



OHSFC PARENT NEWSLETTER

Week of: 9/24/2023

The prefrontal cortex

(the good decision-making part of the brain)

is not fully-developed until the age of 25.

HANG IN THERE.



Deadlines & Due Dates

- 10/13- End of Quarter 1
- 10/16 Teacher Work Day – no students
- 10/17 – 10/21 – Homecoming Week

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We are in the homestretch of the first quarter. The end of the first quarter is 3 weeks away. Please be sure you and your student are monitoring those quarter 1 grades, which will make up 50% of their semester grades. The best way to raise those grades is to take care of zeros!

Students who ordered pictures from our first picture day, August 22nd, should have received their packets to bring home last week. Retakes will be on Tuesday, October 3rd. We will have photographers here for any students that are new since the first date, were absent on August 22nd, or would like retakes. Please have students bring the photo package with them to return if they are wanting a retake.

Our Quarter 1 School Advisory Council meeting will be on Monday, October 2, at 5:30 pm. Come hear all about our School Improvement Plan and other great things happening at OHSFC. All parents are welcome to attend!

Homecoming activities will kick into high gear as October approaches. Next week we will have nominations and voting for homecoming court and Homecoming dance tickets will go on sale. The dance is on Saturday, Oct 21st at 7 pm in the OHS Cafeteria. Dress is formal/semiformal and students must adhere to dress code. Tickets will be sold during both lunches and are \$30 each. To purchase a ticket students must have paid any fines or fees owed. If you think your student might owe for a lost or damaged Chromebook, library book, etc they can have the person selling tickets check the list. Tickets usually sell out so do not procrastinate! Please [click here for a cheat sheet of Homecoming activities](#) the week of Oct 15- 21. [Click here for the Freshman Class Float Amazon Wish list](#). You can have items sent directly to our school or drop them off here or at Our Village Okeechobee. Float building starts on October 9th so please be prompt in ordering!

If your student is absent from school, please remember to submit a parent excuse note. District attendance policy allows us to accept up to 9 excused days for each semester with a parent excuse note. Absences due to medical treatments or appointments can be excused by a doctor's note; there is no limit on the number of days in a semester that are excused by a doctor's note. More than 15 unexcused absences in a semester may result in your student's driver's license being suspended. Please submit all excuse notes to our attendance secretary, Mrs. Shuey. Students can take the notes to her in 206 or turn them in to their 3rd period teacher to be turned in.

Students recently completed their FAST ELA Progress Monitoring 1 test. Parents can access these results via the Florida Family Portal. Please [click here for a flyer](#) with directions on how to access the portal and what information is kept in the portal. Teachers will have professional development this week on how to utilize student scores to plan for future instruction in understanding informational text and vocabulary development.

Winter sports will be starting up soon. If your child intends to participate in wrestling, boys/girls basketball or boys/girls soccer they will need a physical and have all information entered into Final Forms. Your student can pick up a sports packet with the forms and information in the main office – Room 205.

Each week Mr. Kenworthy publishes a quick video giving updates on what is happening in the Okeechobee County School District. Okeechobee High School has had highlights in each of the Around the District in 90 Seconds posts. [Click here to add it to your YouTube Channel](#).

Students have access via their Chromebooks to the FortifyFL app. The app allows students to anonymously report information that might be important to maintaining school security. The information is then sent to law enforcement and school administrators. The app is free and can be used on mobile devices as well. Go to <https://getfortifyfl.com/> to download the app on your mobile device and encourage your students to do the same.



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This Week at a Glance

Date	@ School	Home or On Campus	Away
Monday 9/25			
Tuesday 9/26		Volleyball v/s John Carroll 6:00 pm Bass Club Parent Meeting in Café 6:00 pm	Boy's Golf @ Jensen Beach 3:00 pm Girl's Golf @ Lincoln Park 3:30 PM
Wednesday 9/27		Volleyball v/s Martin County 5:00 pm	
Thursday 9/28		Volleyball SR Night vs Sebring 5:00	JV Football @ Lake Placid 6:00 pm Varsity Football @ Westwood 7:00 pm
Friday 9/29	Student of the Month Luncheon		
Saturday 9/30			

Next Week at a Glance

Date	@ School	Home or On Campus	Away
Monday 10/2	School Custodian Appreciation Day School Advisory Council Meeting 6:00 pm		
Tuesday 10/3	Picture Retake Day	Swimming vs Centennial 4 pm *Senior Night	Girl's Golf @ Ft. Pierce Central 3:30 Boy's Golf @ Ft. Pierce Central 3:30 Volleyball @ @ Ft. Pierce Central 5:00
Wednesday 10/4			
Thursday 10/5			JV Football @ Sebastian 6:00 pm Volleyball @ Lake Placid 6:00 pm
Friday 10/6	Pink Out Day	Pink Out VFootball 7:30 PM	
Saturday 10/7			JROTC Raider Meet