

# CHARGER CONNECTION



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## ALL IN, EVERYONE WINS!!



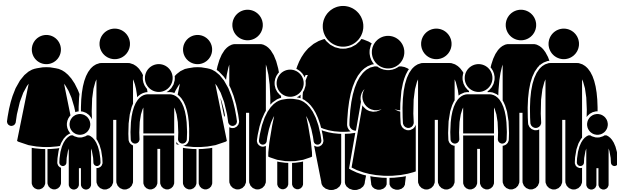
HAPPY NEW YEAR

### Inside This Edition: January Highlights

We've got Honor Roll Meet and Greet happening this month, along with OCVS Spelling Bee for interested 3rd-8th graders. Literacy Week across the State of Florida takes place January 22nd - January 26th! We've got four OCVS students from our guitar program participating in OCPS ALL-County Guitar Ensembles! So much talent at OCVS! Are you auditioning for OCPS Top Talent? Get signed up! Dive into this issue and read about all things OCVS!



"All In, Everyone Wins!"



January: a fresh chapter, a new beginning, where the pages of learning unfold, and possibilities abound in the classroom of endless potential.

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# PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Happy New Year Chargers!

I hope that everyone had a great winter break. I would like to welcome all new students to OCVS. It's exciting to have students and families join our OCVS Charger Family. You are about to experience something new and different from anything you've experienced in school so far. We are glad you are here with us. It's hard to believe but we are rolling right into a new semester and things are already moving at a fast pace! Be sure that you are attending LIVE lessons and when you are not able, that you watch the recordings. The lessons teachers provide are to help students with the content they are learning and provide additional engagement opportunities. It's very important that each student stays on pace so that they finish on time. For any student that is not on pace, it could become mandatory that they come to campus for face-to-face workdays with teachers. Please remember our motto here is FLEXIBILITY; to work anywhere, anytime BUT you MUST be consistently working. Thank you to all students that have participated in testing so far this year. I am looking for 100% participation this semester. We have ACCESS testing that will begin soon for students in the ELL program and NEW this year our 2nd graders will come to campus to participate in the Universal Gifted Screening. Students will be required to come to campus for the testing. Please be sure to check your email regularly as this is where you will find all information for upcoming testing information.

I am so excited about all the great things happening at OCVS. I look forward to seeing many students and families at the upcoming Honor Roll Meet and Greets. Be on the lookout for dates and times. We are so proud of each student's accomplishments during semester one. Our **OCVS Spelling Bee** on campus for 3rd - 8th grade is happening soon! We will also be celebrating **Literacy Week Jan. 22-26th**. The theme is: **Believe in Your "SHELF"**. Click on the link in the Literacy Committee section of the newsletter to see all about the GREAT things that are planned!

Let's get those yearbook orders in Chargers! Please see the fliers in this issue for more information. They are going to capture events and you don't want to miss out. Please scan the QR code for details on purchasing your yearbook.

Please be sure to take a few moments and read through the entire school newsletter. It is filled with a lot of great information and celebrations.

All In, Everyone Wins!



Your Proud Principal,  
*Mrs. Brandi Gurley*

# UPCOMING EVENTS & INFO

## OCPS Parent Academies

### January

#### Lunch and Learn Live Online

Will occur on **Facebook** and **YouTube Live**.

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday,

January 24, 2024

#### **Reading at Home: Tips for Elementary, Middle and High School Families**

Parents learn how to develop routines that foster a love of reading at home and provide support, when needed.

#### Virtual Mini-Academies

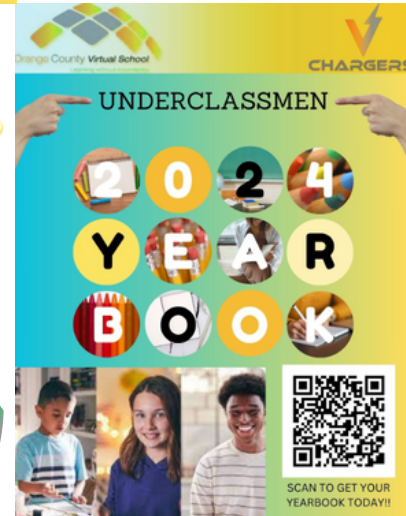
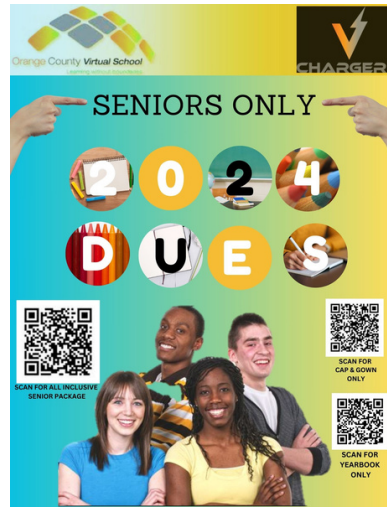
The best of Parent Academy in a bite-sized 1 hour version on WebEx Webinar

Times may vary but are typically 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Click [HERE](#) to see January Mini-Academies and register:

- Thursday Jan. 11th - Vaping
- Tuesday Jan. 16th - Get Connected to School with Digital Tools
- Thursday Jan. 18th - Literacy Strategies for Dyslexia and Related reading difficulties
- Thursday Jan. 25th - Multilingual Storytelling Night

Visit: [www.parentacademy.ocps.net](http://www.parentacademy.ocps.net) for more information on these and all academy offerings.



GET YOUR  
YEARBOOK!



The Foundation for Orange County Public Schools proudly announces **Top Talent LIVE 2024!** The foundation will be accepting auditions for Top Talent LIVE 2024 from **January 22 through February 23**, so get those auditions in Chargers! All information can be found on their website [www.foundationforOCPS.org](http://www.foundationforOCPS.org)

Proceeds from this event benefit the Foundation and provide arts enrichment for students experiencing poverty or homelessness.

# UPCOMING EVENTS & INFO

## Congratulations are in order!

We are extremely proud to announce that **FOUR** students from our OCVS Guitar program have been selected to participate in the **2023-2024 OCPS All-County Guitar Ensembles!** There were over 170 students that auditioned this year, and all four students from OCVS that auditioned got in! **Guitar instructor, Mr. Logan Martin** says “Their passion, hard-work, and diligence are all easily recognized. I am certain that they will all do an exceptional job representing our guitar program and our school. They will cherish these experiences forever!”

If anyone would like to attend the concert, both ensembles will be performing at **Edgewater High School on Friday, February 2nd at 6:00pm**

### Congratulations:

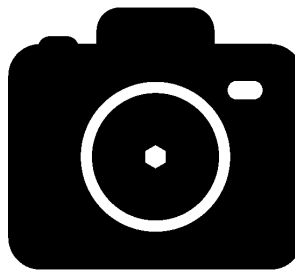
**Joey Melillo** – 8th Grade (M/J Guitar 3)  
**Patrick Beauchamp** – 8th Grade (M/J Guitar 2)  
**Kethry McLain** – 9th Grade (Guitar 2)  
**Zakariyah Bouchama** – 12th grade (Guitar 2)

## School Photos - Fall Make-Ups


**Grades K-11**

**January 17, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. OCVS Campus**

**No appointment needed, just come to campus!** 😊



No School  
Monday, January 15, 2024.  
In honor of  
**MARTIN LUTHER  
KING JR. DAY**



A reminder there is **NO** school on Monday, January 15th in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Take some time to attend a service, a parade OR provide a service in his honor!



**Next Meeting Date:** Thursday, January 25, 2024  
**Time:** 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM  
**Meeting Link:** [click here](#)

If you are interested in joining SAC, please contact [Manal Sohel at manal.sohel@ocps.net](mailto:Manal.Sohel@ocps.net).



# TESTING

We successfully completed the first semester of testing with 97% of our students in compliance! **THANK YOU** for your support in following the processes in place for remote or on-campus testing. We want to take a moment to remind families that the final round of FAST Testing that happens in April and May **must** be completed **on campus** and remote testing is not an option. Your child will begin receiving specific emails about their assigned testing location and day beginning in February. [If you have concerns about the date or location your child is scheduled to test, please reach out to us as soon as possible! We can accommodate most requests if we are given enough time to make the changes, however, the closer we get to testing day the less likely it is that we can make changes.](#) Please schedule time once a week to check your child's OCVS Gmail account which can be accessed on Launchpad. If you're not sure how to check that account, [here](#) is a video with directions.

Full testing calendars by grade level can be found on our website linked below, but here are a few of the tests coming up:

## **For Elementary Students:**

- 2nd Grade Gifted Screening: January 23rd or 24th on OCVS Campus @ 9:00am
- 4th Grade BEST Writing: April 1st on OCVS Campus @ 9:00am
- 5th Grade BEST Writing: April 2nd on OCVS Campus @ 9:00am

## **For Middle School Students:**

- 6th-8th Graders BEST Writing: April 1 or 2nd depending on location

## **For High School Students:**

- The following exams are offered to students who [register](#) on our website based on their need:
  - PERT (January 16th)
  - FSA Reading/Writing Retakes (February 21, 22, and 23rd)
  - FSA Algebra 1 Retakes (February 26-27th)
  - ACT Non-College Reportable (March 5th)
  - SAT (March 26th)
  - ACT (April 16th)
  - PERT (April 22nd)
  - Florida Civic Literacy Exam (April 24th)
- 9th and 10th Graders BEST Writing: April 1 or 2nd depending on location



Click here to view our website: [ocvs.ocps.net/students/testing\\_info](https://ocvs.ocps.net/students/testing_info)

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# TECHNOLOGY

## TECH UPDATES

### DEVICE DISTRIBUTION FOR SEMESTER 2!

Jan 9 to Jan 31 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Full time students must be enrolled at OCVS in Skyward for 48 hours in order to receive a device. You can call 407 317 3327 option 1 to verify.. Devices cannot be distributed if a device is already checked out from another school. Please allow at least 20-25 minutes for device pickup. Students in grades 6-12 need to pick up their own device. A child in grade K-5 does not have to be present but is strongly encouraged to be present. Adults picking up devices will need identification. Only adults on the student's contact list may pick up devices for the child.



#### CONTACT US

Please visit [https://ocvs.ocps.net/media\\_center](https://ocvs.ocps.net/media_center) for information regarding devices.

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Full-time OCVS students are eligible for a **FREE** wifi hotspot with a monthly data allowance through a generous partnership with **T-Mobile**

**EmpowerED**. To qualify students must not have wifi at home or have wifi that is strong enough to have everyone connect their devices at the same time and still be able to complete homework without websites loading slowly or being kicked offline.

[Sign up here for a wifi hotspot](#)

Wifi hotspots are delivered to OCVS and you will be contacted when yours is available for pickup.

#### STUDENTS: DO YOU KNOW HOW TO CHECK YOUR OCPS EMAIL??

Your OCPS email is the email that is your OCPS student id number such as [480XXXXXXX@students.ocps.net](mailto:480XXXXXXX@students.ocps.net) which the school uses to communicate important information such as testing information. To check your OCPS email go to **Google Drive** from **Launchpad** and then click on the dots next to your profile. This will display the GMAIL icon, which will be your student email.

**Click on the link to watch a "How To" video for help.** <https://ocps.instructuremedia.com/embed/9ef5e84a-db1f-45f3-ad53-219ae7af387b>

Do you know the difference between FLVS email and OCPS email? FLVS email is on the FLVS platform. The email link is at the top of the screen inside of VSA on FLVS. It is what is used most frequently by our teachers to communicate with students.

# COUNSELORS CORNER

## Honor Roll Information:

Greetings families, we are excited to celebrate another year of academic achievement. We wanted everyone to be aware of the criteria for Honor Roll at OCVS:

- Honor Roll will be awarded per semester, not yearly.
- Courses will need to be completed by the end of the semester according to the school calendar.
- The Code of Conduct has to be completed and acknowledged.

We will be awarding General Honor Roll and Principal's Honor Roll per semester:

- General Honor Roll – As & Bs
- Principal's Honor Roll – all A's

You can contact your student's counselor if you have any questions. Thank you.

## ELEMENTARY

Welcome to our **new** OCVS Kindergarten through fifth-grade students joining us this semester! We are very excited to have you join our family! If you haven't attended an Orientation Session yet, please be sure to attend our LAST live session (link below). If you need a laptop, please click here for more information on how to check one out: <https://ocvs.ocps.net/technology>

**K-5 Orientation: Tuesday January 16th at 6:00pm**

CLICK HERE



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## MIDDLE SCHOOL

Welcome back Middle School Chargers! We are excited to continue working with our returning students/families and want to give a warm welcome to our **new** OCVS Chargers starting with us this Spring semester.

Students please double-check your classes and ensure that you are enrolled in six courses to maintain your full-time enrollment. If you need a new elective for the spring semester, please look at our [OCVS Course Catalog](#) for all your middle school elective options. Should you have any questions, please reach out to your School Counselor.

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## HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome back returning and new Chargers!

**Seniors...you're on the clock! Time is winding down. Be sure to check out the senior page on our website for information and announcements**

<https://ocvs.ocps.net/students/seniors>

## CONTACT US



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Join 'Remind' to Receive Important OCVS Updates

TEXT YOUR CODE TO 81010  
12th Grade - @ocvs24  
11th Grade - @ocvs25  
10th Grade - @ocvs26  
9th Grade - @ocvs27

**Join US!**



Mrs. Pamela Thompson  
(M-Rn)



Mrs. Edwige Stephens  
(E-L)



Mrs. Selina Wells-Harris  
(Ro-Z)

**CHARGERS**

# ESE DEPARTMENT

## \*\*\*\*\*2nd Grade Universal Gifted Screener\*\*\*\*\*

OCVS Parents,

The 2nd Grade Universal Gifted Screener will take place **Tuesday, January 23rd, and/or Wednesday, January 24th on the OCVS campus.** Your child's second-grade teacher will send out additional information with the date/time for your child's gifted screener. The NNAT-3 screener is a computer-based screening tool purchased/provided annually by OCPS for all second-grade students. This is administered in a group format in a classroom or computer lab. We do offer gifted services at OCVS. We have an amazing resource gifted teacher servicing elementary students, **Kathleen Jackson** that can be reached at [kathleen.jackson@ocps.net](mailto:kathleen.jackson@ocps.net) Please reach out to our staffing specialist Jamie Tice at [Jamie.tice@ocps.net](mailto:Jamie.tice@ocps.net) with additional questions about the gifted screener process or any questions regarding Gifted Services at OCVS.

## Gifted Education Program



### WHO ARE THE GIFTED AND TALENTED?

Gifted and talented students are persons of exceptional promise whose capabilities predict contributions of lasting merit in widely varying fields. They come from all backgrounds with special abilities and talents ranging across a wide spectrum of human achievement. These students' abilities, talents, and potential for accomplishment are so outstanding that they require special provisions to meet their educational needs.

While high academic performance may be one of the most important signs of giftedness, it is also important to be aware of other potential indicators of superior intelligence. Some of these indicators are:

- advanced development of language
- advanced comprehension
- early development of sophisticated thought processes
- unusual capacity to manipulate abstract ideas and to process information
- superior ability to find, solve, and act on problems
- advanced levels of moral judgment
- unusual retentiveness and the capacity to learn at faster rates
- idealism and a strong sense of justice

Florida legislation has identified gifted learners as a part of the exceptional student education population since 1968. In Florida, students are eligible for exceptional education programs if they meet the criteria outlined in Florida Board of Education Rule 6A-6.03019, FAC. These criteria focus on a learner's need for the gifted education program, entry academic skills, general intellectual functioning, and various behavioral and intellectual characteristics.

If your child does not meet the specific criteria set by the state for gifted learners, Orange County Public Schools will strive to develop educational avenues designed for your child. Although they will not be served in the gifted program, our staff will be happy to work with the regular education teacher to support individual student needs.

[Click here to see the  
Secondary  
Live ESE Schedule](#)



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



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K-2 & 5, MATH, Mondays- 2:00 p.m.  
5th MATH, Tuesdays - 2:00 p.m.  
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# ESOL DEPARTMENT

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

Welcome back! The ELL Support Team hopes that you and your family had a wonderful winter break. It is so important to take time to rest and spend time with friends and family. We, too, are recharged and ready for Segment 2!



Parents of students who are currently ELL students considered LY will receive an email from the testing coordinators regarding upcoming **WIDA ACCESS** testing. This assessment evaluates the progress your student has made in his or her mastery of the English language. Each student will be evaluated on campus in two sessions on two separate days.

The results of the **WIDA ACCESS** test can be used as part of a student portfolio. Test results may also be used to exit students from ELL services. These valuable results help our teachers determine which strategies will best help your student succeed.

**Study Hall** (one-on-one tutoring with Mrs. Davitt) continues for Segment 2. If you feel your student could benefit from additional support, **please contact Mrs. Davitt at 407-990-1863.**



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# COACHES CORNER

## ELA

Welcome back, Chargers! The ELA Coaches are excited to kick off what we are confident will be a smooth and successful Segment 2! To begin the new year, we'd like to remind you of the ELA/Reading support that is offered by each grade-level coach:

Offered to <b>ALL Full Time OCVS Students:</b>	Offered <b>EXCLUSIVELY</b> to Homeroom Reading Students:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Weekly Test Prep. Sessions</li><li>• Weekly Open Reading Labs<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ K-5: Exact Path (Tues 6:30am &amp; 6:30pm, Thurs 1pm)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <a href="https://tinyurl.com/OpenLab2324">tinyurl.com/OpenLab2324</a></li></ul></li><li>◦ 6-12: Khan Academy (Tues 10 am)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SainteLiveLink">tinyurl.com/SainteLiveLink</a></li></ul></li></ul></li><li>• Fun Friday: Book Bites (excludes 3rd Friday of each month)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Weekly Standard-Based ELA Live Lessons</li><li>• Weekly Open ELA Study Hall</li><li>• 1:1 ELA Tutoring (by appointment)</li><li>• MTSS Tier 3 Intervention (invite only)</li><li>• <u>Coming Soon:</u> Junior/Senior Face-to-Face Test Prep Boot Camp (invite only; dates to be determined)</li></ul>

**All students are encouraged to attend the open reading labs for Exact Path and Khan Academy!  
The above live lessons/sessions resume next week, 1/16/24!**

The Reading Coaches hope to see ALL students in a live session soon! Don't miss out!

**Please remember:** Per the OCVS Student/Parent Handbook, **it is an expectation that all Homeroom-enrolled students** attend live lessons and/or test prep sessions each week.

With **Literacy Week** fast approaching, don't forget to check out the **Literacy Committee section** for all the exciting details about this special event!

Please don't hesitate to contact your grade-level ELA Coach for more details about the support offered!

For K-8 Reading Support:	For High School Reading Support:
	

Scan your grade-level QR code to the left for more information about Reading Support, including live links and schedules:



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# COACHES CORNER

## MATH

### Decimals everywhere!

Understanding decimals will help your future. While computations like adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing decimals are great skills, it's even more important to understand the value of digits in a decimal number. Applying things to real-life scenarios will help you make better choices in your work and in your life. Check out the visuals and videos below.

### Practice Math with a Purpose.



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### Elementary Example:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9frz4ODJUc0>

### Middle School Example:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CA9XLJpQp3c>

### High School Example:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JWQweMVO2Ss>

### Grades 9-12

#### LIVE Lessons begin January 16.

All students are encouraged to use IXL and/or Khan Academy to supplement your learning. Reach out to Ms. Williams or Ms. Barnes if you need directions for accessing these tools.



### Grades K-5

#### LIVE Lessons begin January 16.

#### Keep working in Reflex Math!

The goal is 3 green lights per week.

You will see the green light in the top right corner of your screen. When the light is green, it means you met your goal for the day. It's important to keep working until you see GREEN.

### Grades 5-8

**LIVE Lessons begin January 15.** You are expected and encouraged to attend live lessons. Attendance is recorded and shared.

- 5th Grade Tuesday 1/16 at **1 pm (only one time for this week)**
- 6th Grade Tuesday 1/16 at 10:15 am or 11:45 am
- 7th Grade Wednesday 1/17 at 9 am or 9:45 am
- 8th Grade Wednesday 1/17 at 10:30 am or 12 pm

#### Teams Link for Live Lessons:

<https://tinyurl.com/MsLumLive>



# OCVS CLUBS NEWS

## NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

If your child is interested in joining our NJHS, **the deadline for the interest form is Feb. 12th**. Please make sure they have signed up on the link provided in our membership page below to move to the next stage in the acceptance process, beginning in February. Click [HERE](#) to sign up on the interest form.

## SPELLING STARS CLUB

We are still accepting 3rd - 8th grade Full-Time students who LOVE to spell and play word games! We meet bi-weekly (virtually) and will even have our own Spelling Bee (in-person) on **Thursday, January 18th at 2pm!!** The winner will represent OCVS in the district spelling bee and could go on to compete in the Regional and National Spelling Bee. All club members are encouraged to participate. Our last meetings before the Spelling Bee will be Friday, January 12th and Wednesday, January 17th. We continue meeting until the end of the school year.

If you are interested in joining our club, please click [HERE](#) to complete the registration form (it just takes a few minutes). While we always accept new members, the last day to register to qualify to compete in the Spelling Bee is Tuesday, January 16th.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Celita Williams by email at [celita.mitchell@ocps.net](mailto:celita.mitchell@ocps.net) or by text/call at (321) 234 - 5693.



## BLACK STUDENT UNION

The Black Student Union ended 2023 with a wonderful Holiday PJ party! The students appreciated a time to gather and have fun.

In January the BSU has plans to:

- Club Virtual Meeting on Jan. 24th 2pm
- Attend the Zora Neale Hurston Museum & Festival on Friday, Jan. 26th (meet-up, own transportation)

If you'd like to participate in these events please contact Mrs. Parker 407-203-9424 or [monique.parker@ocps.net](mailto:monique.parker@ocps.net)

**All students in 6th-12th grade are welcomed to participate in this club and events!!**

You can follow the club on Instagram [@ocvsbsu](#)



**AMIGOS** OCVS Elementary Spanish Club

We had a fun time at our virtual meeting on December 15th! We explored holiday traditions in Latin America, completed a felt snowman art craft, practiced the Spanish vocabulary for the snowman's parts of the body, and learned the lyrics to the Feliz Navidad song. We then concluded with a game of Blooket to review. Our next meeting will be in January.

[Click here](#) or scan to join the Elementary Spanish Club!

For information, contact Mrs. Ellegood at [sellegood2@orange.flvs.net](mailto:sellegood2@orange.flvs.net)



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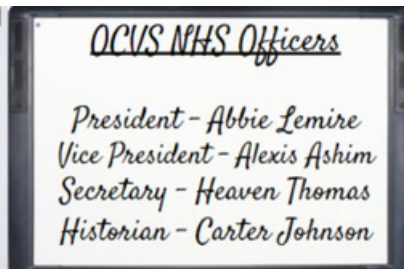
## DO SOMETHING CLUB & NATIONAL ELEMENTARY HONOR SOCIETY

In December, the NEHS & DO Something Club teamed up to volunteer, sort and box soap at **Clean the World!** This organization provides soap to communities around the world! Everyone was excited to help and help to make a difference in 2024!



## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The OCVS Chapter of the National Honor Society is proud to announce our Officers for the 2023-2024 school year:



# LITERACY COMMITTEE

In January, the entire State of Florida will participate in the **16th Annual Celebrate Literacy Week**. The theme for Celebrate

Literacy Week is

**Believe in Your “Shelf” - Building Resiliency Through Reading!**

At OCVS, we will have daily reading challenges (and prizes too!) to help deepen our students’ knowledge and support of the Florida Resiliency Initiative.

Check out our link:

[Literacy Week 2024](#) .

We look forward to seeing your “Shelf.”



## MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS

- February** - Black History Month
- March** - Women's History Month
- March** - National Irish American Heritage Month
- April** - National Arab American Heritage Month
- May** - Asian Pacific American Heritage Month
- May** - Jewish American Heritage Month
- June** - Caribbean American Heritage Month
- June** - Immigrant Heritage Month

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Literacy Committee

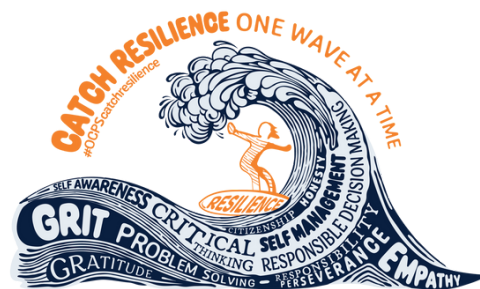


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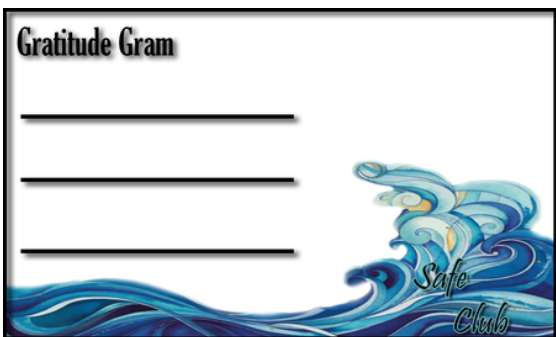
## S.A.F.E. SPACE



Our final Resiliency Day of the school year was held on January 11th, 2024! But we are going to keep celebrating all month long! This time around, we are focusing on gratitude!



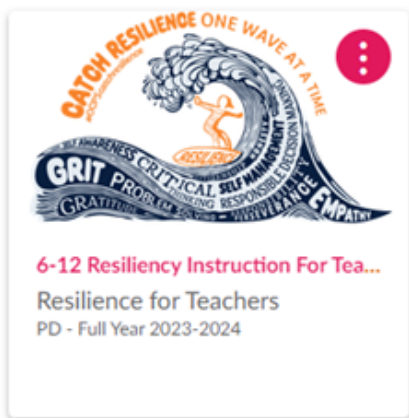
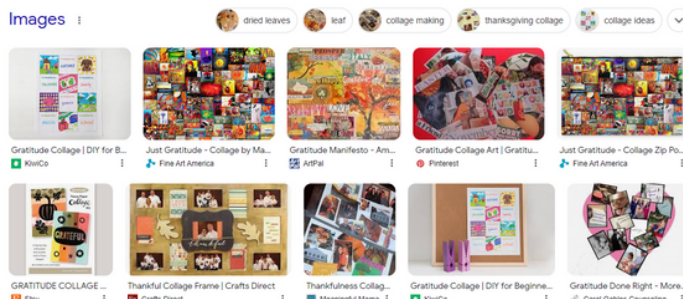
“Catch Resilience” with us in the following ways:



### Gratitude Grams

Have someone at OCVS who you're grateful for? Fill out a Gratitude Gram all month long at the front check-in desk on campus with a note for your special someone and have it delivered to them! Don't forget to write their name and yours! Not coming onto campus? No problem! Post who you're grateful for and why to our Padlet: [www.tinyurl.com/OCVSCommunity](http://www.tinyurl.com/OCVSCommunity)

Compile a visual of things you're grateful for and email your submission to [Jenna.Faber@ocps.net](mailto:Jenna.Faber@ocps.net) by January 31st for a chance to win! The top two entries per Elementary, Middle and High school as voted on by administrators will win a prize! Google “gratitude collage” for inspiration pics like these:



Resiliency Canvas Course raffle for students in grades 6-12 Complete a module in your Resiliency Canvas course and send your completion certificate to [Jenna.Faber@ocps.net](mailto:Jenna.Faber@ocps.net) by January 31st to be entered into a raffle! This course is self-paced and optional but contains a ton of great information and resources! We highly encourage it! Parents will have access to all student materials here: <https://parents.classlink.com/ocps> The Canvas course will look similar to this (look for the WAVE!):

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321-234-4791



**Mobile Crisis SERVICES**  
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- Available to anyone who calls for assistance—parents, relatives, foster families, school personnel, or law enforcement.

To access services:

- Call 2-1-1 and request Mobile Crisis
- Text 888-211, your zip code, and type "requesting mobile crisis"
- Chat at [www.211.org](http://www.211.org)



# STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS:



I learned how to input Morse code! Morse code is a language that people use to communicate with each other through telegraph, radio, satellite and light. Morse code is short and long taps. Each word in a message is spelled out.

**KATELYN SHELBY**  
2ND GRADE



2nd grade teacher, Kelly Decker would like to shine a spotlight on this amazing student! This is Katelyn's first year with OCVS and she has been doing an amazing job, completing her courses with all A's for the first semester. Katelyn has a younger sister also enrolled with OCVS. The family is truly loving the flexibility of OCVS by traveling the world! As an enrichment activity, Katelyn is now making presentations to share her favorite parts of her travels and new things she learns during that time. This sweet family has taken their learning around the globe and it's definitely an adventure of a lifetime! A WORLD CLASS OCVS CHARGER! ❤️



Science teacher Alexis Ferguson would like to shine a spotlight on this amazing student. Shahla is involved in multiple clubs; including being an officer for National Honor Society. Not only is she finishing her courses early, but she has even started a study group for Mrs. Ferguson's biology course with a group of students. Outside of school she loves to swim and trains every day. Ms. Ferguson says Shahla is truly a GEM at OCVS and I feel that she needs to be acknowledged for all that she does. Thanks for showing us what an awesome Charger is Shahla!



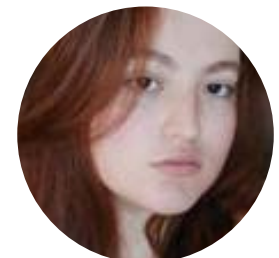
**SHAHLA BADA EI**  
9TH GRADE



**ALEXANDER NAHORNIAK**  
KINDERGARTEN

Spanish teacher Molly Gooden would like to shine a spotlight on this awesome student! Alexander has had an impressive, fun-filled first semester with OCVS. He has excelled in all his classes and is nearing completion for segment 2 of Introductory Elementary Spanish! He attends and participates in all the Live Lessons, attends the Spanish Club and other school activities. Alexander likes listening to books, playing messy games with play doh and slime, jumping on trampoline, and exploring outdoors, getting muddy and splashing. He also loves to eat oranges and papitas. Thank you for showing us what an awesome OCVS Charger is! ❤️

Again we would like to say congratulations to the new Senior Class Officers at OCVS for 2024. One officer was missing from last month's issue. We apologize for the oversight, Congratulations!



**CHLOE COHAN**

SPECIAL EVENTS AND MEDIA COORDINATOR





# PARTNERS IN ED

Build relationships between businesses/ organizations and schools that enhance student learning and provide students with even more opportunities for success.



Own a business that would benefit from supporting OCVS?

Sign up here:

[https://ocps.samaritan.com/custom/503/volunteer\\_home](https://ocps.samaritan.com/custom/503/volunteer_home)

Or Contact [Laynie.Foskett@ocps.net](mailto:Laynie.Foskett@ocps.net) and [Megan.Tousignant@ocps.net](mailto:Megan.Tousignant@ocps.net)



## Additions Volunteer Sign-Up: How to become an OCVS Additions Volunteer

### Step 1:

[Click on this link.](#)

It will take you to the ADDitions School Volunteers page for OCPS  
Click on the blue box



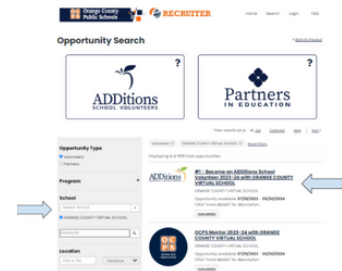
### Step 2:

Click on the circle labeled Volunteers



### Step 3:

Look for the School Dropdown menus, and find Orange County Virtual School.  
Click on the opportunity labeled #1- Become an ADDitions School Volunteer 2023-24 with **ORANGE COUNTY VIRTUAL SCHOOL**



### Step 4: SIGNUP



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