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Principal's Letter

Dear Parents and Students,

It seems like just yesterday the students returned from Winter Break and now we are already in February. It's hard to believe that we are at the mid-point of the school year. We are in the third quarter and in the home stretch for our seniors with our graduation date set for May 28, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the South Florida Fairgrounds.

Just prior to the holiday break we received word from the Florida Department of Education that our graduation rate for the class of 2018 was 99.2%. This graduation percentage was the highest of all comprehensive high schools in Palm Beach County! We are very proud of our students and staff for this accomplishment and are currently working hard to maintain that level of excellence.

We finished our diagnostic testing for English Language Arts (ELA) in January. Traditionally these scores have been the most accurate tool in predicting FSA performance. They help provide valuable information as we look to remediate and reteach concepts to help students learn and grow. These tests give us information as to possible areas of weakness that we may need to concentrate on prior to the new FSA testing. Students with predicted levels of 1 and 2 will be invited to tutoring after school beginning in mid-February. If your child is invited, please take advantage of this free service. Our juniors will also be taking the SAT during the school day on Wednesday, March 6th. This test is free to all current juniors and is a great opportunity for your child to take the test during a school day instead of a Saturday morning.

Olympic Heights is coordinating a series of recognition events to mark the first anniversary of the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. This is a day to honor the 17 victims lost in the tragedy. Student Government is selling MSD/OH T-shirts to be worn on February 14, 2019. All proceeds will be donated to the MSD Initiative Fund. In addition, the school will be planting a tree in honor of the victims and having a moment of silence to remember the lives lost.

We will be holding our annual "Buddy Bash" fund raising event on February 22nd to raise money for the Best Buddies Organization. This is a phenomenal event that two years ago resulted in Olympic Heights being named the top fund raising entity in Palm Beach County by the Best Buddies national organization I am extremely proud of our students' hard work and commitment.

Last year, we were fortunate to have a new Parent Teacher Organization started at Olympic Heights. Amy Dow and Leslie Winograd have worked endless hours for the PTO. Thanks to their efforts, along with the other members, the PTO has already donated funds to help with new parking cones and barricades for the school. They also worked with SGA to provide the staff with gifts for the holidays. Many thanks to the PTO for their ongoing support of the school and staff!

As we enter the long stretch prior to FSA/EOC testing in May, I want to remind all of our students to keep working hard and remain focused. Parents, I want to thank you for your continuing support in your child's education and please let the administration know if there is anything that we can do to assist you.

Sincerely, Kelly M. Burke, *Principal*

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The Big Red Bus <u>BE A DONOR</u> <u>HELP US SAVE LIVES!</u>

The Big Red Bus for blood donors will roll up to Olympic Heights for the last time this school year on March 7, 2019 (ODD DAY) for students and staff to have the opportunity to donate a very powerful lifesaving gift. Students who are 16 years of age (with parent permission) or older are able to attend the blood drive through an appointment card that is completed by the student and provided to their teacher. The students also receive a t-shirt, food and community service hours for their participation. Over the past seven years we have been able to save thousands of lives through our generous donations. Sign up in the cafeteria the week before or go to Room 6103. SAVE THE DATE!

School Counseling Department

2019 Pathfinder Nominees

The Pathfinder High School Scholarship is presented to high school seniors from Palm Beach and Martin County who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in 16 academics, vocational, and athletic categories. The students chosen by Olympic Heights have already submitted a detailed packet. Students will be interviewed at Palm Beach Atlantic University. They will attend an awards ceremony at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach. We are very proud of what our nominees have already accomplished and know they will represent Olympic Heights in a professional manner as they continue through the Pathfinder process.

Academic Excellence: Noah Towbin Art: Kaitlyn Camicia Business: Mariana Vallejo Community Involvement: Jacob Pasternack Computer Science: Renan Queiroz Drama: Ashton Bianchi Foreign Language: Bryce Sontag Forensics/Speech: Celeste Echtey History/Political Science: Alexander Flores Literature: Conner Murphy Mathematics: Alexander Glotov Music/Vocal: Dana Hernandez Reach for Excellence: Cassandra Michel Science: Benjamin Kaufman Sports: William Cunningham Technical/Vocational: Caleb Castillo

School Counseling Upcoming Events

- Report Cards: January 24th <u>Sent Home with Student</u> (This is the last year hardcopies will be sent home, moving forward they will be available through SIS.)
- 9th Grade Course Selection Presentation: February 6 & 7
- 9th Grade Course Selection Due: February 13 & 14
- 10th Grade Course Selection Presentation: February 13 & 14
- 10th Grade Course Selection Due: February 20 & 21
- 11th Grade Course Selection Presentation: February 19 & 20
- 11th Grade Course Selection Due: February 27 & February 28
- Inside Track to College Presentation "College Planning Night" for 9th & 10th grade students & Parents: January 31st at 6:00 in the Media Center
- In School SAT Day: March 6th (Please bring at least two (2) sharpened pencils and your own CollegeBoard approved calculator.)

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School Counseling Department (continued..)

Small Group Counseling

Our school counseling department and outside organizations (The Faulk Center and Jewish Family Services) will be providing group counseling sessions starting in February during the school day. If you would like your child to participate please contact Dr. Vanderpool by email (Samantha.Vanderpool@palmbeachschools.org or by phone at 561-852-6915).

- Student Success Skills: This will help students develop cognitive, social, and selfmanagement skills to improve student performance. They will be working on skills such as: goal setting, memory skills, test-taking strategies, and more.
- New Students: Students who are new to Olympic Heights and can benefit from meeting other new students.
- Teen Cope: Students who may be having or who are at risk for emotional and behavioral problems. Students will be able to learn skills to better regulate their emotions, manage difficult circumstances, and navigate relationships successfully. The group is primarily for teens who are dealing with emotional issues. The group also focuses on promoting self-esteem, coping with and reducing unpleasant emotions, problem solving, and other topics.
- Teen Connect: Students who are socially anxious or have trouble making and keeping friends and for teens who are interested in increasing their ability to make connections with other peers. The group focuses on improving communication through role playing; how to start and keep a conversation; problem-solving and conflict resolution strategies; and building self-esteem and interpersonal relationships.
- Mindfulness and Self-awareness: Students who could use help with stress or anxiety.

Class of 2019

There was a senior meeting on January 31 during 3rd period for all seniors. The seniors received a packet of information that should be shared with all parents. Please check with your child to be sure you have all the information you need in preparation of the graduation ceremony on May 28!

Summary of Events:

•	April 12	Prom (Pavilion Grille of Boca Raton 7:00 p.m11:00 p.m.)
•	April 26	Grad Bash Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure, Orlando FL
	-	(Leave Olympic Heights at 3:15 p.m. and return at 5:30 a.m 6:00 a.m.
•	April 29	Senior Awards Night (OHCHS Theater 6:00 p.m.)
•	May 16/17	Senior Exams (10 + Absences)
•	May 17	Last Day for Seniors
•	May 21	Senior Activity - TBD
•	May 22	Senior Checkout (Mandatory OHCHS Gym 8:00 a.m10:30 a.m.)
•	May 24	Graduation Rehearsal (Mandatory OHCHS Gym 9:00 a.m.)

Graduation (South Florida Fairgrounds) 9:00 a.m. May 28

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Buddy Bash

On Friday, February 15, Olympic Heights will be holding our third annual Buddy Bash during 7th period on the football field. This is a fun and exciting field day event aimed to raise awareness and funds for Best Buddies: a nonprofit organization and club at our school that pairs general education students with special-ed students. Items such as snap-back hats, fanny packs, and tumbler water bottles are being sold by SGA members for \$5 each. Purchasing an item will secure the students' entry to the event which includes music, games, and food. All donations go towards Best Buddies. Hope to see you there!



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Finance Academy and AICE Business Students <u>PARTICIPATE IN Q & A WITH THE REAL SHARKS FROM THE TV SHOW</u> <u>"SHARK TANK"</u>

Students from all 4 Levels of Finance and the AICE Business Class study various aspects of Marketing, Sales, and Entrepreneurship. The Freshmen in Finance and Business Technology are currently participating in a mini "shark tank" class project where they are currently working on creating a business and completing a Business Plan in order to try to get their own deal with their teacher, Mrs. Shimmel, (acting shark), as they are looking for an investment into their business. The Juniors and Seniors do an Entrepreneurship Project where they purchase a product, advertise, market, budget and maximize a profit from selling to the students and staff of Olympic Heights. The AICE Business students cover a wide range of business topics and their current emphasis is on Sales and Marketing. When they were all told that they would be part of the group to be in seats on the floor of the gym as part of the Question and Answer Session with the TV Sharks, Mark Cuban, Daymond John, Mr. Wonderful (Kevin O'leary), and guest shark Alli Webb, they were thrilled

and appreciative for the opportunity. The students in all classes developed excellent questions with Senior Finance student and FBLA President, Mariana Vallejo, starting the session. Junior, Will Silver, told interviewers: "Everyone has business aspirations and they want to be successful". After the question and



answer session, the students were able to meet and greet the sharks and many were able to get pictures of this amazing opportunity. The students learned valuable information and were so excited to relate this experience to all of the things they study in the Business and Finance Classes and were eager to continue the discussion in class.

Girls Golf

Congratulations to Olympic Heights golfer Jordyn Huberman for being named to the Palm Beach Conference South County Region All-Star First Team. She finished the golf season by earning first place in the individual category at the regional tournament.

OH MCJROTC SWEEPS VFW Voice of Democracy Contest

Voice of Democracy is an audio-essay program that provides high school students across the county the opportunity to express themselves in regards to a democratic and patriotic-themed essay. This year's theme was, "Why my vote matters." The contest is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars post 10556 here in Boca Raton. Post Commander Barry Goldin presented the awards to: first place winner, Aiden Lesser who received a certificate, medal and check for \$250. In second place was Alexandru Panait and in third place was Elizabeth Renteria-Gomez. At the



recognition ceremony on 19 Jan each student presented their essay to the VFW membership. Afterwards, many veterans from the Korean and Vietnam wars complimented the students on their hard work and accomplishment. Most notably, these veterans talked about how good they felt about our future with such outstanding young Americans ready to assume their responsibilities as future leaders of our country.



Olympic Heights Receives \$5000 Lowe's Toolboxfor Education Grant

The Olympic Heights TV Production Studio and Media Center are delighted to be the recipients of a generous \$5000 grant from Lowe's Toolbox for Education. The grant was awarded

to Media Specialist, Ms. Neubauer, and TV Production teacher, Mr. McKnight, as a means to assist in the rebuilding of some of the infrastructure of the TV Production Studio. The studio, which is used for school announcements and classes, will greatly benefit from this grant. It will help to obtain some much needed 21st century equipment and resources that will



Students of Mr. McKnight's TV Production class that produce the morning announcements.

improve the look of the broadcast, while also providing some hands-on opportunities for students to use professional tools of the trade and learn skills they will need to succeed in tomorrow's TV and



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film job markets. We are grateful to Lowe's **Toolbox for Education** for providing this wonderful opportunity to Olympic Heights High School.

TV Production teacher, Christopher McKnight, and Media Specialist, Sharon Neubauer, show their \$5000 grant from Lowe's Toolbox for Education.





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Little Lions Learning Center Olympic Heights Community High School Little Lions 2019 - 2020 Preschool Registration



For the school year starting in August 2019, Little Lions Learning Center will be offering a morning program and a full day program for 3, 4, or 5 days a week. We expect our hours to be from 8:00am – 4:00pm* for the full day program and 8:00am – 11:45am for the morning program. We also offer part time children to stay for lunch until 12:45pm.

If you need early drop off, please see Mrs. Duffy to make arrangements.

Please complete the information below and attach a check made out to **OHCHS** for the nonrefundable registration fee of **\$100.00**. This will secure a space in our classroom for your child as well as cover the cost of supplies for our program. Please return this form and payment to Mrs. Duffy (alexis.duffy@palmbeachschools.org) at your earliest convenience.

- Full Time Tuition (per month): 5 days a week/\$750.00; 4 days a week/\$575.00; 3 days a week/\$425.00
- Mornings Only Tuition (per month): 5 days a week/\$560.00; 4 days a week/\$430.00; 3 days a week/\$325.00

*Lunch additional charge for morning program (per month): \$75 for 5 days, \$55 for 4 days, \$45 for 3 days; dismissal will be at 12:45

Check one: \Box 4 year old class \Box 3 year old class

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Please print:						
Date of Birth Summer/ Cell Phone #						
	Regis	tration fee pay dat	e Rec	ceipt #		
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Art News





Little Lions Summer Camp Olympic Heights Community High School Enroll Now for Summer 2019 : Registration Form



Little Lions Summer Camp will be 8 weeks, Monday thru Friday. Each day will begin at 9:00am and end at 3:00pm.

Child's Name		Nickname				
DOB	Male	Female				
Parent/Guardian	Email					
Address						
		one#				
Family Physician	Phone#					
Allergies						
Allergies My child may be picked up by						
Please select the sessions(s) and full or part time your child will be attending the Little Lions Summer Camp program.						
All tuition is <u>due upon the start of each 4-week session</u> , prices are listed per monthly session.*						
Full time: 5 days - 9:00 - 3:00; Part time: 5 days - 9:00 - 1:00						
Session 1: June 3 – June 28	Sess	tion 2: July 8 – Aug 2				
Full time \$600.00*	Part	time \$500.00*				
There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$75.00**.						
**If 1 session of tuition is paid in full before May 20th, registration fee will be waived.						
Weekly options available, \$175 per week.						
Please make checks out to OHCHS (Olympic Heights Community High School).						
Parent/Guardian Signature _		Date				

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"Preparation is the

key to success." - Alexander Graham Bell

Senior education students from FAU came to Olympic Heights to deliver a lesson plan for Mrs. Tobal's AP and Drawing classes on January 14th. The students learned about the history of Haiti and their struggle for independence through the inspiration and artworks of Edouard Duval-Carrié. The art is presently on exhibit at FAU's Schmidt Center Gallery, titled, 'Decolonizing Refinement'. All of Tobal's Drawing students and select AP students are now creating artwork inspired by the lesson plan which will be assembled into a singular large artwork and put on display in FAU's Schmidt Center Gallery alongside the present exhibition by Edouard Duval-Carrié. The students will go on an FAU sponsored field trip on the 28th to see the exhibit for themselves and see the collaborative piece that they created.







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Wrestling: Do Your Job!

The sign entering the Olympic Heights Wrestling Room reads, "Do Your Job". This years' senior class set goals of being Back to Back County



Champs, 4x District Champs, Region Champs and top 5 in State. Thus far this season the varsity has a 19-6 dual meet record and won the 40th Annual Santaluces Classic. Varsity also picked up a big dual meet win versus rival Jensen Beach. The Girls team had a preseason All-American in Leidaly Rivera(120lbs). With Girls and Boys State right around the corner the wrestlers are currently working to get to their peak physically and mentally. If they work hard, pay attention and put the team first they will be doing their job and their goals will be within reach.

Remaining Key Events

5th Tri-County Tournament @OH	Feb 1/2	1pm
Girls State	Feb 15/16	5pm
District @South Broward	Feb 21	2pm
Region @Jensen	Mar 1/2	10am
2A State @Kissimmee	Mar 8/9	10am