

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.



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Jason Kraus, 7th Gr Dean

Amanda Bartlett, 8th Gr Dean

Sandra Drummonds, Counselor

Taylor Villegas, Counselor

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Heather Biela, Media Specialist

Marisha Smalling, Literacy Coach

Jennifer Alexander, Math Coach

Sabine Laser, MTSS

Meg Hodge, RCS

Christina McGee, Social Worker

Yearbook Pre-Sale

Yearbook Pre-Sales have begun! Go to myschoolbucks.com to purchase. \$15 for a yearbook and \$20 for an 8th grade shout-out. This is the only way you can purchase this year's yearbook!

If you have any questions please contact:
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Tutoring and Grade Recovery

Students struggling in the second quarter may attend for extra help or make up work on any of the following dates. We meet in the media center. Students do not need to come every time. If interested, please contact Mr. Melvin prior to attending.

- Tuesday December 1st: 5-7 (2hrs.)
- Thursday December 3rd: 5 -7 (2hrs.)
- Saturday December 5th: 9-12 (3hrs.)
- Tuesday December 8th: 5-7 (2hrs.)
- Thursday December 10th: 5-7 (2hrs.)



AVID News

Narcoossee Middle School AVID is pleased to announce the AVID Friends and Families 2020 Fundraiser. The Osceola County Coupon Book offers more than \$3,000 in savings for only \$20! More than 100 local Merchants with over 250 coupons in Osceola County. Plus, Free Reusable Discount Card with "20 Merchants". **Sale Ends Wednesday, January 27, 2020**

Help our AVID family this year by purchasing a **Coupon Book**. They make great Christmas gifts!

Visit our website at sofundraiser.com to purchase a book:

- Select School
- Choose Osceola County
- Select Middle School
- Narcoossee Middle School

Books purchased online will be shipped directly to your house & NCMS AVID will get the credit for the sale! Thank you for supporting the NCMS AVID Program!

Get Important Notifications: REMIND text @SDOCNCMS to 81010 to join

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



Narcoossee Middle - School@NCMSbears



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ATTENTION PARENTS



Don't forget to return your overdue library books. There are 3 drop off locations, in the front office and at each media center door. You will be receiving an email every Friday with the books that are overdue. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Biela.

Looking for college shirt donations that will be given to students that are less fortunate. Students may wear college t-shirts on our college days at Narcoossee Middle School.



Mark Your Calendar!



12/1 - Science Olympiad Meeting 4:20-5:30 pm
 - Volleyball Game at NCMS vs Harmony Middle. Girls at 6 pm, Boys at 7 pm

12/3 - Volleyball Game at NCMS vs Parkway Middle. Girls at 6 pm, Boys at 7 pm

12/4 - Robotics Club 4:30-5:30 pm
 - NCMS Volleyball Game at Neptune Middle. Girls at 6 pm, Boys at 7 pm

12/7 - Volleyball Game at NCMS vs Denn John Middle. Girls at 6 pm, Boys at 7 pm

12/8 - Science Olympiad Meeting 4:20-5:30 pm

12/9 - Girls Volleyball Quarter Finals 6-7:30 pm

12/10 - Boys Volleyball Quarter Finals 6-8 pm

12/11 - Robotics Club 4:30-5:30 pm

12/14 - Girls Volleyball Semifinals 6-8 pm

12/15 - Boys Volleyball Semifinals 6-8 pm

12/17 - Jeremiah Spirit Night (all day)
 - Volleyball Championships!
 Girls at 6:15 pm, Boys at 7:15 pm

12/18 - Robotics Club 4:30-5:30 pm

12/21-12/31 Winter Break
 Teacher/Student Holiday

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 Teacher/Student Holiday

1/4 - Classes Resume/1st Day of 3rd Grading Period



12/17- Jeremiah's Ice Spirit Night/Lake Nona (mention NCMS-20% comes back to school)

Spirit Night will take place every third Thursday of the month.



**The Stinky Cheese Man
 And Other Fairly Stupid Tales**

December 10th & 11th

Our very own NCMS students will be performing this play by John Glore.

Presented by Mr. Wainwright

Ticket Information - Coming Soon!

Christmas

Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Christmas in the United States brings together many customs from other countries and cultures. Around the world, family members help to decorate the tree and home with bright lights, wreaths, candles, holly, mistletoe, and ornaments. On Christmas Eve, many people go to church. Some people also celebrate Santa Claus as a jolly man that delivers gifts to homes.

Hanukkah

For eight days each November or December, Jews light a special candle holder called a menorah. They do it to remember an ancient miracle in which one day's worth of oil burned for eight days in the temple. During Hanukkah, many Jews also eat special potato pancakes called latkes, sing songs, and spin a top called a dreidel to win chocolate coins, nuts, or raisins.

Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa is celebrated December 26 through January 1. It is a holiday to commemorate African heritage, during which participants gather with family and friends to exchange gifts and to light a series of black, red, and green candles. These candles symbolize the seven basic values of African American family life: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith.

Winter Solstice

The Winter Solstice occurs around December 21. It is the shortest day of the year. People all over the world participate in festivals and celebrations. Long ago, people celebrated by lighting bonfires and candles to coax back the sun.



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

Our Counseling Corner Newsletter can be found
 on <https://www.smore.com/781hf>

Our Remind code for guidance is: @nmguidance

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)



We are proud to announce that over the summer, Narcoossee Middle School was awarded the Florida PBIS Gold Level Model School Award.

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 Dean.

So far, there has been a total of 37 Positive Referrals given to students for outstanding behavior, improvement, and involvement. Positive Referrals includes face-to-face and digital learning students.

Annual Chili-Cookoff Saturday, December 12, 2020

Tasty hot dogs & baked goods 11am - 2pm at the historic Narcoossee Schoolhouse (5026 Yukon Street) (eat-in or carry-out available). Santa Claus will also be making an appearance!

Sponsored by the Narcoossee Area Chapter of Osceola History.

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