



#OconeeStrong



December 2020

GSBA
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GOVERNANCE TEAM OF THE YEAR



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OCS receives Governance Team of the Year honor

Oconee County Schools has received the designation of Governance Team of the Year by the Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA). This prestigious award was recently announced and honors the board/superintendent team that best demonstrates a commitment to maximizing student achievement and fostering trust and support for public education.

“The Board of Education and Dr. Branch are honored to have been named GSBA Governance Team of the Year,” said Board Chair Tom Odom. “This entire process has been incredibly validating, as it provided an opportunity to review and articulate the body of work that makes Oconee County Schools a premier school system. The board appreciates our teachers, staff, parents, and administrators for their hard work and dedication to excellence.”

For more information, please click [here](#).

School Choice window open

Oconee County Schools is pleased to announce that the School Choice Window for the 2021-22 school year is now open.

If you are interested in submitting a transfer



Public School Choice Window Open

Deadline: Jan. 22, 2021
oconeeschools.org/schoolchoice

request, you may pick up an application at the Office of Student Services or download the "Application for Student Transfer under Public School Choice" from the OCS website. The deadline for submitting the application to the Office of Student Services is 4 p.m. on Fri., Jan. 22, 2021.

For more information, including the list of available schools and the transfer application, please click [here](#).

Holiday Break

Best wishes to you and yours!



Holiday Break

Students: Dec. 21-Jan. 4

Teachers: Dec. 21-Jan. 1

District: Dec. 24-Jan. 1



Recap of November-December 2020

What a great holiday season it's been! Check out this short video for highlights from around the school system and all 11 schools.

Click above or [here](#) to check it out!



Keep Oconee Open

COVID-19 case and quarantine information are posted each Friday afternoon on our Opening Oconee webpage located [here](#).

Both in and out of school, the following gives us the best chance to Keep Oconee Open:

- Mask Up, Oconee
- Maintain physical distance
- Stay home when sick

- Sanitize hands regularly

Thank you for your support!

#SustainedExcellence

DCES celebrates holidays with Reindeer Games



Reindeer Games have Dove Creek Elementary School students in the holiday spirit! Students are enjoying reindeer-themed books and activities that involve literacy, engineering, and art. Oh what fun in the media center!

MBMS student publishes book



Malcom Bridge Middle School student Emory Shepherd recently held a book signing for her novel "The Uprising." She presented on the writing and publishing process, held a Q&A, and signed copies of her book. What an incredible accomplishment - and Emory is already hard at work on the second book in the series!

OCHS students named Coca-Cola Foundation Scholar semifinalists



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Semifinalists



Alex
Benoit

Chaim
Moore

Kalani
Washington

Three Oconee County High School seniors have been selected as Semifinalists in the 2020-21 Coca-Cola Scholars Program! Only 1,609 Semifinalists were chosen among 99,403 applicants this year (just 1.6%!) because of their outstanding leadership, academic achievements, and dedication to their community. Way to go!



Quick Links for Easy Reference

- [Calendars](#)
- [itslearning](#)
- [Keep Oconee Open Guide](#)
- [Lunch Menus](#)
- [PowerSchool](#)
- [Transportation](#)

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**HELP KEEP YOURSELF AND
OTHERS HEALTHY**

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