



## Oconee County Schools Monthly Newsletter November 2021



### Oconee County Schools achieves system-high graduation rate of 98.3%

Oconee County Schools' four-year graduation rate for 2021 is 98.3%, as announced by the Georgia Department of Education. OCS has the highest graduation rate in the state for systems having 300 or more graduates, as well as the #4 rate in the state.

"To the Class of 2021, their parents, K-12 teachers, and our support staff and leaders – congratulations on the achievement of the highest graduation rate in OCS history at 98.3 percent," said Superintendent Jason L. Branch. "Our graduation rate is a reflection of tremendous dedication, perseverance, and hard work that has taken place throughout our entire school community."

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

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### Dr. Jason L. Branch named finalist for Georgia Superintendent of the Year

Oconee County Schools Superintendent Jason Branch L. Branch has been named a finalist for Georgia Superintendent of the Year. The Georgia School Superintendents Association named this year's four finalists on Oct. 20, 2021.

"The Oconee County Board of Education

## State of Georgia Superintendent of the Year Finalist



Dr. Jason L. Branch



appreciates the outstanding leadership skills of Dr. Branch. He has taken a very good school system and made it great. There is not a more deserving or qualified candidate for Superintendent of the Year," said Board Chair Kim Argo.

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



**OCMS**

**BREAKOUT SCHOOL  
2021**



### Oconee County Middle named GASSP Breakout School

Oconee County Middle School has been designated a 2021 Breakout School by the Georgia Association of Secondary School Principals (GASSP). The school is one of only two middle schools in Georgia chosen for this state honor that recognizes secondary schools that are high-achieving or dramatically improving school performance. Notably, OCMS also received this state honor in 2019.

"Oconee County Middle School is extremely proud of this honor that would not have been made possible without the hard work of our students, teachers, and parents," said Principal Keith Carter. "The OCMS team strives daily to meet the needs of all students and provide an instructional environment that is safe and academically challenging. We would like to publicly thank the entire Oconee community for their support of OCMS."

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

## Thanksgiving Break



# THANKSGIVING BREAK

## NOVEMBER 22-26, 2021

Oconee County Schools will be closed the week of November 22-26. We are grateful for all of you and wish our students and staff a Happy Thanksgiving!



### 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](#).

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## #SustainedExcellence

### Oconee County High plants flags for veterans



Did you know that there are around 1,900 veterans in Oconee County? Oconee County High School's Beta Club and National Honor Society planted flags honoring those brave individuals from our community. We are so appreciative of our veterans!

### Dove Creek Elementary holds Veterans Day celebration



Schools throughout OCS held meaningful and inspirational Veterans Day programs - like this one from Dove Creek Elementary School. From students singing patriotic medleys to hearing keynote speeches from brave veterans, we are all grateful and proud to be Americans!

### High Shoals Elementary holds annual Storybook Character Parade





What a magical morning recently for the annual Storybook Character Parade at High Shoals Elementary School! We saw lots of Harry Potters, Dog Mans, Cruellas, princesses, and more. Students in elementary schools throughout the system participated in similar events.

### Georgia Ag Experience visits Colham Ferry Elementary



The Georgia Ag Experience was recently on site at Colham Ferry Elementary School. The 36-foot mobile classroom provides indoor and outdoor hands-on learning experiences, all about Georgia agriculture. Big thanks to our local Georgia Farm Bureau for helping bring this opportunity from the Georgia Foundation for Agriculture to us!

### Malcom Bridge Elementary glows with their love of learning



What a fun day of learning for 3rd graders at Malcom Bridge Elementary School! Students enjoyed Glo-Day and participated in a challenging escape room-style activity.



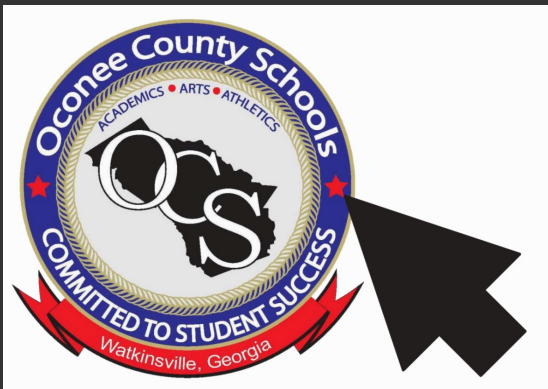
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- Substitute Teachers
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## Quick Links for Easy Reference

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