

Educational Choices and **INNOVATION**



Osceola County
SCHOOL DISTRICT

NEW THIS MONTH:

National School Choice Week
January 23rd - January 29th

School Spotlight-
St. Cloud High School

January is Mentoring Month -
Take Stock in Children

Important Dates

2022 NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

Celebration of National School Choice Week

Happy New Year! We hope that you took time during the winter break to rest, relax and make memories with your family and friends that will last a lifetime. January is a great time for new beginnings and self-investments such as focusing on a healthier lifestyle, pursuing higher education, changing careers or becoming involved in your community. Whatever resolutions you have made, may you pursue and achieve them. This second half of the 2021-2022 school year, will find the School District of Osceola County continuing to invest and prepare students by providing positive and innovative learning environments at all of our *awe-inspiring* schools.

This month we celebrate National School Choice Week beginning January 23 through January 29, 2022. We invite you to visit the website www.schoolchoiceweek.com to discover more about how to help your child achieve their academic and professional dreams.

We continue to accept Choice applications. The window for on-time Choice applications will close on January 28th. Visit www.osceolaschools.net/choice to complete your 2022-2023 choice application. Remember, Your CHOICE Now Determines Your Child's Future.

Florida Literacy Week

Schools across the State of Florida will celebrate literacy week January 24th through January 28th. Celebrating literacy week at home with your child is as easy as reading 20 minutes a day. A child that reads 20 minutes a day is exposed to 1.8 million words a year. Make literacy week a fun-filled week for your family.

Check out the Sunshine State Readers list for suggested grade appropriate books for your child. Visit www.floridamediaed.org and make reading 20 minutes a day a part of your family's routine.

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

ST. CLOUD HIGH SCHOOL

Home of the Bulldogs



St. Cloud High School is a positive, nurturing, and safe environment where everyone participates in building pathways to success through rigor, hard work, responsibility, and accountability. St. Cloud offers many extracurricular activities for students, including athletics, fine arts, and community service. St. Cloud ensures students are ready, upon graduation, to become future leaders of the community.

Career Clusters Offered (CTE)

- **Business**
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Finance
 - Digital Information Technology
- **Construction**
 - Carpentry
 - Masonry
- **Transportation**
 - Automotive Technologies
- **NAF Health Science**
 - Certified Nursing Assistant
- **Education and Training**
 - Early Childhood Development
 - Introduction to Teaching Profession
- **Information Technologies**
 - Digital Multimedia

For more information visit www.osceolaschools.net/SCHS

January is Mentoring Month



Looking for a great way to start the New Year? January 1st through January 31st is National Mentoring Month. It was established in 2002 and encourages people to become mentors to others. Mentoring young people can have a significant impact on a young person's life and is a way of ensuring that young people know that they have someone available they can rely on to provide emotional support, education and career guidance.

Have you given any thought to becoming a mentor and impacting the life of a young person? The Take Stock in Children Program provides low-income students with college and vocational tuition scholarships, volunteer mentors, student advocates/case managers, college readiness, early intervention and long-term support. Mentors are the key components to the success of this program. A mentor is a caring, compassionate adult who chooses to devote their time to a young person, offering them support, guidance and encouragement. If you can donate one hour per week, you can change a life by helping a child build a solid foundation of values, establish goals, improve their academic and life skills, all while developing their self-esteem and confidence. By providing mentorship, advocacy, skills workshops and support, the Take Stock program breaks the cycle of poverty by providing students with the chance to pursue post-secondary education and prepare for a career instead of a job.

Visit www.takestockinchildren.org to learn more about how you can become a Take Stock in Children Mentor.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

January 3rd - Students Return to School

January 13th - Choice Joint Informational Night at NeoCity Academy

January 17th - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School

January 20th - Choice Joint Informational Night at Gateway HS

January 24th - International Day of Education

January 23th - 29th - 2022 National School Choice Week

January 28th - Choice Application Window Closes