

South Creek Middle School

2023-2024 Orientation



Principal Tinsley

Where we help every student 'SOAR!'

SCAN ME



WELCOME

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 - Media Center
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 - Rear of Cafeteria
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 - Kelly Services - (substituting)



OCPS Back-to-School FAQs



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<https://tinyurl.com/Back2school2324>

Principal Tinsley – Introduction

- *Over 25 years of educational experience*
- *Career Path:*
 - *Biology & Chemistry teacher/ Assistant Principal/Principal/ Regional Director*
 - *Most recently, served as principal @ Liberty MS*
- *Focus: academic achievement; maximizing every student's potential; creating safe space for learning; encouragement*



SCHOOL THEME

SUPERHEROES SOAR



Meet the Faculty

Principal

Assistant Principal

Assistant Principal

Deans

School Counselors

SAFE Coordinator

Staffing Specialist

ESOL Compliance

Instructional Coaches

Testing Coordinator

Media Specialist

Behavior Specialist

School Resource Officer

Lovely Tinsley

April Broxton-Crawford

Tony Roman

Latif Taylor & Ana Gonzalez

Neva Mitchell & Courtney DeBose

Rhevelle Mitchell-Parris

Ana LaBega

Sandra Theodoredis

Erin Kessler & Gladys Cintron

Copeland

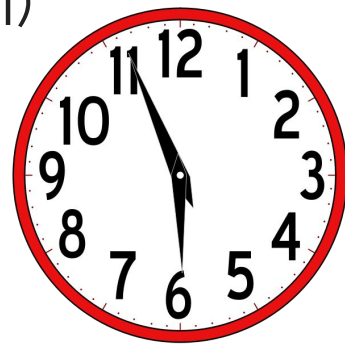
Emily Bess

Kimberly Shields

6 **Eric Raymond**

Middle School Schedule

- Students may arrive on campus beginning at **9:00 AM**
- First period **begins at 9:30 AM**
- **Dismissal** is at 4:04 PM (Wednesday at 2:54 PM)
- **7 classes each day with 7 different teachers**
 - 4 minutes of travel time between classes
 - More independence and responsibility



Middle School Schedule

- **7 classes per day**
 - **4 core classes**
 - Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies
 - Standard, Advanced and *Honors classes
 - **Physical Education** - required one period per day
 - **Two (2) Electives**
 - Theatre, Band, Orchestra, Guitar, Chorus, Spanish, PLTW, DIT, Art
 - Intensive Reading, Intensive Math may be required in place of elective(s)

*Honors = high school credit

Placement in core and/or reading/intensive math is determined by previous academic progress and standardized test scores.

7th Grade Immunizations

This information only applies to incoming 7th graders.

Students entering the 7th grade will require an additional dose of TDAP (tetanus-diphtheria toxoid & acellular pertussis) vaccine.

Students must have this vaccine to enter 7th grade.

***Not allowed to attend school without verification.**

**** Forms can be dropped off in front office or emailed.**

Academic Expectations

- **SCMS student grade point average (G.P.A.) goal is a 3.0 or higher every nine weeks**
 - Please check Skyward once a week to monitor grades
 - If there are Missing Assignments
 - Speak to your child
 - Submit work in a timely manner
- **3 Progress Monitoring Assessments (PM1,PM2,PM3)**
 - Monitors student progress on BEST standards
 - August, December, May
- **It's imperative that ALL Assessments are taken seriously.**

Placement in Courses

- **Placement in core classes will depend on:**
 - FAST / EOC scores
 - Teacher recommendations
 - Final report card
- **Placement guidelines for Language Arts (ELA):**
 - Score 1* or 2 on Reading FAST = Regular ELA + Intensive Reading*
 - Scores 3, 4, or 5 on Reading FAST = Advanced ELA
- **Placement guidelines for Math:**
 - Score 1* or 2 on Math FAST = Regular Math / Intensive Math*
 - Score 3, 4, or 5 on Math FAST = Accelerated Math or Alg or Geom
 - *Varies by grade level*

Elective Courses

- Chorus
- Orchestra
- Guitar
- Band
- Theatre
- 2D & 3D Art
- P.E.
- Project Lead the Way (PLTW)
- Latinos in Action
- Information Communications Technology (ICT 1 & 2), DIT*
- Spanish, Beginning, 1* & 2*

Elective Courses are full-year courses.

Elective offerings are subject to change and are not guaranteed.

*High School credit courses.

Student Schedules

- **Check Skyward for Student Schedules.**
- To register for Skyward Family Access, please click the link below to access registration instructions:
 - <https://www.ocps.net/skyward>
- **Class Change Request Form - available on tables and on first day of school.**
- Schedules are tentative and may be adjusted to comply with the class size amendment law.

Digital Curriculum

- All students have laptops
- The laptop is the tool in which students access their educational materials.
- Please take care of them. **Avoid fine\$\$**
 - Use a laptop sleeve.
 - Avoid inappropriate sites
 - Remember: District property
- **As a Digital Curriculum school, teachers and students will use these applications daily:**
 - Canvas | Google Drive | LanSchool | LaunchPad | Skyward
- Support is available for students through Device Care hours.



Device Distribution

- ◉ All day, 10:00 – 4:00 in the Media Center

Thursday, July 27th - 7th grade

Friday, July 28th - 8th grade

Monday, July 31st - 6th

**Doors close at 4:00 all days*

* Newly registered students will need to wait 48 hours from the date of registration to receive a laptop.



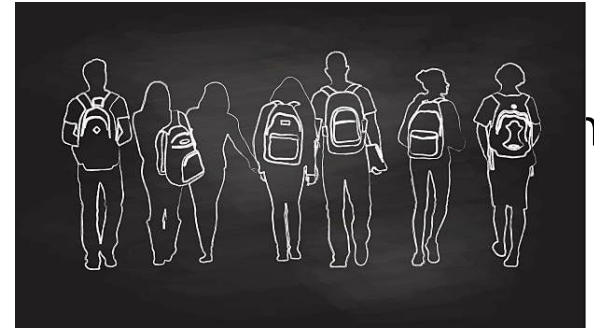
Supplies

- **Suggested items:**
 - Backpack with a padded laptop section (*preferred*)
 - Wireless mouse
 - Earbuds that work with the laptop
- Additional school supplies for each subject will be communicated by teachers on the first day of school.



Device Advice from former Wildcats

- “Don’t be nervous! Just hit the ground running and remember...the more organized you are, the easier it is to find and turn in your work.”
- “Be patient! You’ll learn how to use everything soon enough.”
- “Canvas and Google Drive are the KEYS to organization.”
- “Charge your device EVERY night.”
- “Be careful and cautious with your device!”
- “Get yourself a laptop sleeve and backpack a cushy pocket. Protect that thing with life!”
- “Take advantage...if a teacher has an assignment up for the upcoming week...try and get ahead.”
- “Enjoy the MS experience!”



Lunch Information

Breakfast and Lunch
are **FREE** for **all**
students during the
2023-2024 school year.



Transportation

- **Car Riders**

- Students must be dropped off/picked up via the car loop. For safety reasons, we will not allow students to walk through the parking lot to meet you. Drop off is 9AM. Tardy after 9:30

- **Walkers/Bike Riders**

- All bikes must be locked in our bike rack.
- Students will exit through the side doors to walk or bike home.

- **Bus Riders**

- Bus transportation is provided to students that live more than 2 miles from the school.
- Students may only ride the bus they are assigned.
- To locate your bus information, please visit the OCPS website and click "Find My Bus."

Clubs and Organizations

- Book Club/Battle of the Books
- Chess Club
- Coding Club
- Cooking Club
- ART Club
- Intramural Sports
- H.E.R.O. Club
- Math Club
- National Junior Honor Society
- Student Government
- STEM Club
- Theatre Club
- Science Club

*Clubs/organization formation is sponsor dependent and may differ from one school year to the next.

Athletics

Middle School Sports

- **Q1** | Soccer; **Q2** | Volleyball; **Q3** | Basketball; **Q4** | Track

Academic Participation Requirements

- Must use OCPS Physical Exam Form prior to tryouts
- Students must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher to participate
- Must have a sports physical to participate in tryouts

Must complete the following:

- Physical Form | A Physical must be completed before the first tryout.
- EMT Card
- Notification of Risk Form

All forms and information will be available via school website under “athletics” tab.



Boys & Girls Clubs | After School Zone

- **Registration** | Access the registration link listed under the “Clubs” tab on our website.
- **The Program is FREE!**
 - A late fee will be assessed of 1 dollar per minute after 6 pm. If you have a balance on your account due to late fees, your child will not be allowed to attend the program until all balances are paid.
- **PM Hours** | 4:00 - 6:00 (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)/ 3:00 - 6:00 (Wed)
- **Activities** | Homework assistance, game clubs, sports clubs, arts and crafts, STEM club, community service club, and many more (look for monthly calendars)
- **Personal belongings** | Students are responsible for any personal electronic devices
- **Zero tolerance for bullying, fighting, or disrespect toward staff and other Club Members. Violation of these rules can result in a member's dismissal from the club permanently.**
- The Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida After School Zone is **funded by a grant from the Orange County Government.** **Contact: ktaylor@bgccf.org**

Code of Conduct Reminders

CELL PHONES/EARBUDS

Students may use cell phones before the 1st- period bell and after 7th-period dismissal. **Consequences for cell phone violations include** 1st offense “Warning”, 2nd “Confiscated Until End of Day”, 3rd “Parent Retrieval” and 4th “Referral”. **SCMS is not responsible for cell phones or earbuds.**



Code of Conduct Reminders

DRESS CODE

Clothes shall be worn as they are designed. Bottoms should reach approximately mid-thigh. **Tops** must have straps, and undergarments must not be visible. **Rips, holes, or tears** in clothing must be to mid-thigh. **Closed-toe shoes** shall be worn at all times. **No** thong sandals or backless shoes. **No headgear or wireless earbuds** shall be worn on campus. **Face masks are optional per OCPS guidelines.**

TARDINESS AND SKIPPING

Per OCPS Student Code of Conduct, tardiness and skipping classes are violations that will require consequences. Late arrivals = tardy.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

- Meetings are held on the **3rd Tuesday of each month** from **5:00 - 6:00 PM inside of the Media Center**
- Comprised of a Team of people that **represents various segments of the community**
- **Increases success of all students**
- **Meets to develop** the School Improvement Plan (SIP), conducts needs assessments, and ensures focus is on student success

Moment of Silence

On June 14, 2021, Governor DeSantis approved HB 529, which amended Section 1003.45, Florida Statutes, to require a moment of silence to be set aside for public school students during each school day. The new law requires the principal to require teachers in first-period classrooms in all grades to set aside at least one (1) minute, but not more than two (2) minutes, for a moment of silence daily, during which students may not interfere with other students' participation. The new law prohibits teachers from making suggestions as to the nature of any reflection that a student may engage in during the moment of silence. Instead, teachers must encourage parents/guardians to discuss the moment of silence with their children and to make suggestions as to the best use of this time. **The new law took effect on July 1, 2021.**

SCMS PTSA

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<http://www.southcreekmiddleschool.my-pta.org/>



<https://www.facebook.com/SouthCreekPTSA/>

Contact Information

School Counselors

Ms. Courtney DuBose | 6th Grade & 7th (A-L) | courtney.dubose@ocps.net

Ms. Mitchell | 8th Grade & 7th (M-Z) | neva.mitchell@ocps.net

Deans

Ms. Ana Gonzalez | 6th Grade & 7th (M-Z) | Ana.Guzman@ocps.net

Ms. Latif Taylor | 8th Grade & 7th (A-L) | latif.taylor@ocps.net

SCMS Open House



TBD

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Thank You!



<https://southcreekms.ocps.net/>



<https://www.facebook.com/SCMSOfficialOCPS>



https://twitter.com/SouthCreek_OCPS



https://www.instagram.com/southcreekms_ocps/



Achieving Excellence Together!

ORIENTATION EVENING FLOW

- Exit cafeteria
- Visit student classes, any order
- Meet Teachers
 - Ask questions
 - Clarify supplies needed
 - Exchange contact information
- Visits should last not more than 7 minutes
- Conclude all visits by 6:00 PM, then exit



STATIONS TO VISIT

- Volleyball sign up (Clubs) – Coach C
- Kelly Substitute Services
- Schedule Questions
- Immunization, grade 7
- Boys & Girls After School Program

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