

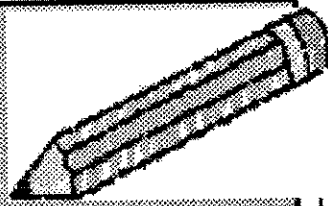


# Parent Express Newsletter

January 14, 2005

Olsen Middle School

## Principal's Note:



Happy New year to all! I hope everyone is taking advantage of our ELO program. ELO is a fantastic way for your child to get more out of their education. Our next ELO session begins on January 18, 2005. If your child has not signed up, please contact your child's team leader for more information.

The FCAT is fast approaching! Students take the FCAT from February 28 - March 11, 2005. The FCAT is a very important assessment for your child. Not only does it compare your child's Reading and Math Levels to those across the country and state, it is also used for academic placement each year. Attendance is imperative. Please make sure your child comes to school everyday, on time and ready to work!

The Writing portion of the FCAT, for 8th grade students only is on February 8 and 9, 2005.

A HUGE thank you goes out to each and every one of you for sending us awesome students, we are truly enjoying them.

Again, Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Kim A. Flynn  
Principal

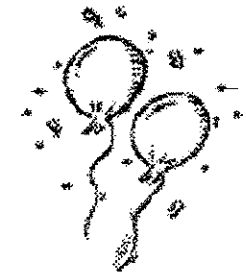
## Community Helpers:

Thank you to the entire Olsen community for your generosity during the holiday season. We had another successful Thanksgiving Food Drive and Adopt and Angel program.

The Thanksgiving Drive raised a NEW record of over 3,800 cans!! We were able to help 20 families.

Adopt an Angel was also able to give 20 families a happier holiday season!

The families and The Olsen Staff thank you for your continued support! Together, we DO make a DIFFERENCE!



## Parent Involvement:

Olsen Middle School values and relies on parental involvement. We encourage parents to be active in the education of their children. We want your visits to our school to be pleasant and helpful. In order to better serve you, please call and schedule an appointment if you would like to meet with your child's grade level guidance counselor, assistant principal, or teachers. Scheduling an appointment ensures that your time at Olsen Middle School is well spent.

Appointments can be scheduled by calling (754)323-3800 (Mair Campus) or (754)323-3806 (Center Campus).

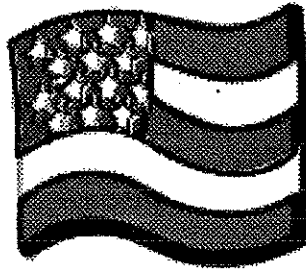
*FCAT*

# Guidance News

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

We look forward to a successful second semester working with you and your child!

It is **IMPERATIVE** that your child takes the FCAT and performs their very best. The FCAT is one of the ways your child is promoted and academically placed for the next school year.



Please make sure your child is in attendance and be aware of the following dates when scheduling outside appointments.

Thank you!

**FCAT Writes - 8th grade only**  
February 8 and 9, 2005

**FCAT - all students**  
February 28 - March 11, 2005

6th and 7th grade: Reading and Math

8th grade: Reading, Math and Science

## *Attendance and Promptness:*

Thank you for your continued efforts in getting your child to school on time. If you are experiencing trouble getting your child here and on time, please contact the grade level guidance counselor for assistance.

## *Parent Contact:*

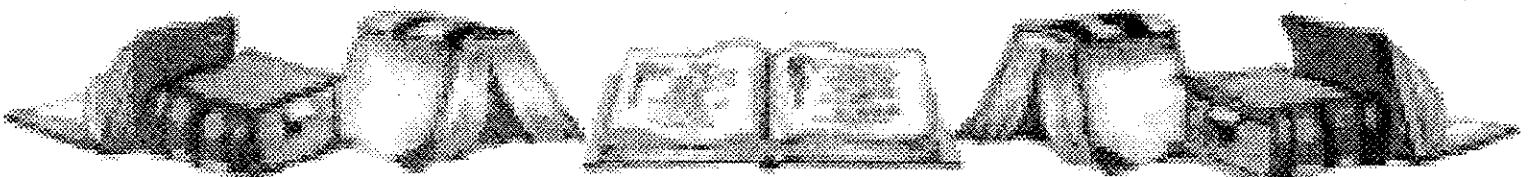
If you have moved or had a change in phone numbers, please notify the student services office. Having current information is necessary in the event we need to contact you.

## *Students of Character*

December's Students of Character are:

Krystal Atkinson,  
Marius Badulescu,  
Nel Ciurdar,  
Cheney Holloway,  
Allan Joseph,  
Veronika Kelly,  
Rebecca Martinez,  
Deandrea Moise,  
Daniel Nelson,  
Brittany Pena,  
Alexis Smith,  
Jeffrey Sosa,  
Dareus Tomsa,  
Carlos Uzcatequi,  
and  
Andrea Vasconez.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
We are ALL proud of you!!



# Olsen Basketball:

- 1/19 vs. Apollo\***  
starts at  
4:30 pm
- 1/24 at Driftwood**  
starts at  
3:30 pm
- 1/26 vs. Attucks\***  
starts at  
3:30 pm
- 1/31 at McNicol**  
starts at  
3:30 pm
- 2/2 at New River**  
starts at  
4:30 pm

Come out and  
support our teams for  
another fantastic  
season!!

\*home games



## Tackling Test Questions:

Help your child tackle tough questions by sharing these strategies:

**True or False:** As a general rule, a question should be answered false if any part of the statement is untrue. Suggest your child look for words like *all*, *non*, and *always*. These may be clues that the answer is false. At the same time, words like *often* and *may* usually signal that a statement is true.

**Multiple Choice:** With these questions, it's important that your child read EVERY choice before choosing an answer.

Reading all choices allows them to rule out answer he knows are wrong. Using this strategy, your child may have two options to pick from instead of five. This increases their chances of selecting the correct answer.

**Essay:** Most students find this kind of question to be the toughest. Encourage your child to read each question at least twice before answering. Then, with the question fresh in their mind, they might list a few thoughts they want to include in their answer. Making notes keeps them from having to remember everything at once. Suggest they look at the list if they get stuck while writing.

## Upcoming Events:

January 10	Classes Resume
January 13	Begin 3rd Quarter
January 14	Report Card Pick Up Night 5:00 - 7:00 pm
January 14	Report Cards issued
January 17	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 18 - 21	Olsen's Literary Fair
January 25	Straight A Breakfast
February 8 & 9	FCAT Writing Test
February 11	Interim Reports Issued
February 14-16	Vision Screening
	All Seventh Grade Students
February 18	No School
	Teacher Planning
February 21	No School - President's Day
February 22-23	Social Studies Fair
February 28 - March 11	FCAT Testing

## Language Arts Cmpetitions Broward County Fair -- 2004 Creative Writing Results

A number of students from Olsen Middle School entered the Broward County Fair's Creative Writing Contest and here are the results.

### Division I --Short Story First Place

Selima Hussain

### Division I--Short Story--Third Place

Melissa Holm

### Division II -- Poetry -- First Place

Amanda Allshouse, Sarah Anton, Stacy Beckford, Marcell Benevento, Brittany Bond, Chirstian Boughey, Summer Braeseke, Dakota Carter, Andrea Cespedes, Chloe Chin, Ben Cosovan, Monique DeFrank,Thomas Diez, Denise Esquilin, Gabrielle Fronough, Francine Gallimore, Karla Garcia, Aimee Graham, Natalia Holda, Roman Hrubyak, Kledis Kodra, Stacy Marineau, Maria Molinci, Johanna Morales, Angela Pemberton, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Jose Rodriguez, Shanelle Rodriguez, Malik Saleh, Amanda Santiago, Taylor Tuning, Sasha Underwood, Whitney VanArsdale, and Miguel Vasquez.

### Division II -- Poetry -- Second Place

Julissa Alvarez, Rochelle Anderson, Amber Ardolino, Melannie Bannerman, Evalena Behr, Noemi Bermudez, Heather Boyco, Alexandra Burgess, Jennifer Cadavid, Carlos Caffi, Patricia Cammarata, Martin Carnero, Brenda Castellon, Jessica Cleveland, Annemarie Coniglio, Michael Cordoba, Carolina Cortez, Erika Davis, Ryan Debe, Thomas DeFelice, Alexandra DelaCadena, Cortney Denis, Daniella Diosa, Shahan Dudayev, Kelly Errico, Kristopher Escobar, Grant Fletcher, Luis Franco, Mariana Franco, Mariana Gamez, Constance Giger, Kathrina Giordani, Daniel Gomez, Sam Grada, Patrick Hart, Sarah Hart, Savanna Haws, Emily Hernandez, Hannah Holcomb, Aleksandra Holubowicz, Daniel Horner, Felicia Howard, Karim Hussein, Giovanni Iglesias, Damaris Iriondo, Hibai Iriondo, Lukas Jancik, Gregory Jean, Kelsey Johnson, Hilary Katzen, Veronika Kelly, Jay Kiker, Alicia Kilian, Ben Killian, Neno King, Brandon Kravatz, Jasmine Laxamana, Alexa Kuziw, Susan Liu, Eddie Lopez, T'Keyah Mangum, Patrick McGann, Delano Melvin, Keuesha Mules, Jessica Orr, Andrew Orsini, Renata Ortiz, Gabrielie Pate, Sara Paultre, Chrissy Pearson, Analisa Peck, Ulysses Peguero-Forne, Kim Picher, Danielle Pippins, Taylor

Prohaska, Janae Pyfrom, Demetrial Quinn, Merline Raymonville, Ivan Recalde, Francisco Rivera, Joseph Rojas, Chaporina Shinholster, Amanda Simpson, Beatrice Simmonds, Jodian Smith, Yosselyn Smith, John Stephens, Jessica Strimbu, Michael Sullo, Sara Tarte, Brittany Tilley, Daniel Urrutia, Dylan Vega, Christopher Wallace, Ja'Tel Washington, Jacinta Yeng, Erika Young, Sarah Zoloth, and Francis Zuniga.

### Division II -- Poetry -- Third Place

Nancy Aguilar, Tyler Alexander, Emma Alt, Yoni Anijar, Keyon August, Sinead Austin, Chase Barrera, Christy Belletete, Nikita Belyayev, Gunna Bergsveindottir, David Brodeur, Sebastiana Brunet, Abens Cajuste, Victor Cantergiani, Jennifer Cardenas, Patrik Chovan, Alike Clark, Chelsie Cook, Idalia Correa, Cheyes Daruelle, Sabreena Deen, Chris Dossantos, Magdalena Dybkowska, Wendell Elizee, Emil Fanea, Christine Farrell, Ashley Finnegan, Anne Fonrouge, Giselle Garcia, Tania Garcia, Pamela Goly, Gustavo Goretkin, Alexadru Grecu, Damon Grozier, Daniel Grozier, Delilah Guzman, Joshua Hackett, Thomas Hansen, Yvonne Hernandez, Tommy Hixon, Fabio Hoyos-Gomez, Crystal Izzo, Szilard Janko, Cindy Jaramillo, Jeyda Keynatma, Deborah Kirkendall, Brittany Lynn Kostick, Adam Kravatz, Christian Lee, Kate Lane, Christopher Loper, Noami Lubrin, Uyacheslav Maliyev, Michael Martinez, Joey Maya, Amanda McCullough, Camuile McFarlane, Alex Medvinsky, Christopher Moise, Deandrea Moise, Jacob Moore, Arienis Morales, Jeremy Morell, Dorothea Murray, Jennifer Norena, Katherine Norena, Rebecca O'Toole, Jennifer Oura, Jesika Overcash, Jarvais Owens, Alex Pellecer, Yezenia Pereira, Abri Peterson, Manika Phillip, Roberto Pinto, Patrice Pratt, Cassandra Punko, Heather Punko, Jorge Quiroz, Gino Recalde, Justin Reed, Lydiette Rodriguez, Gemanah Rubenstein, Khiara Silfa, John Simu, Sarah Shelly, Max Silverberg, Rolans Sipeki, Jean-Pierre Sorel, Elizabeth Soto, Cody Stanish, John Stephens, DeNico Stewart, Esequiel Suarez, Cristian Triana, Athanasios (Saki) Tsolpidis, Shayna Turnquest, Paula Tutt, Ciera Valentine, Nicole Vandergrift, Vivien Varga, Stephanie Vasconez, Michael Vendette, Marco Vidal, Steven Wells, Antonio Whitehead, P'munique Willingham, Victoria Woods, Kaitlyn Wright, Zakarie Wright, Hilda Yepes, Marielena Zamlorano, and Alex Zarzycki.

Congratulations on your creative writing  
efforts--WELL DONE!