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Oconee County Schools Newsletter
April 14, 2023

2023 GRADUATION SCHEDULE

Oconee County High School

Friday, May 19 • Warrior Stadium • 7:30 p.m.

Weather make-up date: Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m.

North Oconee High School

Saturday, May 20 • Titan Stadium • 7:30 p.m.

Weather make-up date: Sunday, May 21, 7:30 p.m.

NOHS, OCHS Graduations To Be Held On Campuses

The Oconee County High School and North Oconee High School graduation ceremonies will take place on their respective campuses as UGA's Stegeman Coliseum will be closed indefinitely. We look forward to the opportunity to recognize our seniors for their academic accomplishments in May.

Niche Ranks Oconee County No. 1 In Georgia, No. 2 In United States

Ranking site Niche released its 2023 list of the best counties to live in across Georgia — and Oconee County topped the list. Niche also rated Oconee County No. 2 in the United States, trailing only Las Alamos in New Mexico. The rankings' determining factors included an A+ grade for the school system.

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Dove Creek Middle Adopts 'Knights' As Mascot

Dove Creek Middle, which will open for the 2023-24 school year, has adopted "Knights" as its mascot. The mascot and the school logos were unveiled recently, first to the school's rising eighth graders and then on social media. Special thanks to Mr. Harold Dean of The Adsmith in Athens for his logo designs.





Board Meeting Videos Online

Monthly Oconee County Board of Education work sessions and regular meetings can be found on the district's **YouTube channel**. Meetings will be posted the day following the Board meeting and additionally are linked from the main page of the Oconee County Schools website, as well as under the Board dropdown link.



Li, Huang Share STAR Title

STAR Students Michelle Li of North Oconee High and Victor Huang of Oconee County High shared the Region's highest SAT score for the Region and will advance to the State level later this month.

Dr. Branch Earns Lifetime Achievement Award From UGA

Superintendent Jason L. Branch has been named as the practitioner recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the University of Georgia's Mary Frances Early College of Education. Dr. Branch, who earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in Education at UGA, will be recognized alongside the additional alumni winners this month.







Registration for Youth Athletic Camps at Oconee County High School and North Oconee High School is now open here.

Ten OCS students and three alternates were selected for the Governor's Honors Program at Georgia Southern this summer.



Laughridge Named OCES Principal

Jennifer Laughridge, an administrator and teacher in Georgia for more than 25 years, recently was selected as the new principal of Oconee County Elementary School. Laughridge, who will be succeeding the retiring Ashley Templeton, will assume her new duties on July 3, 2023.



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