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MIDDLE SCHOOL

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VISION STATEMENT

Chain of Lakes Middle School is a community of students, parents and teachers, which strives to ensure that all members are successfully growing in academic and social development. We believe in educating the entire student in a safe, diversified environment in order to prepare for life's opportunities and challenges. We promote academic excellence, a life-long love of learning and responsible citizenship.

Growing Together, Learning for Life

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Osprey Family,

I would like to begin by thanking our students, faculty and staff for the hard work that they put into the recently completed FSA and EOC exams. The students' attendance and behavior were nothing short of outstanding throughout the extended testing window. However, I'm sure that everyone is relieved to have that task behind us!

The 2020-2021 school year has been a very unique one. As I reflect on the year, I see wonderful accomplishments and hopefully you see those as well. With starting the school year with a pandemic, Face to Face students and Launch Ed students have been resilient during this adjustment period. Students have risen to the occasion and have done everything that has been asked to make sure everyone remained safe on campus. Although school has looked much different this year, students have continued to learn and achieve success. Although we were not able to hold events this year, we were able to recognize our Ospreys for participating in tutoring and our school wide intramurals. I attribute these successes to our hardworking responsible students, committed parents, supportive community and dedicated faculty and staff.

As we reflect upon this year's successes, we have to wholeheartedly thank our parents and community for their outstanding support! As always, our Chain of Lakes Middle School PTSA has been extremely helpful through their sponsorship of monthly teacher appreciation events, Teacher Appreciation Week, and so many other wonderful activities. Whether planning a student event or raising money to help an Osprey in need, our PTSA works tirelessly to make Chain of Lakes the best school that it can be. Additionally, we are very appreciative of our Partners in Education businesses and community members for their ongoing support of Chain of Lakes Middle School. We could not achieve success without you! Thank you for being an integral part of the team and working zealously to make this a productive and magnificent school year.

As we approach the end of this school year, we wish our eighth graders well as they move on to high school. They have bright futures ahead of them. We commend them for all of their hard work as students at Chain of Lakes. We know that they are prepared with the skills and work habits that they need in order to be successful at the next level. Concurrently, we look forward to the 2021-2022 school year with our incoming sixth graders and our upcoming seventh and eighth graders. Our ongoing goal is to be committed to their academic success and social progression and development.

In closing, have a safe and restful summer and we will see you in August!

Cheron L. Anderson
Principal

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Cheron Anderson
Principal





Florida Statutes require middle school students to successfully pass three (3) unique courses in each of the following areas before promotion to high school:

- English Language Arts (ELA)
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social studies

Students must pass all core courses listed above for grades 6, 7, and 8 prior to transitioning to high school. Students must earn a final year-to-date grade of 60% to pass a subject. If students do not earn a "D" or higher in each of these core courses each school year, they will be required to attend summer school to recover the failed course.

Students also have the opportunity to attend a voluntary Acceleration and

Enrichment Camp this summer. This program is for:

- Students performing below grade level in ELA/Reading and Math (but not failing)
- Students who have experienced regression in ELA/Reading and Math (but not failing)
- Algebra & Geometry Calculus Project Students

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM AND BUS INFORMATION

Any registrations received after April 23rd cannot be guaranteed approval or transportation. Registration confirmations have been sent to the e-mail address parents attached to the registration; if there was no e-mail provided, confirmations were sent to the student e-mail address. Final details for the program will also be sent via e-mail before the last day of the school year.

Please see below for some important things to know:

- Summer program dates are June 2 – July 27 (no school July 1-2 and July 5-9).
- Summer program times are 9:30am – 2:45pm.
- Complete details, including transportation assignments, will be e-mailed to students prior to the end of the school year.
- At this time, all programs will be conducted with face-to-face instruction.

For more information about our summer programs or promotion status, you may call the Chain of Lakes front office, or email the school counselor

For all 6th grade students and 7th grade last names A-L, please contact Ms. P at Ayesha.pittendreigh@ocps.net.

For all 8th grade students and 7th grade last names M-Z, please contact Ms. Stoner at Ashley.stoner@ocps.net.

YMCA SUMMER ZONE

Parents if you are interested on registering your child in YMCA Summer Zone Camp, please see the flyer with the information and scan the QR code to visit the website and register!

FRIENDS FUN ADVENTURE

YMCA of Central Florida MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER ZONE

Camp sessions at our Middle School Summer Zones offer exciting activities and choice-based specialty tracks that empower kids to follow their own path.

PROGRAM INFO

Camper Eligibility
Camp is for incoming sixth graders through outgoing eighth graders

Session Time
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Session Cost
Camp is free to attend thanks to grant funding from the Orange County Government

Session Dates
June 1 through July 23
(No sessions July 5-9)

LOCATIONS

Avalon Middle School
Bridgewater Middle School
Conway Middle School
Discovery Middle School
Glenridge Middle School

Liberty Middle School
Southwest Middle School
Union Park Middle School
Walker Middle School
Westridge Middle School

Additional Program Details
Campers must be an Orange County resident in order to attend Summer Zone at available locations. Face-to-face and virtual students must register online to participate. Specialty tracks vary by location. Please contact your school's YMCA Program Site Supervisor to see what's offered at your school. Breakfast and lunch will be provided each day, and campers will also receive a free t-shirt. Visit our website to see YMCA Camp Safety Procedures.

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Student Code of Conduct

It is important that students understand the policies and procedures of OCPS. Please take a moment and review with your child a copy of the OCPS Student Code of Conduct at:

<https://www.ocps.net/cms/one.aspx?pagelid=697640>

Same rules will be applied for Summer School.

Cell Phones

Same policy for summer classes. Students must silence and put away cell phones before entering class. Cell phones should be placed in a student backpack or purse and not removed until dismissal. Please make sure your student is following this policy.



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Band News!

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE MUSIC PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

This year, our Symphonic Band students attended Solo and Ensemble in a completely different way, because of COVID-19. They were able to prepare solos, to be performed with piano, and evaluated by judges. Our students practiced with the recorded accompaniment part, and most students recorded a video, here at school, that was uploaded, for the judge. The students met with their judge, who listened to their performance, and then discussed the piece, and had them try different techniques on their instrument, on their judging day, all on the computer. It took a lot of maturity, on the student's part. *I am pleased to announce that we had 15 superior ratings, 2 excellent ratings, and 3 comments only ratings.*



VIRTUAL AWARDS' NIGHT was Friday, May 21st. A link was sent to students and parents.

SCHOOL-OWNED INSTRUMENT RETURN for LAUNCH-ED STUDENTS were held on Thursday, May 14th, Friday, May 15th, Monday, May 18th and Tuesday, May 19th. Students were asked to come to the band room (Room 207), to check-in their instrument, from 8:30am-9:00am or 4:00pm-4:30pm. Once the instruments are inventoried and cleaned, current 6th and 7th graders can pick up their instrument for summer practice. If you are unable to come to school, to pick them up for summer use, I will personally bring them to your family. Students enjoy keeping up in the summer, so that they do not get behind. Each student will have a packet of music to practice. *Students moving to 9th grade can secure a school-owned instrument from their new high school.*

STORE INSTRUMENTS are simply kept for practicing through the summer. When you keep your skill up, you just get better and better!

CALENDARS ARE ALREADY being set for next school year. We are looking forward to the MANY things we will be doing next year that we could not do this year.

NEXT YEAR'S JAZZ BAND

WE ARE LOOKING FOR GUITARISTS, for jazz band next year. Many of our current students will add a second instrument, and be a part of our Jazz Band.

NEXT YEAR'S BANDS


We are setting next year's bands now, and they look extremely strong. I am looking forward to being all together again, so we can all support one another in a face-to-face classroom and play together!

Our 6th and 7th graders have been amazing this year, many having to learn a brand new skill, during our learning environment, related to Covid-19. You are the heroes, along with our 8th graders, and we can't wait to see you, when school is back in session!

8TH GRADERS

We want to wish all of our wonderful 8th graders well, as they move on to high school. They have been a wonderful asset to our band program and will do great things at Olympia HS and Dr. Phillips HS, especially as members of those two wonderful band programs!

Should you need to reach me about any band-related questions, please contact me at Andrea.Tobin@ocps.net.





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Theatre

In theatre, our Dramateers have been involved in three productions.

1. Night on Broadway –Students showcased their knowledge, vocal and character talents by performing their favorite Broadway Song to a live audience.
2. Students were involved in a community project with Irvin Legal and Southwest Middle School. Students collaboratively researched the 1st Amendment Case of Hazelwood School District V. Kuhlmeier. They wrote their own script based upon their research and performed through a streamed event.
3. Check Please -Students performed their first live play of Check Please and Check Please Take 2! A comedy about dating that takes place in a restaurant and all of the characters they meet.

I want to thank the students and parents for keeping the "Light On" in theatre this year. It was a challenging year but the students made it happen this year from Thespians, to Irvin Legal, to two streamed performances and two live shows.

We look forward to seeing those of you who will return in the fall and want to extend my gratitude and best wishes for my 8th graders moving on to high school. I am so proud of you! Have a fun summer!

Mrs. Barrows

Irvin Legal Pictures



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Sports Intramurals

Sports intramurals are over and the students had a great time. All OCPS guidelines were followed as far as safety measures. All of the sports did training and active practices while also teaching players the rules of the game, guidelines and strategies to be successful. All players received a certificate for each of the sport that they participated in as well. Thank you to all who participated in the program.



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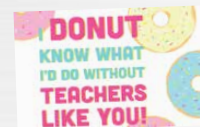
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..... **Friday** PTSA Breakfast



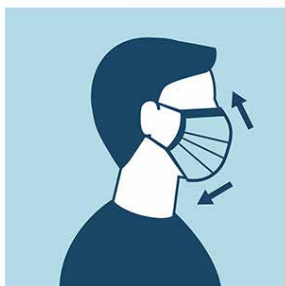
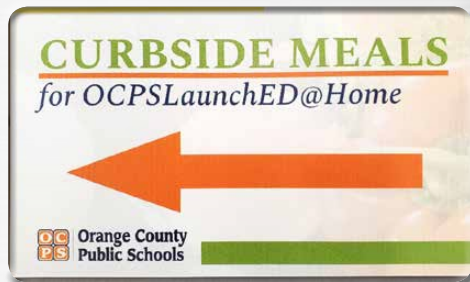
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Curbside Meal Distribution Program

On Monday June 7th, Summer Curbside meal distribution will begin from 3pm until 6pm, except for holidays, at 66 school sites and 1 church site. Chain of Lakes will not have curbside distribution this summer. To see the list of participating summer curbside sites, please access link below or visit the OCPS website. <http://ow.ly/bOWb50EQHET>



Face Covering Policy for Face To Face Students

Face coverings/masks are required on campus all the time for Summer school. Except while eating or drinking during designated meal and break times. **Keep in mind:**

- Neck gaiters and neck buffs are not permitted.
- Masks with exhalation valve are not permitted.

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National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) statistical data below:

- 1 in 5 U.S. adults experience mental illness each year
- 1 in 20 U.S. adults experience serious mental illness each year
- 1 in 6 U.S. youth aged 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year
- 50% of all lifetime mental illness begins by age 14, and 75% by age 24
- Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among people aged 10-34

Please see the link below from the Mental Health America and The Youth Mental Health Project who produced some excellent resources you may find beneficial and some activities that were done for the month May.

<https://ymhproject.org/childrens-mental-health-awareness-week/#events>

Registration News!

Have you moved recently? If so, please contact our school (407)909-5400 for the procedure to update your address. It is important to keep the school updated with current home and email address and phone information.

All upcoming 7th grade students needs to have the FL 680 (immunizations) record on file BEFORE attending classes on campus.