

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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We are very excited to have all our students back on campus. While the first few weeks have been challenging due to Covid and the need to quarantine students, it has also been very encouraging to see how well our students are adapting and following our high expectations. Students will soon be assigned a laptop computer to use in school each day and to take home each night. This will give all students access to digital curriculum as well as a wide selection of educational applications that can be accessed through Classlink. This 1:1 laptop initiative will change how teachers teach and students learn. Even with the technology and the resources that go along with it we are also focusing strongly on Social Emotional Learning. It is important for middle school students interact with peers in a positive and productive way. Students will have opportunities each day to collaborate in class by sharing their insight on academic content while practicing the skill of listening to the viewpoints of their classmates. Being collaborative and able to work with others are important skills for the 21st century and ones that must be practiced each day to become proficient. Research shows that this sort of learning also builds empathy and reduces anxiety that sometimes accompanies school. We look forward to a great year of building knowledge and critical life skills.



AVID News!

We are off to another great year with AVID at Narcoossee Middle School! NCMS is proud to announce we have expanded our AVID Elective classes and now have two full time AVID Elective teachers! We are so excited to welcome Mrs. Jennifer Kelley to our AVID family high expectations for teachers and students, and collaboration in all classrooms.

AVID provides scaffolded support that students need to encourage college and career readiness and success. This year, NCMS is practicing school-wide organizational skills and building relational capacity as we prepare all students for their future. Every student on campus will carry their AVID binders during transitions and walk into all classes organized and ready to learn! If you have any questions about our AVID program, please contact Ms. Tracy Nedd, our AVID Coordinator. With AVID, all things are possible!



8th Grade Gradventure

The Eighth Grade Team realizes that we are still in a pandemic, however we are hopeful that we can continue the tradition of Gradventure in May of 2022. Due to these unprecedented times, there is currently a district wide hold on all field trips this school year. If we are fortunate enough to see conditions improve enough to reinstate field trips in the spring, then we want to be ready. We will still follow the same guidelines of taking eligible (academic and behavior) 8th grade students. This event is called Gradventure, a field trip to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure, and it will take place on Friday, May 13, 2022. The parks close to the public after 6:00 p.m., and only the eighth-grade students and teachers will be able to enjoy access to both parks until midnight.

*Cost will be approximately \$120.00. Exact pricing will be available on permission slip. Cost will include, entrance, dinner, and a shirt. More information to come.

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




Students that get quarantined are expected to complete their assignments online. Please make sure that your child logs on to TEAMS, completes the work, and submits it correctly.

The window for schedule change requests has closed. Students will not be permitted to request any further schedule changes.


Mark Your Calendar!

9/1-9/3 - Last Day of Fall Book Fair
 9/2 - Last Day of Play Auditions for Shirley Holmes and Jennie Watson
9/2 - School Picture Day (uniform attire)
 9/3 - Cast List Posted for Shirley Holmes and Jennie Watson School Play
9/6 - Labor Day (Student/Teacher Holiday) NO SCHOOL
 9/15 - 1st 9 Weeks Progress Reports
 9/16 - Jeremiah's Italian Ice Spirit Day/Night
 9/18 - All State Band Auditions
 9/27-10/1 - College Week



Basketball Practice

CORRECTION: Basketball Season is closer to December. We apologize for the newsletter error!




Shirley Holmes and Jennie Watson Rehearsals
 (a Sherlock Holmes Parody)

Every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday of the Month in the Cafeteria

4:30 PM-6:30 PM




Cross Country Practices are:
 Monday afternoon from 4:30-5:30 and Friday mornings from 7:50-8:50 am.
 1st Cross Country Meet is on September 15 @ St. Cloud Middle School at 5:00 pm.
 Cross-Country Meet on September 22 @ Canoe Creek at 5:00 pm.
 Cross-Country Meet on September 29 @ Harmony MS at 5:00 pm.



Battle of the Books is Back!

If you are interested in being on the team, please see Ms. Wassum in room 3-114 or respond on TEAMS. Look for " Battle of the Books NCMS 2020-2021" under TEAMS.

Cheerleading tryouts will be moved to mid-October this year. Please join the TEAMS channel: NCMS Cheer 21-22 for more information and to keep up with current updates.






NCMS Business Partners

Anderson & Moopen Orthodontics 407-518-0500
 Brue Family Dentistry 407-979-4170
 Carlyle Orthodontics 407-447-9060
 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
 Jeremiah's Italian Ice 407-313-0782
 PDQ (Narcoossee/Lake Nona)
 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:-)




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.



This year we have specified certain student expectations in the classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, cafeteria, restrooms, and bus area. Also, in support of AVID, we are rewarding and encouraging students to have their binders in their hands as they transition to their destination throughout the day. In addition, students are to carry their school ID where staff can visibly see them. We will be issuing new and permanent ID cards in a couple of weeks after picture day. So far, students are doing a terrific job following our school expectations! *Go Bears!!!*


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>

Before The Bell Program 2021/2022



From 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
 Registration Fee:\$20 + first and last week service per child.
 Weekly Fees: \$20 for the 1st child/\$18 for each additional child.

Enroll at Before the Bell website at:
www.osceolaschools.net/beforethebell
 Complete steps 1 & 2 of the online registration and someone will contact you.

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