

OSCEOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Chiefs Weekly Updates
Week of December 24, 2018
Happy Holidays!
Week of January 7, 2019

Upcoming Spirit Days:

Please support the school by attending our Spirit Day events. Some events are for students and some are for the entire family! Your support helps the school to be able to enhance our current programs or to add new ones.

Students who are involved in credit recovery can now attend any credit recovery session to work on any subject area. Please utilize the days and times listed below for credit recovery. Thank you!

- Monday – 8:00-8:45 – Ms. Moore G-106
 - Monday – 4:15-5:00 – Mrs. Juergens F-204
 - Tuesday – 8:00-8:45 – Mrs. Blanco F-205
 - Wednesday – 8:00-8:45 – Mr. Tierney – Media Center
 - Wednesday – 8:00-8:45 – Ms. Moore – G-106
- 8th Grade Parents: High School Choice period is right around the corner!! January 9th to 18th. **YOU MUST HAVE** a parent portal username and password to be able to apply for a high school other than your zoned school. Please come to the school with a Photo ID to obtain this information. More information about the Application Period, Acceptance Period and Programs available are on our school's website. www.pcsb.org/choice
- **OMS Food Pantry**
OMS runs a Food Pantry for our families in need. We ask students to bring in non-perishable food items throughout the year. Over the past few years we have helped 31 families for Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks with a complete meal for the family and additional meals for the week. Please send in any items to the front office. There is a large box by the water fountain that they can be placed.

- If you know if a family in need please contact Ms. Shepard at shepardm@pcsb.org with the Student Name and Grade, and the number of family members so we make sure we have enough food.
- The food pantry is available **ALL YEAR** if a family should need it.

➤ **PTSA:** Membership forms are now available! Please Join PTSA for only \$8!!

- Please send in your Box Tops 4 Education, Sunny D and Tyson labels to the front office.
- **SPIRIT WEAR IS STILL AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!**

General Announcements:

- When needing to pick your child up from school early for an appointment please call ahead to the grade level offices to let the clerk know when you will be at school. This will speed up the process especially if your child is on the PE field and needs to come in to change clothes before leaving or during lunches.
 - 6th Grade office extension 2129
 - 7th Grade office extension 2133
 - 8th Grade office extension 2126
 - Make sure to bring in a Photo ID to check out your child.
 - **NO PERMITS TO LEAVE WILL BE GIVEN AFTER 3:45PM EACH DAY.**
 - **ALL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES ARE HELD ON TUESDAY MORNINGS @ 8:50am.**
- From the Nurse: Please make sure your child is knows the importance of drinking plenty of water. Flu season is here! Please make sure your child is fever free for 24 hours before sending them back to school.
- From the Cafeteria: Please go to www.myschoolapps.com to apply online for Free and Reduced Lunches. It does take a few days for final approval. If you received the letter from Pinellas County Schools that you do not need to go online this is still true. This applies to all other families. **Letters are being sent home for students owing money via your student or mail.**
- There are **still seats available** in our YMCA program. If you are interested in this program for your child please go to www.ymcasuncoast.org to register.

- **Extended Learning Opportunities:** ELP offers credit recovery, course tutoring, assessment preparation, and remediation for participating students. Students will be able to sign up during lunches. For the schedule please click on the link provided. <https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/Domain/6390/ELP%20Schedule%20OMS%202018-19.pdf>
- Morning ELP – Ensure your student is at the car circle gate at 8AM. Teachers will not wait for students that are late as they must start their tutoring session.
 - After School ELP – Promptly pick-up your student at 5PM (5:10PM for STEM) in the car circle. It is essential that students be picked up on time in order to ensure students will be permitted to continue future ELP sessions.
 - Students not passing a class will receive a letter to sign up for Credit Recovery, please send these letters back in so we can get the student signed up and start Credit Recovery.
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!** We need volunteers for the front office and testing proctors. Please contact Ms. Mizia at miziaa@pcsb.org to schedule time to help out.

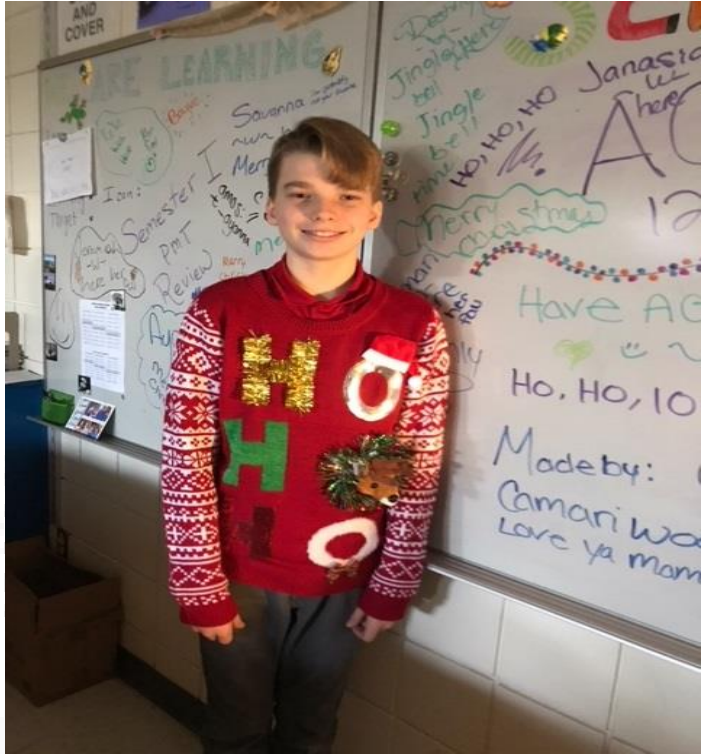
Additional Important Dates:

- **Monday, January 7th**
 - **No School for Students**
- **Tuesday, January 8th**
 - **CSI Club**
- **Wednesday, 9th**
 - **Gaming Club**
 - **PMAC Meeting**
 - **Boys Basketball AWAY Largo MS**
- **Thursday, January 10th**
 - **8th Grade Panormic Picture**
 - **STEM Club**
 - **Girls Basketball HOME vs. Largo MS**
- **Friday, January 11th**
 - **Unclub - Meet at the Gate by the front office at 8:30am - G202**

Happy Holiday from the Front Office Staff & Dr. Lowery!



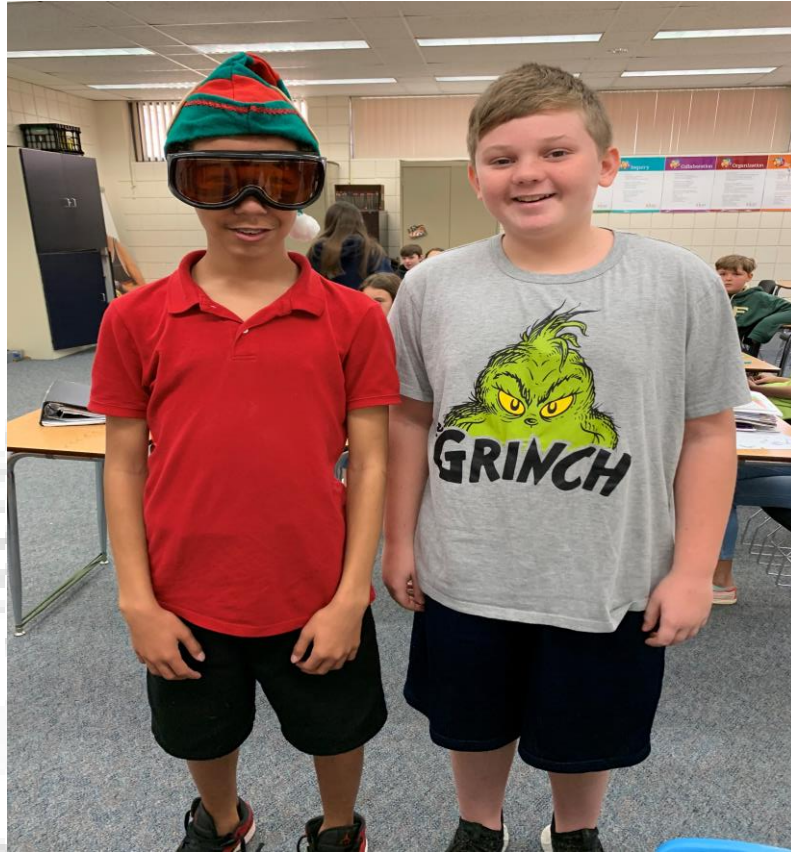
Gary has the holiday spirit!



Dr. Lowery and OMS Students in the Holiday Spirit!



Isiah and Christian showing thier spirit!



**Support Employee & Instructional Employees
for the month of December**

Iris Jaramillo - ESOL

Kelly Kelly - Media Center



MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION

Winter HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

DECEMBER 22ND - JANUARY 7TH

Over the course of winter break, we are encouraging families to work with their students to keep learning alive and active. Your challenge over Winter break is to engage in as many learning opportunities as possible by reading, watching, computing, or playing -- depending on the link. Each link will take you to a different page where a world of fun learning awaits. Individual schools, departments, or teachers will determine participation goals and what the rewards will be.

Happy Learning! Happy Holidays!

**LOG ON TO CLEVER, LOOK FOR THE HOLIDAY
CHALLENGE TILE AND GET STARTED TODAY!**

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