

## Parent Newsletter

## Week of: Dec 3-9, 2023





- PM 2 Testing on 12/12 – Small Group 12/13,12/14
- PBIS Quarter 4 Event on 12/21
- Winter Spirit Week 12/18-12/22
- End of Q2 and Early Release Day on 12/22





Lots to share as we race towards the end of the second 9 Weeks and the completion of first semester for the Class of 2027! I'm sure for parents it is hard to believe that half of your student's freshman year is almost over!

On December 12<sup>th</sup> freshman will take the ELA Progress Monitoring #2 test. This test will measure student growth in ELA for the first semester as well as give teachers valuable information about areas that students need additional instruction during the second semester. All freshman will come here that morning for testing. Please do not plan appointments if possible so that we can minimize makeups. Encourage your students to give their best effort! We will have incentives for students who earn ½ years growth from their PM #1 scores. Scores should be available on the parent portal in Skyward by 12/19/23 so parents can see student's progress as well.

Thank you to parents who reach out to us when you have concerns about possible bullying of your student or other students. School Board policy defines bullying as "systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students or employees". It is further defined as: unwanted purposeful written, verbal, nonverbal, or physical behavior, including but not limited to any threatening, insulting or dehumanizing gestures, by an adult or student, that has the potential to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment or cause long term damage, cause discomfort or humiliation; or reasonably interfere with the individual's school performance or participation is carried out repeatedly and is often characterized by an imbalance of power." That is a lot of info, but to keep it simple, we can help determine if a behavior is bullying by using this acronym, is it...**R**epeated, Imbalance of Power, **P**urposeful? Please use <u>this link</u> to access Bullying and Harassment Information, including forms to report suspected bullying.

Navigating and noticing the signs of possible substance abuse and risky behavior by teenagers is difficult at best. Please join the Prevention Coalition for Hidden In Plain Sight on December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> to learn how/what to look for as possible signs. <u>Click here for the flyer with time slots for each of the two days.</u>

Thank you for your support in ensuring students are leaving warm winter blankets at home. Having them on campus presents both a safety and hygiene issue. As we move into the winter months, please make sure students have a hoodie or jacket when they leave as some students are outside in the morning as long as 45 minutes if they have a bus that drops off at 6:30. We have a non-heated gym that is used when the temp is below 45 degrees.

With just 3 weeks to go in this semester, here is your "parent homework." Have your student pull up Skyward on their Chromebook. Then, click on this link, <u>Semester Grade Calculator</u>. You will have to make a copy, and then you can fill in their 1<sup>st</sup> 9 weeks in the colored cells and compare current quarter 2 grades to see if they are on track for semester grade needed. They will need to have a C for the semester to be on track to earn credits to promote and a 2.0 GPA for sports, clubs, and graduation. If they are not where they need to be in a class, help them plan to get there in the next 15 school days. We will have after school tutorial on Tuesday and Thursday through December 21<sup>st</sup>. Email me at <u>vicki.goggans@okee.k12.fl.us</u> and I will email you a permission slip or your student can come by 205 to pick one up.



**Calendar of Events** 

## This Week at a Glance

Date	@ School	Home or On Campus	Away
Monday 12/4/23		Girls' BBall vs Lincoln Park 5:00 pm	Girls' Soccer @ Centennial 4:00 pm
Tuesday 12/5/23		Boys' BBall vs Westwood 5:30 pm	
Wednesday 12/6/23	OHSFC SAC Meeting 5:00 pm Conf Room	Girls' BBall vs Moore Haven 6:00 pm	Girls' Weighlifting @ Centennial 3:00 pm
Thursday 12/7/23	Take Stock in Children Info @ lunches	Girls' Soccer vs Lake Placid 6:00 pm	Girls' Weighlifting @ Jensen Beach 3:30 pm Boys' BBall @ Ft Pierce Central 5:30 pm
Friday 12/8/23	Gifted with Mrs. Aaron	Girls' Soccer vs Desoto 6:00 pm	
Saturday 12/9/23			Dram IE Festival @ Treasure Coast HS

## Next Week at a Glance

Date	@ School	Home or On Campus	Away
Monday 12/11/23		Movie on the Field @ OHS 7:00PM	
Tuesday 12/12/23	FAST PM 2 Testing	Girls' Soccer vs South Fork 5:00 pm Boys' BBall vs PSL 5:30 pm OHS Band Concert 7:00 pm	
Wednesday 12/13/23	FAST PM 2 Testing – small group & makeups		Boys' Soccer @ Vero Beach 5:00 pm Boys' Basketball @ Glades Central 6:00 pm
Thursday 12/14/23	FAST PM 2 Testing- small group and makeups		Girls' Soccer @ Melbourne 6:00 pm
Friday 12/15/23			Wrestling @ North Ft Myers 5:00 pm Boys' Bball @ Bayside 6:00 pm Boys' Soccer @ Merrit Island 6:00 pm
Saturday 12/16/23			Wrestling @ North Ft Myers 9 am