

Bear Paw Times



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



- Gary Weeden, Principal
- Jane Mabra, Assistant Principal
- Lucile Schneider, Assistant Principal
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- Carolina Figueroa 6th-Dean
- Peter Swanson 7th-Dean
- Samantha Alfred, 8th-Dean
- Gloria Martinez, 6th-Counselor
- Maria Morales, 7th-Counselor
- Neil Yeda, 8th-Counselor
- Heather Biela, Media Specialist
- Marisha Smalling, Literacy Coach
- Meg Hodge, RCS
- Christina McGee, Social Worker
- Elaina Hoover, Psychologist
- Leah Boyd, Testing Coordinator

Welcome Back!

We are excited to start the 2022/2023 school year! Everyone has been working together for one common purpose. That is giving students the resources they need to learn and reach their highest potential. This year we have renewed our focus on collaborative culture.

NCMS made some positive changes during the summer. We welcomed many great new additions to the black bear family, including our new Assistant Principal, Ms. Jane Mabra. She was the assistant principal at Kissimmee Middle School. She brings great experience, a positive attitude, and a belief in all students to do their job.

We also added a fourth lunch to ensure the students have enough space to sit and have enough time to enjoy their lunch.

Let's have a great year Black Bears!



Car Rider Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Middle School shares the drop-off entrance with the Elementary School Car Loop at the South Entrance A for car riders. Please begin to arrive after 8:45 AM for drop-off. Drop-off begins with the bell at 8:50 AM when the gates open, and the gates close at 9:16 AM with the bell. Students must be in their 1st period class by 9:20 AM when the tardy bell rings. Late arrivals must report to the front office for tardy slip. School ends at 4:20 PM, so please arrive after 4:00 PM for afternoon pick-up. Pick-up gates close at approximately 4:40/3:40 (Wed).

A fee based program - Before the Bell, is offered through the district. Otherwise, walkers and bike riders will enter the front of campus beginning at 8:50 AM by the crossing guards at Entrance B. All car rider drop-off occurs through South Entrance A. Please plan accordingly.

Thank you,
NCMS Administration

****Wednesday pick-up is at 3:20 PM****

School Reduced Lunch

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that it is returning to pre-pandemic rules by requiring families to apply for **free and reduced lunch**. This means some students will no longer automatically receive free meals at school. As a result, families must once again submit an application for free and reduced meals for the 2022-23 school year. For more information and/or to apply, visit the district website at www.osceolaschools.net.

Check out the Osceola County School District website for information and resources to all of your needs. Osceolaschools.net

Official NCMS Social Media Sites to get the Latest News & Info:

Find us on Facebook
Narcoossee Middle - School@NCMSbears

Instagram
Nemsblackbears



NCMS School Policies: **HOT BEVERAGES** may not be brought onto campus by, or for, students. **No FAST FOOD** student lunches may be delivered. **CUPCAKES, CAKES** or other celebratory foods to be shared are not allowed on campus. Also, please refrain from **TEXTING** your child during the day. Thanks for your support.

Schedule Change Request QR Code

Please keep in mind most electives are already full. We will do our best to accommodate the request when we can.



Cellphones should be kept in backpacks, unless authorized to use or in lunch room.

Mark Your Calendar!

- 8/10 - First Day of School
- 8/22 - Soccer Tryouts
- 8/22 & 8/23 - Auditions for the Play The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe
- 8/24 - Band Parent Meeting and Instrument Try-Out Night at 6 PM in Cafe (All parents of all grade levels required to attend as well as all beginning band students)
- 8/29 - Cross Country Tryouts



Here Comes The Bus®
A GPS-BASED APP TO TRACK YOUR CHILD'S BUS

HERE'S HOW TO GET STARTED

- Download the Here Comes the Bus app or visit www.herecomesthebus.com
- Click the **Sign Up** button
- Enter school code **73760**
- Click "Next" followed by "Confirm"
- Complete the "User Profile" box
- Under "My Students," click "Add." Enter your child's last name and student ID number.
- Once you confirm your information, you're ready to go!

The start of school is always a hectic time for students, parents, teachers and district staff and we want to minimize potential confusion and misinformation as much as possible. Therefore, 'Here Comes the Bus' will not be activated until **August 25th** while the transportation staff deals with route changes that take place during the first weeks of school. Thank you for your patience during this challenging time of year.

QR Code for Scheduling Appointments with a Counselor



Back-to-School Transportation HOTLINE Call 407-483-3673 for all of your back-to-school questions or concerns

Competitive Robotics and Odyssey of the Mind

Interested participants should complete the form by the end of the day 8/19 to be eligible to join.

QR code for Competitive Robotics



QR code for Odyssey of the Mind



NCMS Business Partners

- Brue Family Dentistry 407-979-4170
- Domino's Pizza (Narcoossee, St. Cloud) 407-984-4777
- Esteem Dental & Orthodontics 407-476-5650
- HomePride Realty Services Inc. 407-846-0940
- Inspire Weight Loss 407-837-3555 (inspiredweightloss.com)
- Jeremiah's Italian Ice 407-313-0782
- Lissette Sanchez, Realtor 407-391-6358
- Mega Roofing LLC 407-780-2635
- Peter Luu Signature Group w/Premier Sotheby's International Realty 407-480-5014
- WAWA Gas Station on Narcoossee Rd/Boggy Creek
- Ur Learning Solution 407-658-7575

If you have questions or would like to become a Partner contact, Judi Lowell in the front office @ 407-891-6600. Please support our Partners in Education. They support us:-)

Get REMIND for Important School Notifications!

Our school has a schoolwide announcement group through REMIND. Many families were automatically assigned to the group with their FOCUS information at the beginning of August. We understand that not everyone is receiving these Remind messages. If you would like to join the group please text @SDOCNCMS to 81010 to join. Be sure to include the @ symbol to be added.

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)

Edición en español de este boletín disponible en el sitio web de la escuela: <https://ncms.osceolaschools.net>

PBIS/Expectations

PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports)

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, and Positive referrals).

- Be responsible
- Encourage others
- Act safely
- Respect all
- Strive for success



Students can spend their Bear Bucks at our PBIS events, dress down days, and at our Bear's Den in Café.

We would like to welcome Mr. Peter Swanson as our new 7th Grade Dean. We are excited to have him join our leadership team!

Students are to follow our Bear Expectations daily. As part of our continuous cycle of improvement, we will be implementing PBIS assemblies a few times a year to build a culture that emphasizes on school safety.

We look forward to a great year. Go Black Bears!



Before The Bell Program 2022/2023

From 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Registration Fee: \$20 + \$20 Deposit per child.
Weekly Fees: \$20 per child.

Enroll at Before the Bell website at: www.osceolaschools.net/beforethebell

Contact Extended Learning Program with any questions at: 407-343-8780

