

HOWARD BEAT

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August 30, 2020

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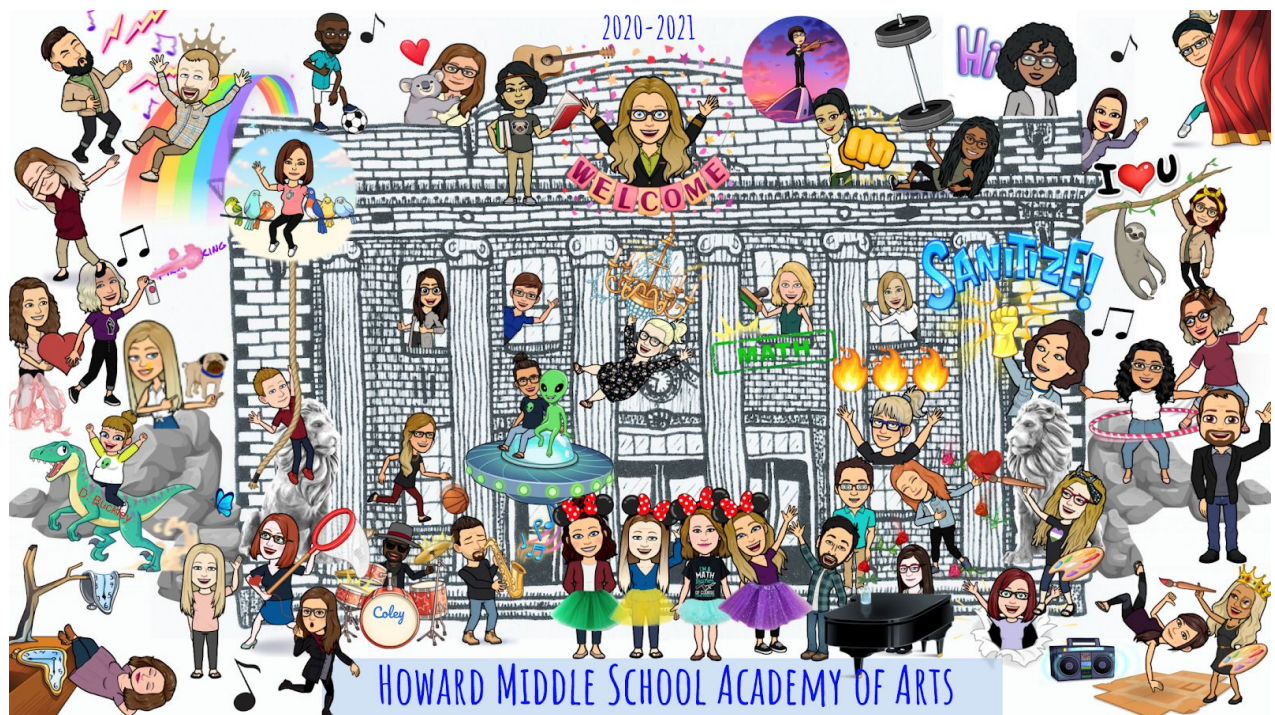


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Have you found your teachers yet?

McKinney-Vento Program

A quick reminder that families must apply to the McKinney-Vento Program each year even if you were already a part of it the previous year. If your family is eligible, please click this link for more information.



[MCKINNEY-VENTO PROGRAM](#)

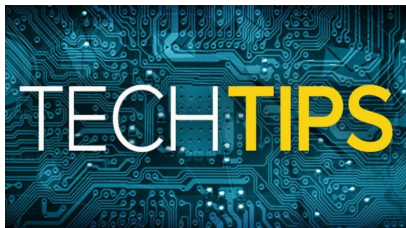
The SAFE Office

IMPORTANT! PAST DUE!

Parent Technology Media and Information Consent Form 2019-2020

During the 2020-21 school year the Parent Technology, Media and Information Consent Form (PTMICF) can be completed by parents or guardians in one of two ways. Please sign the attached documents, and return either by email (denise.sevigny@ocps.net) OR in person (drop off at front desk). These forms can be found [at this link](#), and were due **Friday, August 21**.

Tech Tip



Are you having technology issues?

Submit a tech request at studenttechrequest.ocps.net

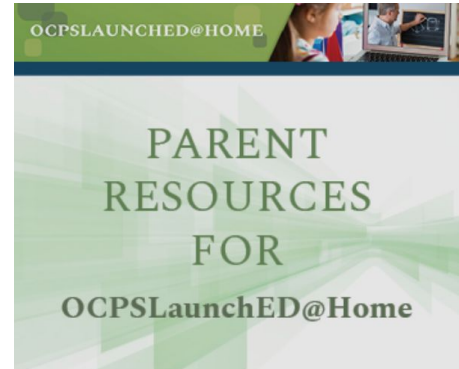
You can also submit a tech request through your LaunchPad Dashboard.



Howard Email Support

Do you have a question that you need answered and not sure who to call? Email Howard_MS@ocps.net . We will gladly answer your question or direct you to the person who can.

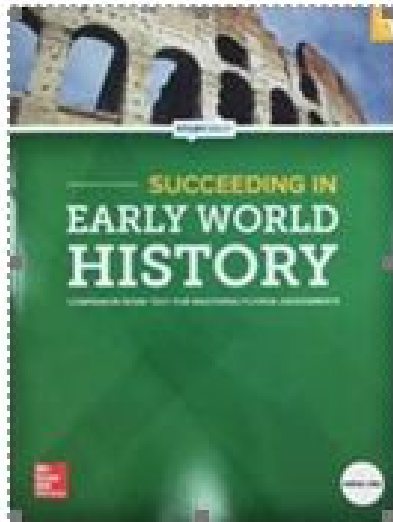
[Click Here](#) for popular student and parent links from OCPS for LaunchEd@Home!



iReady Diagnostics continue next week!

- ELA- August 26, 27, 28
- Math- August 31, Sept 1, 2

LaunchEd families, please watch this [video](#) on how diagnostic testing will work for your students at home. If you have any questions, please fill out this [form](#) and a response will be emailed ASAP. This information will also be in your student's ELA and Math Canvas courses.



6th Grade World History Workbooks are Here!

6th grade World History workbooks have come in. Students who are coming face to face will receive a workbook at school. Families who have chosen the LaunchED option can come to the school office to pick up a workbook. Students will begin using their online textbooks in class next week. The workbook will be a valuable tool so that there is a physical copy of the reading material. This link teaches students how to access the online textbook. It also shows how to access some of the textbook features.

<https://ocps.instructuremedia.com/embed/abe73e26-8998-47d2-8c91-569c09ec537a>

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407-900-5434 (You can text or call)

News from Howard Middle's Cafeteria

It's time to go to www.myschoolapps.com! Your child's Free, Reduced, or Full Paid Status will expire on Sept. 23rd.



Grab and Go lunch meals are available from 4:40pm-6pm on Mondays for LaunchEd students. Cost of meals is the same as you would pay if you were at school. Students must have their student name and ID number on a piece of paper to collect their meals. Grab and Go Supper will be available starting August 21. More information to come. Welcome back!

Sherry Bertucelli
Cafeteria Manager
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6th Grade Virtual Lunch Bunch



Welcome new incoming 6th graders! Are you looking for a way to meet new students and make more connections and friends? This week we will be having virtual lunch social groups for our new 6th graders as a way to meet new people. If you are interested, click this link [Virtual Lunch Groups](#) and sign up for a spot (Limited to 20 spots per day).

PTSA Updates

Join us for our first PTSA meeting of the year. We will be meeting September 3rd at 5pm on Zoom. Please use this link and password to join the Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/6726108048...>

Meeting ID: 672 610 8048

Passcode: 81054

At this meeting we will discuss nominations for the board. We have many positions available for nominations. Currently, our Secretaries are still with us and so is our Treasurer. Join us on Sept 3rd to learn more.

If you are looking for the new Howard PTSA website, please check us out here:

<https://howard-middle-school-ptsa.square.site>

Best,

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Acting PTSA President

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