

Bear Paw Times

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January News

Hello NCMS Families, welcome back to the second part of the school year. December was a lot of fun, and we enjoyed seeing the students participate in our dress out days. There was a lot of Holiday cheer among the staff as well. The month was filled with Winter concerts, STEM activities

and a lot of fun. Now that we had time to rest and to spend time with our families, we are back at work with a renewed sense of commitment. Here to an amazing second semester!

Dr. Francisco Rivera
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AVID Demonstration School

AVID News



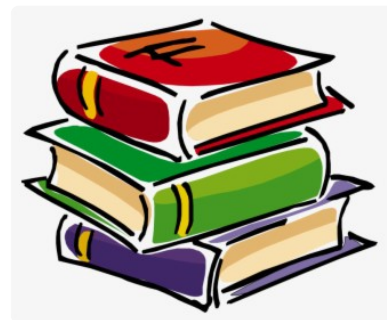
The AVID program would like to say THANK YOU to all our parents for supporting the AVID program in the 2023 school year. As we prepare for the start of 2024, we will begin to increase our expectations and the rigor of the AVID classes. Please take time to check in with your child to see if they need additional school supplies. We want all students to be ready to learn as we start off the second half of the school year. Your child may need a new binder, tabs, pencils, pens, highlighters, and glue sticks. In quarter 3, we plan to continue to refine our tutorial process, and begin test taking tips to prepare for end of course exams and the final FAST tests. We will also move into project-based learning and research as we explore various careers and college choices. We are also looking forward to planning field trips to further provide real world applications in the AVID program. So much yet to come! We wish all families a very HAPPY NEW YEAR! We are confident that 2024 will be the best year yet in AVID!

Media Center News

The Book Fair will be on January 19th-January 26th.

We will be celebrating Literacy week from January 22nd-January 26th. The theme is Believe in Your "Shelf", and we will be having exciting activities planned throughout the week.

Please make sure to return all overdue library books.



Sports News

Narcoossee Middle School

GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUT!

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before tryouts!



Jan. 5th 4:30-6pm
Jan. 8th 4:30-6pm

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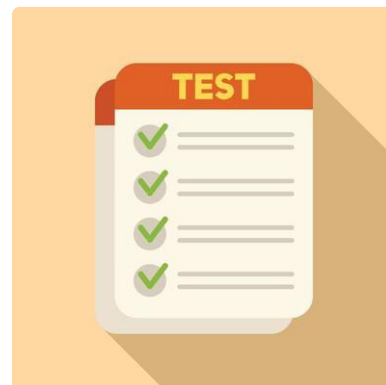
Mark Your Calendar

- 1/1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR! (NO SCHOOL)
- 1/2 - Teacher Workday/Student Holiday (NO SCHOOL)
- 1/3 - Classes Resume (1st day of 3rd grading period)
- 1/4 - PATHS Recruitment Orientation for 8th grade students (selected students)
- 1/5 & 1/8: Girls Basketball Tryouts
- 1/8 - Regular Cheer Practice
- 1/9 - GATEWAY IB Program Orientation for 8th graders (selected students)
- 1/12 - Perfect Attendance Certificates (2nd quarter)
- 1/13 - Saturday Cheer Practice (gym)
- 1/15 - Martin L. King JR. - Teacher/Student Holiday (NO SCHOOL)
- 1/16 - Resiliency Lesson (Wednesday schedule)
- 1/16 & 1/18: All County Rehearsals (selected band students) at TOHO HS
- 1/18 - Bears Awards Ceremony (1st semester)
- 1/19 - All County Rehearsals all day AND Concert (selected band students) at TOHO HS
- 1/21 - Sunday Cheer at TOHO HS 10-4
- 1/23 & 1/25: All County Jazz (selected band students) (6-8:30 PM) at GWHS
- 1/26 - Monthly PBIS Event (TBD)
- 1/26 - All County Jazz (selected band students) (8-4:30 PM) at GWHS
- 1/27 - Jazz Fest (selected band students) 9 AM at OHS

Calendar News

Testing Information

1/3-1/19: Students in semester classes will take their pre-tests. Please reach out to your student's elective teacher for details.
1/15-1/26: Civics Mid-Year tests. Please reach out to your student's Civics teacher for specifics.
1/22-3/7: WIDA-ACCESS for ELLs-students that are language learners.
1/30: School-Wide Osceola Writes PRACTICE test. ALL students will be taking this assessment on this date.



Cheer News

Cheer Practices:
Monday 1/8- first regular practice back from break
Saturday 1/13 @ NCMS gym
Sunday 1/21 @ TOHO HS, 10-4 pm
Sunday 1/28 @ TOHO HS, 10-4 pm

Band News

January 16 and 18 - All County Rehearsals (selected students) @ Tohopekaliga High School
January 19 - All County Rehearsal all day AND concert (selected students) @ Tohopekaliga High School
Jan 23th and 25th All County Jazz (selected students) (6-8:30 PM) @ GWHS
Jan 26th All County Jazz (selected students) (8-4:30 PM) @ GWHS
Jan 27th Jazz Fest (selected students) 9am @OHS
JAN 30th AFTER SCHOOL REHEARSAL 4:30 – 6pm NCMS BANDROOM – AB



Clubs

Book Club: Meets on Mondays 9:00-9:20 AM

Battle of the Books: Meets on Wednesdays 9:00-9:20 AM

Yearbook Club: Meets on Fridays 9:00-9:20 AM

For more information about these clubs, such as how to join and more, please contact:



STEM Clubs

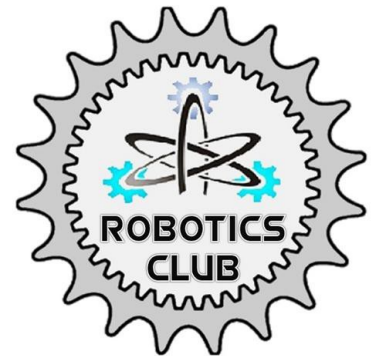
Sphero meetings are Mondays from 4:30-5:30 PM
Odyssey of the Mind meets on Tuesdays from 4:30-6:00 PM
VEX Robotics meets on Thursdays from 4:30-6:00 PM

For more information,

<mailto:Stephani.Mckeown@osceolaschools.net>

We are Hosting a Robotics Competition!

January 28th NCMS will be hosting Bots at the Bear Den. We will welcome several teams from our area to compete with us here at the school. Come and check us out and help cheer on our students.



PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support) Expectations

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, Positive Referrals, etc.). Students can spend their Bear Bucks at our PBIS events/activities, dress down days, and at our Bear's Den in the Cafeteria.



Be Responsible
Encourage Others
Act Safely
Respect All
Strive For Success

JANUARY PBIS NEWS

NCMS gave out - positive referrals so far this year, - this quarter. That's amazing! Keep it up black bears!

December 15th was our holiday PBIS event...Holiday Pajama & Crocs Day! It was so fun to see the students and staff dressed for the occasion.

Our next PBIS event will be on January 26th - Event TBD

Students must continue to follow our B.E.A.R.S. Expectations and save those bear bucks for more upcoming PBIS events!

NCMS Business Partners in Education

Brue Family Dentistry 407-979-4170
Domino's Pizza (Narcoossee/St. Cloud) 407-984-4777
Dr. Sandra Mauro & Associates 407-505-2020
Esteem Dental & Orthodontics 407-476-5650
Hoffner Eye Care 407-207-2020
HomePride Realty Services Inc. 407-846-0940
Huntington Learning Center, St. Cloud 407-789-3688
Jeremiah's Italian Ice 407-313-0782
Lissette Sanchez, EXP Realty 407-603-5210
Mansour Orthodontics 407-846-2150
Peter Luu Signature Group w/Premier Sotheby's
The Naked Cupcake 407-308-5736
WAWA Gas Station on Narcoossee Rd/Boggy Creek
Ur Learning Solution 407-658-7575



WELCOME OUR NEW PARTNER IN EDUCATION!

The Naked Cupcake on Narcoossee Rd.
<https://thenakedcupcakeorlando.com>

Other News and Resources

Donations

NCMS is always looking for donations of school appropriate jeans for middle school students. Please drop off fairly used or new jeans that are NOT distressed with holes, tears, or frays.

We also welcome other school appropriate clothing such as polo shirts, spirit shirts, kaki's, bermuda shorts, belts and sneakers.

In addition, the school accepts various donations of school supplies. We thank you in advance for your generosity!



Free Crisis Services

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).



ONE MORE CHILD Anti-Trafficking Mobile Team

If you or someone you know has been forced or coerced to perform sexual activities, or promised false opportunities, text or call us to set up a meeting with a mentor, advocate, or clinician.



YOU MAY BE A VICTIM IF:

- You are not free to come and go as you wish.
- You are involved in the commercial sex industry (prostitution, stripping, pornography) with a trafficker, or you are under 18.
- You do not have control over your own personal documents/money.
- You were recruited to your job through false promises.
- You are forced to provide labor or commercial sex.

SERVICES INCLUDE:

- trauma-informed counseling
- psychoeducation
- court accompaniment
- life skills
- mentorship
- case management
- free food boxes & hygiene items
- access to 24/7 hotline
- advocacy
- referrals to other providers
- interpreter services available

For more information: <https://onemorechild.org> or <mailto:antitrafficking@onemorechild.org>



Important Information for 7th Grade:

All students entering 7th grade must provide the school with an updated immunization record (FL form 680/white form). All 7th grade students must have (1) Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine and all other required vaccines must be up-to-date.

After receiving the Tdap, please email the form to: <mailto:ncmsregistration@osceolaschools.net>
For FREE Vaccines, contact The Osceola County Health Department at 407-343-2066. Located on Fortune Road in Kissimmee.

Adult Learning Opportunity/Oportunidad de aprendizaje para adultos!

Nighttime English Classes for Adults at ALCO or at Narcoossee Middle School.

English Classes each Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30-8:30 PM.

For more information, contact Carolina Figueroa at NCMS 407-891-6600 or ALCO at 407-518-8140.



January classes begin the 9th, and we are accepting applications for students.

You may apply at: <https://otech.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/apply/>

Clases de Ingles para Adultos en ALCO o Narcoossee Middle School.

Clases cada martes y jueves de 5:30-8:30 PM.

Contacte a Carolina Figueroa en NCMS al 407-891-6600 o ALCO al 407-518-8140 para mas información.

Las clases de enero comienzan la 9 y estamos aceptando solicitudes para estudiantes.

Puede presentar su solicitud en: <https://otech.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/apply/>



Narcoossee Middle School- Home of the Bears

AVID National Demonstration School

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

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