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ORANGE COUNTY
VIRTUAL SCHOOL

Newsletter

"Moving Mountains to Master Mindsets"

Message from Our Principal

Greetings OCVS Chargers,

Spring Break is here! I know that we are all ready for some rest and relaxation. We continue to move FAST through this year. Today is the end of the 3rd nine weeks, which means we only have NINE more weeks before the school year is over! Your diligence in ensuring students are working and submitting assignments daily and that they are on or ahead of pace is more crucial now than ever. Students are to be completed their courses by the end of the school year which is **May 26th**. Please understand that if a student is not on pace, they are going to be required to attend face-to-face workdays on campus. **Not adhering to the course pace requirement may affect current or future enrollment with OCVS.**

For our seniors, it will be crucial that you have completed all of your courses by **May 5th**. All graduation requirements will need to be completed by this time so your time is even less! Let's all work together so that everyone is successful. I'm so looking forward to OCVS Graduation, on May 17th!

This a reminder that students are required to participate in all testing. All end-of-year testing is mandatory and will be administered in person. Please be sure to read all information in the testing section of this newsletter carefully as it explains the communication coming to you very soon.

Spring Picture Day is coming, on March 29th! If your student has not taken their picture this year yet, this is a great opportunity. Click [HERE](#) to sign your student up for Spring photos. Yearbook sales continue. If you have not ordered yours yet, do it today! [Yearbook Order](#)

We have so many events occurring on campus and off campus, and your continued support for all of these events is greatly appreciated! I would like to thank all of my staff that sponsors and helps for these events to happen. They are really helping to get our school known and out there to the public. Please let your family and friends know that OCVS is an option for a student's educational path. Enrollment for next year is opening soon so get the word out! Your support and communication are the BEST marketing and advertising!

Thank you all as we partner to ensure all of our students are successful in reaching their goals. Let's continue to Move Mountains and Master those Mindsets!

Virtually Yours!

Mrs. Brandi Gurley



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TESTING

We have so much information to come out in regard to testing! Please read the information below carefully as participation in State testing is required for OCVS students. We want you to have the information so you can plan ahead for your child's success.

Here's what you need to know now:

- End of Year testing **has** to be completed **on a school campus** for grades 3-12. Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grade are the only exceptions to this requirement and will be administered remotely. K-2 will be able to complete the FAST remotely for Progress Monitoring 3 (PM3).
- You will receive an email the week before spring break with a video and information about your student's grade level and the testing that is needed.
- We will be having **live sessions** to answer questions for parents:
 - **March 22nd @ 6:00 p.m. for 3rd-5th Parents**
 - **March 23rd @ 6:00 p.m. for 6th-12th Parents**
 - **Please mark your calendar** and plan to attend in order to hear directly from our testing team. Live Sessions will be in the evenings and the link will be emailed to you, also available on the [OCVS Testing Canvas Page](#).
- May 1-12th testing is listed below by date and what grade levels will test when. Please mark your calendars. **Please note that these dates are tentative** and are subject to change as we are getting more information from the District and State.

Elementary Families:

Please note the testing dates on the [Testing Calendar](#) for your child. All testing in May will be conducted **on a campus**. More details will be coming in March but we wanted you to have the dates so you can plan accordingly.

Middle School Families:

Please monitor the [Testing Calendar](#) for your student. Some assessments are based on a student's grade level while others are based on enrollment. All students will automatically be registered for any exam that they are expected to take and will be emailed to their student email account. If you have questions about testing for your student, please contact us at any time. All Testing in May will be conducted **on a campus**.

High School Families:

There are multiple opportunities for students to take the tests they need to graduate and/or end the year strongly listed on the [High School Testing Calendar](#). Looking at the calendar it is important to note that students must register online to test on campus. The only exam that students will be automatically registered for is the three exams in May. Any exam in February-April requires student registration. To register for an exam, please visit our [Registration Page](#) in Canvas. We have had several questions about the difference between some State and National exams so we put together a quick snapshot below to help. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

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TESTING

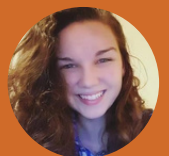
Test Name	Date	Who can register?	What is the test?
ACT	4/18/23	Current 11th Graders	This ACT test is the traditional ACT that will report to colleges. It will only be offered to current 11th graders.
FAST ELA	5/1/23	3rd, 9th and 10th Graders	Must be completed on a campus
FAST ELA	5/2/23	6th-8th Graders	Must be completed on a campus
FAST ELA	5/3/23	5th Graders	Must be completed on a campus
Biology EOC	5/3/23	Students enrolled in Biology or Biology Honors	Must be completed on a campus
US History EOC	5/3/23	Students enrolled in US History or US History Honors **If students require both Biology and US History, a make up day will be offered May 11th-19th.	Must be completed on a campus
FAST Math	5/4/23	3rd, 6th-8th Graders who are enrolled in a middle school level math class. (Students in 6th-8th grade taking Algebra or Geometry will not test)	Must be completed on a campus
FAST Math	5/5/23	5th Graders	Must be completed on a campus
BEST Algebra 1 & Geometry	5/5/23	6th-8th Graders who are enrolled in Algebra 1 or Geometry	Must be completed on a campus
NGSS Civics	5/8/23	Middle Schoolers enrolled in Civics or Civics Honors **Non accommodation students	Must be completed on a campus

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Test Name	Date	Who can register?	What is the test?
Science Day 1	5/8/23	5th Graders	Must be completed on a campus
Science	5/8/23	8th Graders	Must be completed on a campus
Science Day 2	5/9/23	5th Graders	Must be completed on a campus
BEST Algebra 1 and Geometry	5/9/23	9th-12th Graders enrolled in Algebra 1 or Geometry	Must be completed on a campus
FAST ELA	5/10/23	4th Graders	Must be completed on a campus
NGSS Civics	5/10/23	7th graders with an IEP	Must be completed on a campus
US History or Biology EOC	5/11/23	High school students who are enrolled in both classes and need the second test	Must be completed on a campus
FAST Math	5/12/23	4th Graders	Must be completed on a campus

Any student who misses a testing day above will be automatically scheduled for testing on the OCVS Campus the week of **May 15-19, 2023**.

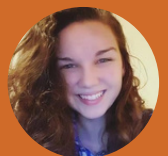
To access information regarding district and state testing throughout the year, please visit our [OCVS Testing Canvas Page](#). All students have access to this page through their Launchpad or by clicking on the Testing Information image in the top left corner of their initial announcement page when they open up a class (pictured below).

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH



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tech help Experiencing any tech issues in your courses?
Contact the **FLVS Help Center**

[Tech Help](#)



[Welcome Back](#)

OCVS Testing Page
Which Days Am I Testing?
K-5
6-8
9-12
[Testing](#)



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OCVS English Language Learners
Visit our [ELL Parent Support Site](#)



Click the 'Continue' button to enter your online course



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ORLANDO, FL 32808



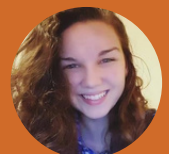
Testing information will be shared regularly using each student's OCPS email address. Students can access this account by ensuring they are signed in to google with their OCPS student account. Their username is their studentID@students.ocps.net (480#####@students.ocps.net). Students will then enter using their OCPS password. Once students are logged in to Google they can click on the nine dots that show the Google apps available, and click on the Google Mail icon.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & INFO

OCPS Knows B.E.S.T

Understanding the Florida B.E.S.T. Standards
for English Language Arts and Mathematics

Wednesday, March 22, 2023
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Register online: ParentAcademy.ocps.net
For more information: 407-317-3300



PARENT ACADEMY

ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Art Digital Family Night

Mar. 30, 2023 | 6 - 7 p.m.
Virtual Mini-Academy

Register online: ParentAcademy.ocps.net
For more information: 407-317-3300



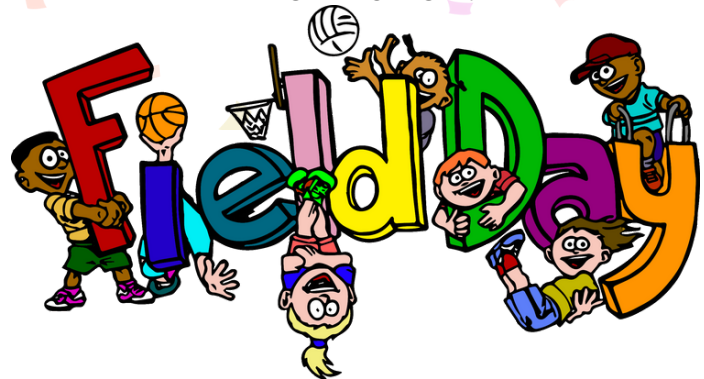
She's a HERO! (Mrs. Jeanette "Shae" Jones)

We would like to congratulate Mrs. Jones for being recognized as an OCPS HERO teacher! You guys may recognize her as Coach Jones from PE and HOPE but this year Mrs. Jones took on the role of Virtual Learning Lab Specialist! She supports students and staff in learning labs across the district. Assistant Principal Amy Lerman who nominated Mrs. Jones says that in just a short period, she has made a tremendous difference through her data-driven and strategic approach to ensuring the success of all OCVS students. Ms. Allison Kibbey-Horton from OCPS Curriculum and Digital Learning department came to OCVS Campus to present her with the award.

#OCPSHeroTeacher!



Calling all **Kindergarten - Fifth Grade** students! Elementary Field Day is coming! Please plan to join us **Friday, April 14th** here at OCVS campus, 4000 Silver Star Road for some fun! Please look out for the email that will be coming to you from your student's teacher with all the information.



Daylight Savings Time - Time to Spring FORWARD! Turn those clocks one hour ahead before you go to bed on Saturday evening.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
SPRING FORWARD

UPCOMING EVENTS & INFO

**new
worlds
reading**

Your child may be eligible for a FREE at-home book delivery program

K-5 students enrolled in the New Worlds Reading Initiative will receive:

- A free new book in the mail each month (9 books per school year!)
- The chance to build a personalized library based on their interests
- Literacy resources for families to use together to build reading confidence
- Books available in English, Spanish, or Haitian Creole



Enrollment is easy!
Scan the QR code or visit
newworldsreading.com/enroll

Florida's New Worlds Reading Initiative is a statewide program to advance literacy and a love of reading by shipping free books in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole to Florida students in grades K-5 who are not yet reading on grade level. Contact your child's teacher if you have questions about eligibility.

Thank you for allowing us to partner with you as you continue to build your child's love of reading!

To enroll or learn more, visit www.newworldsreading.com or contact us at support@newworldsreading.com

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Make A Wish
CENTRAL AND NORTHERN FLORIDA

**WALK
FOR WISHES.**

Attention: OCVS students, families, teachers, and staff! The 'Do Something' Club is challenging the ENTIRE school to participate in our last event of the school year! We will be participating in the 'Walking for Wishes' event at Lake Eola on **Thursday, March 23 at 5 pm** with fun events to follow (food, music, games, Disney and Universal character appearances, etc)! Some of the OCVS Administration Team and their family members will be in attendance as well. Now's the time to get to know them and some of your teachers. Sign-up now for FREE (see discount code on the flyer) and come join us! All ages are welcome.

Bonus: Fundraising for the event is optional, however, the highest fundraising student will receive a \$25 gift card of their choice.

Email Mrs. Lyon at Michelle.Lyon@ocps.net with any questions.



SCAN QR CODE TO JOIN THE OCVS TEAM
or USE LINK:

tinyurl.com/WalkForWishesOCVS

*use code **MAWWISHES** to waive \$20 sign-up fee



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Orange County Virtual School

Event: 2023 Matt Morgan Walk For Wishes - Orlando, FL

Team Captain: Michelle Lyon / OCVS

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\$40

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Price goes up at 10/24!

SPRING PICTURES

MARCH 29

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**WILL BE ON
OCVS CAMPUS
WED 3.29.23**



SIGNUP LINK @ OCVS.OCPs.NET

**UNDER THE 'STUDENT TAB' LOOK FOR
'YEARBOOK' FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Click **HERE** to sign-up for a time.

[Click here to order](#)

**CELEBRATE
YOUR STUDENT**



**PAGES
STARTING
@ \$40**

**MORE INFO @
OCVS.OCPs.NET
LOOK FOR 'YEARBOOK'
UNDER THE STUDENT TAB**

Did you know????

Rebooting your computer daily is a good strategy for keeping your computer running in top shape!

If your school-issued device indicates “*Windows needs activation*” or your MS Word license is expired. This means the licenses on the OCPS-issued device needs to be updated. To do this the device needs to be connected to the OCPS wifi. You can go to any school and connect to the OCPS wifi and the licenses will update. Plan to be on the school network for at least 20 minutes. You are also welcome to come to the OCPS campus also to update the device. We are open 9-3 M-F.

For technical **issues related to your OCPS-issued device** contact Technical Support at 407 317 3327 **option 9** In your message please include the student’s name, student id number, return phone number, and message. You may also complete a student tech request at https://www.ocps.net/students_and_parents/family_engagement_and_digital_outreach



Students: Do You Know How to Check Your OCPS

(480..@students.ocps.net) Email?? Everyone should be checking their OCPS email for updates about testing and other important information. Click on the link to watch a “How To” video for help.

<https://ocps.instructuremedia.com/embed/9ef5e84a-db1f-45f3-ad53-219ae7af387b>



GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

SELF DISCIPLINE



Character Trait for March: **Self-Discipline**

What exactly is self-discipline? Self-discipline is defined as training or controlling your own thoughts and behaviors with the goal to improve yourself. How do you show self-discipline each day while working through your OCVS courses and other extracurricular activities such as sports?

Watch this OCPS video. How is self-discipline shown? [OCPS Self-Discipline Video](#)

Elementary School Guidance



Middle School Guidance

Students should be 50% complete in all classes by the time Spring Break begins! Please take time to ensure that you are at or ahead of pace as we enter into Spring Break! Remember that all classes must be 100% complete by the end of the school year (May 26th) in order to meet promotion requirements.

It's almost time to register for classes for the 2023-24 school year! Stay tuned for important information regarding Middle School Course Registration Meetings taking place from April 12th through the 18th.

We are here to help! Please reach out at any time for assistance!

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Last Name M - Z - Mrs. Mills - jane.mills@ocps.net

High School Guidance

9th - 12th: Please make sure you are on pace in all of your classes! Participate in live lessons and reach out to your teachers for help.

Mandatory on-campus work days are coming for those students not on pace.

Seniors: You must be finished with all courses by **May 5**.



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SCHOLARSHIPS TO

VALENCIA STATE COLLEGE

APPLICATIONS AT

[ROTARYCLUBOFORLANDO.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS](https://rotarycluboforlando.org/scholarships)

APPLICATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN APRIL 15

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

OFFERED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF ORLANDO AND THE ROTARY CLUB OF ORLANDO FOUNDATION

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ESE Toolkit for Families

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION

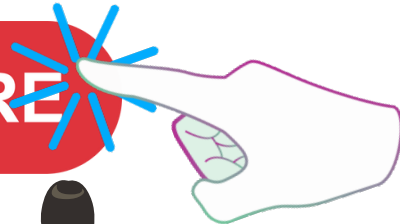
Orange County Public Schools

Welcome to the Exceptional Student Education toolkit for families!

The purpose of this toolkit is to provide families of students with disabilities a hub for resources and ongoing support.

To stay informed and access all content in this toolkit, please complete the form below. Once completed, click the start button below the form.

CLICK HERE



Exceptional Student Education

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ESOL DEPARTMENT

The ELL Support Team is so proud of all of our ELL students! Thank you to the students and Learning Guides for working diligently on courses!

Here are some wonderful ideas for our families for this Spring Break!

<https://myvillakey.com/free-things-to-do-in-orlando-for-families-on-vacation/>



*Families of English Language Learners, this a reminder that we have resources available for students to use at home: Anchor charts, books, native language to English dictionaries, glossaries, etc. The materials can be picked up at our campus, 4000 Silver Star Road, **Mondays, and Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Please let **Mrs. Ramos (21020@ocps.net)** or **Mrs. Diane Davitt (42393@ocps.net)** know the time you will pick up the resources to have them ready!*



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[OCPS Multilingual Services](#)

In addition to being a great resource for books, the **Orange County Public Library** offers a variety of free classes for students of all ages. Classes are offered in person and virtually. Some of the **classes happening in March** are cultural cooking classes, LEGO Club, arts and crafts, Record and Mix Music, Book Buddies, 3D printing, science/math and STEM game days, Spanish class, Coding and Robotics, and so many more! Check out the list of classes [here](#). If you don't already have a free library card, [sign up here](#).

What have you read today? Or what is a new word that you heard today? Both of these conversation starters can happen daily with your child. Learning about what your child is learning in school is a great way to get excited about new knowledge.

All students should take advantage of the amazing opportunities that are being offered by the Reading Coaches:

- **Book Bites** (Fun Friday read-aloud)
- **Test Prep. Sessions** (for all tested grade levels)
- **Reading Labs** (iReady for K-8 & Khan Academy for 9-12)
 - Remember! *iReady* is a great way to **enhance your reading level** and strategies and *Khan Academy* is an excellent tool to use to help **improve your SAT scores!**

In addition to these opportunities, please check out the **SORA App** (available on the OCPS Launchpad) to discover and find that "just right book."

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



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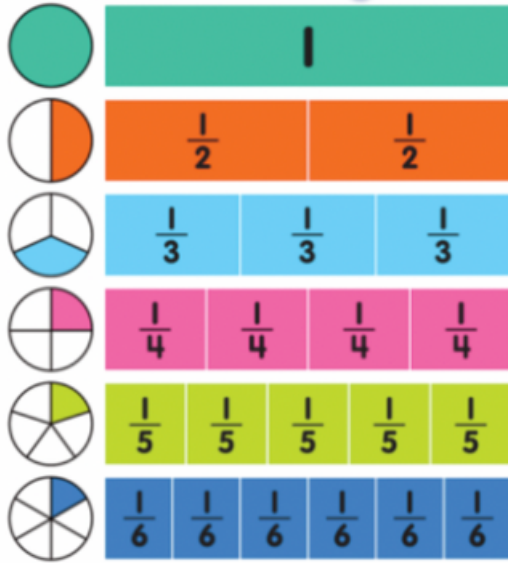
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Understanding the concept of fractions will help your future.

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

Elementary Example	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FSTlQjxznUg
Middle School Example	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CA9XLJpQp3c
High School Example	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JWQweMVO2Ss

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 really cool games to review your skills. <https://www.stmath.com/play>
5. Math TV has great Basic Math videos. <https://mathtv.com/>

Grades 9-12

Juniors and Seniors - the testing season is upon us. Attend a LIVE test prep session with Ms. Williams or Ms. Barnes on Thursdays.

Test Prep Thursday 11:00A with Ms. Williams

Test Prep Thursday 2:30P with Ms. Barnes

Seniors - Face-to-face boot camps are taking place on campus each Wednesday from 1P-3P. Contact Mrs. Williams or Mrs. Barnes for more details.

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LITERACY COMMITTEE

In addition to being a great resource for books, the **Orange County Public Library** offers a variety of free classes for students of all ages. Classes are offered in person and virtually. Some of the **classes happening in March** are cultural cooking classes, LEGO Club, arts and crafts, Record and Mix Music, Book Buddies, 3D printing, science/math and STEM game days, Spanish class, Coding and Robotics, and so many more! Check out the list of classes [here](#). Reading for enjoyment is highly recommended for students in grades K-12, and the Orange County Public Library is a great place to start! If you don't already have a free library card, [sign up here](#).

March is Women's History Month, so be sure to check out some outstanding female authors and books about the amazing accomplishments of women throughout history.



Some outstanding inspirational female leaders/role models include:



"My mother told me to be a lady. And for her, that meant be your own person, be independent."

RUTH BADER GINSBURG
SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Venus & Serena Williams
Professional Tennis Champions



"Don't be afraid. Be focused. Be determined. Be hopeful. Be empowered."

MICHELLE OBAMA
FORMER FIRST LADY OF THE UNITED STATES

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Ruth Bader Ginsburg
Former Supreme Court Justice

Michelle Obama
Former First Lady of the United States of America



"When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful."

MALALA YOUSAFZAI
PAKISTANI ACTIVIST

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Kamala Harris
Vice President of the United States of America



"Wherever women gather together failure is impossible"

SUSAN B. ANTHONY
WOMEN'S RIGHTS ACTIVIST

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Susan B. Anthony
Women's Rights Activist

Sonya Sotomayor
Supreme Court Justice


Marie Curie
Scientist & Nobel Prize Winner



"I have learned you are never too small to make a difference."

GRETA THUNBERG
ACTIVIST

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



"For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it, if only we're brave enough to be it."

AMANDA GORMAN
POET

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



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Students, do you participate in an activity at your zoned school? We would love to highlight you in our Yearbook if you do! Please fill out this form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZvpYVqWQHQRMeNeVPgFKO8tPmDNnmihLzmvyUttJO4iig/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

We will be in contact for more information.



Our next OCVS Elementary Chess Club meeting will be held on Thursday, March 23rd at 3:00 PM. Please join us at this [link](#). The OCPS District Chess tournament is scheduled for **April 29** at SunRidge

Middle and Elementary schools. We will be providing more information for families at our **3/23 OCVS Elementary Chess Meeting**.

For more information, please contact **Mr. Chad Houvouras** at chad.houvouras@ocps.net



Our Elementary National Honors Society had the opportunity to volunteer at Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida on Friday, March 10th.

Second Harvest Food Bank partners with more than 625 feeding partners in Central Florida such as food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, senior centers, daycares, and more. We worked hard sorting incoming donations while we were at Second Harvest. We are proud to help such a fantastic organization.

Our next NEHS meeting will be on Wednesday, **March 22nd at 1:00 pm**.



OCVS National Junior Honor Society (Middle School)

We have notified all the students on the interest list about their eligibility to apply for membership in our NJHS chapter. The qualified students are currently completing their applications, which will be reviewed by our Faculty Council for membership consideration. We wish all the applicants the best of luck!



During the month of March, the 'Do Something' Club will be volunteering at both Clean the World (Tuesday, March 21) and the Walk for Wishes event at Lake Eola for the Make-A-Wish foundation (Thursday, March 23). These will be the last two in-person events of the year, so students can focus on wrapping up their courses and testing in the months of April and May. We will conclude with a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, March 28 @ 11 am**. LINK: tinyurl.com/MrsLyonOCVS



Order in the court! We will be holding our next OCVS Kid's Court Club meeting on **Tuesday, March 28th at 2 pm**. Students will enjoy the opportunity to debate, act out trials, and actively participate in determining verdicts! If you know an OCVS full-time 4th-6th grade student who would like to join, please have them fill out the information form here:

<https://forms.gle/9RtK3jVtmH8nNbvq5>

For more information contact: **Hallie Aymat** at hallie.aymat@ocps.net

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Attention 6th -12th graders, come learn and practice mindfulness strategies, breathing exercises, and desk stretches to help calm the mind and body. Build skills to deal with anxiety or stress in daily life. The last meeting of the year will be on **Wednesday, April 5th at 1:00 p.m. in Portable 14.** We look forward to seeing you!

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SIP GOALS

- By **June of 2023**, the percentage of students in the lowest 25% making learning gains in Math will increase from 43% to 53%.
- By **June of 2023**, the percentage of students in the lowest 25% making learning gains in ELA will increase from 45% to 50%.
- By **June 2023**, Orange County Virtual School will improve students' sense of belonging by increasing the percentage of students who feel accepted and included from 51% to 61% on the Panorama survey.

Our next meeting will take place on **Monday, April 24, 2023, at 2 p.m. on MS Teams. Meeting Link- [click here](#)**



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



**Elena
Joseph
6th Grade**

ELA Instructor, Mrs. Pilar Torres would like to shine a spotlight on her student **Elena Joseph**. Mrs. Torres says that Elena is on pace; usually ahead, and has a super strong grade, always a high A. She goes above and beyond with her work. She is an excellent writer and completes her weekly i-Ready lessons. She has leadership qualities and participates in live lessons. Excellent student through and through!

Great job Elena!



**Leah
Velez
4th Grade**

4th-grade teacher Deborah Donahue would like to shine a spotlight on **Leah Velez**. Mrs. Donahue says Leah is a hard-working student. She attends all of her live lessons. She has solved 3,000 facts on Reflex Math. She is incredibly kind to all of her classmates and is always willing to help others. She is passionate about helping animals and loves sports. Awesome job Leah!



**Shahla
Badaei
8th Grade**

The 8th-grade team would like to shine a spotlight on Shahla Badaei. Shahla's teachers say that she is a phenomenal student!! Ms. Belgram, math teacher, says *"She is always willing to explain her thinking to the class"*. Ms. Harry, ELA teacher, says that she is very mature and responsible. She attends and participates regularly in live lessons. She is also our National Junior Honor Society president for this school year! *"Her initiative and motivation to do well in her community and be seen as a leader among her peers are very noteworthy."* Shahla is also a member of the Do Something Club. The club's sponsor Mrs. Lyon says that she is an active leader and participant. French teacher, Ms. McNeil would like to add that she is very polite to both her and all of her classmates, even greeting them in the chat as they enter live lessons. *"Shahla is a leader by example and a treasured part of our French learning community!"* US History teacher, Mr. Stamm says that *Shahla consistently works on pace and submits high-quality work, all while maintaining a happy and friendly demeanor. She's a great example of an OCVS Charger!*

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.

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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.

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- Chat at www.HFUW.org



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