

OSCEOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Chiefs Weekly Updates

Week of October 22, 2018

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.

10/30 – Chic-Fil-A – 10790 Park Blvd., Seminole 5-8pm.

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 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.

- Buy your **OSCEOLA MIDDLE** yearbook for only \$35.00!

Online/Phone Orders: September 1 - December 17

School Orders: October 22 - October 26 and December 10 - December 14

Checks should be made payable to OSCEOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL, and the student's name and home phone number should be in the bottom left corner.

To use a credit card to order your yearbook call 1.866.287.3096 or go to www.yearbookordercenter.com and use order number 0355.

- **Non-Perishable Food Items Needed!!** 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 about 25 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.
 - If you would like to help create the food boxes to distribute please contact Ms. Shepard to schedule days and times.
 - If you would like to donate a turkey or money towards the purchase of a turkey please contact Ms. Shepard.
 - The food pantry is available **ALL YEAR** if a family should need it.
- Our book fair will be starting on October 22nd through the 26th in the media center. Parent night will be the 24th from 4:10 to 6:30. Or you can shop online starting the 14th. There is a new payment method this year called eWallet, see the following website for details.
<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/osceolamiddleschool7>
- **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.

➤ **PTSA:** Membership forms are now available! Please Join PTSA for only \$8!! **General Meeting November 15th at 5:30pm in the Media Center. Topic for the month: High School mini Magnet Fair**

- Schools/Programs represented will be:
 - Dixie Hollins - Culinary, Cambridge, Entertainment Arts
 - Pinellas Park HS – Criminal Justice Academy and First Responders
 - Pinellas Tech High School (Jacobson Tech High School)
 - Seminole High School – iHawk, iengineering, eCommerce (plus others)
 - Largo High School – ExCel and IB
 - Gibbs High School – BETA (business, economics, technology), and PCCA (Pinellas Center for the Arts)
- Please send in your Box Tops 4 Education, Sunny D and Tyson labels to the front office.

➤ 8th Grade Parents: High School Choice Information will be coming home soon! If you would like to apply for a magnet or fundamental high school program you will need a Parent Portal Username and Password to apply. 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. On November 15th at the PTSA Meeting we will have several of the high school's with programs available for you and your child to learn more about these programs. www.pcsb.org/choice

➤ **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!** We need volunteers for the front office, for the book fair and testing proctors. Please contact Ms. Mizia at miziaa@pcsb.org to schedule time to help out.

Additional Important Dates:

- **Monday, October 22nd RED RIBBON WEEK – SAY NOT TO DRUGS**
 - **Wear Red - to show you're drug-free and proud to be!**
 - **BOOK FAIR – MEDIA CENTER – All Week**
 - **Yeabook Sales – During Lunches – All Week \$35**
 - **Volleyball Practice – Girls mornings – Boys after school**

- **Tuesday, October 23rd**
 - **Team Up Against Drugs – wear your favorite team jersey or shirt**
 - **Volleyball practice – Girls mornings – Boys after school**
 - **CSI Club**

- **Wednesday, October 24th**

- **UNITY DAY - WEAR ORANGE** - Unite against bullying and together for kindness

Please join PMAC in recognizing Unity Day, October 24th. Unity Day is sponsored by the National Bullying Prevention Center, and is helping put an end to bullying. Please wear an orange shirt (must be in OMS dress code) and mix up who you are sitting with at lunch. During lunch on the 24th you may sing the Anti-Bullying pledge in the cafeteria. If you sign the pledge you are making a commitment to: support other who have been hurt or harmed, treat others with kindness, be more accepting of people's difference, and help include those who are left out.

- **Gaming Club**
- **TIPS Tutoring (Media Center)**
- **BOOK FAIR LATE NIGHT** - 4:15 - 6PM - MEDIA CENTER
- **Volleyball practice - Girls mornings - Boys after school**

- **Thursday, October 25th**

- **Sock it to drugs!** - wear mismatched/crazy socks
- **Club Picture Day**
- **STEM Club**
- **Volleyball practice - Girls mornings - Boys after school**

- **Friday, October 26th**

- **Unclub - Meet at the Gate by the front office at 8:30am - G202**
- **Stand Together Against Drugs**
 - 6th grade wear **WHITE**
 - 7th grade wear **NAVY**
 - 8th grade wear **BURGUNDY OR RED**
- **ACTIVITY DAY SCHEDULE**
 - **Academic Assemblies**
 - **Pep Rally**
 - **Student vs. Teachers Volleyball Game - Students must purchase ticket to go \$1**

Mr. Rivera will be hosting a Comedy Show fundraiser the 24th of November at Finleys Irish Pub for Student and STAFF Appreciation!! Last year it help raised over \$1500.00.

Address: 13477 S Belcher Rd, Largo, FL 33771

The show will be from 9 -10:30

From 8-9pm will be the time to for former students to meet with teachers.

BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Students MUST have a current physical, school insurance and the participation form turned in before they can tryout. If a physical was turned in at the beginning of the year, your child needs to go to the grade level office to get a copy.

School Insurance can be purchased at <https://www.pcsb.org/domain/2379>

Participation forms are in the front office of the school.

BOYS tryouts will be as follows...

6th Grade - Monday Nov 5th @ 7:30 AM

7th Grade - Tuesday Nov 6th @ 7:30 AM

8th Grade - Wednesday Nov 7th @ 7:30 AM

***** Boys must bring a copy of their first quarter grades**

A small group of 6th graders and 7th graders will be invited back each day for tryouts with the older grade levels.

Practices will begin Thursday, November 8th @ 7:30 AM.

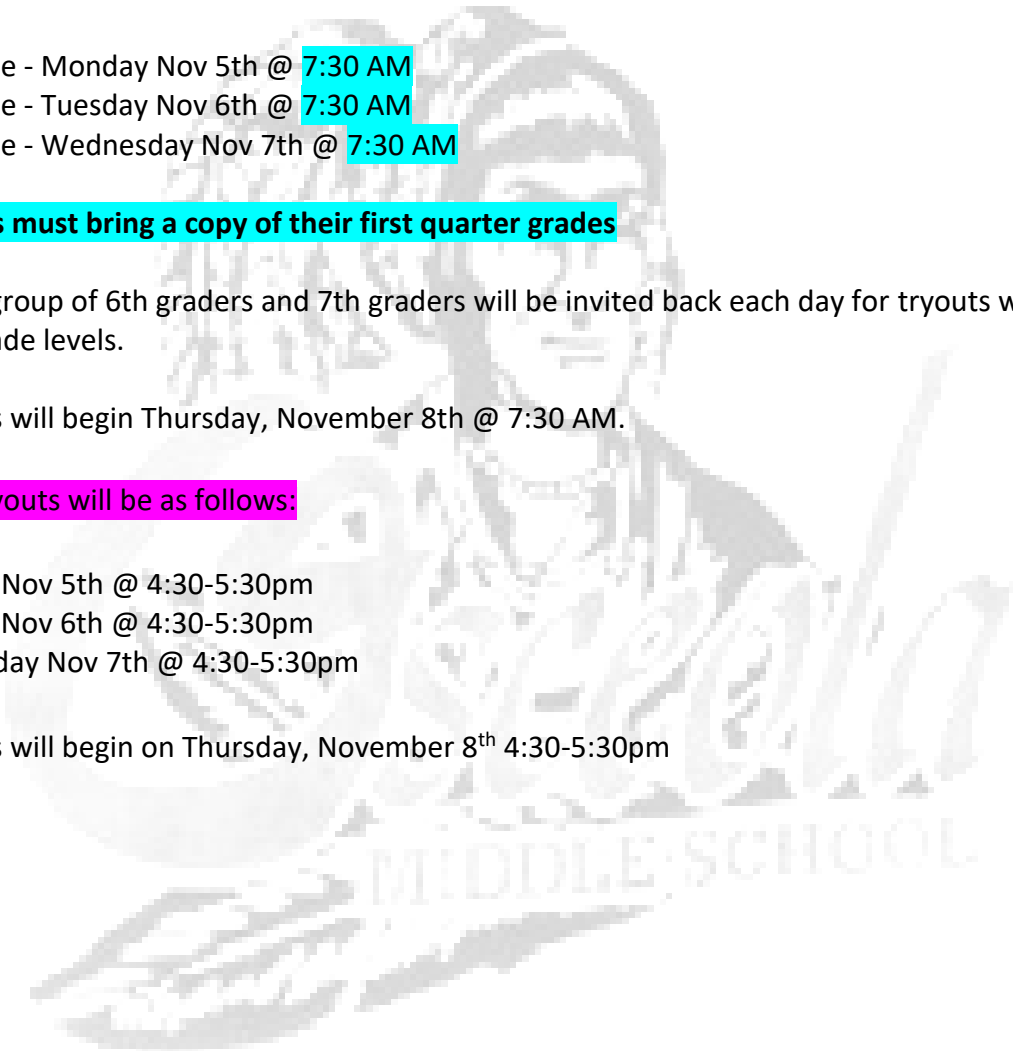
GIRLS tryouts will be as follows:

Monday Nov 5th @ 4:30-5:30pm

Tuesday Nov 6th @ 4:30-5:30pm

Wednesday Nov 7th @ 4:30-5:30pm

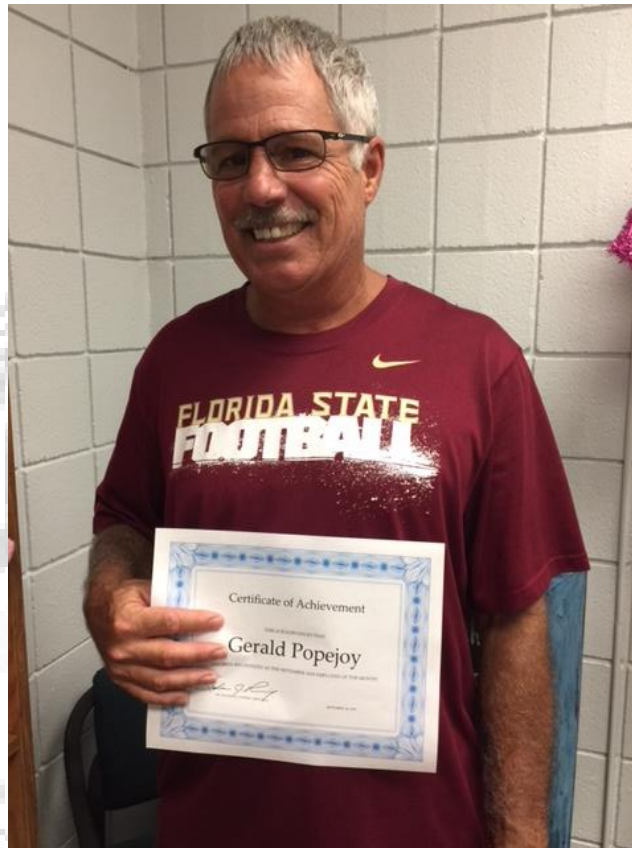
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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SEPTEMBER STAFF MEMBERS OF THE MONTH!

Coach Popejoy
PE
Volleyball Coach
Track & Field Coach

Support
Employee
Not Pictured
Ms. Janice Weeks



Surprise for Coach Popejoy at the last home Volleyball Game. Coach Popejoy will be retiring at the end of the school year.

