

South Creek Middle School 2022-2023 Orientation



Principal Tinsley

WELCOME

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OCPS Back-to-School FAQs



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If you have questions about the district, call 407.317.3200.

Link to the site |<https://www.ocps.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=54703&pageId=89733>

Principal Tinsley – Introduction

- *Over 25 years of educational experience*
- *Career Path:*
 - *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*

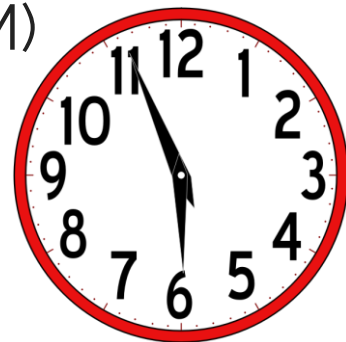


Meet the Faculty

Principal	Lovely Tinsley
Assistant Principal	April Broxton-Crawford
Assistant Principal	Amee Watford & Neva Mitchell
Deans	TBD
School Counselors	Latif Taylor & Daniel Weber
SAFE Coordinator	Rhevelle Mitchell-Parris
Staffing Specialist	Miriam Dos Santos Rego
ESOL Compliance	Sandra Theodoredis
Instructional Coaches	Earnest LaBee & Erin Kessler
Testing Coordinator	Celeste Choroco
Media Specialist	Sara DeRoo
Behavior Specialist	Myriam Rodriguez
School Resource Officer	TBD

Middle School Schedule

- Students may arrive on campus beginning at **9:00 AM**
- First period **begins at 9:30 AM**
- **Dismissal** is at 3:57 PM (Wednesday at 2:57 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 and Advanced classes
 - **Physical Education** - required one period per day
 - **Two (2) Electives**
 - Intensive Reading and/or Intensive Math may be required in place of elective(s)

*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**
 - D/F phone call home before progress reports
 - 2nd phone call home before report cards
- **Student Data Tracking Form**
 - Provided by core instructors
 - Benchmark and District Assessments
- **It's imperative that ALL Assessments are taken seriously.**

Academic Expectations

Student Data Tracking Form



Tracking My Own Learning



Name: _____ Grade (circle one): 6 7 8

Subject: _____

	Assessment #1:	Assessment #2:	Assessment #3:	Assessment #4:	Assessment #5:	Assessment #6:
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Date: _____	Date: _____	Date: _____	Date: _____	Date: _____	Date: _____
	Goal: _____	Goal: _____	Goal: _____	Goal: _____	Goal: _____	Goal: _____
My Score						

Placement in Courses

- **Placement in core classes will depend on:**
 - FSA scores
 - Teacher recommendations
 - Final report card
- **Placement guidelines for Language Arts (ELA):**
 - Score 1 or 2 on Reading FSA = Regular ELA
 - Scores 3, 4, or 5 on Reading FSA = Advanced ELA
- **Placement guidelines for Reading:**
 - Score 1 on Reading FSA = 1 period of Reading
- **Placement guidelines for Math:**
 - Score 1* or 2 on Math FSA = Regular Math / Intensive Math*
 - Score 3, 4, or 5 on Math FSA = Accelerated Math

Elective Courses

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

Thursday, Aug 4th

- All grades 2:00 – 6:00 in the Media Center

Monday, Aug 8th

- All grades 2:00 – 6:00 in the Media Center

**Doors close at 5:45 both 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
 - Wireless mouse
 - Earbuds that work with the laptop
- School supplies for each subject will be needed and 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 with a cushy pocket. Protect that thing with your 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 is
FREE for **all**
students during the
2022-2023 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
- SELabrate Club

*Selection of clubs/organizations 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. Clothing must cover the body from one armpit across to the other armpit and down to approximately mid-thigh. **Tops** must have straps, and undergarments must not be visible. **Rips, holes, or tears** in clothing must be below 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.

SCMS PTSA

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

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

Contact Information

School Counselors

Ms. Ameer Watford | 6th Grade & 7th (A-L) | amee.watford@ocps.net

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

Deans

Mr. Latif Taylor | 6th Grade & 7th (M-Z) | latif.taylor@ocps.net

Ms. Daniel Weber | 8th Grade & 7th (A-L) | daniel.weber@ocps.net

SCMS Open House



TBD

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Thank You!



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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 for exit**



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