



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

The latest news and updates from Ocean City Intermediate School



Report Cards

By Michael Mattina, Principal

Hello OCIS Families,

Marking period 1 is just about in the books. Your children will be receiving their report cards shortly after the marking period closes out. Please make sure that you are checking student grades in PowerSchool. It is important to take a look at grades at least twice per month to have an idea of how your child is doing in their classes. If you have any questions about grades, please reach out to your child's teacher; email is the easiest way to receive a quick response. If you believe your question is more complex, you can certainly ask the teacher to give you a call. As a parent, you should always understand what grades your child is receiving, and why.

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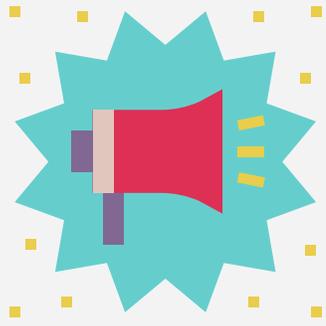
Report Cards

Let's continue to communicate and work together. This year has opened up wonderfully, and it is my goal to keep moving forward together on this path of cooperation and unity for our students. Please reach out to me or any of the wonderful staff members if you believe we can be of assistance to you and your family. It is essential that as stakeholders, you understand that you have a voice in your child's academic journey.

Thank you all for your support of OCIS. Be sure to get outside and enjoy the beautiful colors of fall with your family!

Sincerely,

Michael Mattina, Principal



Morning Announcements

Please check out our Facebook page to view the morning announcements that your children hear each day.

<h1>November</h1>				
	1	2	3	
7 8th Grade CAP Parent Presentation via Zoom	8 MP1 ends	9 No School for Students - Staff Inservice	10 No School - NJEA Convention	11 No School - NJEA Convention
14 Picture Retake Day 8th Gr CAP Presentation	15 MP1 Report Cards	16 BOE Meeting	17	18
21	22	23 Early Dismissal 12:10pm	24 No School <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	25 No School
28	29 PTA Holiday Secret Shop	30 Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal 5-7pm at HS	December 1 Winter Concert 6:30pm at HS	2

Staff Spotlight - Mr. Nunan



Mr. Nunan is in his eighteenth year as a teacher in the Ocean City School District. He taught Language Arts and Social Studies in fourth grade and Math and Science in fifth grade. Mr. Nunan was also a substitute teacher in kindergarten through high school for his first year in the district. Prior to coming to Ocean City, he taught in the Philadelphia School District, the Cartwright School District in Phoenix, Arizona, and was a substitute teacher on the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation in Hoopa, CA. Mr. Nunan loves the positive and enduring relationships that are developed with students, colleagues, and the community. But most importantly, he loves watching our students develop and blossom socially, emotionally, and academically.

Thank you!

Mr. Nunan enjoys spending his free time with his family, especially his wife, Cindy. They have a daughter, Nicole who was a 2017 graduate of OCHS and a 2021 graduate of LaSalle University. He enjoys swimming, surfing, and reading to relax. On good surf days you can find Mr. Nunan in the Strathmere surf at sunrise with a few good friends and sometimes a dolphin or two.

A few reminders



Student Attendance

If your child cannot attend school, please notify us through email. The email address is ocisattendance@ocsdnj.org

Late to School

Students receive two free unexcused lates per marking period. Any additional unexcused lates will result in a detention being issued. Students with doctors notes will be marked as an excused late.

Health & Wellness

Tips for Parents/Caregivers:



5 Ways to Prep Your Kids for Daylight Saving Time

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The Dramatic Link between Sleep and Student Performance

[CLICK to Read More](#)

Many Clubs and Activities to Join!

[CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)



Students of Character - October



The Character Trait for October was “Caring”: feeling and exhibiting concern and empathy for others. Congratulations to our October Students of Character:

- Paola Bautista
- Benedetto Dougherty
- Parker Morton
- Scarlett Marshall
- Cooper Lloyd
- Mia Venturi
- Willow Tyrrell
- Leonardo Serrano-Caballero
- Marley Dwyer
- Callie Erney
- Sebastian Hudak
- Linda Becker
- Samuel Gayle



ESL Trip to Philadelphia Zoo

The OCPS and OCIS English Language Learners took a field trip to the Philadelphia Zoo for an in-depth, hands-on, meaningful experience and were able to build their background knowledge to help contribute to their academic success. Some of our newcomer students have never been to Philadelphia, as they have recently moved from places like Afghanistan, Ukraine, and Mexico.



Fishing Club

The OCIS Fishing Club got out for a fishing trip on the OC/Longport Pier. Thank you to the parents that helped out and to FinAtics for the bait and gear.



Technology Club

What better way to get students interested in science and technology than fun, hands-on projects that move on their own? Mrs. Schmid's OCIS Technology Club Grades 4-5 had the unique experience of creating their own Spinning Brush Bot by using the following materials: a toothbrush head, Mini vibration motor with wires, mounting tape, 3V cell battery, and googly eyes. They were able to construct all of these materials together to create their own moving Bot. Once created, the students met at different tables to watch their Brush Bots spin together. They're already looking forward to the next hands-on project that they can create.



Geography

Mr. B's class began with Continents and Oceans to kick off Geography this year! Using hand-picked pumpkins, this project was the perfect seasonal launching point as Mr. B's class explores diversity, culture, and civilization around the world throughout the year.



Music

The rain did not stop the OCIS Music Department from completing a road clean up on and around OCIS. The students worked hard to do their part for the community by collecting 3 bags of trash and recyclables. Way to go band and chorus students!



Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week was held the week of October 24th and this year's theme was "Celebrate Life. Live Drug Free". The theme is a reminder that by staying drug free, you are sending a message to yourself and others about how much you value yourself, your health, your community, and your future. One thing's for sure... by making healthy choices like staying drug free, you are much more likely to achieve your goals. So, aim for the stars...we believe in you!



During lunches, students individually made a commitment to healthy choices by signing a banner, now proudly displayed at the entrance to our school building. Lunchtime games and music requests, DJ'd by Student Counsel, were enjoyed as students celebrated being part of the OCIS community and a commitment to making healthy choices. Red Ribbon Week themed swag (pencils, ribbons, t-shirts, wristbands) added to the fun.



Red Ribbon Week

Mix it Up at Lunch Day...students were encouraged to identify, question and cross social boundaries. Students moved out of their comfort zones and connected with someone new over lunch. Mix It Up at Lunch Day helps celebrate diversity and inclusion. It's a simple act with profound implications.



Red Ribbon Week

Lunchtime Trivia, hosted by our Student Council, where the students competed against each other for prizes.



“Live to be 100” - Make healthy choices and live long healthy lives.



Red Ribbon Week

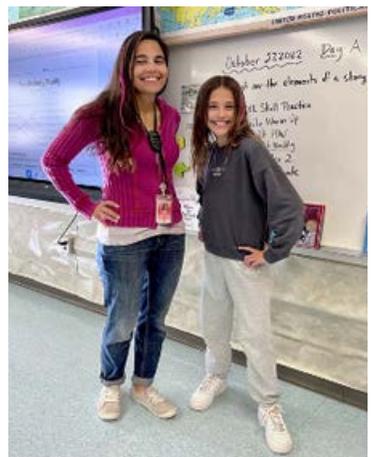


Cape Assist visited our 4th, 5th and 6th graders on Thursday and Friday of Red Ribbon Week to play a trivia game called "Beat the Geek". Students competed against "The Geek" in their knowledge of the harms that come by vaping and alcohol abuse in a silly and fun educational program.



"Pink Out"

OCIS had a "Pink Out" in October, with all Dress Down money collected donated to the Mikenzie Helphenstine Memorial Scholarship. Til' You Can't. MH



7th & 8th Grade Halloween Dance

The 7th/8th Grade Halloween Dance was held on Friday 10/28. A SPOOKTACULAR time was had by all who attended.

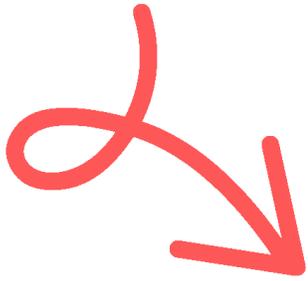


Happy Halloween



BOO!

October RaiderFit Challenge



OCTOBER RAIDERFIT

CHALLENGE

STANDING BROAD JUMP



TOP PERFORMERS

8TH GRADE

GRIFFIN GRAY
ELLA MILLER- 7'7" 2x WINNER
CULLEN WHELAN 2x WINNER
CECE MIRSKY

6TH GRADE

JACKSON MATTERN 2x
WINNER
BRIDGET FLETCHER
ANTHONY McMENAMIN
BELLA BREADY 2x WINNER

7TH GRADE

EVERLEE PEAK
CRUZ DINOFA- 8'0
MARLEY DWYER 2x WINNER
ANDREW GODFREY 2x
WINNER

5TH GRADE

PAXTON BRUNETTI 2x
WINNER
FRANCESCA PITTALUGA

4TH GRADE

MADDIE CHIORAZZO 2x
WINNER
PETER KOZORIZ

Congratulations to these Top Performers in this month's challenge!



District Calendar

[Click Here](#) to see the District School calendar and print out the handy PDF.

Mark Your Calendars!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR CAN BE FOUND BY **CLICKING HERE!**

Orientations, Start Dates and More!

A look ahead at December:



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5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23 Early Dismissal
26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL
JANUARY 2, 2023 NO SCHOOL	JANUARY 3, 2023 School Resumes			



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