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PRINCIPAL'S PEN



February 25th —FSAA testing begins
 February 26th— 6th Grade Math & Reading Immersion
 February 27th – 7th Grade Math & Reading Immersion
 February 28 -SAC/SAF Meeting
 Parent Breakfast Meeting @ 8:30 am in the Cafeteria
 March 1 - 8th Grade Math & Reading Immersion
 March 2– Middle School Chess Tournament at Silver Trail MS
 March 5th – Science & Civics Immersion
 March 15th– Spring Learning Packages distributed
 March 18-20—6th, 7th & 8th Grades Brain bowl
 March 25—29 Spring Break
 April 5- Spring Learning Packages due
 April 19– No school
 April 26th - Friday Night Live (Academic Tutoring)

Dear Awesome Olsen Middle School Parents,

Parents, THANK YOU for entrusting us with your child as we do this great work together!

This is a time of reflection and pause as we remember the lives that were lost and forever changed by MSD tragedy.



This is also a time that we honor the lives lost and the lives that remain through our words and actions. The greatest gift that we have is one another and our unyielding commitment to you is to ensure that your child flourishes in a safe learning environment.

Committed to Excellence,
Ms. Harris, Principal
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Awesome Olsen Middle School

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We want our children to be the very BEST they can be in their academics, with their fellowman, and within themselves; to see each person as worthy of respect, including themselves, and to honor the precious life they have by taking full advantage of each and every opportunity they have been given to soar!



Awesome Olsen Middle School Chess Club will be participating in a chess tournament on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at Silver Trail Middle School in Pembroke Pines. The tournament is presented by the Florida League of Middle Schools and Broward County Public Schools. Good luck to Coach George and the Chess Team!

OMS...Keeping you informed



Awesome Olsen Middle School is planning a trip to Universal Studios, Orlando to participate in GRADVENTURE on May 10, 2019. The price of the field trip is \$186.00 payable in cash, check or online, with a \$90 deposit due by February 11, 2019. Students will be traveling by chartered buses, leaving promptly at 10:30 am on Friday, May 10, 2019 and returning on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at approximately 4:30 am.

Dinner will be provided while on the trip and all students will receive an exclusive Gradventure t-shirt.

Awesome Olsen Middle School's Behavior Expectations will be enforced whilst on this trip! Additionally, all students are required to wear Olsen Middle School's shirt.

Spaces are limited. Pay your deposit to reserve your spot!



Have you heard about the District's Mobile App?

The BCPS Mobile App allows parents and families to stay connected in real time with information on their child's academic performance, lunch account balances, bus pick-up and drop-off times and so much more. See your child's personalized information through your smart device anytime, anywhere. Registration is required.

Attendance Counts!
The Connection Between Attendance and Academic Achievement

24/7 ATTENDANCE COUNTS!
365 DAYS ALL DAY, EVERY DAY.

Awesome Olsen's Enrichment Camp
Tutoring in Math, ELA , Science & Civics

8:00 am-11:00 am

February 23,
March 3 & 16, April 13 & 27

Students Improve Tutoring



Are you ready for a spring book fair? Awesome Olsen Middle School will be having a Book Fair on March 11th -15th in the Media Center from 7:30 am-2:00 pm!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Awesome Olsen Middle School SAC/SAF
Parent Breakfast Meeting
Thursday, February 28, 2019 @ 8:30 am
In the Awesome Olsen's Cafe



DIVE into Snorkeling FIELD TRIP

What? Snorkel Safari!
When? May 24, 2019
Where? Key Largo
Who? Grades 6-8
Time: 8:15 am -6:00 pm
Cost: \$110
Last day to make payments for this trip is March 15, 2019.
You may make payments on line @ Olsen.browardschools.com
Sponsor: Ms. Toth

SCHOOL TITLE I Parental INVOLVEMENT INFORMATION

TITLE I PARENT TRAINING
On Saturday, March 16, 2019
@ Westpine Middle School,
9393 NW 50th Street, Sunrise, Florida. 33351

Core Curriculum Insights

Library-Media Services



Looking for resources for an inquiry-based lesson? A great place for students to begin their search is the Gale Online Resources. Students have free access to a wealth of academic articles, images, and ebooks updated daily on a variety of topics. Gale also offers integration with One Drive which where students can save their work and collaborate with others on projects. The articles can also be translated in many languages for those students that need that accommodation. Full-text nonfiction e-books are available for download or print by topic section. Student access to the online databases from the Library Media Resources page can be found at the following URL: [Library-Media Research Resources](#)

Students can also access the Online Student Resources page from the SSO Launchpad. Students first choose the Destiny tile. In Destiny, students choose Olsen Middle then log into their Destiny account using the Clever SSO button then selecting catalog, then Destiny Discover from the left column menu. Scroll to the bottom of the page to locate the link to the Online Student Resources. (Innovative Learning Newsletter, January 2019)

Social Studies Department

Our 6th graders are studying World History from the earliest cultures and civilizations to the middle ages. The goal is for students to develop important social studies and critical thinking skills. Through this curriculum, students are able to understand historical events, the process of social change, the impact of individuals and the relation between historical issues and current events.

Seventh grade students will be taking the FSA Civics in May 2019. Their curriculum focuses on the principles, functions, and organization of government; the origins of the American political system; the roles, rights, responsibilities of United States citizens; and methods of active participation in our political system.

Our 8th Graders are studying American History from colonization through the Industrial Revolution. They develop their understanding of the United States through the use of social studies and critical thinking skills and are able to apply historical understandings about the formation of the American nation as well as its culture, politics and economics and relate this knowledge to current issues and events.

Our 8th graders participated in a program at JA Finance Park on the 11th and 12th of February 2019 from 8:30 am—12:30 pm. They learned about key economic and workforce issues they will face including construction, health, marine, aviation, finance, automotive, technology, energy, hospitality and government agencies. Students were able to make a connection between middle and high school classes and future career paths.

“We aim to create an environment where students continually learn”.

OMS Science Olympiad Team Earns 2nd Place at Regional Competition



Please join us in congratulating the **Awesome Olsen MS Science Olympiad Team "The Vikings"** for earning **2nd Place Overall** in the **University of Miami Florida Regional Science Olympiad Competition** held this past Saturday. The team collectively earned 14 medals in 16 competitions.

Group medals were awarded as follows:

- 1st Place - Anatomy/Physiology: Daniella Miller and Joao Garcia
- 3rd Place - Battery Buggy: Afeez Hassan and Sebastian Woodruff
- 3rd Place – Boomilever: Joao Garcia and Jackson Harris
- 3rd Place - Circuit Lab: Giovanni Benjamin and Sebastian Woodruff
- 1st Place - Bianca Vanaerde and Tyriana White
- 2nd Place - Density lab: Tyriana White and Jonaya Pierre
- 2nd Place - Disease Detectives: Sean Alcide and Jonaya Pierre
- 1st Place - Elastic Launch Glider: Afeez Hassan and Jackson Harris
- 3rd Place - Experimental Design: Joao Garcia and Giovanni Benjamin
- 2nd Place – Heredity: Daniella Miller and Joao Garcia
- 1st Place - Potions and Poisons: Jonaya Pierre and Sean Alcide
- 1st Place - Solar System: Bianca Vanaerde and Daniella Miller
- 3rd Place – Thermodynamics: Jackson Harris and Joao Garcia
- 2nd Place- Write It Do It: Jasmine Zakaria and Karla Rubio

We will be competing in the state competition at UCF in Orlando on March 30th, 2019.



Congratulations to Assistant Principal Ms. Mckie, Science teacher Mr. Diez, and our awesome Science Olympiad Team!

We are a Magnet School!

Awesome Olsen Middle & South Broward High

iCAN Academy Magnet Program 2019-2020 School Year

Call Awesome Olsen's Principal, Ms. Valerie Harris @ (754) 3233865



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South Broward HS & Awesome Olsen MS iCAN Academy Grant

**iCan Magnet Dinner & Showcase
Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 6:00 PM
Location: Olsen Middle School**

Academics

1. Business
2. Industry/ Manufacturing & Construction
3. Arts/Humanities
4. Education

Certifications Available

1. Adobe Illustrator
2. MOS; Prostart; Serve Safe
3. CDA; * Microsoft Office
4. Autodesk Inventor; Solidworks; MOS; Illustrator
5. Illustrator, Microsoft Office; GlobalLogistics/Business Ed

Questions?

Call Ms. Harris,
Principal directly
@ 754-323-3865

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Code to take survey



School Improvement Plan (SIP):

A School Improvement Plan containing specific objectives and action steps for achieving Florida's educational goals is required by Florida. The School Advisory Committee (SAC) has the primary responsibility for monitoring the implementation of the annual SIP. The SIP must be approved by the School Board.

The SBBC SIP public view site can be found by logging on to:

http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/ospa/sw_select_school.asp

STAKEHOLDERS CAN VIEW ALL COMPONENTS OF THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR EVERY SCHOOL .

Please visit Olsen.browardschools.com to view Awesome Olsen's School Improvement Plan.

If you need a hard copy of the SIP, please call the front desk at 7543233800 and we will have a copy ready for you.



Guidance Department

Awesome Olsen Middle Testing Calendar 2019

Awesome Olsen Middle School adheres to the Broward County Public Schools testing calendar. Below are the time frames during which our students will be testing. **Please save the dates.**

February 11th—March 22: Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State (ACCESS) for English Language Learners (ELLs) CCESS for ELL students

February 11—June 7 : Florida Assessment in Reading (FAIR AP 3). The FAIR-FS 3-12 WAM assesses students in grades 3-12 three times a year. The assessment periods (AP) for the FAIR-FS 3-12 WAM are fixed dates for all schools statewide.

Matriculation

8th Grade Matriculation is fast approaching. Olsen Middle School will host South Broward High School representatives in **February 2019** to discuss options for electives, clubs, and more. 8th grade students will then have the opportunity to tour South Broward High School and meet with counselors on their campus in March 2019.

After Care 21st Century

Memorial Systems will be on campus to meet with 21st CCLC families on **Wednesday, February 13th** and again on **Wednesday, April 10th**. They will discuss valuable information about the types of services available to students and their families in partnership with Broward County Schools.

Olsen Middle School 21st CCLC Aftercare will host a Parent Advisory Meeting on **Wednesday, February 20th**. This meeting will be an opportunity for students and their families to learn about updates and events. After care students will also showcase some of the projects and art they have worked on. We look forward to seeing you there!

Kids of Character: Character trait for February is KINDNESS