



WARRIORS' DRUM BEAT

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Students:

We are off to a great start to the 2023-2024 school year. Our students have acclimated to their new classes and teachers and fall activities are already underway. Please come out and support our athletic teams, band and cheerleaders. They all greatly appreciate your support.

In an effort to move traffic more efficiently, we are asking parents to please pick up/drop off in the two designated locations only. The first being our south car circle near the auditorium. The entrance to this area is located off 94th avenue. This is the service road between Osceola Middle School and Osceola Fundamental High School. You may also drop off/pick up students in the student parking lot area. Please support our school by refraining from dropping off/picking up students at the front of the administration building or teacher/staff parking lot area(s).

Please remember the School Advisory Council (SAC) and senior meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month. PTSA (Parent, Teacher and Student Association) and our 9th grade meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month. The Booster meetings take place on the first Tuesday. There will be NO parent meetings for all noted organizations for the month of December. All meetings start at 7:00 pm and usually last one hour. Please check the website for some date modifications due to holidays. They are indicated with *** next to the date. All families are required to attend one meeting per month.

Please make sure to visit our school website for important school information. The website is updated on a daily/weekly basis. Also, please check your parent Focus account on a regular basis for all pertinent student information.

Thank you for choosing Osceola Fundamental High School for your students' education.

Michael C. Bohnet
Principal

OUR MISSION

Osceola High School's mission is to sustain an environment where staff, students, parents and community work collaboratively to support all students in meeting or exceeding graduation requirements.

ADMINISTRATION

Principal

Michael C. Bohnet

Assistant Principals

Eric Smith - Ext. 2015

Grades 9-12 Last Names A-G

Julie Finley - Ext. 2014

Grades 9-12th Last Names H-O

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Grades 9-12th Last Names P-Z

School Counselors

Alexandra Havekotte - Ext. 2062

9th Grade A-Z

Krysta Nymark - Ext. 2061

10-12th Grade A-G

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10-12th Grade H-O

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DRESS CODE REMINDER

Osceola Fundamental High School has a modified dress code. All students, per fundamental policy, are expected to be within dress code daily. If a student violates the dress code, they will receive a detention. See the school website for dress code.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROTOCOLS:

In creating an effective and efficient car dismissal process, and considering student safety, parents and guardians can help.

1. Use the car circle located off 94th Ave., by the school auditorium.
2. Please remain in your car. No walk ups.
3. Reduce your car speed to five miles per hour while in the car circle.
4. Move all cars forward.
5. Follow staff directions.



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HOMECOMING WEEK

Homecoming week will be 10/17-10/20 with Homecoming on Saturday the 21st. This year's theme is Under the Sea. Please continue to check our website for updates.



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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Each newsletter we will be spotlighting a few of the amazing staff here at Osceola. This newsletter we are spotlighting Ms. Rhonda Deatley, English and Journalism Teacher, Ms. Joanne Derenzo, Environmental Science Teacher and Mr. Robert Weiner, Paraprofessional.



Ms. Deatley

Ms. Deatley has been teaching journalism and English at Osceola for more than 10 years and is proud to say that her journalism students have written and posted more than ten years of sports, school events, features on students, and pictures on the news website, osceolaHSnews.com! We asked Ms. Deatley why she became a teacher and she said, "Simply put, I love literature. My first career was in broadcast and print journalism, so it is also a passion of mine." When she isn't teaching, she loves to paddle board, indoor rock climb and read murder mysteries. One thing people might not know about her is she plays beach volleyball. We wanted to know if she could have dinner with any famous person, alive or deceased, who would it be? "I think Harper Lee, the author of "To kill a Mockingbird." I would ask her questions to find out how to create a novel as incredible as hers.



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Ms. Derenzo

Ms. Derenzo has been teaching at Osceola for 3 years but has been teaching for 13. Her favorite subject to teach is Environmental Science. She became a teacher because she loves learning and wanted to pass that forward. She also wanted to have a dynamic career that allowed her to spend more time with her kids. One thing most people don't know about Ms. Derenzo is she played hurling for the United States team and went home to Ireland to play against other international teams. She broke her nose and finger during the game. We asked Ms. Derenzo if she could have dinner with any famous person, alive or deceased, who would it be? Her answer, "Harvey Spector from Suits".



Mr. Weiner

Mr. Weiner has been a paraprofessional at Osceola since January of 2023, but has been with the district for 9 years. His favorite thing about working at Osceola is working with the students and seeing them learn and grow. When he isn't supporting students on campus Mr. Weiner likes to spend time with his two boys, read and watch Star Trek. One thing people may not know about Mr. Weiner is he was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. We asked Mr. Weiner if he could have dinner with any famous person, alive or deceased, who would it be and why? "Sir Patrick Stewart, aka Captain Picard".

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2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	School Info
Oct. 13, 2023:	End of first quarter
Oct. 16, 2023:	No school for students. (a) *Possible hurricane make-up day)
Nov. 20 - 24, 2023:	Thanksgiving holiday week – No school for students. (a) * November 20- 21, 2023 Possible hurricane make-up days)
Dec. 21, 2023:	End of second quarter
Dec. 22 - Jan. 5, 2024:	Winter holidays – No school for students
Jan. 8, 2024:	All PreK-12 and postsecondary schools' classes resume. Second semester begins
Jan. 15, 2024:	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No school for students
Feb. 16, 2024:	No school for students. (a) *Possible hurricane make-up day)
Feb. 19, 2024:	No school for students.
Mar. 8, 2024:	End of third quarter
Mar. 11 - 15, 2024:	Spring holidays – No school for students.
Mar. 29, 2024:	No school for students.
Apr. 26, 2024:	No school for students.
May 27, 2024:	Memorial Day holiday – No school for students.
May 29, 2024:	End of fourth quarter. Last day for all students. Students will be released two hours early.

(a) Hurricane make-up days

If 4 days needed, those days will be: 10/16, 11/20, 11/21 and 2/16



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Mid Period Report	End of Report Period	Report Cards Distributed
Tue., Sep. 12, 2023	Fri., Oct. 13, 2023	Thu., Oct. 26, 2023
Tue., Nov. 14, 2023	Thu., Dec. 21, 2023	Thu., Jan. 18, 2024
Tue., Feb. 6, 2024	Fri., Mar. 8, 2024	Thu., Mar. 28, 2024
Mon., Apr. 22, 2024	Wed., May 29, 2024	Tue., June 4, 2024

Note: Mid-Period reports are distributed to high school students who have a current grade of D or F. Some teachers choose to send Mid-Period to all students.

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