

The Employee
Newsletter of
Oldham Schools

September 29, 2023

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Introducing your 2023
Oldham County Educational
Foundation
Pyramid Award Winners

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FROM THE DESK
OF THE SUPERINTENDENT



Superintendent Community Message

September 29, 2023



Click the image above to watch Dr. Radford's latest message on facility upgrades

Prefer to read a summary of the video? Click [HERE](#)

Dr. Radford Named AHA Midwest Region Superintendent of the Year

This month, the American Heart Association recognized top individuals and schools nationwide for their work in advancing the association's lifesaving work.



Superintendent Jason Radford was named the Midwest region's Superintendent of the Year. He was nominated by the local AHA for being pivotal in recruiting four additional schools to participate in fundraising for the organization - raising the district's fundraising total to \$38,572 this year, up from \$17,572 the previous year. Congratulations to Dr. Radford!



Has an employee/colleague won an award or special honor, please let us know so we can feature them!
Email lori.webb@oldham.kyschools.us





THE
OLDHAM COUNTY
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

2023 PYRAMID AWARD WINNERS

Since 1995, OCEF has granted OCS teachers with money to assist with instructional strategies to increase student learning outcomes. Teachers applying for Pyramid Awards are encouraged to develop innovative projects by introducing unique, new or different instructional methods designed to actively involve students in the learning process and increase student learning. This year, OCEF gave \$46,454.13 in Pyramid Awards to 44 teachers. Congratulations!

OC Preschool

Megan Cheek

Buckner Elementary

Felicia Clause

Camden Station Elementary

Lauren Bohn

Laurie Kaho

Centerfield Elementary

Cara Caudill

Carrie Stephens

Carrie Sweeney

Erin King

Tamera Wright

Malana Salyer

Crestwood Elementary

Chelsea Conroy

Corryn Finch

Nancy Robertson

Christina Kephart

Goshen Elementary

Brooke Wiesman

Mary Beth McLarty

Kenwood Station Elementary

Kristy King

Sherri Meier

La Grange Elementary

Rachel Barmantje

Brittney Stephens

Travis Goff

Vickie Siebert

Megan Rose

Samantha Abercrombie

Taylor Martin

EOMS

Allison Giesting

Kendall Ross

Nicky Williams

NOMS

Brenda Cole

Pete Williams

Ron Adkisson

Tyler Smith

OCMS

Brittany Carroll

Kelsey Kidd

Kimberly Wright

SOMS

Carol Schibler

Buckner Alternative High

Carrie Schade

SOHS

Bethany Abercrombie

Justin Romney

Piper Midle

Arvin Education Center

Patti Miller

CAPAA

Garrett Appelman

ECS - District

Bryley Johnson

GATEway - District

Nicole Tschappat



OCSUPERSTARS

**Alisa
Braggs**



Alisa shows kindness, compassion and patience to students and staff every single day. She comes in with a smile on her face and a positive attitude even in the most challenging of circumstances. She is an amazing Superstar!

**Jennifer
Gries**



Jennifer has invested numerous hours to creating student centered learning experiences for our early release days! She always goes above and beyond and ensures that students come first.

**Jayna
Fox**



Jayna Fox is the most supportive mentor/guide I have ever had! She is always there to help with anything you could possibly need. I am a first year teacher and starting a new teaching job in a district I am unfamiliar with is hard and scary. Jayna has made this transition into teaching fun and smoother than I could have ever imagined. I am convinced that I wouldn't feel so sure of my abilities with anyone else. Jayna works so hard to ensure that I feel comfortable and that our students are getting the best quality instruction possible. I have had questions on the weekend or after school hours and she is still always there to help. Her dedication to her job is clear, she has kiddos that play travel ball and volleyball, and even with that crazy hectic schedule, she always finds a way to make lessons engaging and awesome. Jayna is VERY deserving of recognition, she is AWESOME!!

**Nancy
Farmer**



Nancy Farmer is the reading interventionist at Harmony. She works tirelessly to meet all of her students needs to help them be successful. She is always patient, kind, and loving with her students. She is always willing to open her door for her colleagues to come observe her leading reading groups. Nancy has a wealth of knowledge about teaching. We are fortunate to have her at Harmony.

**Kaitlin
Sams**



Kaitlin uses her creativity and positivity to make all mathematicians feel capable and confident - including teachers. She co-teaches with math teachers across the building and also provides school to home connections with her incredible Monday Math Minutes!

**Lauren
Bohn**



Lauren Bohn is an incredible educator who cares deeply for her students. Her STEM curriculum is innovative, forward-thinking, and engaging. She helps all Camden Station Eagles become confident, computational thinkers and she celebrates a growth mindset. Her ideas and problem-solving skills have helped systems in our school to run more efficiently and effectively. On top of all of that, she has worked many extra hours helping several new STEM teachers in the district, at both the elementary and secondary levels, get started in their new teaching positions this school year. She's a superstar!

**Heidi
Starke**



Heidi goes above and beyond every day with such love and energy for her students!

**Danielle
Stout**

Danielle goes above and beyond as the OT for our preschool students. She is constantly thinking outside the box and giving 110% for not only the students who receive OT services but all preschool students. Her passion and knowledge for her job and students is contagious and we are so lucky to have her as a part of our staff.

[Click here to nominate an
OCSuperstar!](#)

FLU SHOT CLINICS

We have partnered with the Oldham County Health Department again this year to offer flu shots to any OCBE full-time, part-time or substitute employee. They will also have the higher dose for age 65 and older.



For clinics to flow smoothly, please comply with the following instructions:

- **WEAR A SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT**
- **MUST HAVE A PHOTOCOPY OF INSURANCE CARD (COPIER WILL NOT BE ACCESSIBLE)**
- **HAVE YOUR FLU ADMINISTRATION FORM COMPLETED (see email from Lisa Burgess on 9/22/23)**

Mobile Clinics will be INDOORS this year.
Dates and locations are as follows:

Tuesday, October 3
Harmony Elementary
12:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 4
Buckner Elementary
2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 5
South Oldham Middle
2:30 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.

**A state of
whole health**
Choose your path to wellness

A photograph of a man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a green shirt, holding a young child in his arms. They are outdoors, with trees and sunlight in the background. The photo is framed by a white, torn-edge border.

**Your 2024 Benefits Selection Guide
from the Personnel Cabinet**
Open enrollment is October 9 – October 27, 2023

The 2024 Benefits October
Enrollment Period is fast
approaching!

Check your email for more
information from our new Benefits
Coordinator, Dana Potts, on
9/22/23.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY ED CLASS

Cookie Decorating with Michele Horn

Cookie Decorating

Where: OSCAC

Date: 11/8 or 11/15

Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$40



Let's get decorating! Come join Michele Horn and learn how to decorate beautiful cookies that will be perfect for fall gatherings and events!

After class, each participant will bring home 1/2 dozen decorated cookies in a bakery box, as well as tools to use at home so you can decorate like a pro!

Class size is limited to 12. Register today!

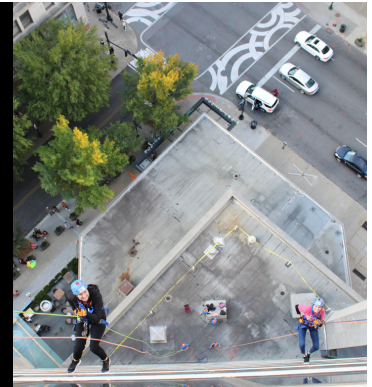
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to register

OCS Exceptional Children's Services Goes Over the Edge



Jennifer Hallas will be rappelling the Louisville Slugger Museum on October 28th to bring awareness to the non-profit organization "Critically Loved". Interested persons can show their support by cheering Jennifer on from "The Chicken Lounge" and/or donate to her campaign or register to rappel with Jennifer.



THE MINDS IN MOTION PODCAST

WITH DR. DYLAN SMITH

Finding ways to engage students in high school mathematics can be challenging. In this episode, Ms. Laura Jones, the Math Lead at South Oldham High School, discusses the work of Dr. Peter Liljedahl and his text Building Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics. Ms. Jones and her students describe what it is like to work in teams and implement the instructional strategies found in the Building Thinking Classrooms text.



Play





FY 2023 School Funding & Financial Analysis

Would you like to learn more about how OCS is funded, and where the money goes? It's a complex topic, but Interim CFO Dr. Tom Shelton is a wonderful teacher!

In this video, he explains state and local funding for Oldham County Schools and breaks down expenditures by location and type.

CLICK HERE

TO WATCH DR. SHELTON'S VIDEO



October - National Principals Month
2 - School Custodian Appreciation Day
6 - National Coach Day
16 - National Boss's Day
16 - OCBE Meeting
19 - Teacher Work Day
20 - PD Day
23-27 - Fall Break
27 - World Occupational Therapy Day

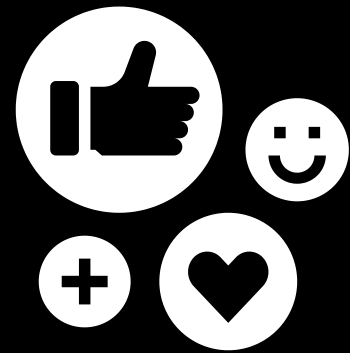
GOOD NEWS FROM SOCIAL MEDIA



OCS is now on Instagram!
Follow us at:
[oldham_county_schools](https://www.instagram.com/oldham_county_schools)



WEARING RED FOR JAKE



#IgnitePassion
#Experience
Excellence



MAGICAL MEDIA CENTER

Wizard Valentine hosted all of the lords and ladies of 6th Grade Language Workshop to discover their favorite genre in the mystical, fantastical, not-so-faraway land of the library media center.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING
AT OCSAC

Oldham County Performance Troupe's

Encore of

An Evening of Song & Dance



September 29 & 30 at 7pm

Adults \$15, Children/Students/Seniors \$10



Oldham County Schools Arts Center

Tickets may be purchased online at www.ocsartscenter.org





WHAT'S HAPPENING
AT OCSAC

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

OCTOBER 5, 6 & 7
7PM

TICKETS \$10

DIRECTED BY MARY EINFELDT

Oldham County Schools Arts Center
www.ocsartscenter.org



7105 Floydsburg Road, Crestwood, KY 502.241.6018





WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OCSAC

Oldham County Schools Arts Center

Halloween Clay Workshop



Saturday, October 14th, 9am – 11am

Ages: 5-adult, \$20

Join us for a fun-filled morning, creating original pieces of ceramic art. Each participant will receive a pound of clay to make clay pumpkins, fall leaves and unique handmade gifts. Items will be glazed during the workshop. Artwork will be fired and ready for pickup before Halloween.

Space is limited, please register in advance (no walk-ins)

Children to be accompanied by an adult.

To register or for more information about all classes and events, visit

www.ocsartscenter.org or call 502-241-6018.

7105 Floydsburg Road, Crestwood



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OCSAC



A NEW CHILDREN'S MUSICAL **A New Children's Musical**

Music & Lyrics by Denver Casado
Book by Denver Casado & Brian Dawson

OCTOBER 12-14

7PM

Director & Musical Director: Elizabeth Bolls
Choreographer: Jillian Carroll

Tickets \$10

PRESS START! is presented through special
arrangement with Beat by Beat Press (www.bbbpress.com)

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STAFF WELLNESS PROGRAM



DEAR STAFF,

We care about your well-being and partnered with Care Solace, a mental health care coordination service, to help you and your family connect to quality care. This is a free resource for you and your family paid for and provided by Oldham County Schools.

If you are looking for help with mental health or substance use, Care Solace will quickly and confidentially find available providers matched to your needs.

care/solace

888-515-0595

caresolace.com/
oldham



COMPLETE SUPPORT

A multilingual team is available 24/7/365 to help you understand options, call providers on your behalf, and schedule an appointment.



PERSONALIZED CARE

Connect to providers matched to your needs and find in-person, teletherapy, and residential options.



EASY ACCESS TO CARE

Use Care Match, a self-serve website, to find a provider on your own.

Please note: Care Solace is not an emergency response service or mental health services provider. In the event of a life threatening emergency, call 9-1-1 or the National Suicide Hotline 9-8-8.

SPECIAL OFFERS FOR STAFF

Calling
all
Teachers



Giveaway!

School is finally back in session, and what better way to start the new school year than with some new classroom supplies? Dr. P will help complete several lucky teachers' Amazon supply wishlist to kick off the school year!

HOW TO ENTER

1. Follow 360 Degree Chiropractic on Instagram & Facebook
2. Like & share this post
3. Comment the link to your favorite teacher's Amazon Wishlist

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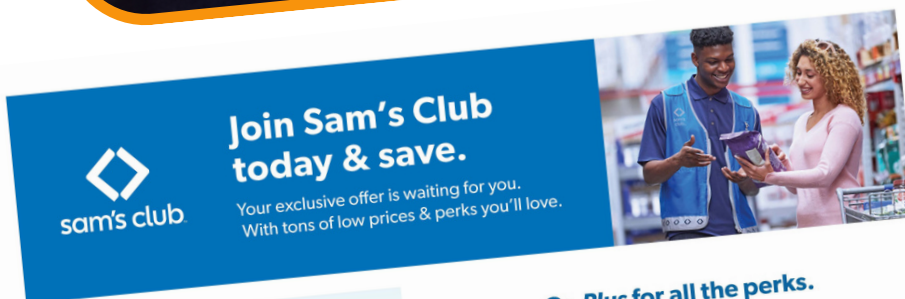
Giveaway closes Tuesday, October 10th at 12:00 PM EST. Winners will be contacted through DM and announced on our feed. This giveaway is not endorsed, sponsored, administered, or associated with Facebook or Instagram.

SPECIAL OFFERS FOR STAFF



Did you know your employee badge gets you and a guest into regular OCS home games for FREE? All you have to do is show your badge at the gate or ticket booth. You **MUST** be present with your badge. You cannot give it to someone else to use.

***Exceptions include district/regional/state playoff games, games specified as fundraising games, or tournaments**



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Club & Event Details

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†† Sam's Cash™ for Plus members only. Get 2% back on qualifying pre-tax in-club purchases. Maximum \$500 Sam's Cash™ per 12-month membership. Sam's Cash awarded monthly and loaded onto the membership card for use in club, at SamsClub.com or redeemable for cash. Restrictions apply. See [SamsClub.com/Plus](https://www.samsclub.com/plus) or Club Associate for details.

††† Hours vary by club.

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² Instant Savings offers are valid in U.S. clubs, excluding Puerto Rico, with a U.S. membership. Visit [SamsClub.com/termsandconditions](https://www.samsclub.com/termsandconditions) or see a Club Associate for additional details.

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Visit the Carelon Wellbeing website to access articles, videos, podcasts, and other tools that can help you and your loved ones with life's challenges. If you don't know where to start, take an assessment to find resources that meet your unique needs.

Carelon Wellbeing

Managing depression

Are you feeling down more than usual or getting angry about little things? Have you lost interest in things you used to enjoy? These can be symptoms of depression. Fortunately, depression can be treatable.

If you or a loved one struggles with depression, your Carelon Wellbeing benefit offers support and resources at no extra cost. Use it to:

- Access screenings to help identify depression.
- Learn about treatment options.
- Find professional counseling online or in person.
- Discover tips for helping a loved one who is experiencing depression.

We are here to help.

To learn more about available resources and find support, contact us today.

my.achieve.com

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CARLEON (FORMERLY BEACON HEALTH) FOR QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES

Welcome to Talkspace

Taking care of your mental health helps you
show up as your best, most authentic self

Over the last decade, Talkspace has supported more than 2.9 million adults, teens, and couples with counseling and therapy services. You'll be connected with a licensed counselor so you can share what's on your mind, wherever you are, from the convenience of your phone or laptop.



How it works

Review your best personal provider match based on your intake assessment and preferences. Start your therapy by sending text, voice, or video messages — messages can be as short or as detailed as you'd like. Counselors respond daily during their business hours, which often includes weekends. You can also book live sessions for real-time conversations. Your counselor stays with you throughout your Talkspace journey (but if you're not feeling the connection, it's easy to switch). Talkspace's clinical network includes thousands of licensed and verified counselors who specialize in things like:

- Stress
- Identity struggles
- Substance use
- Trauma & grief
- Relationships
- Anxiety
- ADHD
- Sleep
- Eating disorders
- Healthy living
- Depression
- and more

Ready to get started

- To register, visit carelonwellbeing.com/oldhamcountyschools or your EAP website and enter your company name: **Oldham County**
- Complete our QuickMatch™ questionnaire to share your preferences and review your best personal provider match
- Start messaging in your private digital room, or book a live session

Your EAP offers **10** counseling sessions per issue per year. With Talkspace, one session generally equals one week of access and the ability to send unlimited messages to your therapist, or one completed live video session.

If you have any questions, please call 800-435-1986



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