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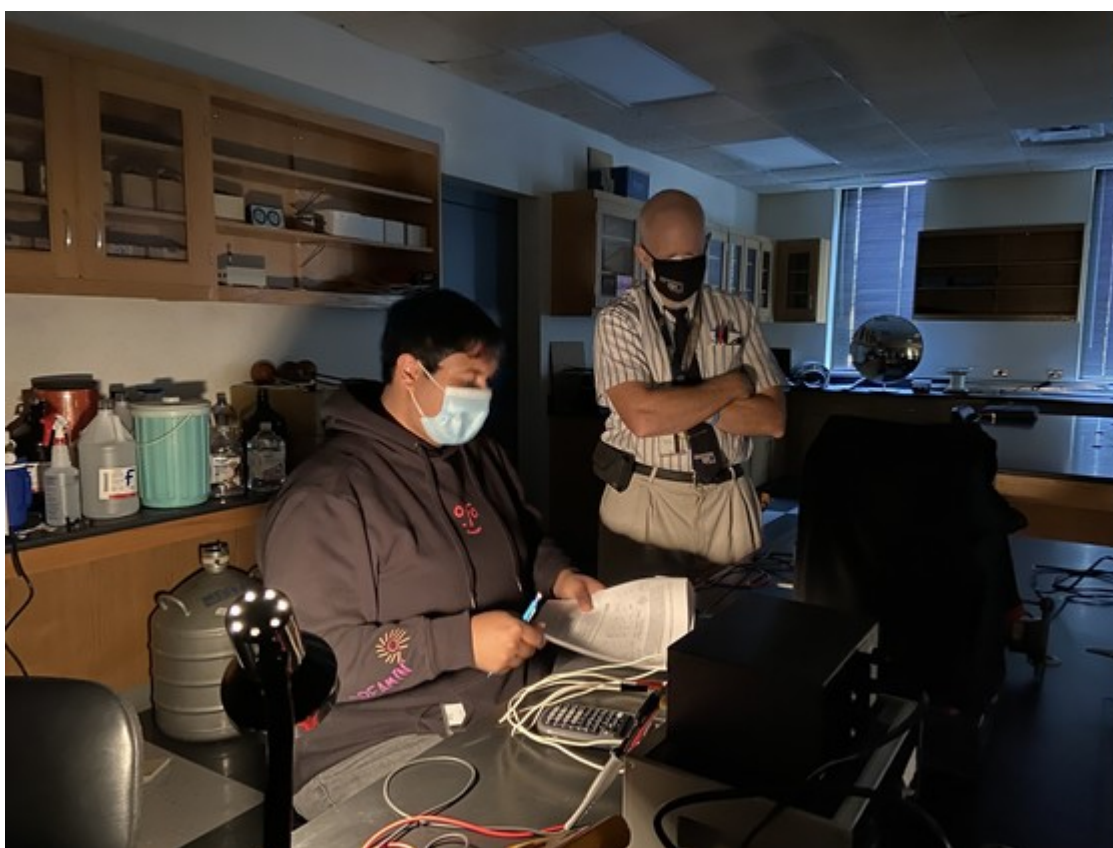
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Virtual Parents' Day Coming Soon

Parents' Day has changed to virtual. It will be held Saturday, Sept. 18, and is your opportunity to experience a day in the life of your student.

The main session starts at 12:30 p.m., and mini-classes start at 1:10 p.m. The day ends at 4 p.m.



You can find the schedule on the new [parent resources page](#).

We hope to see you online!

New Parent Resources Page

Miss an issue of the weekly newsletter? Check out the [parent resources page](#) on the OSSM website. There you will find information on school policies, calendars, archives and much more.

This page is for you, so please let us know what additional information you'd like to see.

Convocation Photos

Convocation photos are available for viewing and purchase. Johnny and Carrie Holland were the official photographers of the event and took pictures of every senior getting their medallion from the Governor.

View photos [here](#). Password is OSSM.

Get Social

Social media is an important communications tool, and OSSM is social. Here are links to our social media platforms. We hope that you will follow, like and share our news with your friends and family.

[Facebook](#) (OSSMedu)

[Instagram](#) (OSSMedu)

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In Person Fine Arts are Back!

by Teegan Smith

After an entire school year of online fine arts, OSSM is pleased to welcome back some familiar faces and introduce some new ones for this semester's in-person fine arts.

Special thanks to our Fine Arts Director Dr. Chaves for dedicating so much time to curating fun and creative classes for students to take as well as finding outstanding instructors to teach them. Some of the options this year will be familiar to some, such as studio dance and orchestra. Moreover, many new options are already popular, including rock band and yoga.

Katie Cusack, a senior from Westmoore, is enrolled in 2D/3D Recycling and has a few thoughts about her first day, stating that "... art at OSSM provides a great escape from the rigors and stress of our great school."

Similarly, junior Michelle Cao from Southmoore says about rock and jazz bands, "It wasn't what I expected but it was still really fun. Our director was super chill and encouraging of people learning instruments."

Seminars Teach Life Skills, Define College Application Process

Seminar classes are small, discussion-based courses designed to create a safe environment for students to express opinions and ask questions. OSSM offers seminar classes for both juniors and seniors, and topics are designed to address issues that each of these groups face.

Academic Counselor Amanda Bonnett sponsors the class for juniors while College Counselor Cynthia Parish meets regularly with seniors.

Ms. Bonnett meets in four groups of 15 juniors each week. The syllabus for the seminar includes topics related to navigating life at OSSM, including subjects such as examining teacher communication, establishing realistic academic expectations, preparing for standardized testing and much more.

Academic Counselor Amanda Bonnett developed the seminar class for juniors last year in a remote

Photos from This Week



Fine Arts returns to the OSSM campus



Students study during the evening study hours



Students work together in Dr. Johnston's lab



Dr. Underwood helps students during evening study time

environment, which limited the ability to develop relationships. This year, the in-person class is not only teaching OSSM's newest students time management and study skills but is also providing a safe place for them to express concerns and to learn important coping skills.

"In-person meetings have created a safe space for students to express themselves and some of the struggles they experience in this new school environment," said Ms. Bonnett. "This is helping them adapt to the rigors of OSSM's academics and residential life."

For seniors Ms. Parish also meets weekly with groups of 15 seniors. Her goal is to prepare them for college by acclimating them to all aspects of the application process. The seminar is designed to guide students through the process in "real time" as the tasks are occurring and actual deadlines approach.

The seminar also includes writing workshops for personal statements and supplemental essays, preparation for college interviews, and lessons in college preparation relating to mindset, attitude, and college culture.

"Senior seminar is designed to help students as they are actively working on their college applications," said Ms. Parish. "It gives me a chance to share timely information, and it gives them the opportunity to ask questions, give and receive feedback from peers, and workshop ideas in smaller group settings."

OSSM works diligently to provide a holistic experience for its students. These classes are just one of the many examples of those efforts.

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