

# HAWK NEWS



Southern Oaks Middle School Newsletter

**Sept 1, 2018**

PART II

Every Student Future Ready.

# Testing Calendar

CBT: Computer-Based Test

U: Unit

PBT: Paper Based Test

# October

# 2018

## ASSESSMENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 8 <sup>th</sup> SCI U <sub>3</sub>	3 CIVICS U <sub>2</sub>	4 6 <sup>th</sup> SCI U <sub>2</sub> 7 <sup>th</sup> ELA U <sub>2</sub> CBT PREADMINISTRATION DAY FOR 8 <sup>th</sup> GRADE PSATS	5 ALG U <sub>2</sub>	6
7	8	9	10 PSAT DAY	11 CIVICS U <sub>3</sub> 6 <sup>th</sup> ELA U <sub>2</sub>	12 GEO U <sub>2</sub> CBT 6 <sup>th</sup> MATH ADV U <sub>3</sub> 8 <sup>th</sup> MATH U <sub>3</sub> CBT 7 <sup>th</sup> MATH U <sub>2</sub>	13
14	15 Teacher Workday	16	17	18	19 6 <sup>th</sup> MATH U <sub>3</sub>	20
21	22	23	24	25 CIVICS U <sub>5</sub> 7 <sup>th</sup> SCI U <sub>3</sub> 7 <sup>th</sup> MATH ADV U <sub>3</sub> CBT	26 Teacher PD	27
28	29	30	31			

- All Assessments are paper based unless noted by CBT which means Computer Based Testing

Check your Email for School Messenger Reminders from SOMS about Up-coming Test Dates

Principal Hargadine has arranged for an e-mail 2-3 days before every unit test, so that parents are reminded when students are testing in each subject area. Parents have indicated that they like to have this reminder so they can check in on their students and make sure they are ready for their tests, and also for planning doctor's appointments.

# October

Hispanic Heritage Month

Sept 15-October 15

Mondays — 6th Grade PTCs/IEPs  
8:40-9:20

Tuesdays — 7th Grade PTCs/IEPs  
8:40-9:20

Wednesdays — 8th Grade PTCs/  
IEPs 8:40-9:20

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Stomp Out Bullying Kick Off	2	3 Bullying Awareness Assemblies	4	5	6 Saturday Academy 8:00-11:30
8	9	10	11	12 First Quarter Grades Due	13 Sat Restoration 8:00-11:00 Saturday Academy
15 Teacher Work Day No School for Students	16	17 SAC 6:00-7:30	18	19	20 Saturday Academy 8:00-11:30 Band: Marching Showcase at Lawnwood
22	23	24	25	26 Teacher Full Day PD Day No School for Students	27 Sat Restoration 8:00-11:00 Saturday Academy 8:00-11:30
29	30	31 Hawk Harvest Dance — Sponsored by 8th Grade — no referrals  Science Review Day			

# School Advisory Council Dates

Date	SAC Topic	Dinner
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

## SAC Meeting Notes

### September 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes

#### Welcome/Introductions/Attendance

Ms. Hargadine began the meeting at 6:00 PM in room 505A by welcoming everyone followed by introductions.

Christman, Pamela Parent Minarchick, Amber Assist. Principal  
 Conard, JoAnn Teacher Mercado, Danielle Parent  
 Hargadine, Bridgette Principal Saget, Louisa Parent  
 Johnson, Karen Parent Shannon, Anthony Student  
 Kloser, Marcus Dean Silva, Victor Student  
 Kinder, Joann Teacher Silva, Jesus Teacher  
 Mendoza, Maria Parent Torres, Mirna Parent

#### Review/Approve Minutes from Prior Meeting/August

\* First motions to approve August SAC Minutes made by Ms. Kinder, second motion made by Mr. Kloser, all were in favor to approve minutes.

## **SIP Reviews/Updates & MTSS (Rtl) Leadership Team Reviews/Updates**

- \* Ms. Hargadine began updates by speaking about utilizing every opportunity we have to help students succeed.
- \* Students need to be able to learn how to set and achieve goals, learn how to feel and show empathy for others, and learn how to manage their emotions.
- \* Surveys show that students don't know how to deal with problems, self-awareness, self-management, social decision making, and being responsible. There is a website that St. Lucie schools has created called SELF and it is constantly being updated with socio-emotional learning. Teachers will be receiving training on the socio-emotional Curriculum called Lions Quest and it will be integrated into the curriculum and the school Climate. Sixth and eighth grades will receive instruction through their social studies class and seventh grade will receive instruction through their science classes.
- \* Parents and teachers gave feedback on the topics that were presented and suggestions were given that they thought would help the students most.
- \* Ms. Hargadine reviewed the SIP Plan and stated that we are a B school. The state asked schools to look at early warning signs and put systems in place to help those who are struggling as well as keep students on track. We are on par with the district.

## **Budget**

We continue to utilize our Title 1 monies and explain to the state and federal government what we do with \$170,000 over the 10 months. We continue to offer Before/After School, Saturday Academy School, and Boot Camps.

## **Open Forum/Discussion**

- \* Ms. Hargadine is concerned about our attendance. It is very important that students attend school to learn. We have an action plan in place to help our struggling students grow and make learning gains.
- \* We have after school tutoring and academic deans and we did not have to hold back any students last year. We have "boot camps" in place for students to take advantage of to receive some additional experience and practice in the writing areas. We are utilizing i-ready and Reading Plus and students seem to be enjoying these programs. Ms. Mercado asked what makes the 7th grade have higher indicators? Ms. Kinder replied that 7th graders can be impulsive and have a lot of hormones at that age. Ms. Hargadine also added that 7th graders are into their social life at this developmental stage. Ms. Minarchick responded saying that our resource officers are now making home visits. Ms. Hargadine and Ms. Minarchick will also be making house calls for attendance in the future.
- \* We will look at our past data and create activities so learning gains can be made for all students at every level. We did add a 6th grade math coach funded out of Title I. We also did a five-day advanced planning before the beginning of the school year. We also are using a new technique called ACES across the grades to help improve writing.
- \* Studies have shown, stated Ms. Hargadine, that students do better learning algebra in middle school. So, we are using new strategies to help students make algebra learning gains.
- \* This is the first year that our 8th graders will take the PSAT. Kahn Academy offers PSAT prep and will help a student grow at least 2 years if you use the prep class for at least a year. We are utilizing this program and the PSAT test will let a student know if they are on track to graduate from high school and college. High schools also use the results for advance placement in high school classes.
- \* Ms. Minarchick defined PBIS and how it is two-fold: to reduce undesirable behaviors and embed the rules and expectations of our program to reduce the number of referrals. She is very passionate and excited about implementing the program. Hawk bills are school currency where students can use the bills to purchase supplies and goodies at the PBIS store. Every month we will have an activity for PBIS. Mrs. Mercado asked if all the events were during the school day and Mrs. Minarchick said yes, except for Parents Day Out. PBIS also has a bulletin board in each hallway that is for good calls home and the names of teachers go into a drawing.
- \* Mrs. Mercado volunteered to be our SAC president for the year and Mrs. Christman volunteered to be our DAC representative.

## **Next Meeting**

- \* The next SAC/PTO meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2018.

## **Review Decisions/Adjournment**

- \* Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM with first motion given by Ms. Kinder and seconded by Louisa Saget.

# Here Comes the Bus

St. Lucie Public Schools is excited to announce the adoption of an innovative mobile device app and website entitled, **Here Comes the Bus**.

**Here Comes the Bus** allows you to view the real-time location of your children's school bus on your smartphone, tablet or computer.

To sign up or to learn more about **Here Comes the Bus**, visit <http://www.herecomesthebus.com>.

Should you have any questions, please contact [wheresmy-bus@stlucieschools.org](mailto:wheresmy-bus@stlucieschools.org)

If you need to contact **Here Comes the Bus**' customer support ([hctb@synoviasolutions.com](mailto:hctb@synoviasolutions.com)), please provide the following information:

- Your first name and last name
- School Code: 77914
- Email address used for your Here Comes the Bus account
- Best number to reach you
- Your child's last name and student ID #

## USE OUR REMIND APP

Principal Hargadine has a remind "class" for students and families to access using the phone app "Remind." Download a copy of "Remind" at your favorite app store.

We have started a new application for parents to receive notifications about the school and its activities using REMIND. It is also a great way to text me (Principal Hargadine) a question and receive quick information from the school. "I am usually pretty quick about being able to respond on text." Ms. Hargadine says.

To sign up for @SOMSFfamily notifications on your phone, please visit:

<https://www.remind.com/join/somsfamily>

The app will direct you how to sign up for our school's notifications

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