



Osceola County
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Educational Choices and INNOVATION



NEW THIS MONTH

2023 CHOICE FAIR - EVENT UPDATE

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2023 CHOICE FAIR: A HUGE SUCCESS!

The 2023 CHOICE FAIR which took place on November 16th was a huge success! Over 5,100 people attended the event which took place on November 16th at Osceola Heritage Park. We would like to **thank all 2023 CHOICE FAIR sponsors, supporters, and contributors** for their unwavering support. Businesses such as Addition Financial and Kissimmee Utility Authority, this year's Title Sponsors, along with many others invested in public education and joined us to share the services they provide to the community. To learn more about sponsors, supporters, and contributors, visit <https://www.osceolaschools.net/sponsors>.

Guests that attended had the opportunity to learn about the awe-inspiring options available at Osceola's district-managed schools. They were greeted by St. Cloud High School's JROTC, Gateway's Key Club students, enjoyed performances by our talented students, learned about what each school has to offer, and had the opportunity to complete a Choice Application for the 2024-2025 school year.

Not able to attend the event and have questions, no problem! **To complete an application for the 2024-2025 school year, visit www.osceolaschools.net/choice or call 407-870-4847 with questions.** Remember that the **on-time Choice Application Window closes on January 26, 2024.**



"Your Choice Now, Determines Your Future"



SPOTLIGHT MELAO BAKERY'S SOMOS COMMUNITY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS



On Saturday, November 4th on the grounds of Johnson University in Kissimmee, Melao Bakery hosted their 3rd Annual “Somos Community Fest. At this free community event, seven students from the Osceola School District were each awarded a \$500 Scholarship for excelling in academics, the arts and/or sports. Teachers from Tohopekaliga High School, Professional and Technical High School, Harmony High School, and Parkway Middle School provided a brief description of their students and the reason they were being nominated. There were some pretty impressive nominations submitted. After a committee review, these students were notified that they were the lucky scholarship recipients.

Thanks to the generosity of Melao Bakery, these students will be able to fund some of the needs related to their education. We are truly grateful for the opportunity afforded to our students by Melao Bakery. To learn more about Melao Bakery and the services they provide, visit <https://melaobakery.com>.
#Sabrosura - Siempre Dulce, Siempre Caliente, Siempre Fresco!

DECEMBER AROUND TOWN

Winter break begins Monday, December 18th through Tuesday, January 2nd. Enjoy this time off to take time to relax and reset from the first half of the school year. We wish you a wonderful winter break. **Students return to school on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.**

December can be a very busy month with all the holidays and celebrations. Consider taking a break to enjoy some of the events that are taking place around town.

- Celebration Town Center - **24th Annual Now Snowing Event** - Nov. 26 - Dec. 31st - 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- Downtown St. Cloud - **St. Cloud Holiday Festival** - Dec. 2 & 3 - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Kissimmee Lakefront Park - **2023 Kissimmee Festival of Lights** - Dec. 9 - 4:30 pm - 9:30 pm
- Poinciana - **Annual Christmas Parade and Celebration** - Dec. 9 - 9:00 am
- Promenade at Sunset Walk - **5th Annual Santa's Toy Drive Car & Truck Show** - Dec. 10 - 10:00 am

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

December 18th - 29th - WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL
STUDENTS RETURN ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024