

HAWK NEWS



Southern Oaks Middle School Newsletter

Welcome Back

Welcome Back!

A big welcome to all our new 6th grade parents and to all of our parents in 7th and 8th grade. It is going to be an exciting new school year. Open House is August 8 from 4:00-6:00. The schedule for attending Open House is on page 3. Parents will have the opportunity to follow their child's schedule for the evening to meet all of their parents.

Southern Oaks Middle School is a B-Rated School this year with many things to celebrate in this year's test scores. Not only was our geometry pass rate was 100% this year, but 55% of those students earned a 5– the highest score possible. That is amazing! Our Civics pass rate was 86%, the highest of all the public middle schools in the county.

Our teachers have been back to school this week. They came in five days early so they could plan in teams to ensure that our students are off to the best start possible this year. They are very excited for the return of our students.

I would like to encourage you to read the newsletter thoroughly for more information on: dress code, Open House schedule, school supplies lists, our Band Fundraiser, the school schedule, SAC and PTO parent involvement opportunities, and future school activities.

"We are proud to offer volleyball, basketball, track, soccer, and flag football in our intramurals program at SOMS. Athletic packets are available in the main office and will be available at Open House.

- Coach Nicholas Clements



Hawk T-Shirts are for Sale in the Main Office for 10 dollars. Students may wear them any day of the week. They come in a variety of styles. Our first shirts this year are grey.

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DRESS CODE FOR STUDENTS

Students MUST wear:

Collared, turtle neck, or official school spirit shirts purchased from the school. Logos/graphics on shirts other than school spirit shirts may be no larger than pocket-sized

Dresses, shorts, skirts, or skirt slits at knee length or below. Necklines on dresses must stay above arm pit level

Pants, shorts, or skirts worn above the hipbone

Shoes, tennis shoes, or sandals with a back strap, boots

Students Must NOT Wear:

House slippers in any form or clothing that is pajama type in nature

Anything that exposes undergarments or is see-through or sheer in nature, or is tight and revealing

Anything that has holes, tears or frays of any kind.

Clothing, accessories, bandanas, jewelry or flags associated with gangs or referencing drugs, tobacco, alcohol, weapons, violence, or sex. The only acceptable flag is the United States Flag (Stars and Stripes)

Accessories that create a safety concern (wallet chains, studded necklaces, wrist bands, rings, hair picks, large combs)

T-shirts, tank tops, or halter tops over collared shirts. Long shirts that go past mid hip-bone

Leggings, jeggings, athletic shorts/pants, board shorts, or sweatpants, including Nike or Adidas-style sweat pants and “joggers”

Hoodies may be worn, but must be size appropriate and may not extend past the hips, or be cut off as a “Half-hoodie.”

Hats of any type

Flip Flops or backless shoes

****The school’s administration/designee shall be the final judge of wearing apparel/accessories and will determine whether or not such items are appropriate, disruptive, offensive, distracting, or in violation of health and safety rules.**

Hawk School Supply List

4 Composition Notebooks (black and white cover)—three should be lined paper, and one should be a graphing composition notebook

1 2-inch ring binder

Dividers with tabs for the binder

Packet of wide-ruled three-hole punched paper

1 Box of #2 Pencils

Blue or black ink pens (at least two of each)

3 high lighters (varying colors)

Safety Scissors

Eraser

Ruler

Pencil Case

Box of colored pencils

Glue Sticks

Teacher would sure appreciate donations of:

Tissues, paper towels, hand sanitizer, dry erase markers, sticky notes

Colored markers and pencils

Open House
 August 8
 4:00-6:00 PM

Please follow your child's schedule to meet their teachers.

4:00-4:15	Pick Up Your Schedule in the GYM
4:15-4:25	Period 1
4:25-4:30	Transition
4:30-4:40	Period 2
4:40-4:45	Transition
4:45-4:55	Period 3
4:55-5:00	Transition
5:00-5:10	Period 4
5:10-5:15	Transition
5:15-5:25	Period 5
5:25-5:30	Transition
5:35-5:45	Period 6
5:45-5:50	Transition
5:50-6:00	Period 7



**SOUTHERN OAKS
 MIDDLE SCHOOL
 BAND**

**LUXURY PILLOW
 FUNDRAISER**

**FOR PRICES AND DETAILS GO TO:
WWW.PARAMOUNTPILLOWS.COM**

**GOAL:
 200 PILLOWS**

**WHEN:
 Open House
 August 8, 2018
 From: 4pm - 6PM**



**WHERE:
 AT MIDDLE SCHOOL
 5500 N.E. St. James Drive
 Port St. Lucie, FL**



- * **BELOW RETAIL AND INTERNET PRICES**
- * **CASH OR CREDIT**
- * **TAKE HOME AT EVENT**
- * **LUXURIOUS COMFORT**
- * **BEST RATED PRODUCTS**
- * **EIGHT UNIQUE OPTIONS FOR EVERYONE - INCLUDING:**

- Plush, pressure-easing memory foam
- Infused with relaxing, all natural aromatherapy oils
- Gel layer to help dissipate body heat



Castle HIGH HOPES Program

CASTLE offers a High Hopes for Kids Program at our school. This program is for students experiencing divorce or separation. Groups take place during the regular school hours and the times are coordinated with the school guidance counselor and your child's teacher. Divorce is one of the most traumatic and life changing events for children. Students who are registered participate in a group with 4-8 students. The program offers the students the opportunity to discuss changes in the family, anger management, communicating feelings, problem-solving and self-esteem. The program runs for 12 sessions and is evidence-based.

CASTLE provides a workbook for each child and a parent workbook for you to see what your child is actually learning in the program. The registration fee is \$25. If you cannot pay the fee, we accept a small donation. There are forms available in the main office. If you have any questions contact Sara Frahm, Program Coordinator, at 772-461-0863, ext. 504.

Parent Pick Up and Drop Off

Parents may not drop their students off before 9:10 am. There is no supervision at drop-off before 9:10am. Starting September 2, students will not be allowed to sit unattended before 9:10. Parents will need to wait with their student until it is time, or students will be guided to mandatory supervised morning tutoring.

Parent Pick Up begins at 4:00. Please be at school no later than 4:15 to pick your student up.

Contact Information

Principal's Office

Exec. Secretary	Ann Dunshee	772-785-5659
Principal	Bridgette Hargadine	772-785-5659
Ass't Principal	Amber Minarchick	772-785-5672
Attendance	Luanne Russo	772-785-5650
Clinic	Pam Leverity	772-785- 5643

Guidance Office

A-L Counselor	Kristine Clark	772-785-5687
M-Z Counselor	Amanda Snure	772-785-5653

Dean's Office

6th Grade Dean	Todd Hibbard	772-785-5640
7th Grade Dean	Marcus Kloser	
8th Grade Dean	Maureen Davis	

Academic Deans—Call for Support with Your Child's Grades
A-L Dr. Shannon Rennaker 772-785-5640
M-Z Nicholas Clements

ESE Student Services

ESE Clerk	Margie Rosado	772-785-5640
ESE Specialist	Troy Luckey	

Intramural Sports Program

Athletic Director	Nicholas Clements	772-785-5659
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Cafeteria- Breakfast and Lunch

Cafeteria Manager-	Bianca Smith	772-785-5671
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Project Success Coordinator

Karen Lane		772-785-5659
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6th Grade Parents: Understanding Middle School Attendance

By middle school, every teacher takes attendance in every class period. Thus, every period counts for attendance. Students are not counted as having attended all day if they attend part of a day of school. This is an important change in understanding how attendance works.

When looking at your child's attendance in Skyward, you will need to review all seven periods of attendance.

SOMS Daily Schedule

A Schedule		B Schedule		C Schedule	
8 th Grade		6 th Grade		7 th Grade	
1	9:40-10:25 (45)	1	9:40-10:25 (45)	1	9:40-10:25 (45)
2	10:30-11:15 (45)	2	10:30-11:15 (45)	2	10:30-11:15 (45)
L	11:20-11:50 (30)	3	11:20-12:05 (45)	3	11:20-12:05 (45)
3	11:55-12:40 (45)	L	12:10-12:40 (30)	4	12:10-12:55 (45)
4	12:45-1:30 (45)	4	12:45-1:30 (45)	L	1:00-1:30 (30)
5	1:35-2:20 (45)	5	1:35-2:20 (45)	5	1:35-2:20 (45)
6	2:25-3:10 (45)	6	2:25-3:10 (45)	6	2:25-3:10 (45)
7	3:15-4:00 (45)	7	3:15-4:00 (45)	7	3:15-4:00 (45)

SOMS Early Release Schedule 7 Periods

A Schedule		B Schedule		C Schedule	
8 th Grade		6 th Grade		7 th Grade	
1	9:40-10:08 (28)	1	9:40-10:08 (28)	1	9:40-10:08 (28)
2	10:12-10:40 (28)	2	10:12-10:40 (28)	L	10:12-10:40 (28)
L	10:44-11:14 (30)	3	10:44-11:14 (30)	3	10:44-11:14 (30)
3	11:18-11:48 (30)	L	11: 18-11:48 (30)	4	11:18-11:48 (30)
4	11:52-12:22 (30)	4	11:52-12:22 (30)	L	11:52-12:22 (30)
5	12:26-12:54 (28)	5	12:26-12:54 (28)	5	12:26-12:54 (28)
6	12:58-1:26 (28)	6	12:58-1:26 (28)	6	12:58-1:26 (28)
7	1:30-2:00 (30)	7	1:30-2:00 (30)	7	1:30-2:00 (30)



SAC and PTO Opportunities

Parents are invited to become members of the School Advisory Council. We meet on a set calendar once a month. Dinner is provided for you and any family members in attendance. You can bring your other students who do not go to SOMS. To sign up to be a part of SAC, please contact Principal Hargadine at 772-785-5658.

PTO meetings occur directly after SAC. You do not have attend both. You can be a part of one or the other. We need all the parent feedback and support we can get and look forward having every one at our meetings!

Date	SAC Topic	Dinner
8.22.18 6PM	What is SAC? The School Improvement Plan Student Led Conference	Italian
9.18.18	Our PBIS Plan Socio-Emotional Learning	Pizza Night
10.17.18	Bullying Awareness Month Ms. Lane and Cyber Safety	Panera Breads
11.28.18	Career and Technical Education Night Lisa Kitzmiller on Transitions to High School for ESE students	Chicken and Potato Salad
December	No Meeting	No Meeting
1.30.19	Testing and the Testing Calendar Student Services (Safety Nets, Deans, Ese and Guidance)	Mexican Supper
2.20.19	Spring Activities Calendar Preparing Your Child for High School	Sandwiches and Finger Foods
3.27.19	Writing PBIS Check In	Chinese Food
4.17.19	Parks and Recreations Connection to Our City Guest Speaker-City Council	Salad and Soup Night
5.22.19	Wrap Up for the Year Planning for Next Year	Fancy Thank You Dinner

Upcoming Activities

August 29th Hawk Hello	Game Day (inside and outside activities) To attend you must have perfect attendance and no referrals.
Sept 10-14	Mustache You a Question Week
Sept. 26th	Anti-bullying Day
Oct 31st	Hawk Harvest Dance (To Attend, you must have no referrals)
Nov. 8th Election Day	Every grade level will create booths on civics education and student elections will take place.
Dec. 8th Parents Day Out	8 to 1 PM Bring your student for a day of fun on Saturday, Dec 8th, while you go shop for the holidays.
Jan. 25th In-School Dance	No Referrals for the 2nd 9wks. and Perfect Attendance from Jan. 8th to the 18th.
Feb. 13th	Hawk Idol
April 3rd	Cyber Safety with Counselor Lane and the Deans
April 26th	8th Grade Dance
May 17th	PBIS Senior Showcase
TBD	Flight of the Hawks



Title One School

Southern Oaks Middle School is a Title 1 School. This means we receive additional federal funding to support student achievement. Our Before and After School Program is supported by Title 1 funding. Also, we provide professional development to the teaching staff through Title 1 Funding. Special parent involvement nights and morning events are funded through Title I to help encourage families to be involved in our school.

On September 13, from 7:30 am-8:30 AM we will hold a Title I Parent Informational Meeting in Hawk's Landing. If you cannot make the morning meeting, we will repeat the meeting at 5:00 PM on the same day.



Robotics students participating in a drone competition.

Contact Us

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Visit us on the web at <http://schools.stlucie.k12.fl.us/som/>

Remind: @SOMSFA

True Grit

This year our school is focused on teaching students the trait of Resiliency. Resilient students, regardless of their IQ, perform better in school.

