



# The Bear Connection

Volume 2

## A Message From Your Principal

Dear Bear Familia,

We are appreciative of your support with our cell phone policy. Remember that Talking Points is great tool for communicating with teachers.

We also want to celebrate our student organizations and athletics SGA, Band, Color Guard, Football Team, Bear Medicine, and ROTC for their collaboration and great display of Bear Pride on our first football home game. So incredibly proud of the work that we are doing!! Thank you for transforming and not conforming!

-Mrs. Mendez

## Guidance Corner

The Valencia Dual Enrollment Application will open on September 11th and will close on October 11th. Students can apply online at <https://valenciacollege.edu/admissions/dual-enrollment/index.php>. Students must have an unweighted 3.0 GPA to apply & must obtain a qualifying test score through the PERT, SAT, or ACT tests by 11/9 to participate. Counselors will be available during student lunches in the College & Career Center to assist students with the application process.

Counselors will conduct individual senior meetings beginning September 7th to review graduation status & post secondary plans.

## Tips:

IB Seniors watch out for college deadlines for applications to schools & for scholarships

Keep working on those Extended Essays, be aware of the October deadline

Advanced Studies Students: be aware of SAT/ACT testing dates!

# Discipline Corner

Hello Bear Nation! We would like to remind all students of the OCPS cell phone policy: **From the hours of 7:20a to 2:20p all cell phones, earbuds, & smart watches MUST be put away in a bag or purse.**

**Please be aware that the referral process for violation of the cell phone policy will begin on September 5th.**

**Tardies:** It is an expectation that students are **IN** their classrooms when the bell rings. Students who are consistently tardy, caught skipping, & collected in tardy sweeps will be documented & escalated according to OCPS policy.



Testing...Testing...

## Testing Corner

Still Need to Meet Graduation Requirements?  
Here are a few testing make-up days:

- 9/12 Biology & US History EOC (1 session)
- 9/12 FSA ELA Writing Retake (12th)
- 9/14 & 9-15 FSA ELA Retake Session 1 & 2 (12th)
- 9/18 & 9/19 FSA Algebra 1 Retake
- 9/18 B.E.S.T Algebra & Geometry EOC

Read More On

[cypresscreekhs.ocps.net](http://cypresscreekhs.ocps.net)

## Athletics Corner

**Student Athletes must have all sports packs completed, uploaded on [Athleticclearance.com](http://Athleticclearance.com) prior to beginning any activity with sports teams.**

The Winter Sports start dates are below.

Girls Weightlifting October 9th

Boys/Girls Soccer October 16th

Competitive Cheerleading

October 16th

Boys/Girls Basketball October 30th

Girls Wrestling October 30th

Boys Wrestling November 6th



## SAFE Corner

Please reach out to Mrs. Allred, SAFE Coordinator for your counseling needs. We have an OCPS Licensed Mental Health Counselor and an OCPS School Psychologist on staff select days throughout the week. There are also agencies that work with our students during school hours and outside of school hours. Please send Mrs. Allred an email @ [nancy.allred@ocps.net](mailto:nancy.allred@ocps.net) if needed.

**Resiliency Day 1 of 2: Tuesday,  
September 12th**

**Needing Resources? No Worries!**

**Visit: [Communityconnect.ocps.net](http://Communityconnect.ocps.net)**

**Community Connect provides ideas & support to families who need free or reduced:**

**Food  
Housing  
Mental Health  
Education Programs  
Other Social Services**



# A Look Ahead...

## Calendar Corner

### The next two weeks...

Mon 9/4: Labor Day-No School

Tues 9/5: Softball Fall Practice, NHS Meeting,  
Beta Club Campus Clean Up

Wed 9/6: JV Football vs Windermere HOME 530p,  
Girls Volleyball: F/JV/V vs Gateway AWAY 5p

Thurs 9/7: Girls Volleyball JV/V vs Edgewater  
AWAY 530p, Club Showcase Lunches A & B

Fri 9/8: AWAY Varsity Football vs Windermere 7p

Mon 9/11: Girls Volleyball JV/V vs Southland  
Christian AWAY 530p

Tues 9/12: Resiliency Day, Test Makeup: Biology &  
US History

Wed 9/13: JV Football HOME vs LN 530p, Bowling  
AWAY ER/UHS/CHS 330p

Thurs 9/14: **Open House 345p-545p**, Varsity Football  
AWAY vs Lake Nona, Girls Volleyball JV/V vs Ocoee  
AWAY 530p, Softball vs Winter Park Away 6p

Fri 9/15: BSU Meeting, Hispanic Heritage Month  
(9/15-10/15)

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