

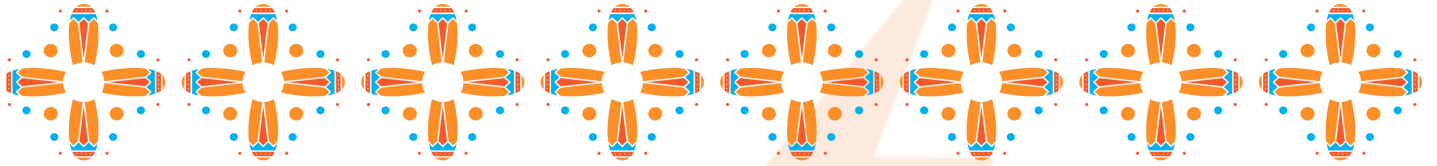
# CHARGER CONNECTION



Volume 3 , No. 8

April 5, 2024

## ALL IN, EVERYONE WINS!!



### Inside This Edition: April Highlights

We are kicking off the month of **April** with the Florida BEST Writing on our campus and other campuses around OCPS. Join us for **OCVS Fine Arts Night** later this month. We are also celebrating **Arab American Heritage Month**, a time to honor the rich cultural contributions, diverse traditions, and remarkable achievements of Arab Americans. Let's embrace diversity, promote understanding, and recognize the invaluable impact of Arab American heritage in shaping our communities and enriching our shared heritage.

April is also **Autism Acceptance Month**. Let's raise awareness, promote understanding and celebrate unique talents and perspectives of individuals with autism. ❤️



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



**"April: where the whispers of spring bring renewal and inspiration, and the halls of learning are alive with the promise of blossoming minds."**

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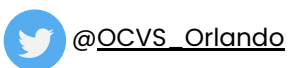
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# PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Greetings OCVS Charger Family,

As we swiftly approach the end of another remarkable school year, I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you. Your unwavering dedication and commitment to excellence have truly made a difference in our school community.

In the midst of busy schedules and competing priorities, your determination to push through and strive for success has been nothing short of inspiring. Your hard work has not gone unnoticed, and I want to commend you for your relentless pursuit of academic and personal growth.

I am particularly grateful for your active participation in our extracurricular activities. Your involvement not only enriches your own experiences but also contributes immensely to the vibrancy and spirit of our school. Your passion and enthusiasm are truly the driving force behind our collective success.

As we embark on the final stretch of the school year, let us remain focused and steadfast in our pursuit of excellence. With just eight weeks left, let's channel our energy and determination towards finishing strong. Together, we can overcome any challenge and achieve our goals.

Once again, thank you for your outstanding contributions to our school community. Your efforts are deeply appreciated, and I am incredibly proud to serve as your principal. Let's continue to work together and make these last few weeks of the school year truly memorable.

All In, Everyone Wins!



Your Proud Principal,  
*Mrs. Brandi Gurley*





# UPCOMING EVENTS & INFO

## FINE ARTS NIGHT

*Celebrating Visual & Performing Arts*

Musical Performances

Art Show & Gallery Talk

Thursday,  
April 25th  
5:00pm - 7:30pm

Poetry Slam

Refreshments

RSVP for pizza

OCVS Campus  
4000 Silver Star Road  
Main Hallway & Media Center

RSVP for pizza here: [HERE](#)



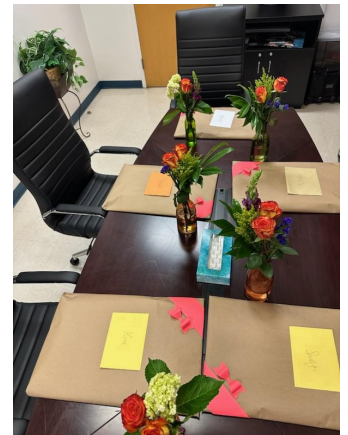
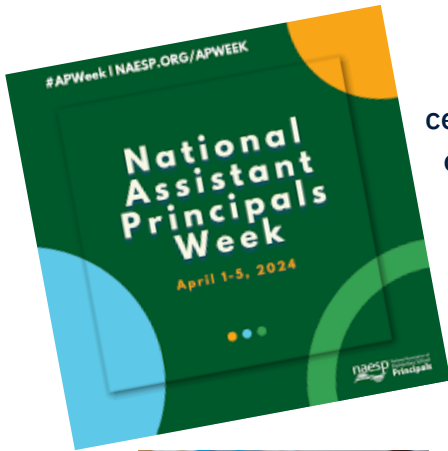
## Assistant Principals Week

♥ We LOVE OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS ♥

This year's National Assistant Principals Week was celebrated from April 1st - April 5th. Join us in thanking our wonderful assistant principals for all that they do for the OCVS community!

*Thank you!*

Donna Dalton  
Jennifer Eubanks  
Amy Lerman  
Nikishia Lluvera  
Kimberly Jacobson



# UPCOMING EVENTS & INFO




Expand your reach districtwide with a

## Yearbook Business Ad

BuyTheYearbook.com

School ID: 309270-2401

Deadline March 15th

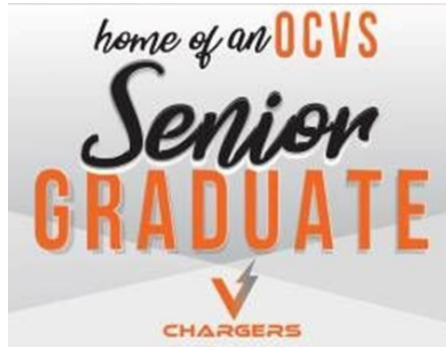
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\$200	\$150	\$75

Plus 5% service fee



ORANGE COUNTY VIRTUAL SCHOOL

## Yard Signs For Sale!



Orange County Virtual School CHARGERS

### SENIORS ONLY

2024 DUES



SCAN FOR ALL-INCLUSIVE SENIOR PACKAGE



SCAN FOR CASH & CARRY ONLY



SCAN FOR YEARBOOK ONLY




Current 5th, 8th graders and Seniors, celebrate your accomplishment with a yard sign! Signs go on sale **May 1st!** Only \$15 each. Information on how to purchase coming soon! Look for information on our website, the next issue of the Charger Connection in May or by calling the school at (407) 317-3327


Orange County Virtual School CHARGERS

### UNDERCLASSMEN

2024 YEARBOOK



SCAN TO GET YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!!



GET YOUR YEARBOOK!

## S.A.C.

### School Advisory Council



GET INVOLVED

**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).



# UPCOMING EVENTS & INFO


## OCPS Parent Academies - April

[https://www.ocps.net/students\\_and\\_parents/parent\\_academy](https://www.ocps.net/students_and_parents/parent_academy)

The OCPS Parent Academy is committed to making a sustainable impact on student success, parenting and advocacy and personal growth/wellness. Our goal is to empower, engage and educate families and caregivers by providing high-quality training sessions, resources and access to skills and services.

### 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.



Virtual Mini-Academy on WebEx Webinar

### Hispanic Serving Institutions

High school students and their parents will meet admissions representatives and gain information from Hispanic serving post-secondary institutions, including the programs and grants available to assist Hispanic students in taking advantage of these educational opportunities.

**Tuesday, April 9, 2024**  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**PARENT ACADEMY**  
ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Click [HERE](#) to see the FULL LIST of April Mini-Academies and register.

## Full-Day Conference: Transitioning to Elementary School, Middle School, High School, and Adulthood



Full-Day Conference

### Transitioning to Elementary School, Middle School, High School, and Adulthood

**Edgewater High School**  
Saturday, April 27, 2024  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**PARENT ACADEMY**  
ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

# 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.

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

The website is where you will type in your student's 480... number to find out their specific testing dates and locations. If you know your child needs a test and you do not see them registered for it on the website, please reach out and let us know.

**For all students, grades 4-10: BEST Writing is happening now and ends on April 12th. We have our final Makeup Sessions happening on our OCVS campus on April 8th, 9th, and 12th.**

## For High School Students:

- The following exams are offered to students who [register](#) on our website based on their need:
  - ACT (April 16th)
  - PERT (April 22nd)
  - Florida Civic Literacy Exam (April 24th)



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# TECHNOLOGY

## TECH UPDATES

### Device Collection

**All school-issued devices will be collected at the conclusion of the school year.** Parents/guardians will also be notified of the scheduled time to return a device for their child. If students complete courses prior to the end of the school year, devices can be brought to the school by appointment if needed.

**Students enrolled in summer school courses will need to indicate they have a device by completing the form at <https://bit.ly/ocvsdevicesummer24>**

**All devices from summer school are due back by July 12, 2024.**



#### CONTACT US

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

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## Student Device Collection



#### Anticipated Dates

Exact dates TBD but it will occur towards the end of May

#### What to Bring

Fully Charged Laptop with Case, Hotspot, and Chargers

#### Preparation

Save any work on the desktop to Drive and Remove any personal stickers

## Seniors

Device Collection is May 15th

What to bring:  
Fully Charged Laptop in Case  
Chargers  
HotSpot

All School Issued Devices Must be Returned before Graduation  
Personal Stickers or Markings Must be Removed

# COUNSELORS CORNER



## HONOR ROLL INFORMATION

Greetings families, we are excited to celebrate another semester of academic achievement. Here are the criteria for Honor Roll at OCVS for semester 2:

- Courses will need to be completed by the end of the semester according to the school calendar.
- The OCPS code of conduct has to be completed and acknowledged.

We will be awarding the **General Honor Roll** and **Principal's Honor Roll**.

- 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

Can you believe that the 24-25 school year is right around the corner? It is time to start thinking about signing up for courses. We will be having a live presentation on the following dates where Ms. Ballard, OCVS Elementary Counselor will go over how to sign up for courses for next school year and answer any questions you have. Please plan on attending!

### Target Audience - Current Kindergarten - 4th grade students

**Tues, March 23 at 6 pm** [https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_NzA3MTBjZTUtNjFhYi000TYwLWFiZTEtZDJlNDk5ZTRjODIw%40thead.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2230a73731-7d5a-4693-a4af-1f5d4e74ca93%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22a537c813-ad7d-4062-85cc-f5a4593aa2aa%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NzA3MTBjZTUtNjFhYi000TYwLWFiZTEtZDJlNDk5ZTRjODIw%40thead.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2230a73731-7d5a-4693-a4af-1f5d4e74ca93%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22a537c813-ad7d-4062-85cc-f5a4593aa2aa%22%7d)

**Tues, March 30th at 9 am** [https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_ZTQ1YWl4ZTctNmViNC00ZWY2LWI5OTUtMWZlODVmNjNIYWl5%40thead.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2230a73731-7d5a-4693-a4af-1f5d4e74ca93%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22a537c813-ad7d-4062-85cc-f5a4593aa2aa%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZTQ1YWl4ZTctNmViNC00ZWY2LWI5OTUtMWZlODVmNjNIYWl5%40thead.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2230a73731-7d5a-4693-a4af-1f5d4e74ca93%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22a537c813-ad7d-4062-85cc-f5a4593aa2aa%22%7d)

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**Current 5th Grade Students see the Middle School section for information on your upcoming Course Registration Sessions for the 2024-25 school year!**



# COUNSELORS CORNER

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about your classes for the 2024-2025 school year! We will be hosting **Middle School Course Registration Information Sessions** for our returning students in the month of April. Please join us for one session as we walk you through what courses should be taken by grade level and our course/elective options. To participate in this virtual session, simply click on the link below or scan the QR Code for the date/time of the session you choose to attend:

**Target audience - current 5th graders, current 6th graders and current 7th grade students**

- Tuesday, April 23rd at 9 am
- Thursday, April 25th at 6 pm
- Tuesday, April 30th at 6 pm

<https://tinyurl.com/4u7ypeyn>



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**Current 8th Grade Students see the High School section for information on your upcoming Course Registration Sessions for the 2024-25 school year!**

**ATTENTION**

## HIGH SCHOOL

### Seniors:

By now you should have:

- completed the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA)
- completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Submitted any community service or work hours, if needed
- Informed your counselor of your postsecondary plans

Please reach out to your counselor if you have not and need assistance.

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

You can order your cap & gown here: <https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/OCVS-Class-of-2024-Cap-Gown--Stole-/Sb5CUMZ>

You can find all graduation information & senior events here: <https://ocvs.ocps.net/students/seniors>

# COUNSELORS CORNER

## HIGH SCHOOL

### Juniors:

**College 101** - This is our annual presentation for you...our rising seniors! Vital information will be shared to assist you as you prepare for senior year and make postsecondary plans. Some of the topics covered include how and when to complete college applications and how to apply for financial aid. Join us at the link below on **April 11 at 6PM.** <https://tinyurl.com/j3hp7cdh>

### All High School Students:

If you plan to remain at OCVS for the 2024-2025 school year, course selection for August will soon open up. The high school counselor team has scheduled presentations to assist you as you prepare for the next school year. The purpose of these presentations is to provide information regarding graduation requirements, and course selections, and to share relevant grade-level information. You only need to attend one presentation. See below for the date and time of your specific presentation.

**April 16 @ 9AM & 6PM - Current 8th and 9th Graders**

<https://tinyurl.com/44cujzbv>

**April 23 @ 9AM & 6PM - Current 10th Graders**

<https://tinyurl.com/2c4m69kb>

**April 30 @ 9AM & 6PM - Current 11th Graders**

<https://tinyurl.com/yc6td6jj>

The **University of Florida's dual enrollment application** is open and available on the university's website (<https://uf.tfaforms.net/310>). The program is only open to current 10th and 11th graders. **The deadline to apply is April 12, 2024.**



A graphic titled 'CONTACT US' for the CHARGERS program. It features four headshots of staff members: Mrs. Kecia Croom (A-D), Mrs. Edwige Stephens (E-L), Mrs. Pamela Thompson (M-Rn), and Mrs. Selina Wells-Harris (Ro-Z). In the center, there is a text box with the text: 'Join "Remind" to Receive Important OCVS Updates', 'TEXT YOUR CODE TO 81010', '12th Grade - @ocvs24', '11th Grade - @ocvs25', '10th Grade - @ocvs26', and '9th Grade - @ocvs27'. To the right of this text is a 'Join US!' graphic with a lightning bolt icon. At the bottom, the word 'CHARGERS' is written in a large, orange, stylized font with a lightning bolt graphic above it.

# ESE DEPARTMENT



## ESE Resources: Tools for Families

**Autism Key:** The Autism Friend Finder Program is a unique system that will allow visitors to submit basic contact information through a web-based portal. The data is then shared with anyone residing within a 35-mile radius of their postal zip code. The information will allow individuals facing similar challenges to connect with others in their community.

**College Resources for Students with Disabilities Guide:** Reviews several technologies and advocate groups available to students who face various disabilities and includes tips and resources to help students transition from college to career.

**College Guide for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students:** A guide offering key strategies, resources, scholarships & more for deaf and hard of hearing students entering higher education.

**How Myths About Learning Disabilities Rob Many of Their Potential to Succeed and Contribute in School and in the Workplace:** This white paper details how learning disabilities rob many of their potential to succeed and contribute in school and in the workplace.

**IDEA Early Childhood Policy and Practices Guide:** This booklet assists early childhood general educators, early childhood special educators, related service providers, parents, administrators and others in understanding what IDEA now requires for young children with disabilities ages birth through five years old and their families.

**Understanding the Every Student Succeeds Act:** This guide aims to help parents understand the flexibility provided in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and advocate for better education for their children.

### CARD & PALS Calendar

Events, trainings, and programs offered by UCF Center for Autism & Related Disabilities (UCF-CARD) and Providing Autism Links & Support (PALS, UCF CARD's Supporting Nonprofit). To participate in PALS programs and or events individuals MUST be registered with UCF CARD and meet criteria for the program, if required.

For more information call 407.823.6020 or consult with your UCF CARD Autism Disorder Specialist.

Support Group for Caregivers  
of Children and Adults with  
Autism with Significant  
Support Needs

This group will meet monthly for  
caregivers of children and adults ages  
5-75 with severe autism to seek support,  
discuss challenges, and share resources.

Register by scanning the QR code or visiting this link:  
<https://caregivers4374.eventbrite.com>

Tuesday  
4/2  
6:30pm-8:30pm  
On Zoom



 Center for Autism  
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UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

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

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K-2 & 5, MATH, Mondays- 2:00 p.m.  
5th MATH, Tuesdays - 2:00 p.m.  
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3-5 MATH, Fridays- 11:00 a.m.

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Gifted 3-5 - 11:30 a.m.



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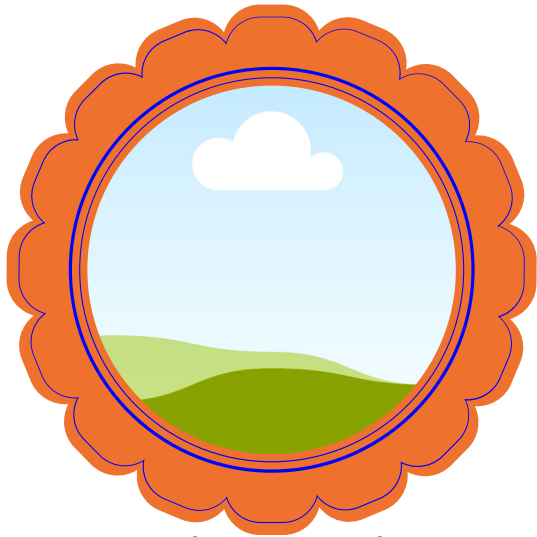
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# ESOL DEPARTMENT

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS



### ELL Student Spotlight: Valerie Gomez Acosta

Valerie is an 11th grader with OCVS. She has already completed 2 of her core classes for Segment 2. Valerie has excellent work habits. She is always ahead of pace and communicates well with her teachers. She has expressed interest in studying law in the future. Valerie has developed a plan for completing high school and beyond! Valerie is an excellent representative of a successful ELL student at OCVS.



Schools celebrate **Arab American Heritage Month** to honor and recognize the contributions and rich cultural heritage of Arab Americans to the United States. By dedicating a month, April, to celebrating Arab American heritage, schools aim to promote understanding, respect, and appreciation for Arab American culture, history, and achievements among students, educators, and the broader community. This celebration provides an opportunity for students to learn about the diverse experiences, traditions, and contributions of Arab Americans, fostering inclusivity, diversity, and cultural appreciation within the school environment.



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# COACHES CORNER

## ELA

The Reading Coaches hope to see ALL students in a live session soon! Don't miss out!  
Please don't hesitate to contact your grade-level ELA Coach for more details about the support offered!

- 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/ SAT/ ACT Test Prep Sessions -** [tinyurl.com/SainteLiveLink](https://tinyurl.com/SainteLiveLink)
- Mondays at 10 am and 2 pm

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>• Junior/Senior Face-to-Face Test Prep Boot Camp (invite only)</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.

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

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

<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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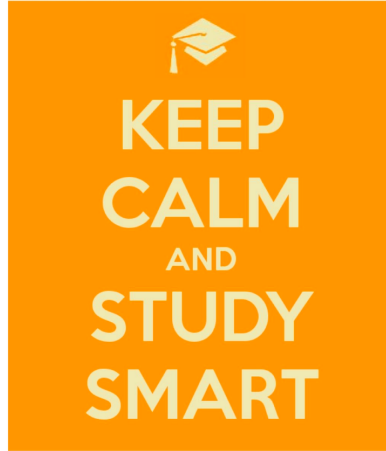
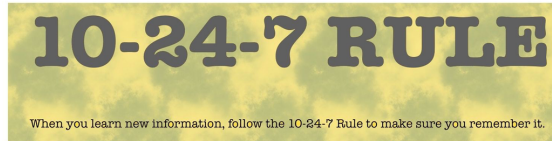
## MATH

**TEST season has arrived.** Here are two great strategies for preparing for tests.

**Research shows that taking a practice test is one of the best ways to prepare.**

Follow these steps:

- Find practice tests in tools like Khan Academy and IXL OR ask your teacher for a resource.
- Set aside time to take the test. Try to make your environment similar to test day.
- Identify the questions you get right and celebrate!
- Identify the questions you miss and find instruction and practice to help with those skills. Ask your teacher or coach for help.



**10**

Use information within 10 minutes of learning it (classwork).

**24**

Use the information within 24 hours (homework, study, warm ups).

**7**

Review the information again within 7 days (class work, homework, study).

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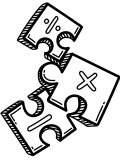
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When practicing new skills or reviewing skills for upcoming tests, think about the **10-24-7 rule**. This rule was developed as a result of scientific studies of the brain.

**REPEAT the process the following week.**

### 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.**

### Grades K-5

#### 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

**Congratulations** to all the students who have met the eligibility criteria for membership consideration! It's truly commendable to have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.5 and demonstrated exceptional standards of service, leadership, and character. Your dedication and hard work have not gone unnoticed.

After careful evaluation by the faculty council, consisting of five esteemed members of the OCVS faculty appointed by the chapter adviser, we are thrilled to announce that 16 students have been considered for membership this year.

We are excited to formally **induct** the following students into our chapter on **April 11th**, marking the beginning of your official journey as members. Congratulations on this well-deserved achievement!

Student Name	Current Grade Level
Ryan Shellito	8th
Delaney Dia	6th
Elijah Singleton	6th
Nyllah Berrios	8th
Ayanna Jackson	6th
Sophia Gonzalez	8th
Santiago Arroyo Estevez	7th
Zoe Johnson	6th
Nicholas Nigro	8th
Natalie Bernard	6th
Princess Wright	8th
Amiyah Brooks	6th
Kalei Hao	6th
Elijah Owens	6th
Arianna Dragus	6th
Cosette Alomia	6th

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Our extraordinary NHS Officers continue to facilitate our monthly meetings. In March, we began our committee work with leaders and members collaborating on additional community service organizations. In addition to wrapping up our monthly community service project at Second Harvest Food Bank in April, we will be expanding our service into three other organizations: [Give Kids the World](#), [Clean the World](#), and [Children's Home Society of Florida](#). Want to help? Click on the links to access ways to help these amazing organizations!

## NATIONAL ELEMENTARY HONOR SOCIETY

Our NEHS members have been busy helping the community both virtually and in person. During our March meeting, students created digital cards with words of encouragement for our 4th and 5th grade students taking the writing exam. In addition, several of our members volunteered at [Clean the World](#), where they packaged soap that will be donated globally through the WASH Foundation. We are so proud of our Chargers for making a difference.





# OCVS CLUBS NEWS (CONTINUED)

## SCIENCE CLUB

OCVS Science Club met up at **SeaWorld** on March 8th to celebrate Sea World's first year of **STEM** days! Students got a chance to calculate dolphin speed, talk to trainers and ask questions with behavioral training and marine conservation efforts. Students also got to tour Sea World's Veterinary Hospital and learn about local rehabilitation efforts locally. Such a great day of Science Fun!



SCIENCE  
Club



# OCVS CLUBS NEWS (CONTINUED)

## BLACK STUDENT UNION



The Black Student Union has had an amazing school year filled with exciting activities but it's time to wind down and prepare for next school year. However, we want to end this school year with a bang. Join us for our **virtual meeting Wednesday, Apr. 10th at 2pm** <https://bit.ly/ocvsbsu> to discuss the details. .

If you would like to join this club for our 6th-12th graders please complete this form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd7UbgZ1t4czrlHrMCmlROtMfw84V5PFd0NpiiBIINxH4i\\_xw/vi/wform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd7UbgZ1t4czrlHrMCmlROtMfw84V5PFd0NpiiBIINxH4i_xw/vi/wform)

We are planning for **Elementary** to have their own club next school year...YAY!!

If you have any questions or concerns you can **contact Mrs. Parker** [monique.parker@ocps.net](mailto:monique.parker@ocps.net) or **Ms. Garsh** [sara.garsh@ocps.net](mailto:sara.garsh@ocps.net). Follow us on Instagram [@ocvsbsu](https://www.instagram.com/ocvsbsu)



## SPELLING STARS CLUB

Do you love word games, spelling, or reading? If so, the Spelling Stars Club is perfect for you! The Spelling Bee has ended, but we are still meeting and are looking for students (in grades 3 through 8) who would like to be part of our club. If you are interested in joining the Spelling Stars Club, please contact us via **text at 321-234-5693** or email at [celita.mitchell@ocps.net](mailto:celita.mitchell@ocps.net).

We'd love to have you join our next club meeting! 😊

Mrs. Williams, Club Sponsor



## 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

## ELEMENTARY CHESS CLUB

The OCVS Elementary Chess Club met on Thursday, April 4th and had a great meeting. You can still join us! Our next meeting will be **Thursday May 2nd at 3:00PM**. Please join us at the following [link](#). Students are encouraged to log onto **ChessKid** through their **Launchpad**. ChessKid is a free app for all OCPS students and offers a variety of Chess lessons, puzzles and games. Students can play chess against a computer or another student. Students will have access to ChessKid during the summer.

# OCVS CLUBS NEWS (CONTINUED)

## DO SOMETHING CLUB



In March, the **Do Something Club** volunteered at a new location: **UP (United Against Poverty)**. We cleaned the grocery store shelves, which was truly a labor of love! Not one complaint from this amazing group who worked so hard in this environment! So proud of our families who came out and served our community!

**Please note:** this is the last event of the school year. Club has one more meeting in April and then will resume in September 2024. Thank you for an amazing year!





# LITERACY COMMITTEE



In celebration of **Poetry Month**, our Literacy Committee is delighted to announce a special poetry event in conjunction with the **OCVS Fine Arts Night** happening on **April 25th at 5:00 p.m.** Students, don't miss the opportunity to showcase your talent by submitting your original poetry **by April 19th**. You can submit your poems at the following link: [OCVS Poetry Submission](#). Selected poems will be displayed during the Fine Arts Night, where students may also have the chance to read their work aloud if they wish. Join us on campus for an evening filled with creativity and inspiration.

## Arab American Heritage Month

April is Arab American Heritage Month! This month is dedicated to celebrating the rich culture and contributions of Arab Americans, both past and present. It is also a time for us to challenge stereotypes and prejudices. To mark this occasion, we encourage you to explore E-books by prominent Arabian authors such as **Susan Muaddi Darraj**, **Hena Khan**, and **Asma Mobin-Uddin**, available on the Sora app. Discover these and other e-books by visiting [launch.ocps.net](http://launch.ocps.net)!

Have a wonderful month filled with poetry, celebration, and learning!





# STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS: OCVS TOP TEN SENIORS

Congratulations to our Top Ten OCVS Seniors, Class of 2024! Your remarkable academic achievements and exceptional dedication to excellence have led to this outstanding recognition.

Your hard work, perseverance, and passion have set an example for all of us to follow. We are so proud of everything you have accomplished. Keep up the great work and continue to pursue your dreams with the same determination and drive that has brought you this far. We know that you will go on to achieve amazing things and make a difference in the world. Congratulations again on this incredible achievement!

Class of  
2024



#1 ALEX FLORES



#2 ALEXANDER BORRERO



#3 ABBIE LEMIRE



#4 KARTIK MANDLA



#5 MIREYA ANDRADE



#6 RENEE ANDERSON



#7 COLIN HOLMES



#8 JOAO KAMINSKI BORBA FERRERIA



#9 MAKENZI ANDREWS



#9 MORIAH MANNING



# S.A.F.E. CORNER

## S.A.F.E. SPACE



2024

Annual Family Stakeholder Survey



Dear OCVS Families,

Orange County Public Schools invites all students in grades 6-12 and all families with a student in grades K-12 to participate in the 2024 Annual Stakeholder Survey. These surveys offer valuable feedback as OCPS works to ensure every student has a promising and successful future.

### What topics will be covered in the surveys?

- Student surveys will ask students about their thoughts on school climate, their sense of belonging, and teacher-student relationships.
- Family surveys will ask you about your thoughts on school climate, how easy it is to engage with our school, and how well we meet your child's needs and expectations.

### When will my child take their survey?

- The student survey window is **March 04 – April 12, 2024**.
- OCVS full-time students in grades 6-12 may be invited to take the survey during a live lesson or on their own time at home.

### Is this survey mandatory?

- No, this survey is completely voluntary. Families can click on this link to the [2024 Annual Stakeholder Survey Non-Participation Form](#) at any point during the survey window to notify Orange County Public School of their decision to not participate. Surveys completed before completing the non-participation form will not be reported.

### How can I take the family survey?

- The family survey window is **March 04 – April 12, 2024**
- Families can access the anonymous link to complete the survey at [bit.ly/ocpsfamily](http://bit.ly/ocpsfamily)
- The family survey is available in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, Arabic, and Portuguese and will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

### What if I have students at different OCPS schools or multiple students at the same school?

- Families are encouraged to complete one survey for each school in which they have a child attending. If you have multiple children here at OCVS, you should think about the experiences of your older child with us as you complete the survey.

### Who can I contact if I have any questions?

Please contact Jenna Faber at [Jenna.Faber@ocps.net](mailto:Jenna.Faber@ocps.net)

Your voice matters! Thank you for your participation!

**March 4th – April 12th**  
Beginning on Monday, March 4, 2024, Orange County Public Schools invites all families with a student in grades K-12 to participate in the 2024 Annual Stakeholder Survey. The survey offers valuable feedback as OCPS works to ensure every student has a promising and successful future.



Website

Families can access the survey at [bit.ly/ocpsfamily](http://bit.ly/ocpsfamily)



Mobile Device

Families can scan the QR code above to complete the survey on their mobile device



Preview Survey

Families can preview student survey questions on the OCPS Student Survey site



Visit Our Website  
[www.ocps.net](http://www.ocps.net)

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU



### Mobile Crisis SERVICES

For children, adolescents and young adults in Orange, Osceola & Seminole Counties, Florida

Mobile Crisis Services are available to anyone ages 0-24 located in Orange, Osceola or Seminole County at the time of crisis. A master level therapist will respond to homes, schools, or anywhere within the tri-county community, within 60 minutes to provide immediate on-site crisis stabilization. Crisis therapists also connect families with additional long-term services in order to maintain stabilization.

**DIAL 2 1 1**  
or 407-839-HELP.

Services are:

- FREE and Available 24/7/365, including holidays.
- 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 898-211, your zip code, and type 'requesting mobile crisis'
- Chat at [www.HFUW.org](http://www.HFUW.org)

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Own a business that would benefit from supporting OCVS?

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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)

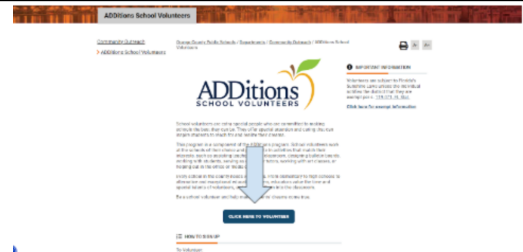


## Additions Volunteer Sign-Up: How to become an OCVS Additions Volunteer

### Step 1:

[Click on this link.](#)

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



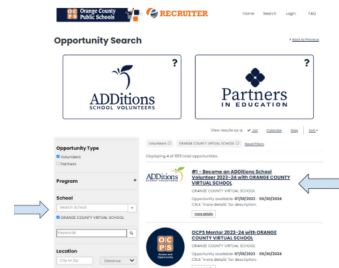
### Step 2:

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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