



WELCOME TO HUNTER'S CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL





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THANK YOU

HCMS ADMINISTRATION



Mrs. Moukaddam
Principal



Mrs. Vereen
Assistant Principal



Mrs. Mabra
Assistant Principal

HCMS DEANS



Mr. Golia
6th Grade Dean



Ms. Coogle
7th Grade Dean



Mrs. Carter
8th Grade Dean

HCMS COUNSELING DEPARTMENT



Mrs. Merritt
6th Grade



Ms. Brady
7th Grade



Mrs. Armstrong
8th Grade



Ms. Camacho
SAFE Coordinator

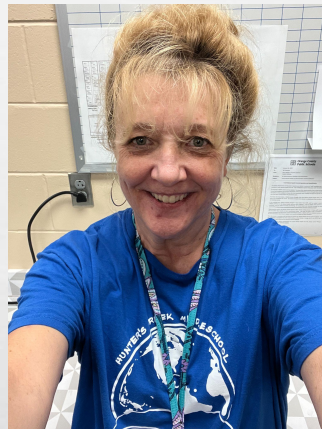


Ms. Fonseca
Social Worker

HCMS Student Support Staff



Mrs. Dominguez-Lozada
ELL Specialist
TWDL & LIA Coordinator



Ms. Ripley McGregor
Staffing Specialist

HCMS LIBRARY TEAM & TECH SUPPORT



Mrs. Moya
Teacher-Librarian
Social Media & Newsletter Coordinator



Ms. Helin
Library Clerk



Mr. Delgado
Technical Support Rep

TYPICAL DAY AT HCMS

- **BEFORE SCHOOL THERE IS SUPERVISION IN THE CAFETERIA STARTING AT 8:30 AM**
- **FIRST BELL RINGS AT 9:24AM; CLASS BEGINS AT 9:28AM**
- **7 CLASS PERIODS**
- **30 MINUTE LUNCH + 10 MIN RECHARGE**
 - **(NO RECHARGE ON WEDNESDAYS)**
- **SCHOOL ENDS AT 4:04 PM**
 - **(2:54 PM ON WEDNESDAY)**
- **AFTER SCHOOL THERE IS BOYS & GIRLS CLUB UNTIL 6pm**

HUNTER'S CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL



2023-2024 Bell Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

9:28 - 9:30 Morning Announcements

9:28 - 10:18 1st PERIOD

10:21 - 11:09 2nd PERIOD

6 th GRADE	7 th GRADE	8 th GRADE
LUNCH A 11:09 - 11:49	11:12 - 12:00 3 rd PERIOD	11:12 - 12:00 3 rd PERIOD
11:52 - 12:40 3 rd PERIOD	LUNCH B 12:00 - 12:40	12:03 - 12:51 4 th PERIOD
12:43 - 1:31 4 th PERIOD	12:43 - 1:31 4 th PERIOD	LUNCH C 12:51 - 1:31

1:34 - 2:22 5th PERIOD

2:25 - 3:13 6th PERIOD

3:16 - 4:04 7th PERIOD

Wednesday

9:28 - 9:30 Morning Announcements

9:30 - 10:12 1st PERIOD

10:15 - 10:54 2nd PERIOD

6 th GRADE	7 th GRADE	8 th GRADE
LUNCH A 10:54 - 11:24	10:57 - 11:36 3 rd PERIOD	10:57 - 11:36 3 rd PERIOD
11:27 - 12:06 3 rd PERIOD	11:36 - 12:06 LUNCH B	11:39 - 12:18 4 th PERIOD
12:09 - 12:48 4 th PERIOD	12:09 - 12:48 4 th PERIOD	12:18 - 12:48 LUNCH C

12:51 - 1:30 5th PERIOD

1:33 - 2:12 6th PERIOD

2:15 - 2:54 7th PERIOD

WHAT CLASSES DO STUDENTS TAKE?

6th Grade

Language Arts

Language Arts 1

Advanced Language Arts 1

ESOL Language Arts 1

Math

6th Grade Math

Accelerated 6th Grade Math

Science

Comprehensive Science 1 Advanced

Life Science Advanced

Social Studies

World History Advanced

2 Electives

PE



CORE ACADEMIC CLASSES - ELA

- **ADVANCED LANGUAGE ARTS – LEVEL 3, 4, OR 5 ON READING FAST**
- **STANDARD LANGUAGE ARTS – LEVEL 1 OR 2 ON READING FAST**
- **ESOL LANGUAGE ARTS – FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS**
- **GIFTED SERVICES ARE PROVIDED IN ADVANCED LANGUAGE ARTS**



CORE ACADEMIC CLASSES - MATH

- **ACCELERATED 6TH GRADE MATH – LEVEL 3,
4 or 5 ON MATH FAST**
- **STANDARD 6TH GRADE MATH – LEVEL 1, 2
or 3 ON MATH FAST**



CORE ACADEMIC CLASSES – SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES

● **SCIENCE**

- **LIFE SCIENCE – LEVEL 4 OR 5 ON BOTH 5TH GRADE MATH AND ELA FAST**
- **ADVANCED COMPREHENSIVE SCIENCE 1 – LEVEL 1, 2, or 3 ON 5TH GRADE MATH OR ELA FAST**



● SOCIAL STUDIES

- ## ● ADVANCED WORLD HISTORY



INTENSIVE READING/ INTENSIVE MATH

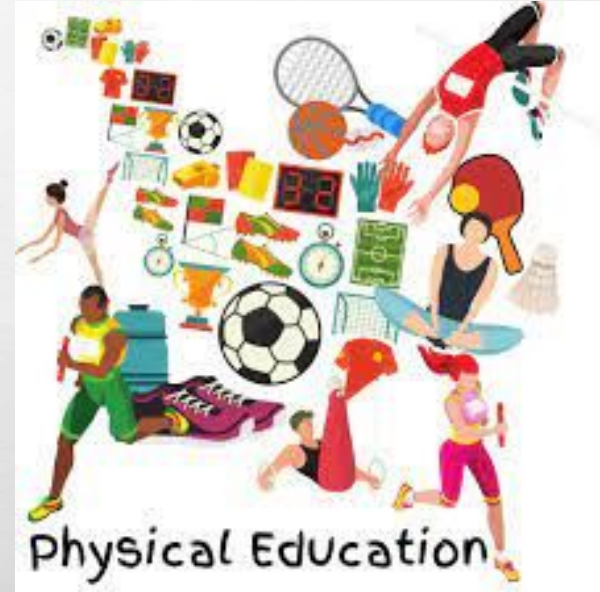
Intensive Reading or Intensive Math may take the place of one of your elective courses if you have scored below grade level on your FAST (Level 1 or 2) or equivalent diagnostics.

The course is intended to provide intervention and strategies to support students.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- **All students are required to take Physical Education.**
- **If there is a medical reason why a student cannot take PE, there is a PE waiver available. You can find the waiver on our school website.**
- **During PE, students will learn about team sports, individual sports, and health related fitness.**
- **There are lockers available for students in PE and there is a PE uniform to purchase (\$10 for shirt and \$10 for shorts)**



ELECTIVE CLASSES



BAND

Students develop foundational instrumental technique, foundational music literacy, and aesthetic musical awareness through rehearsal, performance, and study of high-quality band literature. These are some of the instruments used in Band:

- **Woodwind:** Flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, and saxophone.
- **Brass:** Tuba, trombone, trumpet, Euphonium, and French horn.
- **Percussion**

There are some performances that you will be asked to participate in throughout the year.

NO previous experience is required. All incoming students will be placed in beginning band.

Students will work with Mr. Couret in beginning of the year to choose the best instrument based on student skill level and overall band composition.



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Students can get a head start by participating in the Freedom Summer Music Camp

More information can be found at freedomband.net

CHORUS

Students begin and expand vocal technical, musical, and ensemble skills through rehearsal, performance, and study of high-quality choral literature and also develop an appreciation of music from around the world and through time.

All students are welcome, regardless of whether or not they have any musical background.

In addition to 2 - 3 concerts throughout the year, there are several off-campus performances in which students participate.



ORCHESTRA

Students focus on the development of instrumental technique, musical literacy, performance skills, and increasing aesthetic awareness through study, rehearsal, and performance of a variety of high-quality orchestra literature. Study includes the development of foundational instrumental ensemble techniques, performance skills, music literacy, and aesthetic awareness.

These are some of the instruments used in Orchestra: Violin, viola, cello, string bass.

We offer beginning orchestra to both students who have experience, and those who have never played before. Mrs. Bichler will teach you all you need to know.

All orchestra students will perform in fall and spring concerts.



WORLD MUSIC

Students will explore music from all of the continents of the world, as well as creating their own music with those influences.

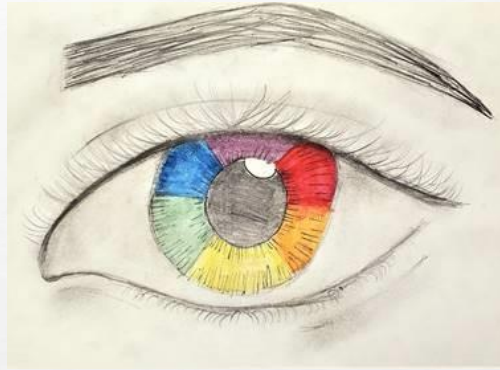
Students will research regions and present topics to each other based on their house.



2D ART

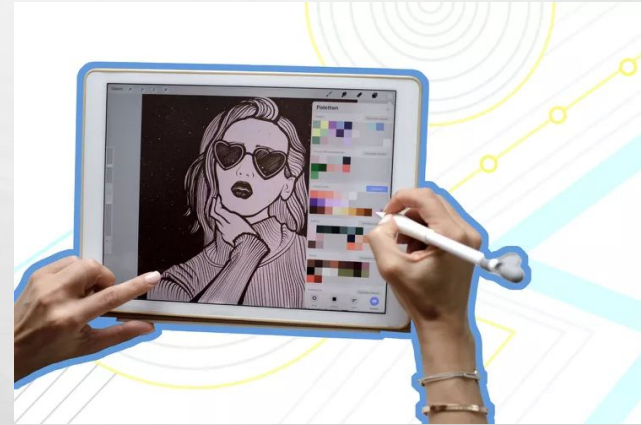
This course incorporates hands-on activities and consumption of art materials. Students explore media and techniques used to create a variety of 2-D artworks through developing skills in drawing, painting, printmaking, and collage.

The curriculum includes discussing art and understanding art history while encouraging students to be imaginative and creative.



Digital Art and Design

Digital Art is a fun learning environment where Art and Technology meet. Students will learn programs like photoshop and illustrator (or similar). The course consists of hands on projects, and group & individual activities.



History of Film and Television

Students will learn about the history of film, television, and other forms of mass media, and view a variety of historical and contemporary examples of films and television shows.

They will learn to analyze, explain, and write about what they watch. The students will also learn how the internet, mobile media, and social networks have transformed that history.



INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT)

The purpose of this course is to provide students with the computer, digital, and information technology skills necessary for success in their future academic and occupational goals.

You will learn how to use and create spreadsheets, databases, webpages, basic coding introduction, video and audio editing, and online safety.



ADVANCED ACADEMICS FOR GIFTED STUDENTS

This course is designed to enable Gifted students to acquire and apply the skills and abilities needed to enhance academic achievement through experiences which provide enrichment, in-depth learning, and /or accelerated study of academic curriculum requirements.

This elective course was required for all Gifted students in 6th grade.



TWO WAY DUAL LANGUAGE MAGNET

Students enrolled in our Two-Way Dual Language Magnet will take Spanish as one of their electives. This is a required elective for TWDL students and is a high school credit course.



Magnet Application Process

- **Application**: Submit an electronic application at www.schoolchoice.ocps.net by midnight on **February 15, 2024**.
- **Lottery**: A computer-generated lottery will be utilized if there are more eligible applicants than the number of seats available.
- **Notification**: Parents will be notified of the student's status via email.

Additional questions or need assistance with the application? Email the School Choice Magnet Team at magnetoffice@ocps.net or phone 407-317-3484.

IMPORTANT REMINDER



**Course selection forms
are due by:**

February 9, 2024

Rising 6th Grade Course Selection Presentations

January 29th – Hunter's Creek Elementary
January 30th – John Young Elementary
February 1st – West Creek Elementary
February 2nd - Endeavor Elementary

Individual Scheduling Meetings

February 12th – Hunter's Creek Elementary
February 13th – John Young and Endeavor Elementary
February 15th - West Creek Elementary

Extra Curricular Clubs and Activities



Activity	Sponsor(s)
Battle of the Books	Ms. Durgin
Future Problem Solvers	Ms. Moye and Ms. Rokaw
National Junior Honor Society	Ms. Jarque
Student Government	Mr. Pavlovich
Chess Club	Mr. Regan
Cheer Squad	Ms. Carter
Kind Eagles	Ms. Merritt, Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Brady, and Ms. DeLuca

SPORTS

There is one sport each nine weeks:

1st nine weeks: Soccer

2nd nine weeks: Volleyball

3rd nine weeks: Basketball

4th nine weeks: Track

You must get a Sports Physical completed by a doctor or nurse practitioner in order to play a sport.

Physicals must be completed on the official OCPS Physical Form. Forms can be found online.

All tryouts and practices are held before or after school.





BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

After School Zone

You can participate in Boys and Girls Club after school until 6pm. Membership is FREE of charge.

Applications for the Boys and Girls Club can be found on the school website under clubs.

Also keep an eye out for B&G summer camp information.

The World is our CLASSROOM



7 CONTINENTS

1 WORLD

1 COMMUNITY

Getting Home

Car Riders:

- **Pick up in front of the school.**
- **Please drive carefully and follow directions given by person directing drop off/pick up.**
- **Car riders must be picked up by 4:15pm.**

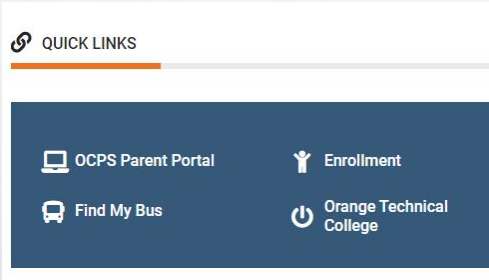
Bike Riders:

- **Lock bike**
- **Wear helmet**



Bus Riders

www.ocps.net – Click on the link titled “Find a Bus” :



This will tell you the bus stop location, bus number, what time the bus picks up your child, and what time to expect them to be dropped off.

There is a white board by the bus loop that shows where each bus is located to make it easy for the students to find at the end of the day.

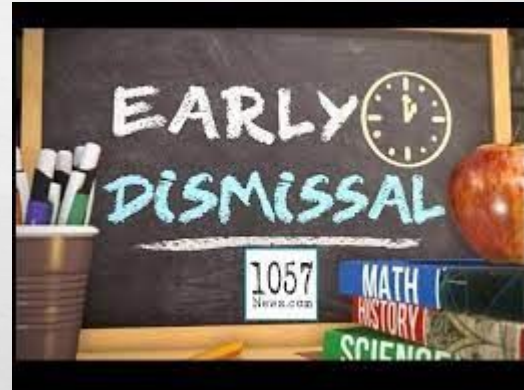


Signing Your Student Out Early

Check-Out at the front desk

The person picking up must be someone listed as an emergency contact on Skyward, and must present a picture ID

Students may not be checked out after 3:30pm (or 2:30pm on Wednesdays)



Attendance

Please make sure to bring an excuse note for EVERY absence. Students can drop these off at the front desk or they can be emailed directly to our attendance clerk: Mary.Thomas@ocps.net

After you have been absent for 5 days, the office will start monitoring your attendance. Once you reach 10 unexcused absences, we have to start the truancy process.



School success starts
with attendance

Dress Code

Hunter's Creek Middle School students follow the OCPS guidelines as stated in the Student Code of Conduct handbook:

https://p15cdn4static.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_54619/File/Frequently%20Updated%20Documents/Dress%20Code.pdf



Visiting Campus



Sign-in at the Front Office.

Wear visitor identification stickers while on campus.

Please make an appointment if you would like to meet with someone.

Contacting HCMS

Website: <https://hunterscreekms.ocps.net>

E-mails: You can find all staff emails on our school website if you click on the “Faculty & Staff” link

Phone number: (407) 858-4620

Fax number: (407) 858-4621



WANT TO STAY INFORMED ABOUT ALL THINGS HUNTER'S CREEK MIDDLE?



Webpage: <http://hunterscreekms.ocps.net>

Newsletter: <https://tinyurl.com/HCMSNewsletterSignUp>



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Access Canvas and other resources through

Launchpad: <https://parents.classlink.com/ocps>



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SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us for the most up-to-date info!

Facebook: @HCMS.OCPS

Instagram: @hunterscreek_ms

Twitter: @HCMS_OCPS



Facebook



Instagram



Twitter

HCMS PARENT FACEBOOK GROUP

There is an HCMS Parent group on Facebook!

Visit <https://bit.ly/3Abfw24> to join or scan this QR code!



PTSA AND SAC

For more information on the Parent/Teacher/Student Association and our School Advisory Committee:

Visit <https://bit.ly/3mIDu4S> or scan this QR code.



PARENT RESOURCES



HCMS WEBSITE: PARENT/GUARDIANS

Visit <https://bit.ly/3Fs1jkm> or scan this QR code.



Includes:

- Parent/Guardian/Student Handbook
- HCMS Who to Know Presentation
- Canvas & Skyward Help

HCMS WEBSITE

Visit <https://hunterscreekms.ocps.net> or scan this QR code.



MAKE SURE YOU GET OUR NEWSLETTER!

Visit <https://bit.ly/3AeNX7d> or scan this QR code.



OCPS PARENT PORTAL

Visit <https://parents.classlink.com/ocps> or scan this QR code.



OFFICIAL OCPS FAMILY DIGITAL LEARNING SUPPORT

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/9s4us65w> or scan this QR code.



OCPS FAMILY TECHNOLOGY HANDBOOK

Visit <https://bit.ly/3htZCiv> or scan this QR code.



What if I have a concern?

Line of Communication:

- **Teacher - Class concern/Question about grades or assignments**
- **Grade Level Office - Schedule a parent teacher conference**
- **School Counselor - Academic or Social/Emotional concerns or questions**
- **Grade Level Administrator/Dean - Discipline Concern**



Parent Teacher Conferences

Call the Grade Level Office or e-mail Ms. LaRouche (Diane.LaRouche@ocps.net) to schedule a conference.

All conferences are scheduled at 8:45am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Attendees:

**All of the student's teachers
Parents
Student
Counselor**



How can I be involved?

PTSA (Parent/Teacher/Student Association)

- **The HCMS PTSA supports the school in many ways. They raise funds for the school and classroom enhancements, provide assistance with student recognition programs and help organize many other school activities.**

ADDitions Volunteer

- **Our volunteers help in classrooms, chaperone, assist with student recognition and much, much more. To become a volunteer simply go to the Community Resources website: <http://volunteer.ocps.net> and click on ADDitions Volunteer Online Application. The volunteer application has to be filled out every year.**

SAC (School Advisory Council)

- **SAC meets several times a year to discuss long range strategic planning of our school. Watch for meeting announcements in the school newsletter.**

PIE (Partners in Education)

- **If you own or work at a business that would like to help support our school, please sign up to be a Partner in Education. Partners receive recognition in our school newsletter and from our student groups.**

Welcome Back/Schedule Pick Up



***Typically scheduled about 2 weeks before school starts.**

***Students will be able to pick up schedules and walk the campus to find their rooms.**

Schedule Concerns

Due to the Florida Class Size Amendment, schedule changes will only be made if a student is scheduled in duplicate classes, is missing a class, or was placed in the wrong class level.

We will not be able to honor requests for students to be with a different teacher or to be with friends.

Elective changes are limited and based on class availability.





Please keep an eye out for the summer reading and math packet information as we get closer to the end of the school year.

First Day of School

August 12th, 2024



QUESTIONS?



COUNSELOR CONTACT INFORMATION



Mrs. Merritt

6th Grade Counselor

annikki.merritt@ocps.net