

OMS Connection



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Hopper's Message

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To our 6th grade students and parents, and to those of you new to our school, welcome to Oasis Middle. To our returning students and parents, welcome back, and congratulations on earning an "A" from the State of Florida for the 9th consecutive year!

At Oasis Middle, our entire staff takes great pride in providing a safe, kind, caring environment, where students are taught to be respectful and responsible. Expectations for meeting academic expectations are very high. Our highly qualified teachers work diligently to ensure students are provided engaging learning activities, and that they are mastering the learning standards for their grade level.

I truly appreciate all of the support you repeatedly show for our school. The family atmosphere at Oasis is remarkable. Your generosity for our staff, and even other families, does not go unnoticed.

Please take some time to read this newsletter. Also, please know the Lee County Parent Guide & Code of Conduct for Students, 2017-18, Grades 6-8, is available online: <http://www.oasismiddleschool.net/parent-portal> - scroll down to Code of Conduct.

Thank you so much for being a part of the Oasis family. We are so proud you have chosen to entrust us with your child. It's a job we take very seriously.

Special points of interest:

- ✓ Student hours are from 7:40 a.m.— 2:20 p.m.
- ✓ Please do not drop off your child before 7:15 a.m.— supervision is not provided.
- ✓ Students not picked up at dismissal will be taken to our After School Program in the cafeteria.

Parent Involvement Policy Change

At Tuesday's Charter School Board meeting, the Board approved changes to our parent involvement policy. Parent/Guardian volunteer hours are required for all families. Each family must earn 12 volunteer hours for each school year. You may volunteer in any of our four schools. We will not accept monetary or material donations in place of volunteer hours. No hours will be provided for attendance at events (i.e. open house, athletic games, book fairs, holiday performances, birthday parties, holiday celebrations, eating lunch with your child, etc.).

All volunteers must have a background clearance on file at one of the City of Cape Coral charter schools. Applications must be renewed each year. All volunteers should check in at the front office each time they are on campus.

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Student/Parent Handbook

Our 2017-18 Student/Parent Handbook has been updated, and will be posted to our school's website by Monday, August 14. You can access it at <http://www.oasismiddleschool.net/parent-portal>

Please be sure to read our handbook, as some information has changed.

Focus



During the summer, directions were sent home on how to access Focus. All student grades will be updated weekly in Focus. Interims will be sent home one time each quarter, as well as report cards.

If you have any issues accessing Focus, please call our front office for assistance—239-995-1999. Please do not call the School District of Lee County. They are unable to assist.

Schoology

All students will have access to a Schoology account this school year. In the next week or so, you will be receiving detailed information about Schoology. This will include directions on how to access your child's classes in Schoology. Please remember, all grades will be kept in Focus. Teachers will have grades updated weekly in Focus.



Homework Policy

Math teachers are the only teachers who may assign nightly homework. Students who are unable to complete a classwork assignment in which they were given ample class time to complete, may be asked to finish the work at home.

Projects do not fall into this homework policy, as extended time is allowed for most projects. Students are still expected to practice reading, and to study when and where appropriate.

General Reminders

- All students will have a 7-period day. Students will see all of the teachers on their schedule each day of the school year.
- Our bell schedule can be found in the Student/Parent Handbook.
- We will be using one-way hallways during class changes this year. The first floor is one way from the rear of the building to the front of the building, while the second floor is one-way from the front of the building to the rear of the building. We will be monitoring this for its effectiveness for the first few weeks of school.
- We have nine new teachers joining us, and all positions have been filled.
- We have added black shirts to the available uniform shirt colors.
- The embroidered logo found on all student shirts has been slightly changed. A sample can be found at the top of this newsletter.
- Students may wear jeans or basketball shorts on Friday if they have purchased a Jeans Pass for \$25. Paying for jeans each Friday for \$1 is no longer an option.
- Volunteer Hours—we can always use volunteers in our cafeteria from 11:10 a.m.—12:45 p.m. A “Sign-Up Genius” has been created—here’s the link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4ca9a72da4f58-oasis>
- Packets of information were sent home with all students on the first day of school. Please complete the enclosed forms and return to your child’s 1st period teacher.

Inclement Weather Policy



If lightning is in the area during our dismissal process, the line will be stopped and students will be taken to the gym until the storm passes. School staff will not be asked to be out in the lightning. Parents may walk to the gym to pick up their children. We will not bring your child to your vehicle if lightning is in the area. Walkers and bike riders will also be held in the hallway of the main building or the cafeteria.