



# WARRIORS' DRUM BEAT

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Students:

It's hard to believe we are already halfway through the school year. Parents will have the opportunity to view their students' second nine-weeks and first semester grades, which will be posted in Parent Focus on January 16, 2025.

As we move through the school year, we want to highlight some of our recent accomplishments and activities:

- **Mr. Matthew Clay**, Social Studies teacher, has been nominated as our OFHS Teacher of the Year and will represent us for the PCS Teacher of the Year nomination. We are proud to have him on our team!
- Our **Theatre Program** presented *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* on November 13th, 14th, and 15th. The production was a great success, with excellent attendance each night. A heartfelt congratulations to all involved in bringing this magical performance to life!
- At the 2024 District 4 Thespian Competition, held December 5-7th. Our talented **Theatre Artists** earned several high honors, including advancing to the Florida State Thespians One-Act Festival this spring with their outstanding performance of *We Are the Tigers*, one of only three One-Acts chosen to represent our district. Additionally, they received the following awards: **Best Actress – Samantha Marshall, Best Tech, and All-Star Cast** honors for **Angelina Walker**. Congratulations to our entire theatre team on these incredible achievements!
- On November 19th, **114 students** were inducted into the **National Honor Society**. We are so proud of these students' academic excellence and commitment to service.
- **Seminole Lake Rotary Students of the Month** for October, November, and December included: **Julia Mellinger & Danie Saenz, Isabella Snyder, Kevin Saenz, Sydney Seabrooks, and Jackson Berglund**.
- Congratulations to **Aliyah Lai** (Eastern Florida State College) and **Jenna Neupaver** (University of Tampa) for recently signing their letters of intent to play college softball.

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### ADMINISTRATION

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Michael C. Bohnet

#### Assistant Principals

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### 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.

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# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT *...continued from front cover*

- **Hunter Rudisill** (Emery-Ridell Aeronautical University) and **Jack Schellenberg** (Coker University) also recently signed their letters of intent to play college lacrosse.
- **Sydney Seabrooks** signed her letter of intent to attend and compete in gymnastics at The University of North Carolina. We wish her the best of luck!
- Our **Boys' and Girls' Cross-Country Teams** had an outstanding season:
  - Both teams were crowned **District Champions** and **PCAC Champions**.
  - The Girls' team went on to become **Regional Champions** and placed **13th at States**.
  - The Boys' team placed **3rd at Regionals** and **15th at States**.
- Our **Swim and Dive Teams** continued their dominance:
  - The Boys' and Girls' teams were both **District Champions** (9th consecutive year) and **PCAC Runners-Up**.
  - The Boys' team made history by being crowned **Regional Champions** for the first time ever, and both teams placed **13th at States**.
  - The Boys' 400 Freestyle Relay team of Arnas Monkelis, Strader Franzese, Kevin Saenz, and Bobby Ryley placed **6th at States** and set a new school record!
- Our Girls' Volleyball Team was crowned District Champions, PCAC Runners-Up, and advanced to the Regional Finals.
- Holland Downey, Campbell Fish, and Kaylin Woods were selected to play in the PVCA Senior All-Star Game. Coach Ashley Martin was named FACA 5A District 14 Coach of the Year, and Holland Downey was honored as FACA 5A District 14 Player of the Year.
- Our Varsity Football Team ended the season with a record of 5 wins and 5 losses. Congratulations to Dylan Xayasongkham, Walter Wolfe, Nico D'Angio, Matt Redman, and Mikey Shoro, who were selected to play in the Pinellas North/South Senior All-Star Football Game.
- Miley Hildebrand and Cassidy McCraney were selected to the Pinellas North/South All-Star Cheerleading Team.
- Our **Boys' and Girls' Bowling Teams** had remarkable seasons:
  - The Boys' Varsity team finished **Runner-Up** at PCACs and placed **3rd at the State District Tournament**.
  - The Girls' Varsity team placed **3rd at PCACs** and **4th at the District Tournament**.
  - The Boys' JV team finished **3rd at PCACs**, while the Girls' JV team were crowned **PCAC Champions** for the second consecutive year!
  - **Brianna Davidson, Giovanni Parmar, and Russell Welsh** earned **All-County First Team** honors.
  - **Isabella List, Riley Nassoim, Ava Robbins, Ella Ross, and Obi Miehler** earned **All-County Second Team** honors.
  - Coach **John Foss** was named **Florida Gulf Coast Bowling Coach of the Year**.
- Our **Girls' Golf Team (2nd), Varsity Football (3rd) and Girls' volleyball (4th)** for being recognized as a top 5 Team GPA in the State of our School Size classification in the FHSAA Academic State Championships – fall results.

We are resuming all parent meetings (Boosters, SAC/12th grade, PTSA/9th grade) in January. Please be sure to check our school website for specific meeting dates and times.

Thank you for all your continued support of Osceola Fundamental High School. We are so grateful that you have entrusted us with your child's education. We wish you and your family a Happy New Year! Your Partner in Education,

Michael C. Bohnet, *Principal*



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**CONGRATULATIONS**  
 Osceola Fundamental High School Marching Band competed in the Seminole Sound Spectacular Band Competition on October 26th and won best guard, percussion, visual, general effect, music, and won 1st place in division 1A. Many hours of practice paid off for them!



**LOST AND FOUND**

Lost and found is located in Student Services. If your student has lost something while at school, have them stop by and see if any items belong to them. We have lots of lunch boxes and water bottles.

**MID PERIOD REPORT AND REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE**

Mid Period Report	End of Report Period	Report Cards Distributed
Wednesday November 13, 2024	Friday December 20, 2024	Thursday January 16, 2025
Friday February 7, 2025	Friday March 14, 2025	Thursday April 3, 2025
Monday April 25, 2025	Thursday May 29, 2025	Tuesday June 3, 2025

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### Regular Days

Period 1:	7:25 – 8:12	
Period 2:	8:17 – 9:04	
Period 3:	9:09 – 9:56	
Period 4:	10:01 – 10:49 (48 min due to morning announcements)	
Period 5:	<b>1st Lunch</b> 10:49 – 11:19	<b>5th period</b> 10:54 – 11:41
Period 5:	<b>5th period</b> 11:24 – 12:11	<b>2nd Lunch</b> 11:41 – 12:11
Period 6:	12:16 – 1:03	
Period 7:	1:08 – 1:55	

## REQUESTING A PERMIT TO LEAVE (PLT)

If your student needs to leave school for an appointment, etc: Please email the alpha clerk in advanced, first thing in the morning or the day before is recommended to ensure there is enough time to write and deliver the PTL to the student. Please include the following information to include in your email:

- Student NAME and grade
- TIME requested to leave
- REASON for leaving (TYPE of appt)
- The person signs them out or do they DRIVE

Alpha Clerks are listed below. Alpha is for student's LAST name.

- A-G Alpha Clerk - [bowlingt@pcsb.org](mailto:bowlingt@pcsb.org)
- H-O Alpha Clerk - [turnerdi@pcsb.org](mailto:turnerdi@pcsb.org)
- P-Z Alpha Clerk - [sirabellaa@pcsb.org](mailto:sirabellaa@pcsb.org)

*NOTE: Students must remain in class more than half the period to be counted present. To be counted present 7th period, students must stay in class until 1:35pm.*



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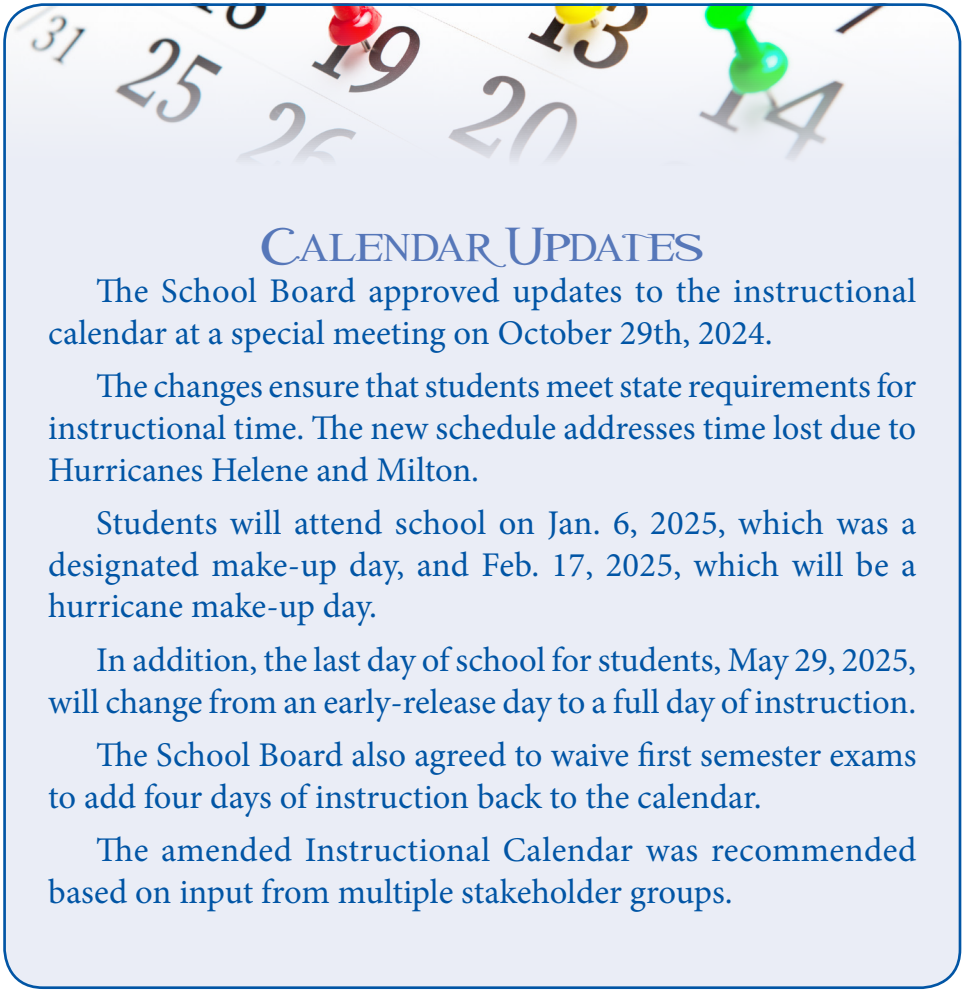
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### CALENDAR UPDATES

The School Board approved updates to the instructional calendar at a special meeting on October 29th, 2024.

The changes ensure that students meet state requirements for instructional time. The new schedule addresses time lost due to Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

Students will attend school on Jan. 6, 2025, which was a designated make-up day, and Feb. 17, 2025, which will be a hurricane make-up day.

In addition, the last day of school for students, May 29, 2025, will change from an early-release day to a full day of instruction.

The School Board also agreed to waive first semester exams to add four days of instruction back to the calendar.

The amended Instructional Calendar was recommended based on input from multiple stakeholder groups.

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**PARENT MEETING CALENDAR DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2024**

**SAC**

January - 13th

February - 10th

March - 10th

April - 7th\*

May - 12th

\* On a different day due to a scheduling conflict

**Boosters**

January - 14th \*

February - 4th

March - 4th

April - 1st

May - 6th

\* On a different day due to a scheduling conflict

**PTSA**

January - 30th

February - 27th

March - 27th

April - 24th

May - none



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# REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

*Boys Swim and Dive team made OFHS history by winning regionals for the first time ever.*

1st Place in both the Medley and 400 Free relays: Strader Franzese, Kevin Saenz, Bobby Riley, Arnas Monkelis

Arnas Monkelis – 1st in both the 100 free and 200 free

Kevin Saenz – 2nd in the IM

Isabell Kurlinski – 1st diving

Scarlett Novak – 2nd in the IM

Raquel Lewis - 3rd fly

Sara Henkel - 3rd 500 free

200 free relay and the 400 free relay both 2nd-

Scarlett Novak, Sara Henkel, Maggie Smith, Jayanna Jerichow



Boys Medley relay and their 400 free relay 1st: Bobby Riley, Kevin Saenz, Strader Franzese, Arnas Monkelis

Arnas Monkelis- 1st 200 free and 1st 100 free

Starter Franzese - 2nd 200 free and 2nd 500 free

Kevin Saenz - 1st IM and 2nd Breast

Hunter Oglesbee - 2nd IM

Bobby Riley- 2nd 50 free and 2nd fly

Daniel Saenz - 2nd 100 free and 3rd in breast

Julian Lai- 3rd 100 free

Boys 200 free relay 2nd: Julian Lai, Hunter Oglesbee, Daniel Saenz, Ilya Proskurkin



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## VOLUNTEERING

Welcome to 2024 -25 school year!

Reminder, that there are many ways support OFHS!

**We are always in need of volunteers throughout the year,  
examples include:**

- College and Career Center
- Boosters, Band, Culinary, Chorus, Theatre, etc.
- Assisting with any sports, score keeper, timer, photographer, chain gang, announcing, concessions, game parking, team parent, etc.
- Field trip chaperone
- Special events
- Clerical front desk, filing, etc.
- Testing Proctor
- Volunteer Athletic Coach
- Spirit wear sales
- Mentor
- Tutor
- Classroom speaker



To participate in any of these activities, you must be an approved volunteer registered with Pinellas County Schools. For more information about registering as a volunteer or reactivating your volunteer status for the 2024-25 school year, visit the PCS Volunteer page - [www.pcsb.org/volunteer](http://www.pcsb.org/volunteer)

Osceola Fundamental High School Family and Community Liaison representative - Julia Long - [longjul@pcsb.org](mailto:longjul@pcsb.org).