#### A Message from the Principal

#### Dear Sea Lion families,

This year, we were able to get back to all of the events that make our school special. I would like to thank our wonderful PTSA for sponsoring and organizing our Walk-A-Thon, our Festival of the Arts auction, and our eighth-grade dance. All these events were some of the best that we have ever had! I was also floored when our Student Council was elected to be the lead Student Council in our region-the first middle school to ever earn this honor!

It was so wonderful seeing our students get back to normal during all of these events. Our theater production of Matilda Junior was a huge success this year along with all of our Band, Chorus, and Orchestra concerts. As I write this article, I am reflecting on the Band concert that I attended last night at Doctor Phillips High School. At this concert, the high school marching band students came out at the end of the show and our students stood next to their musical counterparts. All of the DPHS students who were former Sea Lions raised their hands when called to show that they were former students here. Close to half of the Doctor Phillips High School students raised their hands. I swelled up with pride seeing these former students and our current Sea Lions playing next to them.

I am looking forward to next school year with things being normalized after we have gone through this pandemic. I wish our eighth graders all the best as they transition to high school and am excited to welcome new sixth graders. Please make sure that your email address is up to date in our system so that you can receive our weekly newsletter which contains all of our upcoming events, current school information, and my weekly article. Thank you for your continued support of Southwest Middle School, and remember, GO SEA LIONS!

> A safe place where higher learning, creativity, and an appreciation for diversity lead to achievement.

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Mission

Raymond "Chuck" Yockel Principal

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- A Safe and Respectful Learning Environment
- · Rigorous Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessments
- Supportive Interventions for Academics and Behavior
- A Caring Atmosphere Where Family Involvement is Embraced

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FOR THE PARENTS, STAFF & COMMUNITY OF SOUTHWEST MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### **Stadent Coancil**

The Student Council class did an amazing job this year getting back on track. Southwest Middle was able to attend FASC State where we placed in 3 categories for our project books, our Medallion book won gold, and we also received an FASC Council of Merit Award for our school. We were excited to be able to bring back a lot of projects that were put on hiatus due to COVID. Some of those projects include beach cleanups, in person D3 meetings, and the Fine Arts Festival. It was great to have everyone in person again this school year and we look forward to another exciting year as District 3 president for the 2022-2023 school year.

#### **Congratulations to next year's Executive Board!!!**

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### **School Registrar**

**Planning to withdraw your child over the summer?** Please note the following:

• Parent/Guardian needs to notify Southwest Middle School of the intent to withdraw a student. This request could be made via phone, email or in person. Phone: 407-370-7200 or emailed at southwest\_ms@ ocps.net.

#### Parent/Guardian Needs to Return to Southwest Middle School

- Computers
- Laptop/charger
- Hot Spot/charger
- Musical Instruments
- Library books
- And any other Orange County Public School property



#### NJHS

The following students who were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society during the fourth quarter of this year: Ola Adi Rodrigo Bermudez Osteicoechea Mason Bourst Anastasia Buza Santiago Camacho Allison Curtis Eviannah Escalante **Delaney** Fatkin Gabriel Guimaraes **Brock Hudgens Ridge Hudgens** Venice Jarin Valie Kamel Brennan Kutkiewicz Dillon Lynch Judi Mostafa Johnny Owens II Jamie Rucker Jacob Tsai Sofia Valdez Cynthia Valuch Kaydence West These students have worked hard with their academics and community service efforts this year!

#### Band

Thank you so much for two incredible spring concerts the last few weeks of the fourth quarter! We are so proud of how hard all the band students have worked this year! We hope you have a great summer! Those of you returning in the Fall, make sure you sign up for our Summer band camp at the following link:

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# **Carricalam News**

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Here are the Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books 2022-2023 List for Grades 6-8:

#### Amari and the Night Brothers by B. B. Alston

Amari Peters has never stopped believing her missing brother, Quinton, is alive. So when she discovers a ticking briefcase in his closet containing a nomination for a tryout at the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs, she's certain the secretive organization holds the key to locating Quinton--if only she can wrap her head around the idea of magicians, fairies, aliens, and other supernatural creatures all being real.



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#### Archimancy Shadow School by J. A. White

Cordelia Liu knew Shadow School was going to be different with black gates and ivied walls as well as long hallways lined with old paintings. There is a tower with a window that looks like an eye. Different she expected and different she could handle. Still, Cordelia can't shake the feeling that something's not right, and that she's being carefully watched by someone or something.

#### **Concealed by Christina Diaz Gonzalez**

Whatever her name is, it won't last long. Katrina doesn't know any of the details about her past, but she does know that she and her parents are part of the Witness Protection Program. Whenever her parents say they have to move on and start over, she takes on a new identity. A new name, a new hair color, a new story.

#### Curse of the Night Witch by Alex Aster

On Emblem Island all are born knowing their fate. Their lifelines show the course of their life and an emblem dictates how they will spend it. Twelve-year-old Tor Luna was born with a leadership emblem, just like his mother. But he hates his mark and is determined to choose a different path for himself. So, on the annual New Year's Eve celebration, where Emblemites throw their wishes into a bonfire in the hopes of having them granted, Tor wishes for a different power.

#### Double the Danger and Zero Zucchini by Betsy Uhrig

Books aren't supposed to be dangerous. Are they? Alex Harmon prefers running over and sitting still reading. His aunt offers to pay him to point out the boring parts in her children's books; he figures it's an easy way to make ten bucks. The problem is that her book is about a grumpy frog and prize-winning zucchini. Find out how things change for Alex!



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#### Dragon Ops by Mari Mancusi

One wrong move, and it's game over. Welcome to DRAGON OPS, the world's first augmented-reality video-game theme park. Set on a once-deserted island, our three beta players-classic gamer geek Ian; his adventure-seeking sister, Lily; and their too-coolfor-gaming cousin, Derek-have been lucky enough to score an invite to play before the fully immersive experience opens to the public.

#### The Elephant in the Room by Holly Goldberg Sloan

It's been almost a year since Sila's mother traveled halfway around the world to Turkey. The long separation is almost impossible for Sila to withstand. But things change when Sila accompanies her father (who is a mechanic) outside their Oregon town to fix a truck. There, behind an enormous stone wall, she meets a grandfatherly man who only months before won the state lottery. Why not find out what happens next? What can Sila, a grandfatherly man and an elephant have in common?

#### Lola Benko, Treasure Hunter by Beth McMullen

Having a world-traversing archaeologist dad means twelve-year-old Lola Benko is used to moving around not putting down roots anywhere. But every day and every

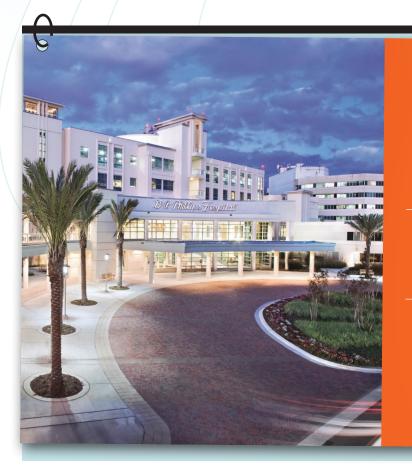
hunt for something hidden is an adventure, and no matter what, she and her dad are an unbeatable team. Then her father disappears. What will Lola do next?



#### Pixie Pushes On by Tamara Bundy

Pixie's defenses are up, and it's no wonder. She's been uprooted, the chickens seem to have it in for her, and now her beloved sister, Charlotte, has been stricken with polio and whisked away into quarantine. So it's not surprising Pixie lashes out. But her habit of making snap judgements--and giving her classmates nicknames like "Rotten Ricky" and "Big-Mouth Berta"--hasn't won her any friends. At least life on the farm is getting better with the delivery of its newest resident--a runt baby lamb.

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#### **Quintessence by Jess Redman**

Three months ago, twelve-year-old Alma moved to the town of Four Points. Her panic attacks started a week later, and they haven't stopped, even though she told her parents that they did. Every day she feels less and less like herself. Then Alma meets the ShopKeeper in the town's junk shop, The Fifth Point. The ShopKeeper gives her a telescope and this message: Read the book to find the secret message!

#### **Rivals by Tommy Greenwald**

The people of Walthorne love their basketball—and one of the things they love most is the special rivalry between the Walthorne North Middle School Cougars and the Walthorne South Middle School Panthers. As the season begins, two star players are feeling the heat: Austin Chambers, captain of Walthorne North, worries that he's not good enough to live up to his father's legacy, while across town, the brilliantly talented Carter Haswell, captain of Walthorne South, is already under pressure to get a scholarship that might ease his family's financial stress.

#### Scritch Scratch by Lindsay

Currie Claire has absolutely no interest in the paranormal. She's a scientist, which is why she can't think of anything worse than having to help out her dad on one of his ghost-themed Chicago bus tours. She thinks she's made it through when she sees a boy with a sad face and dark eyes at the back of the bus. There's something off about his presence, especially because when she checks at the end of the tour...he's gone.

## The Smartest Kid in the Universe by Chris Grabenstein

Jake's middle school is about to be shut down. Jake and his friends know their school's worth saving-if they could only figure out how! When Jake spies a bowl of jelly beans at the hotel where his mom works, he eats them. But uh-oh-those weren't just jellybeans, one of the scientists at his mom's conference is in the process of developing the first ingestible information pills. And THAT'S what Jake ate. Find out what happens next!

#### **Starfish by Lisa Fipps**

Ever since Ellie wore a whale swimsuit and made a big splash at her fifth birthday party, she's been bullied about her weight. To cope, she tries to live by the Fat Girl Rules–like "no making waves," "avoid eating in public," and "don't move so fast that your body jiggles." And she's found her safe space–her swimming pool–where she feels weightless in a fat-obsessed world. In the water, she can stretch herself out like a starfish and take up all the room she wants. Find out how Ellie does something about being her own fabulous self!



#### Words on Fire by Jennifer Nielsen

Danger is never far from Audra's family farm in Lithuania. She always avoids the occupying Russian Cossack Soldiers, who insist that everyone must become Russian. They have banned Lithuanian books, religion, culture, and even the language. Audra knows her parents are involved in something secret and perilous in June 1893. Audra embarks on a dangerous journey to deliver a mysterious package for her parents

after Russian Cossacks arrest them. Can joining the underground network of book smugglers give Audra a chance to rescue her parents?



#### **Science**

**Sixth Grade Comprehensive Science 1**- During the 4th quarter, students in 6th grade Comprehensive Science finished our Earth Science units as well as our unit on cells. We finished the year with our human body unit. It covered the major systems and organs, their functions, as well as infectious diseases. The year concluded with CFE testing.

**Seventh Grade Comprehensive Science 2**- We began the 4th quarter with discussing scientific laws and theories. We looked into the theory of evolution by natural selection and the evidence that supports the theory. Finally, we ended the year with activities focusing on biotechnology and the impact humans have on Earth.

**Eighth Grade Comprehensive Science 3**- During the 4th quarter, we worked hard to review for our State Science Assessment that occurred on May 1th. This test covered content from 6th, 7th, and 8th grade science and some content we missed due to COVID over the years. We closed out the year with an 8th grade review for our CFE as we said goodbye to our Sea Lions sending them off to high school. We wish them the best and look forward to hearing the amazing things they accomplish in the future!

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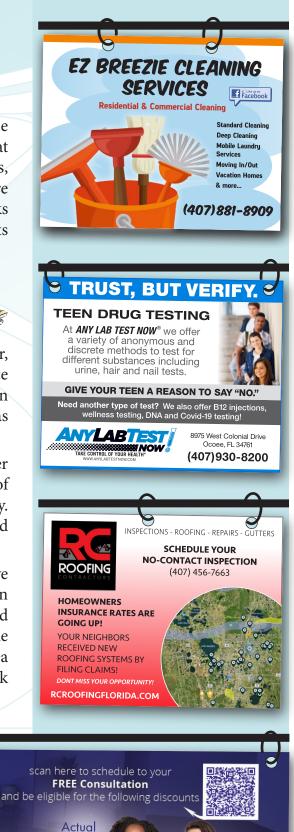
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Happy end of 2021-2022 School Year! As summer approaches, this is a good time to think about how to prevent the "summer slide" (the decline of academic skills that can occur over the summer months when school is not in session). Here are "10 Ways to Avoid the Summer Slide and Keep Math Skills Sharp" by Mathnasium.

- 1. Bring math into the kitchen.
- 2. Play math-based games.
- 3. Go shopping. (Compare prices and discounts.)
- 4. Listen to music. (Find the mathematical structure.)
- 5. Take a field trip to a science center or museum.
- 6. Watch sports and do the math. (Keep the statistics.)
- Read math-based books. (Example: "Secrets, Lies and Algebra" by Wendy Lichtman)
- 8. Start a business. (Examples: Yardwork, babysitting, walking dogs)
- 9. DIY, together.
- 10. Find a summer math learning program.

#### **Social Studies**

6th Grade World History-For a bulk of the fourth quarter, students were getting prepared for the CFEs. Before the week of CFEs, they spent the past week at school and at home studying and preparing for the CFE through the use of a Study Guide and Quizizz game.

**7th Grade Civics**- Students had a great year working hard to succeed on their End of Course Exam! Scores should be available during the summer. We finished the year with a Create Your Own Government Project to let students show all they have learned this year in a creative way.

8th Grade U.S. History-Students had an exciting year examining the settlement of America through reconstruction. Many will head on to AP Human Geography in 9th grade while many others won't return to social studies until World History in 10th grade. The followup to our U.S. History course will be their 11th grade year beginning at Reconstruction.



#### **Computers**

Technology is the way of the future! When signing up for courses for the 2022-23 school year keep this course progression in mind for computers!

The ideal path to take for computers is to follow these courses in this order:

- 6th grade is ICT 1 which is an overview of Microsoft Word and PowerPoint.
- 7th grade is ICT 2 which is an overview of Microsoft Excel and Access.
- 8th grade is Digital Information Technology (DIT) is for a high school credit which includes Computer Science and Internet Technology, such as, Networking, Programming, Cybersecurity, Databases, and Technology Careers.

**DIT** is a rigorous course. DIT is right for you if you have a good work ethic, are hardworking, and responsible. This grade will be on your permanent record for high school soo take it seriously.

If you will be taking Geometry and are an A or B student, then DIT is a good compliment to your schedule. Otherwise ICT is required. DIT is a prerequisite course and required before taking

any other computer course in high school. I encourage you to go for it, sign up, and take this opportunity to get ahead. Please contact Ms. Matarrese for any questions at Lisa.matarrese@ocps.net.



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#### **Media Center**

Did you know that students can read certain books and magazines on their laptops? Below are the two ways that digital e-books can be checked out and read that way:

#### The Sora App

- 1. Go to their Launchpad Dashboard.
- 2. Click on the Library Research Tools Folder.
- 3. Click on the Sora-OCPS icon.
- Click on 'Sign in using Orange County Public Schools'
- 5. Voila! All of these ebooks and magazines on Sora are available for check out/borrow and read!

#### Follett Destiny App

- 1. Go to their Launchpad Dashboard.
- 2. Click on the Library Research Tools Folder.
- 3. Click on the 'Follett Destiny' icon.
- 4. Scroll down to E-books.
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If you have any more questions accessing these two ways, email Mr. Singletary at Peter.Singletary@ocps.net.







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