



Oconee County Schools Monthly Newsletter December 2021



**Mr. Tom Odom
Oconee County Schools
Hall of Fame
2021-22 Inductee**

Tom Odom inducted into Oconee County Schools Hall of Fame

Thomas M. "Tom" Odom, Jr. was inducted into the Oconee County Schools Hall of Fame – the highest honor awarded by the Board of Education – on Dec. 6, 2021. Following several speakers who offered remarks detailing his exceptional service as an educational leader, Mr. Odom was presented with a clock for his timeless contributions to the students and staff of Oconee County Schools.

Said Superintendent Jason L. Branch. "Tom's four decades in education, including nearly a decade of consistent leadership as Board Chair, provided a steadfast, wise voice for public education. He has left a lasting impact on the lives of countless educators, students, and community members. No one is more deserving than him of being inducted into the Oconee County Schools Hall of Fame."

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

School Choice Window Open

The Public School Choice window is open. From now until Fri., Jan. 21, 2022, individuals may submit a request to have their child transferred to another public school within the school system as long as it has been determined that there is available classroom space for the transfer.



PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE WINDOW OPEN

Deadline: Jan. 21, 2022

oconeeschools.org/schoolchoice

The list of available schools and the transfer application can be found [here](#). Please keep in mind that if you choose to transfer your child to another school within the system, you must assume all costs and responsibilities related to the transportation of your child to and from school for as long as your child remains at that school.

Holiday Break

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STUDENTS - DEC. 20-JAN. 3
RETURN JAN. 4, 2022

TEACHERS - DEC. 20-31
RETURN JAN. 3, 2022

CENTRAL OFFICE - DEC. 27-31
RETURN JAN. 3, 2022



Meet Me Monday video series

Check out our latest features in this year's "Meet Me Monday" series! This weekly highlight features new and returning faculty, staff, and students. We hope you enjoy taking a few minutes to meet them!

Click [here](#) for all the "Meet Me Monday" videos.



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 are also linked from the main page of the Oconee County Schools website, as well as under the Board drop-down link.

The Board of Education playlist on YouTube can be found [here](#).

#SustainedExcellence

Dove Creek, High Shoals, and Malcom Bridge elementary schools recognized at Blue Ribbon conference



Dove Creek Elementary, High Shoals Elementary, and Malcom Bridge Elementary have received well-deserved recognition as National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence (Lighthouse Schools)! DCES is a first-time recipient; HSES and MBES have now received this honor twice. We are so proud of all three schools for this sustained excellence!

Annual Can-a-Thon receives over 50K in cans



Oconee County Schools has collected a total of 50,783 cans and \$4,983.53 in our annual can-a-thon to benefit the Area Churches Together Serving (ACTS) Food Bank! High Shoals Elementary collected the most with 11,064 cans. Thank you to our entire school system community for your generosity!

OCS receives GSBA Leading Edge Award



Oconee County Schools is the recipient of a Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) Leading Edge Award! OCS was honored in the area of Culture, Climate, and Organizational Efficacy for the expansion of social-emotional learning (SEL) during and after the school closures of 2020.

Both middle schools in U.S. News' first-ever middle school rankings



Congrats to both Malcom Bridge Middle School and Oconee County Middle School for being ranked in US News & World Report's first-ever rankings of the best middle schools in Georgia!



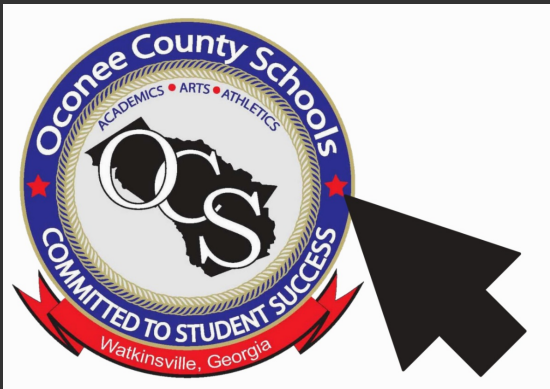
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 - Kindergarten
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- Substitute Teachers
- Teaching Positions:
 - Elementary - EIP
 - Middle - Special Education
 - High - Special Education

- WORK WITH ONE OF THE NATION'S PREMIER SCHOOL SYSTEMS
- BENEFITS PACKAGE FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES
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- SPRING BREAK, FALL BREAK, WINTER BREAK, AND HOLIDAY BREAK FOR REGULAR EMPLOYEES



Quick Links for Easy Reference

- [Board Meeting Videos](#)
- [Calendars \(now including 2023-24\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Weekly Status Report](#)
- [Lunch Menus](#)
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