



HAWK TALES

Greetings!

It's been an excellent start to the 2019-20 school year! From classroom academics, to music performances, to an outstanding 2nd place finish in the county soccer tournament by our Lady Hawks, I could not be more impressed with how our students soar in and out of the classroom.

This year, we have added a number of new clubs for students to be part of. Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Pride Club, Math Club, and Gardening Club are some of the new clubs available to students. Don't forget about returning favorites like National Junior Honor Society, Youth in Government, Girls on the Run, and Intramurals. For a full listing of Maitland Clubs, and extra-curricular activities, please visit the MMS website and select the 'clubs' tab.

I would encourage parents to stay connected with the learning process by checking Skyward Parent Access daily, become a Canvas Observer, and by reaching out to classroom teachers when questions/concerns arise. Additionally, if you have not already done so, please consider joining our Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Over the course of the year, our PTA provides so much support to the teachers and students at Maitland Middle School. Your membership fee will help support initiatives such as the Heroic Hawk Award Ceremony, staff appreciation meals, the Winter Dance, community outreach projects, and the 8th grade party – to name a few. Joining is easy, simply click here to get more information.

Finally, we hope you will join us for our Winter Concert series presented by our amazing music department! Our teachers and students work so very hard to deliver an outstanding performance. Our winter series will kick off with all three music programs performing at the Lake Lily Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday December 7th. Please check the website, or my weekly newsletter, for a full listing of events.

It has been an outstanding year thus far and I am excited to see how our students will continue to soar in 2019-20!

Sincerely,
Andrew Leftakis
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Please log in to your ADDitions account and make any necessary updates for the 2019-2020 school year. Even if you are registered and active at other schools, you must search for and assign yourself to opportunities at Maitland Middle School. Current opportunities include Volunteer, Daytime Chaperone, PTSA Volunteer, and The Giver Field Trip. Stay tuned as more opportunities will become available throughout the year.

If you have forgotten your username and/or password, select the reset password option and then click the box for both username and password. The system will search for the last email address on file and give you the option to reset and update your account for the year. If you have any questions, please reach out to our ADDitions Coordinator, Ms. Delaney at kelly.delaney@ocps.net or 407-623-1462 x 5172284.

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CANVAS PARENT OBSERVER ACCOUNT SET-UP

Students:

1. Login to your Canvas by going to Launch.ocps.net
2. Click on "account" in the upper left hand corner of your screen once you are in Canvas.
3. Click "settings."
4. Once in settings, click "pair with observer" and write down the code that is generated.

Parents:

1. Login to canvas.ocps.net and click on "parent login."
2. Register for a canvas account, and then enter the "student pairing code" from step four from the student section above.
3. You should now have access to view your student's courses

STUDENT DEVICE REMINDERS

- Students are responsible for his/her laptops at all times
- Students are responsible for charging the laptop every night and bringing it every day
- Never share passwords!!
- When transitioning from class to class, the laptop should be placed in the backpack
- Compatible earbuds should be brought to school every day
- Laptops are not to be out during lunch periods
- If students need tech support, they may go to the media center during 2nd and 6th periods
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<p>Step 1-Auto log in to Launch.</p>	<p>Step 2-Click on the Library Research Tools icon</p>
<p>Step 3- Click on the Virtual Library Card.</p>	<p>Step 4-click on this link</p>
<p>Step 5- Scroll down until you get to the Tutoring link and click on the <u>Brainfuse</u> link.</p> <p>Tutoring Middle/High School Students (8th-12th Grade)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brainfuse—Connect with a qualified tutor for expert help in Math, Science, Social Studies, English, English as a Second Language, Computer Literacy, Test Preparation (such as GED, SAT and ACT) and Writing Assistance. 	<p>Step 6: Log in with your OCLS student id number and date of birth YYYYMMDD.</p> <p>brainfuse</p> <p>Card number: <input type="text"/> Pin: <input type="text"/></p> <p><input type="button" value="Log In"/></p>

The screenshot shows the Brainfuse HelpNow website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links: Home, Expert Help, Study, Collaborate, and Adult Learners. A banner below the navigation bar states "Tutors are available every day 2:00 PM to 11:00 PM EDT". The main content area is divided into three columns: Expert Help, Study, and Collaborate. Each column lists various services available, such as Live Tutoring, Writing Lab, SkillSurfer, Send Question, Language Lab, LEAP Learning Platform, FlashBulb, eParachute, MEET, and Brainwave.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Students in all grade levels are working on expository writing, focusing on grade-appropriate skills such as writing a concise thesis, supporting the thesis with smoothly integrated evidence and using transitions to link ideas together logically and clearly. And finally, using both poetry, fiction and nonfiction, students are analyzing text structure – how are texts structured, what evidence can we discern that tells us that, and ultimately, why did the writer choose to structure the text in that way? How does the structure of the text affect the meaning?

Coming up: learning about allusions. Moving forward some students will be reading and discussing suspenseful stories. Others will be doing novel studies of titles such as “Miles Morales” by Jason Reynolds or “Towers Falling” by Jewell Parker Rhodes.

Diagnostic testing has been completed, and ELA teachers continue to integrate iReady curriculum into their standard-level classes. While not required for advanced level students, the access is available for any student who needs support in their language arts skills.

SOCIAL STUDIES

In World History we are learning about early humans and the shift from the early ages of hunting food and people constantly moving from place to place to the Agricultural Revolution where humans began to farm for food and established communities for the first time. We are also learning about the seven characteristics that make a civilization and are creating their own civilization based on the characteristics.

In Mr. Carter's class we have been working on the different aspects of a civilization by creating and constructing a civilization as a class inside of the game Minecraft. Students were assigned an aspect of a civilization and together they had to complete a total civilization.

Civics has learned about what influenced our founding fathers to form the form and system of government we have today. We learned why the Articles of Confederation were weak, and will continue with why the Constitution was created. November is the month we do our elections and campaigns unit, as well.

The amazing story of the beginnings of our country is the focus of our 8th grade U.S. History classes. Our students have been steeped in the discovery, exploration and development of the “New World”. They have investigated the formation of the original 13 colonies and have learned about the struggle for independence and the radical new idea of “all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” Our 8th graders will soon be discovering the beginnings of our constitutional republic and the fabulous example that George Washington will set as to the integrity and moral leadership of the office of the presidency of our country!

SCIENCE

In Sixth Grade Comprehensive Science 1 classes, students are finishing a unit on Earth's Changing Surface and Landforms. Students will then begin a unit study on The Earth Systems and Atmosphere. In Sixth Grade Life Science classes, students are studying Cells during this nine weeks. Students will learn about unicellular and multicellular organisms, as well as prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells. Students will then learn how to relate structure to function for the components of plant and animal cells. Work with their lab team, students will research topics related to cells and then create 3-D models of cells using recycled items. Parents, please continue to check your child's progress in Skyward. Class information can be found in your child's class Canvas page for Science. Mrs. FitzPatrick, Ms. Simasek and Dr. Albright wish all of our students and families a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday break!!

In Seventh grade Earth Space Science Honor classes students are studying movement in the solar system which includes tides, seasons and phases of the moon. 7th grade Comprehensive Science 2 classes are finishing a unit on heat and temperature and will test next week. They will then begin a unit on waves next week.

The Science Fair Club meets on Thursday mornings at 8:45 am. Students are working on designing and conducting STEM related experiments to participate in the regional science fair in February.



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SPANISH

Our Spanish classes have gotten off to a great start! Enhorabuena!

Our Spanish 2 students are diving right into the PAST tense and all its regular and irregular forms. We are expanding our vocabulary when it comes to talking about trips and vacations, shopping and the foods we like. Additionally we have explored the cultures of Costa Rica, Argentina and Puerto Rico. Our latest presentations have been on different artists of the Spanish-speaking world. The students did an amazing job at presenting their PowerPoints in Spanish! Muy bien todos!

Beginner Spanish students are acquiring some basic new vocabulary on foods, classroom objects, and weather. They had some great lessons on Telling Time and Numbers. We are now getting a taste of the Present Tense and the students are really taking to it! Additionally they produced awesome presentations on the different Spanish Speaking countries, which they shared with the class. We all learned so much. I am so proud of my Beginner Spanish Students! Spanish 1 students are hard at work solidifying the Present Tense and its many irregular forms. They worked on an informative project on the Flags of the different Spanish speaking countries. Their latest presentations produced entirely in Spanish are a culmination of their lessons to date.... They used many of the concepts we have been working on all year. They can comfortably express where they are from, how old they are, what characteristics describe them, and what they dislike and like to do. Way to go!

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FINE ARTS

Art students are finishing their unit on watercolor painting. We learned about Winslow Homer and tried to paint one of his pictures. It was a good challenge. We are currently painting our own watercolor from a nature photograph. 7th graders just got back from a field trip to the Orlando Museum of Art where they saw illustrations that have won the Coretta Scott King Illustrators Award. 8th graders went on a field trip to the Architects of Air, immersion festival. It was a wonderful experience to be immersed in art.



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CHORUS & MUSICAL THEATER

October was full of song as parents visited for our second annual "Solfege and Sweets" event in chorus classes! This is the day that parents and guardians can visit Boys Choir and Beginning Girls Chorus. The choirs get a chance to not only sing songs for their families, but to show off some of the great music literacy they are learning in class so far. Singers gave demonstrations of sightreading, singing using hand signs, sight reading rhythm and melodies as well as demonstrating vocal techniques. The proud parents stayed to share some treats, smiles and hugs with their super singers.



The Fall Spotlight performance for Musical Theatre and Musicales was very successful! The groups combined to present a program of musical theatre and world music. The common theme was the gift of expression through song. Students played African percussion on some of the pieces. Musical Theatre students presented some of the monologs they had learned in class. They also led the entire audience in creating a body percussion rainstorm complete with umbrella choreography created by Advanced Musical Theatre Class. It was a great showcase of Maitland's amazing talent!



Finding out this year's musical was a sweet surprise for the Musical Theatre classes. The students are excited to present the classic children's tale, Willy Wonka! The show is a treat for the imagination, full of iconic characters and some peppermint twists on Roald Dahl's famous story. Musical Theatre classes have been busy preparing and presenting singing, acting and dance audition segments. They've even begun making some of the many props for this delicious show. They look forward to having the cast list posted soon. Save the date now for our spring show, April 4, 5, 6 - Golden tickets to the show go on sale after spring break.

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The **Brown Bag Book Club** will meet on the first Thursday of each month in the library media center during lunch. The club is open to any interested students in all grade levels. This opportunity is brought to us by our friends at the Winter Park Public Library.

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Monday-Friday	November 25-29	Thanksgiving Break
Friday	December 20	End of Second Marking Period
Two Weeks	Dec. 23-Jan. 3	Winter Break
Monday	January 6	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday
Tuesday	January 7	Begin Third Marking Period Begin Second Semester
Monday	January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (Schools and District Offices Closed)
Monday	February 17	Presidents' Day Holiday (Schools Closed/District Offices Open)
Thursday	March 12	End of Third Marking Period
Friday	March 13	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday
Monday-Friday	March 16-20	Spring Break (Schools Closed/District Offices Open)
Monday	March 23	Begin Fourth Marking Period
Monday	May 25	Memorial Day Holiday (Schools and District Offices Closed)
Wednesday	May 27	End of Fourth Marking Period/Last Day of School
Thursday-Friday	May 28-29	Post-Planning (2 Days)



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CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Knitting & Crochet Club

The Maitland Knitting & Crochet Club has started meeting. Our goal is to teach students and staff how to knit & crochet and create projects to benefit our community. Scheduled activities include hats for babies in the NICU and squares for Warm UP America!

Chess Club

Chess club is up and running smoothly. Enrollment is up from last year. We are looking forward to holding on to the district champion title, and therefore are currently preparing for upcoming tournaments. New members are always welcome. Chess club meets each Monday after school in the media center with Mr. Ziegler. No signup or experience required.

National Junior Honor Society

NJHS has a strong focus on community service. NJHS is very active with almost 40 students that are new members or current candidates. National Junior Honor Society is asking ALL students to participate in the Food Drive by bringing to school non-perishable food items. The Food Drive benefits families in our community and provides them with a Thanksgiving meal. As an incentive, the 1st period class with the most items collected wins a donut and juice party! National Junior Honor Society collect and sort donated items Tuesday after school. Collection ends on Tuesday, 11/12.

Garden Club

Students and staff have started a garden club on campus with the goal of growing a variety of vegetables this winter to share with our fellow Hawks and our community. Students have sowed seeds in our science labs for spinach, lettuce, peas, radishes, onions, and broccoli, just to name a few and are very excited to see their sprouts, prepare for transplanting, and to watch their garden grow! We are grateful for this learning lab with real world connections that we are able to share with students this year. If you have questions about this club, please reach out to Ms. Simasek, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, or Ms. Delaney. Let's GROW Hawks!



Math Club

Math Club: Meets on Thursdays from 4:00-4:45 in Mrs. Rivera's room, #118.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) has come back to Maitland Middle School. We meet from 8:30-9:00 on Tuesdays with Mrs. Ashcraft in portable 126.

Pride Club

Maitland Middle it proud to announce a new club on campus: the Pride Club, also known as the Gay Straight Alliance. Meetings will be held on Thursdays after school in Portable 126 from 4:15pm to 5:15pm. You must be a member of the YMCA to attend. YMCA application forms are located in the front office.

Green Team

Green Team is doing a great job at improving sustainability here at MMS. The enrollment is up and we have a terrific group of students leading our recycling initiatives. Students are looking forward to creating posters and commercials to educate their peers on how to improve their recycling habits. We also look forward to implementing an "Earth Day is Every Day" campaign. Green Team meets every Monday after school in the cafeteria. Any student can join as long as they have a YMCA application on file.

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ATHLETICS

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Our volleyball teams are excited and ready to go for the 2019-2020 school year.

- 10/28 @ 5:15 HOME vs. Audubon Park
- 10/30 @ 4:30 HOME vs. Lockhart
- 11/06 @ 4:30 **AWAY** at OCPS-Academic Center for Excellence (OCPS-ACE)
- 11/11 @ 5:15 **AWAY** at Howard
- 11/13 @ 4:30 **AWAY** at College Park
- 11/18 @ 5:15 HOME vs. Renaissance Charter
- 11/20 @ 4:30 HOME vs. Glenridge

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ADVENTHEALTH PARTNERSHIP

AdventHealth has partnered with Maitland Middle School to establish a Social Emotion Learning program to address the school's culture and climate through staff attitudes and training, organization and structure (school and classroom management), teaching and modeling, and programs and activities, such as the desired program – **Character Development and Leadership**.

PROJECT GOAL/SCOPE OF SERVICES

Behavior change requires a consistent team approach; therefore, this desired program is designed to be deliberate, pervasive, systematic and systemic in its content and delivery. The aim is to decrease out of school suspensions and increase attendance, while creating an environment that supports and provides a common language of shared values.

The **Character Development & Leadership** Curriculum utilizes a consistent set of 12 lesson plans to teach each of the 18 character trait units. This is both the simplicity and the beauty of this curriculum. Once students understand the 12 lesson plans, they know what to expect, which provides consistency. At the same time, one ethical dilemma (for example) doesn't look like the next, so each lesson plan is unique and fresh. Look for more ways AdventHealth is partnering.



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