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VISION STATEMENT

Chain of Lakes Middle School is a community of students, parents and teachers, which strives to ensure that all members are successfully growing in academic and social development. We believe in educating the entire student in a safe, diversified environment in order to prepare for life's opportunities and challenges. We promote academic excellence, a life-long love of learning and responsible citizenship.

Growing Together, Learning for Life

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Chain of Lakes Family,

We hope all of our Ospreys are ready for the First Day of school, Monday, August 12th. Our teachers have been working very hard getting their classrooms ready. Our Technology Team handed out hundreds of laptops to our students and eager to see smiling faces Monday morning.

Our faculty and staff remain committed to the following goals: providing a safe and secure learning environment for all students, helping teachers create positive and active learning experiences, and allowing everyone in our community to have a voice in the learning process. In order to meet our first goal, we will continue our emphasis on school wide policies and procedures so that all students demonstrate respect for every member of our learning community.

Here's how we can work together to reach these goals. Please prepare your student for this school year by talking to him or her about the importance of education. In addition, start the year right by setting up a study area and establishing the expectation that your child will complete homework, review class notes, study for test, and read on a daily basis. Make sure that you know what classes your child is taking and how to communicate with his or her teachers. Keep track of your child's progress through our new Skyward student management system as well as progress reports and report cards, further details regarding the Skyward system will follow. Most importantly, take a few minutes each day to talk to your child about the school day. Small actions like these can make a big difference in your child's education.

Monday morning, all students should arrive on campus by 9:15 with laptops

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"Our focus...is to be the top producer of successful students in the nation."



Cheron Anderson
Principal



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

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fully charged and in dress code. Students will be assigned a homeroom upon arrival and here they will get an updated copy of their schedule. Students will stay in homeroom for a short period, then be dismissed for the remainder of the day.

Students will attend lunch with their grade level. It may be a good idea to pack a lunch for your child for the first few days as they get in the swing of lunch procedures.

The first day of school is always memorable. So, we wish our students the best of luck as they start a great school year as part of the Chain of Lakes Family.

Sincerely,
Cheron Anderson
Principal



First Day of School

First Day of School

The first day of school is August 12th, 2019. Please help students have a great start to the new school year by coming to school with a fully charged laptop, in dress code and with the school supplies listed in this edition.

Students will receive other important information on this day so make sure to take time that evening to review all of these materials and respond appropriately.

Where to go for Assistance

The start of a new school year should be a fun and exciting time, but too often, students are filled with apprehension, especially if this is their first year at a new school. We at Chain of Lakes Middle School would like students, before they ever step foot on campus, to understand where they can go to obtain assistance and solve any problems that may arise. A great place to start is with the classroom teacher. Teachers are a great source of information, and have the ability to solve classroom level concerns. The next best place to go for any student is his/her respective grade level office. Here, a student can speak with their guidance counselor or administrator, pick-up or drop off important information, or just ask general questions. Let's say you lost your schedule; the grade level office can easily print a new one for you. Having a problem with another student? The guidance counselor or administrators are great resources to help mediate conflict. No problem is too small or large. Finally, the front office is also a great place to go for any form of assistance. Here, you will find our school secretary, registrar, bookkeeper, School Resource Officer, and the principals. But regardless of where a student chooses to go for assistance, we encourage all students to report problems as soon as they arise. Every adult on our campus is ready to assist with any problems or concerns. If you have any questions, or would like further information related to this topic, please feel free to contact a grade level counselor at 407-909-5400.

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- Clothes shall be worn as they are designed-suspenders over the shoulders, pants secured at the waist, belts buckled, no underwear as outerwear, no underwear exposed.
- **Clothes with holes, tears and rips or inappropriate patches will not be allowed.*****
- Bare midriffs and bare sides should not show, even when arms are extended above the head.
- Clothing that is too tight or revealing is unacceptable.
- Garments and/or jewelry which display or suggest sexual, vulgar, drug, alcohol or tobacco-related working/graphics or may tend to provoke violence or disruption in school shall not be worn.
- Gang paraphernalia, jewelry, tattoos, clothing or other insignias which display, suggest, provoke or may tend to provoke violence or disruptions are not allowed.
- The following items have potential to cause disruption or threat to a safe and positive school environment and are prohibited: hats, caps, visors, sunglasses, bandanas, skull-caps, chains hanging from the neck, belt, pocket, or attached to wallet.
- Hemlines for shorts, dresses, skirts and skorts shall be no shorter than mid thigh.
- All shirts must have a sleeve.
- Thong sandals, light-up shoes, slides, cleats, backless shoes and "heeleys – shoes with wheels" are not acceptable.

A copy of the Orange County Public Schools dress code is available on the OCPS web site: www.ocps.net.

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School Supply List

Below is the list of items that all students need for the school year.

6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Loose leaf paper*	Loose leaf paper*	College ruled paper*
Hand held pencil sharpener with cover	Hand held pencil sharpener with cover	Hand held pencil sharpener with cover
(5) 100 Page spiral notebooks	(5) 100 Page spiral notebooks	(5) 100 Page spiral notebooks
Composition notebook	Composition notebook	Composition notebook
Pencils #2*	Pencils #2*	Pencils #2*
Pens (blue or black, no gel)*	Pens (blue or black, no gel)*	Pens (blue or black, no gel)*
Highlighters	Highlighters	Highlighters
Dry erase markers	Dry erase markers	Dry erase markers
Index cards	Index cards	Index cards
Earbuds	Earbuds	Earbuds
	Graph paper	Graph paper
	Calculator (basic 4 function)	Calculator (basic 4 function)

Please replenish throughout the year as needed

The following donations would be greatly appreciated:

Boxes of facial tissue, hand sanitizer, pencils, reams of copy paper, and Clorox wipes.

****If your child is having challenges finding any of the above items, please have them speak with their teacher or guidance counselor.****



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Osprey Meet the Teacher Event

Meet the Teacher Night for all students will be held on Tuesday, August 6th. We will begin each evening in the cafeteria at 6:00pm. Students will pick-up a copy of their schedule and head to their 1st period class. Parents and students will have a chance to visit each teacher and spend a limited amount of time to have important questions answered. This event will conclude at 7:30pm.

7th Grade Immunizations

All incoming 7th grade and returning students need to have turned in their updated immunization card and physicals prior to being able to receive their schedule for next year 2019-2020. All schedules will be pulled of any student who is missing their physical form or immunization form Florida 680. These students will not be allowed to attend classes the first day of school. Please get these in so your student may begin classes on August 12, 2019. Where can my child get immunization shots? See your private physician or visit one of the Orange County Health Department five clinics. Call 407-836-2600 for clinic location.

Cell Phones

Students must silence and put away cell phones at 9:25 every morning. Cell phones should be placed in a student backpack or purse and not removed until dismissal. Please make sure your student is following this policy as cell phones that are visible will be confiscated.



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Digital Device and Schedule Pick Up

Chain of Lakes Middle School is very excited to be a Digital School this year. This means that every student will receive a laptop to enhance their academic experience. On the below dates we will be distributing laptops and schedules to our students for the new school year. Be sure to attend at your time and make time to get familiar with your child's laptop.

- 6th Graders – August 7th
- 7th Graders – August 1th
- 8th Graders – August 2th





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Parent Quick Reference Card



Device Care Tips

- Fully charge device each night
- Do not charge the device on a soft surface that blocks airflow
- Store device on a desk or table
- Clean device screen with microfiber cloth
- Keep device away from extreme temperatures, food and drinks, small children, pets and water



Troubleshooting

1. Confirm device is connected to the Internet
2. Press Control + Alt + Delete to close programs in the Task Manager
3. Restart device
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Athletics

Soccer tryouts are held the first week of school so be prepared! All county paperwork, including the OCPS sports physical, must be completed and turned in to the front office or to Mrs. Pirolli prior to attending tryouts. Forms can be found in the front office and on our school website. Exact dates and times of tryouts will be announced the first day of school but please note that they will begin the first week of school and will be held at the end of the school day.

OCPS offers three other sports at the middle school level, volleyball (October), basketball (January) and track (March). County paperwork may be completed and turned in at any time in order to be prepared for tryouts. Paperwork needs only to be turned in once for students to be eligible for all sports offered during that school year. Check our school website frequently for updates on tryouts and game information.



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