

**Oglethorpe Charter School
Governing Board Meeting
Agenda
December 16th, 2019**

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
1. Welcome	Lisa Reavis
2. Approve Agenda	
3. Approval of November Meeting Minutes	
4. Financial Report	Howard Hickey
5. Presidents Report	Lisa Reavis
6. Administrators Report	Kevin Wall

OGLETHORPE CHARTER SCHOOL

Governing Board Meeting
November 18, 2019

Board Members Present: Lisa Reavis, Patrick Dean, Jon Cohen, Mary Wells, Chris Hintz, Dawn Deppen, Matt Dowling

Board Members Absent: Howard Hickey, Katie Baithrop, Jonathan Brown

Principal Present: Kevin Wall

Others Present: None

Open Session: Called to order at 5:04 pm by Lisa Reavis.

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda: Mary Wells
Motion to second: Patrick Dean
Motion unanimously passed

Approval of October meeting minutes:
Motion to approve: Jon Cohen
Motion to second: Mary Wells
Motion unanimously passed

Financial Report: The monthly financial report through October, 2019 was presented by Lisa Reavis.

President's Report: None.

Principal's Report: See attached memo to Board taken from Principal's notes.

Committee Reports

Governance and Accountability: Chair, Patrick Dean with Jon Cohen – none.

Nomination Committee: Chair, Jon Cohen - none

Academic Committee: Chair, Rebecca Wells with Chris Hintz.
Mary Wells presented the Academic Committee Report. Report is attached.

Other Business: None.

To: OCS Governing Board
From: Kevin Wall
Date: November 18, 2019

Nine Week Grading Period: The end of the first nine week grading period will be Friday, October 11th. If you have not signed up for the Parent Access platform, please make sure that you do so as soon as possible. You can find out what is going on academically by checking this web based program frequently. You can see your child's grades, upcoming assignments, and you can also see missing assignments. Sarita Grant is the OCS school contact person for setting up your account. We highly suggest that you look at your child's grades several times during the week to be able to have conversations specifically about grades and assignments.

TSA Week & Homecoming 2019: The month of October is one of the busiest months of any school year. The honeymoon period of the school start up is over and many exciting school activities are all taking place at the same time. The final culminating TSA sponsored homecoming activities will be a dance on Friday, October 11th from 6-8:00, pep rally with the announcement of the Homecoming Court on Wednesday, October 16th, and the final activity will be the Homecoming game against Coastal Middle School at Memorial Stadium on Wednesday, October 16th. We will bus any student that wishes to attend the game to the stadium. Parents will have to sign a permission slip for their child to attend the football game and pick their child up after the football game at Memorial Stadium.

Cookie Dough Money & Forms: The last day that the PTO will accept money and order forms will be on Friday, October 11th. The deadline was extended 2 additional days.

Oglethorpe Charter School Related Arts: Oglethorpe Charter School is unique in many ways, and you are not going to find a related arts program at any other school quite like the one found here at Oglethorpe. When Oglethorpe was made part of the very first Esplost referendum, this new school facility that we are in now forced us to increase our enrollment from just under 400 students to 600 students. The only way to make that increase in enrollment happen without destroying our instructional model (every kid having 2 math teachers and a separate reading and writing teacher) was to add an entirely new teaching team (looping team). The addition of this new teaching team forced us to hire more related arts teachers to accommodate the increase in enrollment. As this school year marches on, we will recognize our related arts programs as well as recognizing all of our core academic teaching departments. The spotlight this week is on Ben Well's Marine Science class at the following Link:
<https://www.smore.com/rns5e-ocs-marine-science-class>

Visitor Check-in System: Oglethorpe Charter School has a new visitor check in system that requires parents to show their identification (drivers License) when visiting the school. Please remember to bring in your ID if you are visiting the school.

Welcome David Rivers: David Rivers joins Oglethorpe Charter School as the new Theatre teacher. Mr. River's background includes the following: Director, Producer and Writer of many stage plays and short films. His specialties are writing and directing. He was the production manager at CW13 WGSA in Savannah where he edited and produced commercials for local businesses. He also created, wrote and directed CW13s first original drama (Executives) which aired locally in 2014 here in Savannah as well as in Atlanta. David is also musically gifted and was working at Groves High School in their music department prior to coming to Oglethorpe. David is from Dublin, Georgia and attended Savannah School of Art and design on a performing arts scholarship.

Ron Clark Visit: Oglethorpe Charter School was able for the second consecutive year to send a new cohort of teachers for professional development training in educational best practices to the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta, Georgia on October 16th and October 17th. The following teachers participated in the training this year:

Ben Wells, Susan Carlile, Jennifer Williams, Banecia Baker, Luis Branch, Darrius Jackson and Shardae Clayton.

The Ron Clark Academy has assembled a faculty of master educators who have different teaching styles but a shared objective: to demonstrate how to improve student engagement, increase academic rigor, and create a school climate and culture that leads to success for all learners. In other words, they strive to create an environment that exemplifies everything they believe that a school should be, and then they open their doors to share their methods with others in hopes that they, too, will do the same. The entire staff is committed to fostering a dynamic, passionate learning environment where every child is valued, challenged, loved, and nurtured.

Mr. Clark has been called "America's Educator." In 2000, he was named Disney's American Teacher of the Year. He is a New York Times bestselling author whose book, *The Essential 55*, has sold over 1 million copies and has been published in 25 different countries. He has been featured on *The Today Show*, CNN, and *Oprah*, and Ms. Winfrey even named him as her first "Phenomenal Man." His classes have been honored at the White House on three separate occasions. Ron's teaching experiences in New York City are the subject of the uplifting film, *The Ron Clark Story*, starring Matthew Perry, better known as Chandler from Friends. Our Oglethorpe teachers that made the journey to the Ron Clark Academy last year came back with a great deal of passion. We are hoping to be able to send another cohort again next year to be able to put in place some school wide initiatives that are highly successful at the Ron Clark Academy.

Ron Clark Cohort Last Year



Pictured at top from left to right: Marvin Fuller, Chris Jones and Theresa Luciano.
Bottom from left to right: Nicole Dillon, Monica Roland, Rebecca Greenbush Ron Clark
and Beth Jones

Related Arts: The spotlight this week in related arts is on Theresa Luciano's STEM and Engineering class at the following Link:
<https://www.smore.com/wy4f5-engineering>

School Improvement & Saturday School: For the second consecutive year, Oglethorpe Charter School scheduled many Saturday School sessions for the 2019-2020 school year. We learned last year that we have to be mindful and strategic in how we schedule the Saturday School sessions so that we do not burn our teachers out. Many of our students that attend Saturday School get upset when we do not have Saturday School. The Saturday School sessions serve 3 purposes. Some of the kids that are attending Sat School scored a 1 on the previous GMAS test in reading or math and simply need more time to grasp concepts. Some of the kids that are attending Sat School are attending for credit recovery purposes. Our October 5th Saturday School session this year had 200 students in attendance. Naturally, the big focus was on credit recovery trying to get work completed to receive a passing grade. We have another group of Sat Schoolers that are attending because of behavioral issues, and we call that Social Skills Saturday School. The Social Skills Saturday School ran by Dr. Kolman

helps keep our suspension rate down and has a strong focus on parent and student training. Parents have to attend some of the Social Skills Saturday School sessions. **The next scheduled Saturday School is this Saturday (Nov 2nd 8-12:00)**

Lady Titans 2019 Volleyball Team: The following girls will represent Oglethorpe Charter School this year in Volleyball:

MaKayla McDowell- Captain	Nyanduk Malwal- Jr. Captain	Sha'Khia Williams
Emmalee Brinson	Hanna Brown	Promise Cooper
Anivea Flagler	Jalisa Smith	Madison Frazier
Cassidy Freeman	Kennedy Freeman	Jourdyn O'Neal
Mariana Puc	Denise Ruiz	

Erica Benjamin will be coaching the volleyball team this year. Good Luck Players and Coach Benjamin!

OCS Blood Drive: Do you want to earn 10 volunteer commitment hours and save up to three lives at the same time? OCS will host our fall blood drive with the American Red Cross on November 4th from 2:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the OCS gym. Flyers were sent home last week in your child's Wednesday packet. Details on how to register can also be found on our OCS Facebook page. Please come and support our community on Monday, November 4th and earn a cool Red Cross bracelet. Remember, OCS parents that donate will receive 10 volunteer commitment hours in addition to helping to save lives. You may walk up or register online at www.redcrossblood.org by using sponsor code: OCS. If you have any questions regarding the blood drive, please feel free to contact Mrs. Jennifer Williams at: jennifer.williams@sccpss.com

School Improvement and Science: The renewal of our current 5 year charter involved Oglethorpe Charter School providing the Department of Education with our strategy for improving science scores. Oglethorpe Charter School informed the Department of Education on December 17, 2017 that we will try to improve our science scores by implementing a school wide STEAM program focused on environmental science and partner with the Flying Classroom to develop integrated science units that involve math and science teachers from each teaching team along with our marine science class and engineering class. Update: The roll out of the Flying Classroom curriculum units was very successful. The highly engaging lessons that were taught in the science, math, engineering and marine science classrooms were a big hit with the students. In order to pull this off with fidelity, we gave our teachers full day professional learning time frames to develop the units with representatives from the Flying Classroom. Our goal for year one to implement and integrate the Flying classroom curriculum at the highest level possible was more than met. Our program is now shown nationwide by the Flying Classroom to other schools that partner with them to provide quality STEM engineering opportunities. Going into year 2 this year with the Flying Classroom, we are adding Oglethorpe Charter School teachers from all content areas to implement the STEM units of study across all contents. Our marine Science program is entering year 2 of implementation and the class is a huge hit with the students. The 450 gallon tank has

many daily visitors, and the 150 gallon tanks that are stocked by our marine science students are hugely popular. Note – Science test scores did improve last year as a result of our initiative. Please click on link <https://vimeo.com/348141178>

Congratulations Bashiah McNutt: Bashiah has been selected to represent Oglethorpe Charter School as the November Student of the Month. Bashiah is an academically high performing student that is currently taking 3 high school class (9th Grade Com Lit, 9th Physical Science & 9th Algebra). Bashiah is a member of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club. She has also participated on the OCS Academic Quiz Bowl team in 7th grade. Bashiah is musically gifted and plays both the violin and piano. She is a member of the OCS Orchestra, and she hopes to use her musical talent to audition for Savannah Arts Academy. Bashiah also hopes study engineering on the collegiate level after completing high school. Bashiah receives her inspiration from her mom because her mom motivates her to be her best in everything that she does. **Great Kid!**

Cookie Dough Delivery November 19th: The cookie dough orders will arrive at Oglethorpe Charter School on Tuesday, November 19th. The products arrive to Oglethorpe frozen. Those students that sold 3 items or less will have their orders delivered to their homeroom teacher and will take them home at the end of the day. Those students that sold 4 or more items will have to have their products picked up in the cafeteria at the school between 10:00 and 6:00 p.m. There will be PTO folks on site on November 19th until 6:00 p.m. Please use the bus ramp for parking and entering the cafeteria between 10:00 and 2:15 when picking up orders. Please park in the main parking lot and use the front door entrance to access the cafeteria between 2:15 – 3:15 (during dismissal). Please use the bus ramp for parking and enter the cafeteria from the cafeteria after 3:15 to pick up your orders.

Sibling Preference & Enrollment: We are at the juncture of the school year where we have to know if siblings will be attending Oglethorpe next year. Our application process begins on December 2nd and runs through the last information enrollment session in January. Our lottery will be on January 17th. We have to know how many slots we are offering to students, because that is one of the main questions that parents ask when making application. If your currently enrolled Oglethorpe son or daughter has a brother or sister in 5th grade that is going to attend Oglethorpe, we need to know so that we can get enrollment forms to you as soon as possible. Sarita Grant is in charge of our application and enrollment process at Oglethorpe. She can be reached via email at sarita.grant@sccpss.com or via the main phone number at 395-5075. It is vitally important for siblings to live in the same household to protect the integrity of our charter that has been granted to us. Note – Sibling preference does not exclusively just apply to currently enrolled Oglethorpe students that have siblings in 5th grade. Example: You may have a son or daughter at Oglethorpe this year that has a brother or sister in the 6th or 7th grade at another middle school that would like to attend Oglethorpe next year. You can exercise the sibling preference clause and bypass the lottery in this case as well. It makes it very difficult on scheduling and keeping the student teacher ratio where we want it if we find out that parents are wanting to use sibling preference after the lottery has taken place. We are the only middle school that essentially has our

enrollment set for the following year in January which allows us to have scheduling completed in May. This allows us to begin instruction on the first day of school where as many of the other middle schools have to wait until the 10th day to see what their enrollment is for scheduling and staffing purposes.

Spot Light on Archery: <https://www.smores.com/z5frc-archery-class>

Star Castle and Defy Trampoline Field Trips: The PTO sponsored Star Castle/Food Court trip has been scheduled for Thursday, December 5th. Those students that sold one or more product items are eligible for this trip. The PTO sponsored Defy Trampoline/Food Court trip has been scheduled for Monday, December 16th for those students that sold 10 product items or more. Field trip permission forms will be given to the students for all trips. The Trampoline field trip does require parents to sign a waiver for the child to participate. We will also be sending those waivers home with students that earned that trip. Dress Down passes will be issued in the month of December for those students that sold 5 or more product items. Those Dress Down passes can be used consecutively (five days in a row) or sporadically throughout the year.

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Congratulations NeVaeh Macon First Place Winner



Spot Light on OCS Orchestra:

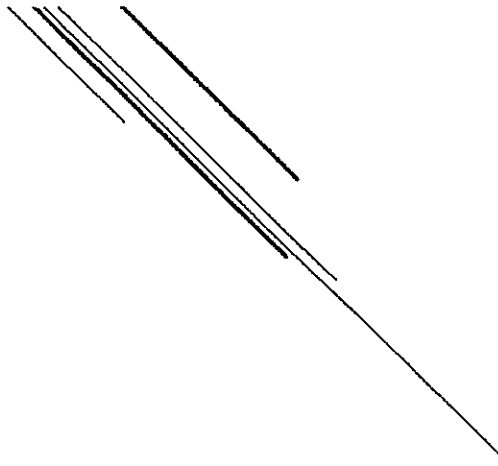
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ACADEMIC COMMITTEE REPORT NOVEMBER 18, 2019

Academic Priorities
Smart Goals
Focus Fridays
GMAS Testing
CCRPI

SCHOOL-WIDE ACADEMIC PRIORITIES

- Standards Based Classrooms: (Daily Board Agendas, I Can Statements, Curriculum-Instruction-Assessment (CIA) Alignment, Feedback, Word Walls, Student Work) TKES Standards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
- Differentiation/Data Driven Instruction: (Flexible Grouping, Choice Boards, Tiered Instruction, Scaffolding, Move on When Ready) TKES Standards 4, 5, & 6
- Vocabulary (Words Listed and Placed on Word Wall)/Reading Strategies: Reading Strategy for the Month of August-Cornell Notes
THANKS SO MUCH, DR. MEYER FOR PUTTING TOGETHER THESE RESOURCES!!
- Student Engagement: (Student Led Instruction, Small Groups, Relative to the "Real World", Jr. Scholars (B. Jones) TKES Standards 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7



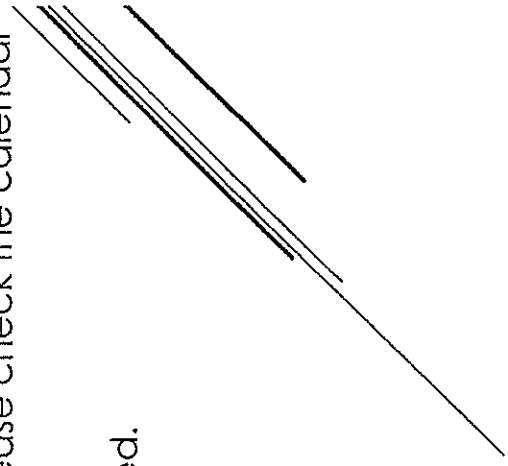
SCHOOL-WIDE
S.M.A.R.T. GOALS

To increase the number of OCS students Reading on Grade level from 74% to 77% as measured on the 2020 GMAS Assessment.

To increase the percentage of students scoring at Developing or higher on the GMAS by three points in all content areas as measured on the 2020 test administration: Math (from 81% to 84%), ELA (from 78% to 81%) Social Studies (78% to 81%), and Science (69% to 72%).

FOCUS FRIDAYS

- ALL Focus Friday lessons will be done electronically this year. (This includes additional time on Dreambox MyAccess, Reading Plus, USA Test Prep, Progress Monitoring, easyCBM, Khan Academy).
- There will be designated Focus Fridays that will focus on Character Counts. Please check the calendar that Mr. Wall sends out each month.
- Related Arts teachers will still be required to assist with Focus Fridays as assigned.
- Lead Teachers: Dr. Meyer (ELA); Ms. Dillon (ELA); Ms. Heard (ELA)
Ms. Roland (MATH); Ms. Jones (MATH); Ms. Verdree (MATH)



TUTORIALS/SATURDAY SCHOOLS

- 136 Students in Summer School. We are trying to get that number way down through Credit Recovery Saturday School
- Tutorials are not allowed to be cancelled by teachers
- Saturday Schools/Tutorials need to become more streamlined. (Usage of MAI Data, Working on Skills that need additional support.)
- Credit Recovery vs. Remediation/Enrichment
- Dr. Kolman will host the Social Skills/Character Education Saturday School on the 3rd Saturdays as assigned by our Master Calendar

2018 - 2019 GMAS DATA

STUDENTS SCORING AT DEVELOPING & ABOVE **STUDENTS SCORING AT PROFICIENT & ABOVE**

Subject:	2017-2018	2018-2019	+/-
Math	83.1%	81.5%	-1.6
ELA	78.9%	78.3%	-6
Science	55%	69%	+14
SS	83.67%	78.7%	-4.97
Reading	75% on Grade Level		
9th Lit	82%	100%	+18
Phy Sci	73%	98%	+25
Alg I	72%	100%	+28

Subject:	2017-2018	2018-2019	+/-
Math	31%	28%	-3
ELA	33%	30%	-3
Science	14%	28%	+14
SS	30%	27%	-3
Reading		74% on Grade Level	
9th Lit	52%	96%	+46
Phy Sci	42%	80%	+38
Alg I	38%	100%	+62

GMAS DATA: THE BREAKDOWN

- Science as a Department has an increase of 14 Percentage points!
- ELA, MATH, AND SS all decreased overall by 3 percentage points.
- 57% of 6th Graders, 84% of 7th Graders, and 83% of 8th Graders were Reading on Grade Level during the 2018-2019 school year.
- Kudos to ALL teachers who taught 9th Grade Classes: TREMENDOUS GROWTH SHOWN HERE!
- S.M.A.R.T Goals were set using Developing as our Standard, next year the challenge will be changed to Proficient.
- CCRPI Impact: Beginning Learners (0 points); Developing Learners (.5 points); Proficient Learners (1 point); Distinguished Learners (1.5) points.

2019 – 2020 AREAS OF FOCUS/NEXT STEPS.....

- ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT (GRADES, MAP, GMAS, CCRPI, STUDENT GROWTH)
- CONTINUED FOCUS ON RIGOR, RELEVANCE, AND RELATIONSHIPS
- CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT/ATTITUDE GAP: MOVING OUR BUS!!
- CLIMATE: TEACHING AND LEARNING ARE OUR NUMBER 1 PRIORITIES!!
- ESTABLISHING S.M.A.R.T. GOALS FOR EACH CONTENT AREA/GRADE LEVEL: TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF DEVELOPING OR HIGHER LEARNERS FROM ___% TO ___% ON THE GMAS ASSESSMENT.
- DATA-DRIVEN DECISION MAKING (MTSS INTERVENTIONS, LESSON PLANS, PLANNING, DISCIPLINE, PBIS)
- ENGAGING STUDENTS TO BE AN ACTIVE PART OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS
- READING STRATEGIES/VOCABULARY

**College Career Ready
Performance Index**

CCRPI

2017- 2018

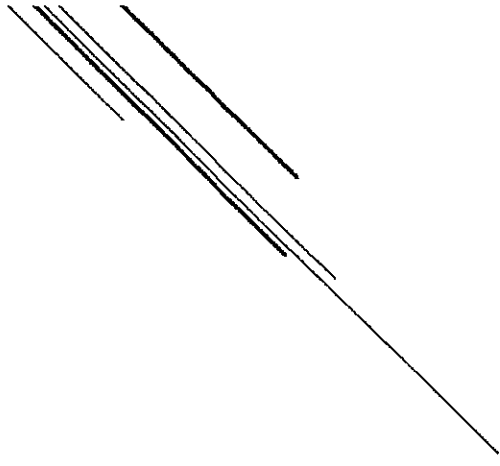
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5 STAR CLIMATE

2018 - 2019

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5 STAR CLIMATE



To: OCS Governing Board
From: Kevin Wall
Date: December 16, 2019

Science & STEM Night: The Oglethorpe Charter School family Science and STEM night has been scheduled for Thursday, December 12th at 5:00 p.m. There will be many Science and STEM related activities taking place for students and families to participate in. Oglethorpe has partnered again this year with the Flying Classroom to offer many STEM related curriculum opportunities at each grade level throughout the year. This partnership with the Flying classroom did exactly what we wanted it to do last school year. We were able to significantly increase our science test scores because of the high level of engaging integrated science units that were developed by our OCS teachers. All of our math, science, marine science and STEM and engineering teachers implemented the teaching units at a very high engagement level last year. The Flying Classroom has ventured to the far corners of the globe to create academically relevant content that engages students. The Flying Classroom expeditions have taken place under Captain Barrington Irving on 6 continents, 50 countries and several states. Oglethorpe Charter School is now recognized by the Flying Classroom nationally as one of the show case schools for implementing the STEM units at such a high degree of excellence. Great job teachers!

Grill and Chill Fall Festival: FBLA will be hosting a Grill and Chill Fall Festival this Friday during all 3 related arts time frames. We are requesting some volunteer help on this date for the following time frames. 8:40 – 10:00 (6th grade time frame), 10:40 – 11:10 (8th grade time frame) and 12:10 – 1:40 (7th grade time frame). The FBLA will also have many activity stations with the addition of the Fall Festival Theme. Please call Darius Jackson or Raven Davis at 395-5075 or email them at the following email addresses if you are able to volunteer during one of the time frames:

Darius.jackson@sccpss.com or raven.davis@sccpss.com

PBIS Store: Oglethorpe Charter School purchased a PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) App to help manage our PBIS initiative school wide. All of the teachers have this App on their phone and scan students IDs to award them points for positive behaviors. The students will now be able to redeem their points this Friday at the school store or use their points for a scheduled field trip with Mr. Wells. The related arts department will be issuing out items to students this Friday from 7:40 – 8:40. As a result of our school wide efforts to implement PBIS, Oglethorpe Charter School has been awarded a 5 star climate rating again this year.

Spot Light on 6th Looping ELA: <https://www.smore.com/sa972-6th-looping-team-ela-class>

Congratulations Charlie Wells: Charlie has been selected to represent Oglethorpe Charter School as the December Student of the Month. Charlie is currently taking 3 high school classes (9th Grade Comp lit, 9th Grade Algebra, and 9th Grade Physical Science). Charlie is a member of the basketball club and drama club at OCS. He has a passion for theatre and has been a cast member in many school plays here at Oglethorpe (Into The Woods, Madagascar, and Aladdin). Charlie hopes to use his academic and theatre talents to audition for Savannah Arts Academy. Charlie does realize the long shot odds of life as an actor, and he hopes to pursue that passion with a great back up plan. Charlie's back up plan is to attend the University of Georgia and major in Journalism. Charlie enjoys playing the guitar during his free time. He is inspired by his Uncle because his Uncle also had the acting bug but had a great backup plan in the finance profession. **Great Kid!**

Saturday School: Please make every effort to have your child at Saturday School the next 2 weeks especially if they are in need of credit recovery. The end of the first semester is in 2 weeks and this is the time to get all work completed. We have found that most students fail classes simply by not completing the assigned work. There is also a correlation between student work completion and good MAP and GMAS testing scores. Those students that complete all of their work tend to do better on testing because they know the material.

New Student Application Process: Applications for new students will be taken at Oglethorpe until the last information enrollment session is held on January 15, 2020. Please make sure that you have contacted Sarita Grant at 395-5075 if you have a sibling coming to Oglethorpe next year. We have to know how many siblings will be attending next school year prior to the lottery on January 17, 2020.

Science & STEM Night Reminder: The Oglethorpe Charter School family Science and STEM night has been scheduled for Thursday, December 12th at 5:00 p.m. There will be many Science and STEM related activities taking place for students and families to participate in.

Cookie Dough Incentives: The annual PTO cookie dough fundraiser was a huge success again this year. The first reward trip will be taking place tomorrow for those students that sold 1 or more product items. The PTO has rented out the Star Castle facility for skating, laser tag, and games. The students will then proceed to the food court across the street for lunch after spending 2 hours at Star Castle. The Defy trampoline reward trip will be taking place on December 16th for those students that sold 10 or more product items. Herman Hall and family won the raffle for the family movie night out (worth \$150). Thank you to all of the parents, students and PTO officers and members for another great fundraiser.

Music Month: Please try to take time out of your busy holiday season to celebrate the holiday spirit with our own OCS band, chorus and orchestra. The OCS Band will perform in the Gym on December 12th at 6:00 p.m. If you are attending the Science and Stem night event, please try and catch some of the band concert. Both events will be

taking place on the same night. The OCS Chorus will be performing in the theatre on December 17th, and the OCS Orchestra will be performing in the theatre the following night on December 18th. All concert start times are 6:00 p.m.



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