



# Osceola Middle School

*Exceeding Expectations*

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## **Exceeding Expectations at Osceola Middle School!**

Where has the summer gone? Hard to believe that in less than three weeks the students will once again bring life back to the campus at Osceola Middle School. This is Sean Downing, your principal, and I am looking forward to the start of my ninth year here at OMS. We have had a great summer and our staff has worked extra-hard to make sure that we are ready for you to visit us on Open House which is Thursday, August 9, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

I would like to thank students and families for their hard work last year. We received a school grade of B from the Florida Department of Education based on our performance on state assessments. We ranked third out of twelve middle schools in our consortium last year (Okeechobee, Hardee, Hendry, Glades Highlands and DeSoto County). We will continue this momentum this year!

Our main goal for 2018-2019 involve giving parents a greater voice in what we do at Osceola Middle School! With that, we would like to invite you to come to a Family Goal Setting BBQ on August 1 when we hope to solicit input for goals for the coming school year. Please join us if you are able. Also, we plan to bring back a sixth grade orientation in the gym at 6:00 PM on August 2. We will share some of the Frequently Asked Questions for upcoming middle school parents and students, including your dress code questions (prior to the Florida Tax Free Holiday on August 3-5, 2018). If you are interested in additional information, please email me!

I am committed to keeping you informed of what we do on our campus. If you would like to be included in my Warrior Weekly Update email, please email me at [downings@okee.k12.fl.us](mailto:downings@okee.k12.fl.us) so I may include you. If you like watching from afar and would enjoy seeing pictures of the students during the multitude of activities on the campus, please "like" us on Facebook (@Osceola.Middle.Okeechobee)! We try to get something new on the Facebook page at least once a week (sometimes more often than that). Additionally, we update our website frequently so check us out online at <http://osceolamiddleschool.sites.thedigitalbell.com/>.

As the summer winds down, let me remind you that students entering seventh grade are required to show proof of vaccinations prior to issuing a schedule/admitting a student to class. If you have a question, please call the main office at (863) 462-5070. Additionally, fall sports tryouts happen right away when we return. Student-athletes are not permitted to try out for a middle school sport until we have a completed physical form/athletic packet on file with Mr. Carroll, Athletic Director.

Finally, here are some dates for you to put on your calendar:

Monday, August 1: Family Goal Setting BBQ from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Come help us set goals for 2018-2019!

Tuesday, August 2: Sixth Grade Orientation and Parent Night at 6:00 PM in the OMS Gymnasium.

Thursday, August 9: Open House (district-wide) from 6:00-8:00 PM. We will have signs posted all around campus to direct you!

Monday, August 13: The first day of school for students.

Wednesday, September 12: Quarter 1 Progress Report Day.

Thursday, September 13: Early Release Day.

Thank you for your continued support and trust in Osceola Middle School: *Exceeding Expectations!*