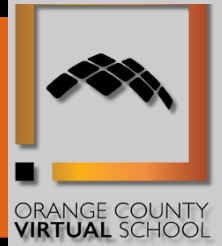


# CHARGER CONNECTION



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## ALL IN, EVERYONE WINS!!



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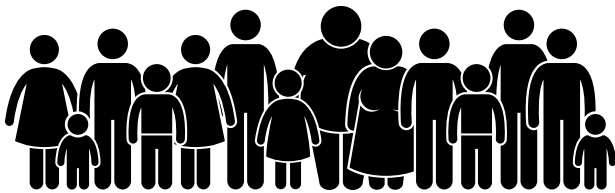
It's **Black History Month** and we are celebrating all month!

In this issue, check out the ways OCVS will be celebrating Black History Month. This past week we celebrated **National School Counselor Week!**

Our school counselors are encouraging, listeners, caring, advocates, advisors; the list goes on and on. Take a moment to thank them for their hard work and dedication to seeing your student succeed! Spring is around the corner which means testing is too! Be sure to read the updates!

**"All In, Everyone Wins!"**

**"Believe in yourself, learn, and never stop wanting to build a better world" ~ Mary McLeod Bethune**



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# PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Hello OCVS Charger Family,

I wanted to take a moment to extend my sincerest gratitude to each and every one of you for the exceptional commitment and dedication you've shown during the third nine weeks. Your unwavering support and adherence to our expectations have not gone unnoticed, and it's truly appreciated. I recognize that there has been a whirlwind of activities both inside and outside of OCVS, from district to school-based activities. Your active participation has been nothing short of commendable. With everything going on, your focus on academics remains steadfast, and I am immensely grateful for that.

As we continue on this journey, let's remember the importance of staying on pace in all courses. It's mandatory to ensure everyone's success. Failure to do so may require attendance at mandatory work days, but I have confidence that with your dedication, this won't be necessary. I want to reassure you that the entire OCVS staff and teachers are fully committed to supporting each student's success. Your achievements are our top priority, and we will continue to provide the resources and guidance needed to help you thrive.

The month of February is definitely a special one for me as we celebrate **Black History Month**. Join me Chargers as we recognize such great African American leaders who have inspired us to be great. We have great things planned throughout the month and look forward to your participation.

Lastly, I want to thank you for being an integral part of the OCVS family. Together, we will continue to achieve greatness.

All In, Everyone Wins!

*Celebrate*  
**Black**  
HISTORY  
*month*



Your Proud Principal,

*Mrs. Brandi Gurley*

# UPCOMING EVENTS & INFO



Strawbridge Studios will be on campus February 28, 2024 to take Spring Pictures. Please note: that in order to sit for a picture, students must PRE-PAY for the photos. These pictures are an extra photo opportunity for families and are not connected to the yearbook. If you wish to take a Spring photo, pre-pay and bring your proof of payment to campus on February 28, 2024. Please reach out to us with any questions or if there is any way we can support.

[OCVS Spring Pictures - Order Form](#)

Click [LINK: Strawbridge.net](#) to Order

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

OCVS Black History Month Spirit Week!  
February 19th- 23rd, 2024

**19TH** **MOTIVATIONAL MONDAY!**  
Post your favorite Martin Luther King, Jr. quote and explain what it means to you.

**20TH** **TRIVIA TUESDAY**  
Research a famous African-American civil rights activist and list 5 interesting facts about this person.

**21ST** **WEAR IT WEDNESDAY!**  
Wear the traditional colors of the African flag, and snap a pic! You can wear red, green, or black. Or, you can wear a shirt or a hat that is representative of Black History Month. Furthermore, we invite you to participate in a live session centered around "Black Joy". Join us at 2pm <https://bit.ly/ocvsbsu>

**22ND** **THANKFUL THURSDAY!**  
Write a note to a person from African-American history, that you are thankful for.

**23RD** **FAMOUS FRIDAY!**  
Join us for a day on campus at 12 Noon in the Media Center wearing a shirt featuring your favorite African-American activist, actor, athlete, or artist. RSVP to [bit.ly/BHMRSVP](mailto:bit.ly/BHMRSVP) by Wed., Feb.21st

A poster for Serena Williams, a professional tennis player. It features a portrait of her and the text: "SERENA WILLIAMS Professional Tennis Player 26 September 1981". Below the portrait is a quote: "It doesn't matter what your background is or where you came from, if you have dreams and goals, that's all that matters."

**INCLUDE ALL OF YOUR SPIRIT WEEK SUBMISSIONS IN THE PADLET**

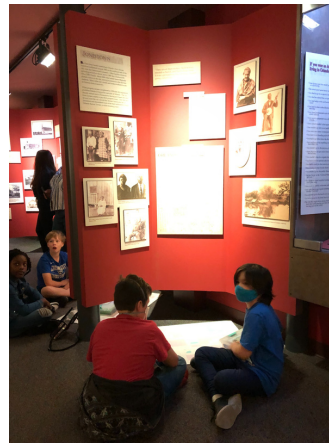
**SPIRIT WEEK PADLET**  
[OR HTTPS://BIT.LY/OCVSBHM24](https://bit.ly/ocvsbhm24)

[PADLET LINK, Click HERE](#)

# UPCOMING EVENTS & INFO

## 4th Grade Visits the History Museum

OCVS 4th Grade students, parents, and teachers recently met up to experience the Orange County Regional History Center! During this time, students immersed themselves in historical studies of Black History and Excellence in Florida, including towns like Eatonville and South Apopka. They learned about the first Indigenous Tribes of Florida. As part of the experience, students also made clay pottery to emulate the pottery that an Indigenous tribe would make and explored the Pioneer Life exhibit. They also visited Dr. Phillip's Orange Grove to learn about the history of Florida's citrus industry. Students were immersed in a mock court trial, learned about court trials, roles of the judge, jury, prosecution, and defense. Finally, students explored the Florida Tourism exhibit, and witnessed the inventions of the Model T Ford, NASA, and Disney.



**OCVS Chargers**, be sure to Celebrate Black History all month long. Please check out this fantastic slide presentation our 4th-grade teacher, Sarah Garah put together of African Americans who have made an impact on history.

[Click HERE](#)



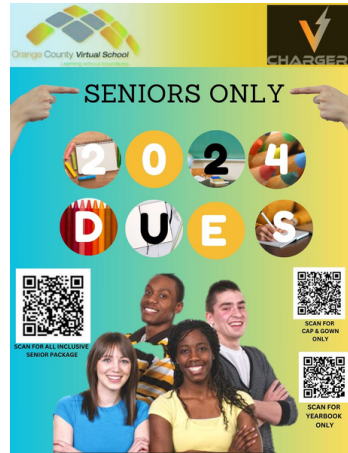
# UPCOMING EVENTS & INFO

## OCVS Guitar! - I ❤️ OCPS ARTS

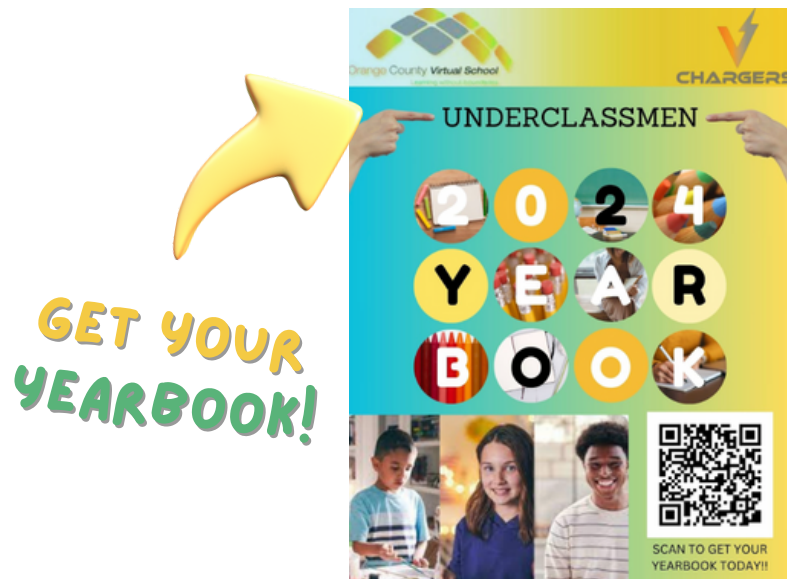
OCVS Guitar was well represented this past Friday night at the 2024 OCPS All-County Guitar Concert! They practiced for hours, played their hearts out on stage, and are counting down to next year's auditions so they can do it again! Below are some short snippets of each group from the concert:

[Middle School Ensemble](#)

[High School Ensemble](#)



**Pictured Left to Right:** Kethry McLain, Patrick Beauchamp, Joey Melillo, Zakariyah Bouchama & Mr. Martin



**Next Meeting Date:** Thursday, April 18, 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 are entering a very busy time with testing. We want to take a moment to remind families that all testing from now until the end of the year must be completed **on campus**. Remote testing is not an option. \*\*The only students who can continue with remote testing are our Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade students.

Your child will begin receiving specific emails about their assigned testing location and day later this month. **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 OCPS 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:**

- 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:**

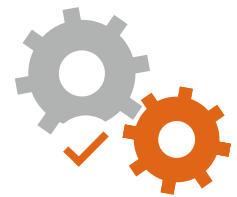
- 6th-8th Graders BEST Writing: April 1 or 2nd depending on location

## **For High School Students:**

- The following exams are offered to students who [register](#) on our website based on their need:
  - 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

We are excited to host Family Information nights coming after Spring Break. Once the dates and times are finalized we will notify all families. These information sessions will be virtual and will consist of a presentation about end-of-the-year testing as well as an open Q&A session.

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

From time to time OCPS devices will need to update license keys for software such as Microsoft Office. To resolve activation key issues go to an OCPS school near you, log onto the OCPS wifi, and start the application. This will update the key.

# UPDATE



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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



## Happy National School Counselors Week!

This week we celebrated the wonderful counselors here at OCVS. If you have a minute, please send your counselor a THANK YOU text or email. For sure they would appreciate it.



## ELEMENTARY

To be on pace, students should be 20% complete in all of their classes. If in need of help, please reach out!

Students, have you missed a Live Lesson? All Live Lessons are recorded and can be found on your teacher's Announcement Page! Be sure to watch all the Live Lessons missed as you will come away with a completed assignment with each Live Lesson!!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

Hello Middle School Chargers! Just a reminder that you should be working weekly in all of your courses (FLVS and Canvas) to be moving towards completion. If you are behind pace and need assistance, please reach out to your teacher(s) to schedule a tutoring session or reach out to your school counselor for additional support. All courses must be completed by the last day of school (May 24th) to meet promotion requirements.

We are here to help - please reach out at any time for assistance!  
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# COUNSELORS CORNER

HIGH SCHOOL

## ATTENTION

**Seniors, be sure you're ready for the graduation ceremony!**

Order your complete package here ( \$140) which includes a cap, gown, and stole PLUS a senior t-shirt, a yearbook, and senior breakfast!

Order your cap, gown, and stole only (\$ 70) here.

**PRICE VALID UNTIL FEB 15!!!**

**STARTING FEB 16, THE PRICE IS \$80 FOR CAP, GOWN, AND STOLE!**

### Juniors~Sophomores~Freshmen:

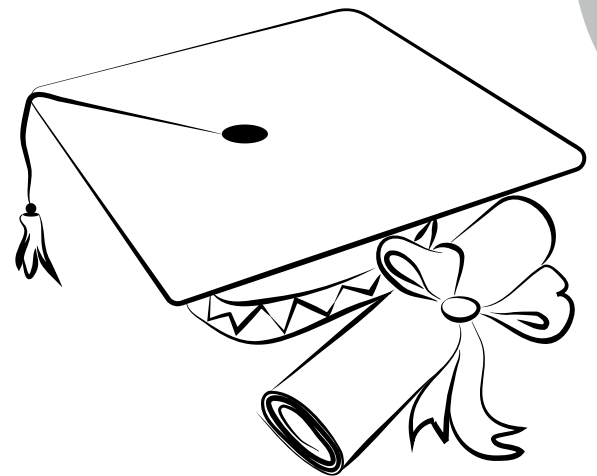
Valencia **DUAL ENROLLMENT** applications **ARE NOW OPEN!!**

The application deadline is **February 28th**. You will need to take the PERT (**P**ostsecondary **E**ducation **R**eadiness **T**est) to qualify. The PERT can be taken at Valencia. Contact Valencia to schedule the test.

Don't know if Dual Enrollment is right for you?? Attend one of the Virtual Information Sessions to learn more!

**Virtual Information Sessions** are available for students, and families on the Dual Enrollment website.

For criteria and details: **DUAL ENROLLMENT FLYER.pdf**



### CONTACT US

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!**

**CHARGERS**

Mrs. Kecia Croom (A-D)

Mrs. Pamela Thompson (M-Rn)

Mrs. Edwige Stephens (E-L)

Mrs. Selina Wells-Harris (Ro-Z)

# ESE DEPARTMENT

ESE students age 14 and older are eligible for Pre-Employment Transition Services offered through Vocational Rehabilitation. They have a variety of services that guide students in achieving their postsecondary goals in the areas of **Self-Advocacy, Workplace-Readiness Training, Work-based Learning Experiences, Self-Advocacy Training, and Postsecondary Educational Counseling.**

Please reach out to our ESE team if you are interested and would like a referral form for your child.

## Pre-Employment Transition Services



The Florida Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) works together with students, families, schools, community agencies and organizations to provide services that promote successful transitions from school to work and into adult life.

### What is Pre-Employment Transition Services?

Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) offer students with disabilities an early start at career exploration and preparation for adult life.

Beginning at age 14, students with disabilities can connect with VR for Pre-ETS. VR works with students, their families, their schools, and community partners to enrich transition planning. In addition, VR supports students in gaining the knowledge and experiences necessary to make informed decisions about their future.

Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA), every student ages 14-21 with a disability has the opportunity to participate in:

- Job-exploration counseling;
- Postsecondary educational counseling;
- Self-advocacy training and peer mentoring;
- Work readiness training; and
- Work-based learning experience.

Students with disabilities may participate in Pre-ETS without having to apply to VR or be determined eligible for services. The focus is to develop work skills, practice social skills and acquire a network of community supports while the student is still in high school.



**Who Can Participate in Pre-Employment Transition Services?**  
Students with disabilities ages 14-21 who are currently enrolled in school.

### What are the Pre-Employment Transition Services?

Pre-ETS include job exploration, workplace-readiness training, work-based learning experiences, training on self-advocacy (e.g., youth peer mentoring) and postsecondary educational counseling.



### How Does a Student Access Pre-Employment Transition Services?

Students can contact a VR office or request a referral from their school.

### Contact Vocational Rehabilitation



The Florida Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) is an equal opportunity employer. It is against the law for VR as a recipient of Federal financial assistance to discriminate against any individual in the United States on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation or belief. The application process used by VR to determine eligibility for services, any subsequent services and the entire VR process are subject to these non-discrimination requirements. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. VR program receives 78.7 percent of its funding through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. For the 2021 Federal fiscal year, the total amount of grant funds awarded were \$176,521,122. The remaining 21.3 percent of the costs (\$47,775,094) were funded by Florida State Appropriations. Revised October 2022.

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

# ESOL DEPARTMENT

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS



This month all ELL students will be tested with the ACCESS for ELLs test. This test requires 2 on-campus testing sessions as the state does not allow us to test more than 2 sections per day. Parents will receive information from the OCVS testing coordinators regarding the student's schedule for testing. Parents, also expect a call from Either Mrs. Ramos or Mrs. Davitt with additional information regarding the WIDA ACCESS test.

The WIDA ACCESS test results show students' progress in acquiring the English language. The test results are also used as part of the criteria to determine exit ESOL services or receive a



### ELL Student Spotlight

**Jamilet Mejias** has been an OCVS Charger since 6th grade. She is currently in 7th grade. Jamilet has been a part of ELL Study Hall with Mrs. Davitt since 6th grade. She is extremely responsible and schedules her Study Hall with Mrs. Davitt. Jamilet enjoys playing the piano and recently saved her own money to purchase her own piano to practice with at home.



In many cultures, Lunar New Year celebrations are some of the most important days of the year. Lunar New Year 2024 celebrations begin on February 10, which begins the Year of the Dragon. They end about two weeks later, on February 24, known as the Lantern Festival in China and some other cultures.



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# COACHES CORNER

## ELA

The season of Spring also brings TESTING Season 😊. It's right around the corner! Please encourage your child to participate in **Test Prep Sessions** that are offered weekly by your coaches. Join us to pick up a test-taking strategy, learn a new skill, and most definitely, we will all have a laugh or two!

**ALL 3rd, 4th, and 5th Graders - every Wednesday at 9 am** <https://tinyurl.com/FASTPrepEL2324>

**ALL 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders - every Wednesday at 10:15 am** <https://tinyurl.com/FASTPrepMiddle2324>

**ALL 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th Graders -**

- FAST Test Prep - Mondays at 10 am
- ACT & SAT Test Prep - Mondays at 2 pm

Offered to <b>ALL</b> Full Time OCVS Students:	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>

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.

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

**All students are encouraged to attend the open reading labs for Exact Path and Khan Academy!**

<p><b>For K-8 Reading Support:</b></p>	<p><b>For High School Reading Support:</b></p>
	

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



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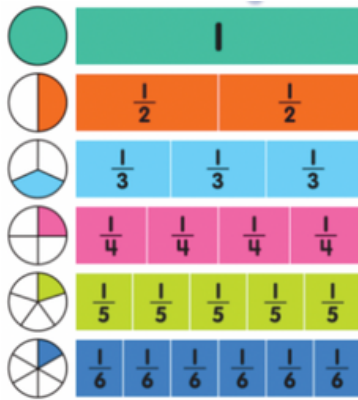
# COACHES CORNER

## MATH

### Understanding the concept of fractions will help your future.

I know what you are thinking - fractions? I hate fractions! Well, first of all - hate is a strong word for a number. Also, if you find fractions super difficult and avoid them at all costs, these resources are for you. Like knowing your alphabet helps you to read, and understanding fractions will help you with problem-solving. Check out the visuals and videos below.

### Practice Math with a Purpose.



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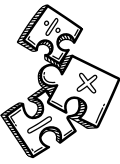
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### Elementary Example:

<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

**Juniors and Seniors** - testing season is upon us. Attend a [LIVE test prep session](#) with Ms. Williams or Ms. Barnes on **Tuesday, Wednesday and/or Thursdays @ 2PM.**

**Seniors - Face to face boot camps** are taking place on campus each Thursday 1P-3P beginning **February 15**. Contact Mrs. Williams or Mrs. Barnes for more details.

### 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

5 fun resources for expanding your learning:

1. IXL allows you to complete 10 free questions a day. <https://www.ixl.com/>
2. Math Antics provides videos with super clear explanations and visuals. <https://mathantics.com/>
3. Prodigy Math is a game-based practice resource. <https://www.prodigygame.com/main-en/>
4. ST Math has some cool games to review your skills. <https://www.stmath.com/play>
5. Math TV has great Basic Math videos. <https://mathtv.com/>

# OCVS CLUBS NEWS

## NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

**LAST CHANCE REMINDER!** 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.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JPKQZ3EZ7gm p35n-oBkRa6GtW4ILwHuC/view?usp=sharing>

## SPELLING STARS CLUB

In an exciting display of spelling prowess, our recent Spelling Bee was an intense competition that lasted an impressive 31 rounds! We are delighted to announce third grader **George Ayoub** as the **2024 OCVS Spelling Bee Champion!** His exceptional spelling skills and poise earned him the coveted title. Congratulations, George on your well-deserved victory! We also express our heartfelt applause to **Anna Perez 6th gr, Zoe Johnson 6th gr, and Joshua Johnson 5th gr.**, who also demonstrated remarkable courage and tenacity throughout the competition.



The Spelling Stars club is open to all students in grades 3 through 8. If you are interested in joining our club, please email Mrs. Williams at [Celita.mitchell@ocps.net](mailto:Celita.mitchell@ocps.net). Our next meeting will be Friday, February 23rd at 11am (virtual).

## DO SOMETHING CLUB

The Do Something Club volunteered for the second time this school year at **Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida**. Together (with a youth group from North Carolina), we bagged **18,481 pounds of potatoes** that will provide **15,400 meals** to our community. Our 3 hours of bagging potatoes helped the donated potatoes not go to waste and now they will be on tables around Central Florida this week. :)



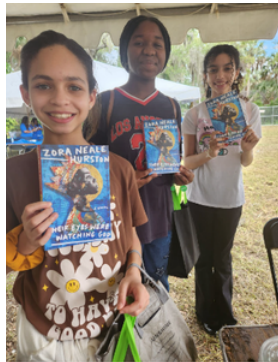
## NATIONAL ELEMENTARY HONOR SOCIETY

Our NEHS members have been working hard to spread cheer and well wishes to children in the community. Students met virtually to make digital cards with uplifting messages for children who are sick and in the hospital. The cards will be delivered to one of our local children's hospitals. We know that the uplifting cards will bring smiles to all who read them. ❤️

# OCVS CLUBS NEWS (CONTINUED)

## BLACK STUDENT UNION

Our Black Student Union Club students recently attended the **Zora Festival**, America's longest-running festival of the Arts and Humanities, in the historic town of Eatonville, FL. **Eatonville** is noted as the first Black incorporated municipality in the US, formed in 1887. Eatonville is the childhood home of famous author and film-maker, **Zora Neale Hurston**. Our students had the opportunity to visit the Zora Museum and attend performances that educated and celebrated African culture, African-American history, and Orange County, FL history through dance, song, poetry, and workshops. Our students and parents had a phenomenal time together learning, celebrating, and building relationships.



## SCIENCE CLUB

Science Club Lab Day for January had an **AMAZING** turnout with 33 students! HUGE thank you to Mrs. Brown and Mr. Giles along with Ms. Ferguson and Ms. Leisher for putting on a fun Mystery Science Lab! Students enjoyed playing an animal classification game, dissecting owl pellets, and hot wheels physics. They all did an amazing job collaborating with their peers!



## INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Are you interested in learning more about other cultures and sharing your own cultural experiences? The International Club is looking for students who would like to be part of this team of students who are curious and excited about other countries and cultures. Let's connect! Send us a message at **407-553-2604** or [sulamita.ruiz@ocps.net](mailto:sulamita.ruiz@ocps.net)

We look forward to hearing from you soon :)

**Club sponsors:** Ms. Ruiz and Mrs. Davitt

# OCVS CLUBS NEWS (CONTINUED)

## BLACK STUDENT UNION

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

OCVS Black History Month Spirit Week!  
February 19th- 23rd, 2024

19TH

#### MOTIVATIONAL MONDAY!

Post your favorite Martin Luther King, Jr. quote and explain what it means to you.

20TH

#### TRIVIA TUESDAY

Research a famous African-American civil rights activist and list 5 interesting facts about this person.

21ST

#### WEAR IT WEDNESDAY!

Wear the traditional colors of the African flag, and snap a pic! You can wear red, green, or black. Or, you can wear a shirt or a hat that is representative of Black History Month. Furthermore, we invite you to participate in a live session centered around "Black Joy". Join us at 2pm <https://bit.ly/ocvsbsu>

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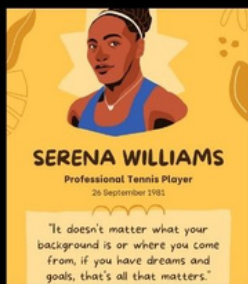
#### THANKFUL THURSDAY!

Write a note to a person from African-American history, that you are thankful for.

23RD

#### FAMOUS FRIDAY!

Join us for a day on campus at 12 Noon in the Media Center wearing a shirt featuring your favorite African-American activist, actor, athlete, or artist. RSVP to [bit.ly/BHMRSVP](https://bit.ly/BHMRSVP) by Wed., Feb. 21st



INCLUDE ALL OF YOUR SPIRIT WEEK SUBMISSIONS IN THE PADLET

SPIRIT WEEK PADLET  
OR [HTTPS://BIT.LY/OCVSBHM24](https://bit.ly/OCVSBHM24)

Join the **Black Student Union** club as we host a **Black History Month Spirit Week February 19-23rd**. We will have ways to engage all week including a **Live Lesson on Wednesday, Feb. 21st at 2 pm** and an **on-campus Black History Celebration on Friday, Feb. 23rd at 12 pm-2 pm** in the Media Center. **Everyone** (K-12, parents, faculty, and staff) are welcomed and encouraged to attend, participate, and/or even present or perform. **You must RSVP for Friday's school celebration by Wednesday, Feb. 21st at [bit.ly/BHMRSVP](https://bit.ly/BHMRSVP).**

You can find all of the details on our OCVS Black History Month Padlet at [bit.ly/OCVSBHM24](https://bit.ly/OCVSBHM24). Contact Mrs. Parker at [monique.parker@ocps.net](mailto:monique.parker@ocps.net), Ms. Garsh at [sara.garsh@ocps.net](mailto:sara.garsh@ocps.net), or Mr. Alexander at [erwin.alexander@ocps.net](mailto:erwin.alexander@ocps.net) with any questions. Follow OCVS's Facebook page and BSU's [Instagram@ocvsbsu](https://www.instagram.com/ocvsbsu) for details.

## ELEMENTARY CHESS CLUB

OCPS will be hosting an **Elementary Chess Tournament on Saturday, March 2nd**. Students interested in attending should have their parents email Mr. Houvouras at [chad.houvouras@ocps.net](mailto:chad.houvouras@ocps.net). Our next **OCVS Elementary Chess Club Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 7th at 3:00 PM** at the following [link](#). As a reminder, all OCVS students have free access to ChessKids through OCPS. To access ChessKid, log in to your OCPS Launchpad and type ChessKid in the search bar.



# LITERACY COMMITTEE



Throughout the month of February, we are celebrating **Black History Month** at OCVS. Please check out SORA on your OCPS Launchpad to see some book recommendations that honor **Black History Month**.

Students, please check out your Teacher's announcement page to learn more about our **Black History Month** Padlet learning opportunity. Here you will be able to expand your learning. We look forward to your participation.

## MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS

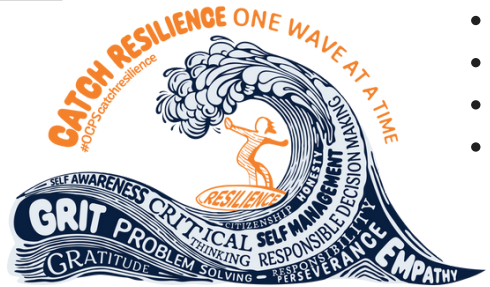
- February** - Black History Month
- March** - Women's History Month
- March** - National Irish American Heritage Month
- April** - National Arab American Heritage Month
- May** - Asian Pacific American Heritage Month
- May** - Jewish American Heritage Month
- June** - Caribbean American Heritage Month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



**CONTACT US**  
Literacy Committee

# S.A.F.E. CORNER

## S.A.F.E. SPACE



Our SAFE with Us club members enjoyed an on-campus dream board workshop! Check out one of our Senior members in action!

Congrats to our Gratitude Collage winner, 9th grader **Sydney Saha!** Amazing job!!



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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



**EVERYONE WELCOME** **EVERYONE BELONGS**

**This is your SAFE Space**  
Mrs. Faber's office hours:  
Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM  
Call/Text DualPod: (321) 234-4791  
Email: Jenna.Faber@ocps.net

Click here to play my Welcome Message  
Click here for common support resources  
Click here to schedule a phone session with Mrs. Faber  
If there is NO appointment available, please contact me directly.  
PLEASE NOTE this is not where you schedule CRISIS or if you have questions for your teacher

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS:



**JOSEPH WATTS**  
10TH GRADE

NHS Advisor, Nicole Garbiras would like to shine a spotlight on **Joseph Watts**. Joseph is a sophomore member of the National Honor Society and has been enrolled at OCVS for 4 years, starting in 7th grade! Joseph loves being an OCVS student because “I get to do school when I want and finish way ahead of my friends that are still in brick-and-mortar high schools each semester.” Joseph has been involved as a coxswain in volunteering and participating in OARS; a not-for-profit, volunteer-run organization dedicated to providing the benefits of rowing for people of nearly all ages. Joseph thanks Sasha, his math tutor, and his parents for their support in his academic success so far this year! Thanks for being an awesome Charger!

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Meet **Matias**! Mrs. Musick, kindergarten teacher, would like to shine a spotlight on this shining star who has been battling Cancer all school year. He is finally at the point where he is improving and maintaining. In the middle of all his treatment, Matias is NEVER once behind pace, he attends LIVE lessons and does so well interacting with his teacher and classmates. Mrs. Musick says “I am so proud of Matias, and admire his courage and strength”. I think we all do Mrs. Musick. You’re an amazing OCVS Charger  
Matias, keep shining cancer survivor! ♥♥♥



**Matias**

Favorites!

Food- Steak

Dessert- Strawberry Ice Cream

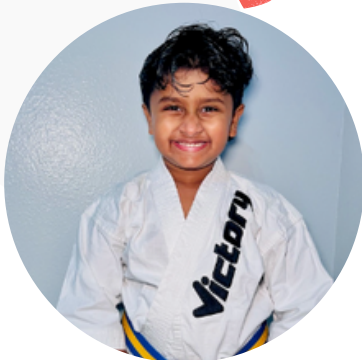
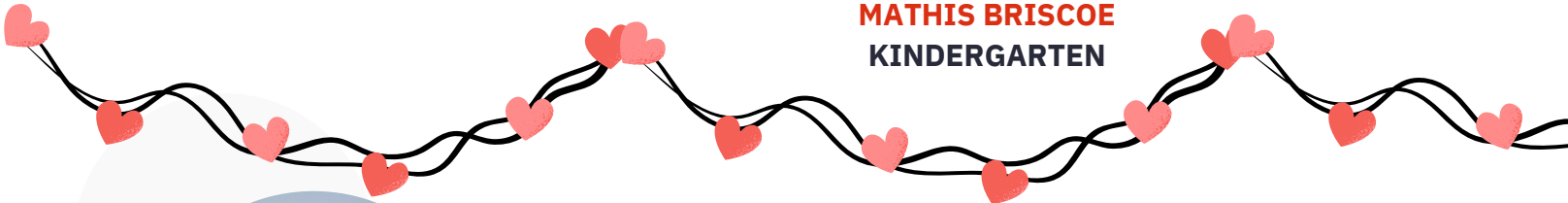
Activity- going to the beach & swimming in the ocean

Person- His cousin Catalina

Fun fact- Matias loves to make people laugh with jokes, dancing, and storytelling!

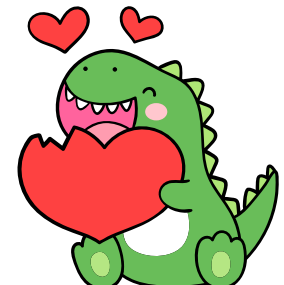
Movie- Ninja Turtles

**MATHIS BRISCOE**  
KINDERGARTEN



**SOURAV SINGH**  
FIRST GRADE

Ms. Carter, a first-grade teacher, would like to shine a light on **Sourav Singh**. Sourav is doing amazing in all of his courses. He loves math and doing science experiments. He is energetic, kind, studious, and just a fun kid! When Sourav is not working on his courses, he is working on his karate skills. He just earned his purple belt. 😊  
Congratulations Sourav! You are an awesome Charger!



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

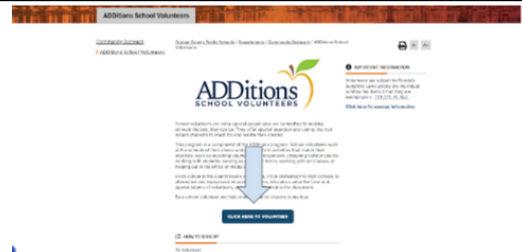


## Additions Volunteer Sign-Up: How to become an OCVS Additions Volunteer

### Step 1:

[Click on this link.](#)

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



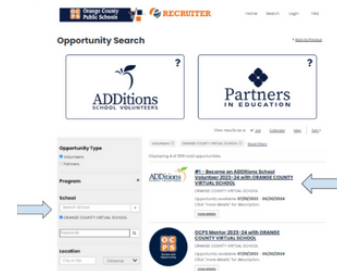
### Step 2:

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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