



Parent Newsletter March 2, 2020

The Heron's Call

A letter from the Principal

Dear Parents,

This is a busy time of year at Three Oaks Middle School. The last day of the third quarter is March 12th, with third quarter accelerated reader (AR) goals due March 10th. At this point, we are entering the final months of the 2019-2020 school year.

On March 31st, intramural golf & tennis will begin. We encourage all interested students to come out and participate. Please make sure your student has an orange intramural form filled out and on file.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Carson

Principal

Soaring to New Heights

Dates to Remember

Reading Madness Week March 2-6

Monday March 2

Hat Day

Tuesday March 3

Book Character Day

Wednesday March 4

Crazy Socks Day

Thursday March 5

College Day

Friday March 6

TOMS Spirit Day (Blues for Books)

Tuesday March 10

Unified Track Meet @ South Ft Myers

High School 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Lee County Spelling Bee 6:00 PM

Three Oaks Middle School Cafeteria

3rd Quarter AR Goals Due

Thursday March 12

Last Day of 3rd Quarter

Friday March 13 No School for Students

Professional Duty Day for Teachers

Monday March 16-20

Spring Break—No School

Monday March 23

PTO Meeting 5:00 PM

Tuesday March 24

AVID Trip 1 10:00 AM—1:00 PM

Wednesday March 25

SAC Meeting 8:30 AM Media Center

Track Area Meet @ Bonita High School

5:30 PM

Friday March 27

PTO Glow Dance 6:00-8:00 PM \$5.00

AVID Trip 2 10:00 AM—1:00 PM

Tuesday March 31

South Regional Track Meet

FT Myers High School 5:45 PM

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the Florida State Assessments in the coming weeks.

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Throughout the school year, your child has been instructed on the skills and content assessed on the FSA assessment. As part of the preparation for these assessments, your child will be given an opportunity to participate in a practice test at school to become familiar with the computer-based testing platform (if applicable), item types and response formats he or she will see on the assessments. If you or your student would also like to review the practice tests at home, the practice tests and answer keys are available at:

English Language Arts (Grade 6)/Math (Grade 6):

<https://fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/computer-based-materials/>

English Language Arts (Grades 7-8)/Math (Grades 7-8) or Algebra 1 or Geometry:

<https://fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/computer-based-materials/>

Civics (students enrolled in Civics class only): <http://fl.pearsonaccessnext.com/>
(select Practice Tests from the Related Links section in the lower right corner. Then click on the appropriate link, depending on whether your student will receive accommodations per an IEP or 504 plan)

We recommend that you sit with your child to review a practice test, not only to become familiar with the structure of the questions, but also with the test navigation.

Information about the 8th grade Science assessment can be found at

<http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/science.stml>

The state assessments provide a single snapshot of your child's knowledge of the content tested. Teachers use this data as well as many other indicators of your child's learning to inform their instruction of your child.

The Department of Education has asked that we share their testing policies with you. These policies are on the back of this document. Classroom teachers will also review these policies with your student.

If you have any questions about testing administration or testing dates, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our leadership team.

For information regarding test session lengths for all Spring 2020 FSA assessments, please visit the FSA Portal at www.fsassessments.org, click on the **Students and Families** icon, select the **Frequently Asked Questions** card, then select the question, "How long are the tests?"

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

Electronic Devices-Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including but not limited to cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing OR during breaks (e.g., restroom), **even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them.** If your student is found with an electronic device, his or her test will be invalidated.

Calculators-For Grades 7 and 8 Mathematics, **approved calculators may be used during SESSIONS 2 and 3 ONLY.** For Algebra 1 and Geometry EOC assessments, **approved calculators may be used during SESSION 2 ONLY.** If students have handheld calculators during Session 1, their tests will be invalidated. Four-function calculators will be provided to students for Grade 8 Science at the time of testing. **No other calculators may be used.**

Testing Rules Acknowledgment-All FSA tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment that reads, "I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated." Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by signing below the statement on their testing documents.

Discussing Test Content after Testing-The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they sign below the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states, "Because the content in all statewide assessments is secure, you may not discuss or reveal details about the test content (including test items, passages and prompts) after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting online, for example, like Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, or Instagram." Please make sure your student understands that "discussing" test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting to social media, or sharing online. **While students may not share information about secure test content after testing, this policy is not intended to prevent students from discussing their testing experiences with their parents/families.**

Working Independently-Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated. In addition, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) employs Caveon Test Security, to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Student tests within a school that are found to have extremely similar answer patterns will be invalidated.

Leaving Campus-If your student leaves campus before completing a test session (for lunch, an appointment, illness), he or she **will not** be allowed to return to that test session. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.

Testing Accommodations-If your student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 plan, or is an English Language Learner (ELL), please contact the school to discuss the testing accommodations that will be provided for your student.

TOMS 19-20 Standardized Testing Schedule

CBT=computer based testing

PBT=paper based testing

6th grade:

- 4/1: FSA Writing PBT
- 5/5: FSA ELA Reading – PBT session 1
- 5/6: FSA ELA Reading – PBT session 2
- 5/7: FSA 6th grade Math – PBT session 1
- 5/7: FSA 7th grade Math – CBT session 1
- 5/8: FSA 6th grade Math – PBT session 2 & 3
- 5/8: FSA 7th grade Math – CBT session 2 & 3

7th grade:

- 4/1: FSA Writing CBT
- 5/5: FSA ELA Reading – CBT session 1
- 5/6: FSA ELA Reading – CBT session 2
- 5/7: FSA 7th grade Math – CBT session 1
- 5/7: FSA Pre-Algebra – CBT session 1
- 5/7: Algebra EOC - CBT session 1
- 5/8: FSA 7th grade Math – CBT session 2 & 3
- 5/8: FSA Pre-Algebra – CBT session 2 & 3
- 5/8: Algebra EOC - CBT session 2
- 5/13: NGSSS Civics End-of-Course Assessment – CBT

8th grade:

- 4/1: FSA Writing CBT
- 5/5: FSA ELA Reading – CBT session 1
- 5/6: FSA ELA Reading – CBT session 2
- 5/7: FSA Pre-Algebra – CBT session 1
- 5/7: FSA Algebra 1 End-of-Course Assessment – CBT session 1
- 5/8: FSA Pre-Algebra – CBT session 2 & 3
- 5/8: FSA Algebra 1 End-of-Course Assessment – CBT session 2
- 5/13: FCAT Science PBT – session 1 & 2

8th Grade Celebration Save the Dates

Friday, May 15, 2020

8th Grade Gradventure Trip to Universal Orlando
1:00pm – 4:00am

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

8th Grade Celebration Ceremony
Session 1 (last name A-L) 5: 30pm-6:30pm
Session 2 (last name M-Z) 7:30pm-8:30pm

Friday, May 29, 2020

8th Grade Celebration Dance
6:30pm – 9:30pm

8th Grade Celebration Packets will be handed out in science class in late March



** SAVE THE DATE **

GLOW DANCE PARTY TOMS CAFETERIA

FRIDAY, MARCH 27th - 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

*** ALL GRADES – \$5.00 Admission per Student ***

(Only T.O.M.S. Students can attend)

- **READY, SET, GLOW** - Enjoy a fun evening with your friends to glow, dance, or just socialize with your friends. Watch out for fun giveaways and admission includes a glow bracelet when entering the dance.
- Permission Forms will be handed out on Monday, March 23rd in students' 1st period classroom. Tickets will go on sale starting Tuesday, March 24th through Thursday, March 26th. Completed permission forms must be brought back to the courtyard along with the admission fee by Thursday morning, 3/26/20 in order to attend the dance. Tickets cannot be purchased at the dance.

Important Vaccination News

All incoming seventh grade students must have an updated T-DAP immunization in order to start school for the 2020-2021 school year. Don't wait till the last minute to get your T-DAP shot. Get it now and bring in your shot record.



Yearbook Orders

Purchase your 2019-2020 Yearbook for \$30 at www.yearbookordercenter.com

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Change of Address

Inform the Registrar (located in the Guidance office) if you have a change of address, home telephone number, email, or work location. This information will help facilitate communication between home and school, as well as allow immediate contact in case of an emergency. Acceptable proof of change of address is a power bill, phone bill, cable bill, water bill, lease agreement, mortgage acceptance letter or statement from a landlord.



Congratulations

Voice of the
Constitution Essay
Contest

2nd Place District
Winner-
Nicole Jagarova



Three Oaks Middle
Spelling Bee Winners

1st place -
Josiah Flores
2nd place -
Mario Jacome

Thank you, Discovery, for sponsoring the NJHS field trip! Your generous donation helped our students be able to attend the leadership program.



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6pm

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