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Principal's Letter

Dear Parents and Students,

It is difficult to believe that we are already 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 27, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the South Florida Fairgrounds. Just a few weeks ago, we received word from the Florida Department of Education that our graduation rate for the class of 2019 was 98.5%. This graduation percentage continues to be within the top two 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 4, 2020. 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.

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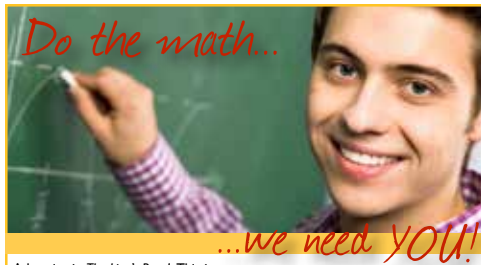
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We held our annual "Buddy Bash" event on January 24, 2020 raising money for the Best Buddies Organization. Students participated in a spirit week, which led up to the carnival style event on Friday. This is a phenomenal event that three years ago resulted 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.

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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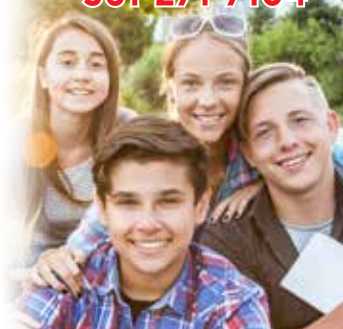
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We are raising money for our school. In the front of the parking lot, we have set up a large, white clothing-recycling container to collect any used or unwanted clothing that you may have. Our goal is to fill this container with as many BAGS of unwanted clothing and shoes and other textiles as possible!

Olympic Heights will be paid for all donations of unwanted items, including all clothes (out of style, too big, too small), old sneakers/shoes, belts, towels and sheets. We are asking everyone in our community to participate.

Please ask at least 5 friends to bag up their recyclables also!

The more people that get involved the better! Every bag of clothing counts.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

Recycling now goes beyond bottles and cans. FUNraising Dollars is paying our school for every pound of clothing that we collect. With each bag donated, you are helping our local school raise money for necessary resources that our students deserve.

Cambridge International to Honor High-achieving Olympic Heights Students

Congratulations are in order! Several of our Olympic Heights students have been tapped for Cambridge International's Cambridge Learner Award for outstanding achievement in the June 2019 Series Cambridge International AICE Exams, and they will be honored along with other District winners at a District-wide awards ceremony at the end of February. Three of our students will be awarded Top in Country for earning the highest score in the nation on their respective exams: Senior Marie Preuss – Top in Country for Marine Science; 2019 graduate Connor Murphy – Top in Country for Music; and junior Maria Sara – Top in Country for Spanish Language. Marie Preuss will also be recognized as a Cambridge Scholar with Distinction for earning the highest possible mark on each of her exams. Finally, Michelle Berglass, Shane Ostfeld, Lior Polani, Daniela Ramirez, Aryeh Silver, and Nikola Zaklan will each be awarded as Cambridge Scholars for high marks in three or more Cambridge International AS Level subjects. Olympic Heights is incredibly proud of these incredible scholars!



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OH FBLA Wins 1st Place at Fall Rally

The Olympic Heights Chapter of FBLA is off to a great start! We have already had several members' meetings with over 50 students and chapter officers in attendance. The first District event we had was the District Fall Rally on November 1 at the West Palm Beach Marriott with over 450 students from Palm Beach County attending the event. The students enjoyed hearing Phil Williams, Fitness Trainer and Motivational and Keynote Speaker. They attended workshops, Chapter

competitions, and a sit-down lunch. The theme for this year is "LEVEL UP" and the officers created an awesome display board giving them a 1ST Place District Win! Students frequently ask why they should join FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America). Benefits include networking, college scholarships, corporate discounts, learning leadership skills, and having the opportunity to enter competitions and participate in fun events and trips. The best part is that FBLA doesn't conflict with any other club or sport on campus. FBLA is a National Organization of nearly a quarter million students interested in becoming more successful in the business world and is open to ALL students at Olympic Heights. Students can go to Room 6103 for FBLA Membership applications, sign-ups, and general questions. You can also see one of the following Chapter Officers: Tiffanie Nicolas, Dale Bravo, Danielle Lennox, Amanda Zaniboni, Pearl Furman, Otoniel Silva, Marcello Arendado, Ella Spencer, or Mrs. Shimmel, the Adviser.

Community Service

The FBLA officer team and Adviser, Mrs. Shimmel, wrapped and delivered over 350 gifts to two nursing homes and filled 4 large family boxes for the Holidays! The Big Red Bus for blood donors rolled up to Olympic Heights on September 17 and December 10 in order for students and staff to have the opportunity to donate a very powerful lifesaving gift. We had over 150 total students participate and we have two more drives on February 13 and April 16. Students who are 16 years of age (with parent permission) or older are able to attend the blood drive through an appointment card. Go to Room 6103 to be part of these amazing Community Service Events.



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Congratulations

FBLA/Finance Academy News

Congratulations to our FBLA members who placed at the District Competition and will continue to compete at the State Level:

- Danielle Lennox – Accounting I
- Agribusiness – Amanda Zaniboni
- Business Calculations – Alex Cordoso
- Health Care Administration – Andy Valcour
- Introduction to Business – Ella Spencer
- Introduction to Business Comm. – Pearl Furman
- Personal Finance – Chelsea Landy & Robbie Sternberg
- Networking Concepts – Dale Bravo
- Additional Participants: Michelle Knaz, Marcello Arendado, Tiffanie Nicolas, Cole Buffa, Max Wyatt and Chris Muro

The Finance Academy III Students conducted their Entrepreneurship Sales Project in December, selling a variety of products to the students and staff. The Finance I students are working on MOS Certification and developing a business to present in the “mini shark tank” and preparing their 14-step Business Plan.



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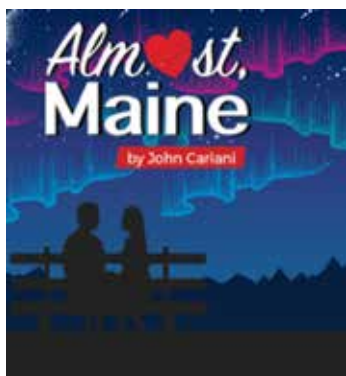
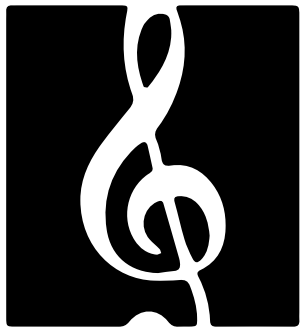
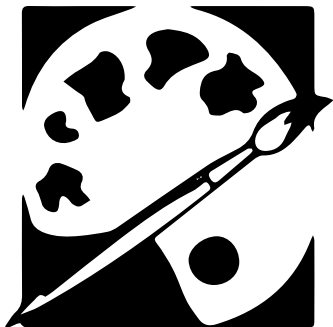


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AUDITIONS!

If you would like to star in the play or musical next year and take theatre classes, then now is your chance!

Auditions: April 15th, 2020 3pm – 6pm

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- February 12th – 16th, 2021
- Audition Prep: 1 Minute Dramatic Solo and Choreography



Athletics



Wrestling 2020 Keep on Building

The wrestling season is at the mid-way point and the team continues to work and build toward the final tournaments of the season. Highlights for the season was a 71-10 victory at the 1st ever Hall of Fame Dual at Olympic Heights. Inducted into the Hall of Fame were: 2010 Alumni Brian Blackwell, 1st Coach Bob Leibowitz and Hall of Fame Coach Frank D'Annunzio. The team came back from the holiday break and won the District 3A-12 Duals for the 3rd time in a row by defeating Douglas and Park Vista. Standouts from the first half of the season were: Senior Cole Bosch(132), Junior Pedro Azevedo(138), Senior Sean Heath(138), Senior Max Wyatt(145) and Senior Wilkinson Saul(285). Going unbeaten so far this season in the girls division is returning State Champion Leidaly Rivera. Leidaly is looking to repeat as State Champion in the 122 pound division. With hard work and commitment the team will finish strong achieve it's preseason goals.

Remaining Key Events

6th Tri-County Tournament@OH	Jan 31/Feb 1	1pm
Senior Night	Feb 6	5pm
Girls State	Feb 14/15	5pm
District @Park Vista	Feb 22	10am
Region 3A-3@Seminole Ridge	Feb 28/29	10am
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- He/She has paid the 2019-2020 school year \$10 NHS dues
- During his/her junior AND senior year, he/she has earned 25 community service hours each year, respectively.
- He/She has met all of these requirements by the May 1, 2020 deadline.

If you have questions, please contact Ms. Koher at vanessa.koher@palmbeachschools.org.

