna Edwards!

Congratulations to our Testing Coordinator, Leah Boyd, and to our Bookkeeper, Joanna Edwards for winning Teacher of the Year and School Related Employee of the Year respectively. They are valuable members of the Black Bear family, and we are honored to have them at NCMS. Now they

go to the school district level to see if they become finalists on March 6, 2023, The Teacher Awards.



AVID News



It is so hard to believe that the 1st quarter is already over! A great big round of applause to all of our AVID students who made the honor roll! We are so proud of your efforts in Q1, and we believe you can continue this success throughout the entire school year. AVID has been very busy this so far. Your child has built relationships with peers and teachers, presented tutorials, and set goals for the next quarter while reflecting on the previous term. We also had the opportunity to host our first AVID Showcase this year with over 60 visitors from around the region along with district administrators. This event was a huge success, and all visitors were very impressed with our AVID students. Not only did

they serve the event as tour guides, greeters, and demonstrators, we had ten amazing students sit on the student panel and discuss how AVID is helping them plan their bright futures. We were so very proud of their leadership abilities! Your individual determination shined bright! AVID will be hosting our first event of the year: The AVID "Let's GLOW to COLLEGE" dance to be held in the NCMS cafeteria on Thursday, November 9th. If you are Oasis approved and would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Ms. Tracy Nedd, AVID Coordinator. ONE LAST THING... Please check with your child to see if they need more supplies. We have noticed many students may need to restock their supplies for the next quarter. Thanks so much for supporting the AVID program! We are so grateful to be able to watch them grow

Attention Parents



National Junior Honor Society Food Drive

NJHS will be sponsoring a non-perishable food drive October 23 through November 10.

The first period with the most individual non-perishable food items donated will receive a donut party.

NARCOOSSEE MIDDLE SCHOOL REMINDERS

Dress Code Reminders:

- No holes in jeans (or cannot wear leggings behind holes)
- Grade level shirts only on Wednesday or Friday, spirit shirts on Friday only
- Shorts/skirts must be half the thigh
- No crocs or boots on campus



No cell phone/earbuds/smart watch/gaming consoles:

- Items taken the first time will be picked up by the student at the end of the day and given a minor infraction
- After the initial infraction, parents will need to come in person to pick up

Reminder of Prohibited Items:

- Students cannot bring any type of spray cologne or perfume as well as hair sprays and gels

Importance of School Supplies:

School supplies, such as backpacks, school laptops, uniforms, textbooks, notebooks, pencils, pens, erasers, calculators and paper are important for students to be prepared and successful at school.

NOTE: Teachers are in need of paper and pencils and would greatly appreciate some donations.



Reminder to Participate in BOXTOPS for Education!

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR NCMS

We believe a child's education is the foundation to reaching their fullest potential. The Box Tops app makes it easy to earn cash for the school of your choice, whether it's your child's school or a local school that could use a little help.

Please visit their website for more information:

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/s/>

Media Center News

AUTHOR'S VISIT

We are so excited to welcome Jarrett Lerner for our author's visit on November 14th! Select students will be able to do a presentation and workshop with the award-winning author-illustrator.



MEDIA CENTER REMINDER:



Please return all overdue library books!

NCMS Counseling Corner



Mark Your Calendar

10/23-11/10: NJHS Food Drive (Donations Appreciated)

11/1-11/2: Fall Book Fair

11/2 -Jeremiah Ice Spirit Night (all day-Lake Nona)

11/4 - Saturday Cheer Camp 10 AM - 4 PM

11/7 - Election Day (Media Center Closed)

11/7 - Resilience Lesson (Wed. Schedule)

11/8 - 1st Quarter Bears Awards

11/9 - AVID "Let's GLOW to COLLEGE" Dance
11/10 - Veteran's Day - Teacher/Student Holiday (NO SCHOOL)
11/14 - Author Visit (Jarrett Lerner) in the Media Center
11/15 - NJHS Induction 6:30-7:30 PM in Cafe
11/15 - Fall Banquet 3:30-4:30 PM (Staff Only)
11/16 - 1st Quarter Honor Roll
11/17 - PBIS Karaoke (Wed. Schedule)
11/20-11/22: Teacher Non-Workdays/Student Holidays
11/23 - THANKSGIVING Teacher/Student Holiday
11/24 - Teacher Non-Workday/Student Holiday

Calendar News



National Junior Honor Society Induction

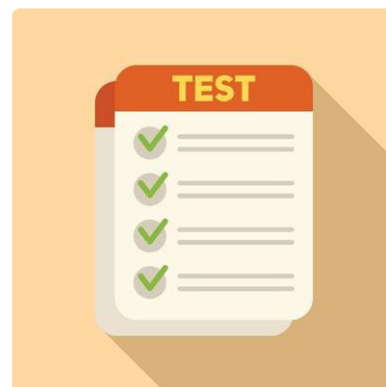
The Narcoossee Middle School Chapter of the NJHS will be inducting new 7th and 8th grade members into their chapter on November 15, 2023, from 6:30 to 7:30 in the cafeteria.

Congratulations to our new inductees! What an amazing honor.

Testing Information

NWEA Winter assessment (11/27-12/15). Please reach out to your student's science teacher for more specific information.

Semester classes Post-Tests (11/27-12/15). Please reach out to your student's elective teacher (if it is a semester class) for more information.



Cheer News

UCA camp on Saturday Nov. 4th 10am-4pm in the NCMS gym.

Theatre News (Save the Date)

Theatre students auditioned and are in rehearsal for "A Christmas Carol", which will be performed December 8th, 9th, 11th, and 12th here at Narcoossee Middle School's Performance Cafe. The cast is busy and excited for the opportunity to perform, and a good number of the cast is experiencing their first time on stage!



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 meetings are 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>

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



NOVEMBER PBIS NEWS

NCMS gave out 411 positive referrals in the 1st quarter. That's amazing! Keep it up black bears!

The PBIS Store officially opened on Monday, October 16th. It will continue to be open bi-weekly during breakfast and lunch periods. *Save those bear bucks!!!*

We had our second successful PBIS event, the Volleyball Challenge (Student vs Staff) on October 27th. There was incredible enthusiasm and talent from both the students and staff. Congratulations to the NCMS staff for winning all three games!

Our next PBIS event will be Karaoke and it will be held on November 17th (Wednesday schedule). We look forward to listening to our talented students sing in the NCMS Cafe.



NCMS Business Partners in Education

PLEASE WELCOME OUR RETURNING 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





WELCOME OUR NEW PARTNERS IN EDUCATION!

Mansour Orthodontics

<https://wemoveteeth.com/st-cloud-orthodontist/>



Huntington Learning Center - St. Cloud

<https://huntingtonhelps.com/center/st-cloud-fl>

If you would like to find out more about our Business Partners in Education (PIE) program, please contact Ms. Lowell at 407-891-6600 ext. 32121.

A BIG THANK YOU to Central Florida Allstars!

Thank you to Central Florida Allstars of St., Cloud for donating 3 additional practice mats for the cheerleading team to complete their practice floor. We greatly appreciate the generosity!



Foster Volunteers Save Lives!



Foster volunteers open their hearts and homes to animals in need. They provide temporary care and comfort to cats, dogs, kittens, and puppies in their Osceola County homes.

Osceola County Animal Services provide all food, medication, & supplies. They also provide training, guidance, & support.

For more information: <https://www.osceolacountypets.com/volunteer/foster/>

Adopt a Pet and Save a Life!

Animal shelters are in crisis mode. Consider adopting a pet for you and/or your family and save an animal in need. You should adopt instead of buying because you are saving a life! Shelters and rescue centers are filled and often turn pets away and often or have to euthanize pets. These temporary shelters are overcrowded and continue to receive more unwanted pets daily.

Things to consider before you adopt:

- Your lifestyle, time, and energy level
- Your living situation, space, and landlord's permission
- Your family situation, allergies, and feelings
- Your budget, expenses, and expertise

- The pet's personality, demands, and size
- The adoption procedure and the long-term commitment
- The walking, training, grooming, and cleaning needs
- The noise level, hair, and ick factor of the pet

Remember that owning a pet is a lifetime commitment. Be a hero, not a statistic.

For adopting a pet in Saint Cloud: <https://www.osceolacountypets.com/adoptable-pet-search/#>



Community Appreciation Day

ANIMAL SERVICES
OSCEOLA COUNTY

Saturday, November 4, 2023

Shelter will be open for adoptions until 4:45.

This is a free outdoor event for our community.

Event activities: 10am – 2pm

- Animal Rescue Groups
- Training Demonstrations
- Food & Music
- Face Painting
- Free Popcorn
- Prize Drawings

3910 Old Canoe Creek Rd
St Cloud, FL 34769
407-742-8000
www.osceolacountypets.com

Other News and Resources

Donations

NCMS is 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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