



OSCEOLA COUNTY SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

where passion meets purpose

# newsletter

OCTOBER 6, 2023

## Message from Our Principal

Greetings Osceola County School for the Arts Parents and Community Partners,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! This year OCSA is celebrating its' 20th Anniversary! Twenty years of excellence, both on the stage and in the classroom. Our school prides itself on cultivating our students' artistic passion while preparing them for their life's purpose. We kicked off the year with our annual Gala and it did not disappoint! What a fantastic way to start the year by showcasing some of our most talented students. There will be many more opportunities to enjoy performances and shows this year and I hope you make it out to as many as you can. Osceola County School for the Arts is committed to providing a school community that nourishes the personal integrity and creative expression of our students in their pursuit of artistic and academic excellence.

At OCSA we want our students to be successful every day. Parents you can help your student be successful by reminding them to have their student ID visible on their person upon entering the campus each day, have their school laptop fully charged and their charging cord with them, abide by the school dress code, and seek out academic assistance when needed. Each day the first thirty minutes of the lunch hour is dedicated to Academic Intervention. Students can get help in any of their classes during this time. Additionally, we have after school tutoring Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Please encourage your student to take advantage of these opportunities to ensure their academic success.

If you need to contact a teacher regarding a concern in your child's class, the easiest and most efficient way to do so is via email. A direct link to each teachers' email address is available in our Staff Directory located on our school website at <http://ocsa.osceolaschools.net>. Please contact the teacher first to address any concerns or questions. As always, clear and early communication can often resolve any miscommunication or small issue, but if additional assistance is needed, we will gladly schedule a parent/teacher conference. Our conferences are scheduled through the guidance office at 407 931-4803 ext. 47300.

I am looking forward to another fantastic year working with our amazingly talented students and staff as we celebrate our 20th Anniversary and continue a tradition of excellence. Please know that we are here to work with you to ensure a successful experience for your son or daughter. Our goal is to allow our students to grow and develop as artists and scholars and to help them reach their goals. Please feel free to contact us any time we can assist with any questions or concerns you may have.

Thank you for your continued support of the Osceola County School for the Arts...  
*Where Passion Meets Purpose.*

Sincerely,

Dennis Neal, Principal  
[Dennis.Neal@osceolaschools.net](mailto:Dennis.Neal@osceolaschools.net)  
(407) 931-4803



Get Information for OCSA right on your phone  
Send text to **81010** with the following message...

### For...

General Information  
Class of 2024 (12th grade)  
Class of 2025 (11th grade)  
Class of 2026 (10th grade)  
Class of 2027 (9th grade)  
Class of 2028 (8th grade)  
Class of 2029 (7th grade)  
Class of 2030 (6th grade)

### Message

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@ocsac124  
@ocsac125  
@ocsac126  
@ocsac127  
@ocsa28  
@ocsa29  
@ocsa30

## Out-of-Field Teachers

The following teachers are currently working toward certification in the area listed:

### TEACHER

Barkley, Kaleb  
Berthiaume John  
Garcia-Diaz, Jeremy  
Kaplinger, Robert  
Kastner, Ashley  
Maza Munoz, Maria

### OUT-OF-FIELD ASSIGNMENT

ESOL-E  
ESOL-E  
ESOL-E/MJ English 5-9  
ESOL-E  
ESOL-E  
M/J Math 5-9

## Upcoming Events

10/17 | Vocal Fall Chorus Concert Performance | 6:30 PM  
10/20 | Hispanic Festival | 6:30 PM  
10/24 | K Cafe | 6:30 PM  
10/25 | Troupe 6640 Arts Astound Halloween Show | 6:30 PM  
10/26 | OCSA Jr Parent Night | 6:00 PM  
10/27 | Boo Bash Dance | 7:00 PM  
10/27 | 1st 9 Week Report Cards  
10/31 | Halloween Dress Down Day  
11/02 & 11/03 | Chicago: Teen Edition | 6:30 PM  
11/06 | Spoken Word | 6:30 PM  
11/07 | Jazz Band Fundraiser Event | 6:30 PM  
11/07 | Troupe 6640: A Night of One Acts | 6:30 PM  
11/08 & 11/09 | Blackbox - The Bacchae | 6:00 PM  
11/14 | Veteran's Day Concert  
11/15 | COLOR WARS  
11/15 | Dance: Dancing with your Star | 6:30 PM  
11/17 | 2nd 9 Weeks Progress Report  
11/20-11/24 | Thanksgiving Break Teacher Non-Work Day  
11/24 | Teacher Non-Work Day  
11/28 | OCSA 9th & 10th Grade Parent Night | 6:00 PM  
12/01 | MS Music Department Combined Concert | 6:30 PM  
12/01 | Mentor/Mentee Art Show | 6:00 PM  
12/08 | Home for the Holidays (Winter Extravaganza) | 6:30 PM  
12/08 | Holiday Dress Down Day  
12/15 | Last Day Of Classes/End Of 2nd Grading Period

## Join Our Community

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### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Dennis Neal [Principal]  
Sugeily Dolhon [Assistant Principal]  
Dr. Lisa-Renee Gilford [Assistant Principal]  
Denise Rodriguez-Romero [Principal's Secretary]