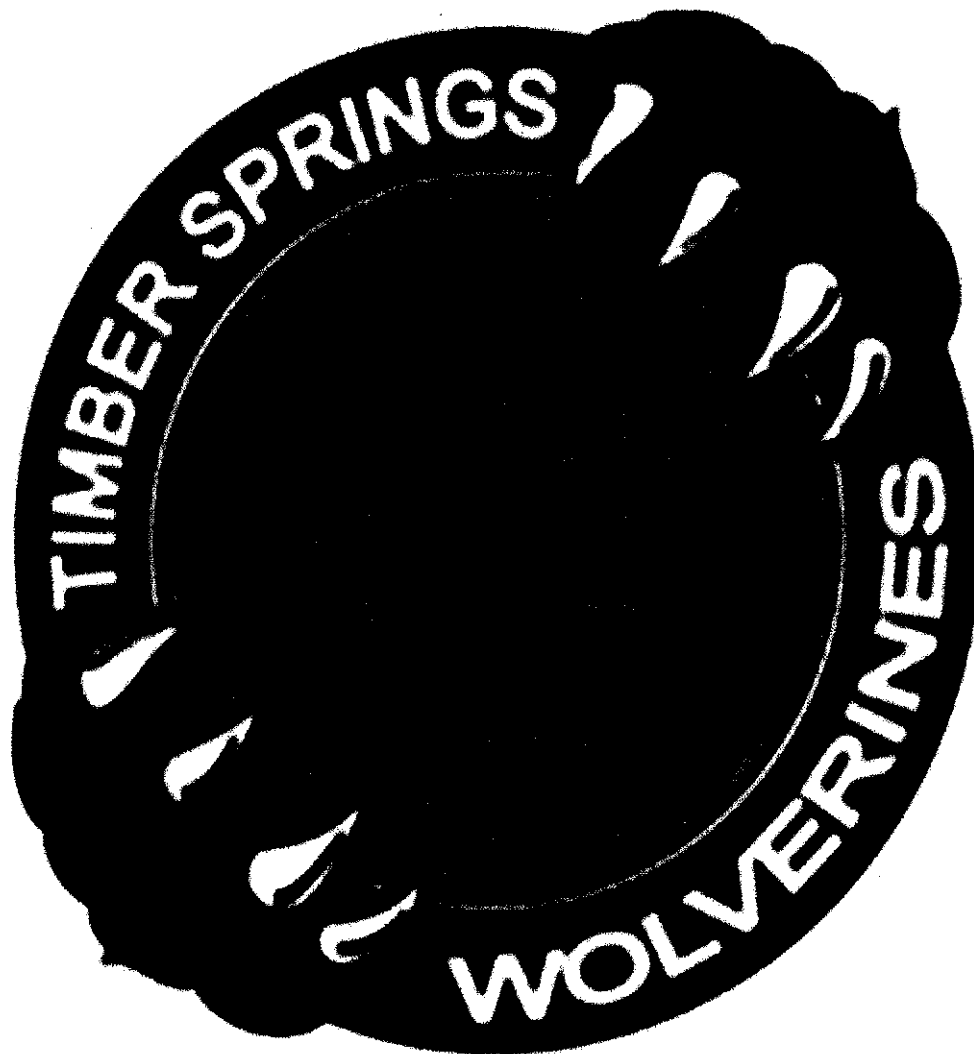


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WELCOME TO TIMBER SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dear Timber Springs Wolverines,
Welcome to the 2020 – 2021 school year. We are excited to begin this new school year. The format for instruction and learning for the new school year will be LaunchED@Home, Face to Face, or OCVS.

In following with the TSMS school motto, "Where We Go the Extra Mile", our theme for the 2020-21 school year will focus on building success through social/emotional learning that leads to effective relationships. I encourage you to wear, each Friday, your school shirt, **No Matter What, Wolverines Get Things Done!** Let's be proud and show our school pride! We will continue to emphasize kindness and diversity among teacher to student, student to teacher, and student to student interactions needed for all students to realize success. Look to connect the F.I.S.H. philosophy (Fun In School Happens), with an emphasis on building strength and unity while having some fun (look for **#TogetherStrong** throughout this school year).

In addition to **#TogetherStrong** we will again be a Character Lab School. Our school will build the characteristics of grit and strong relationships, formed through diversity, equity and inclusion, into our school culture for improved achievement, well-being and Wolverine Pride.

The enthusiasm generated from such spirit will help us to reach new heights because **together we are stronger - Go Wolverines!**

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OUR VISION: To ensure every student has a promising and successful future

OUR MISSION: With the support of families and the community, we create enriching and diverse pathways that lead our students to success

MOTTO: Going the Extra Mile

THEME: No Matter What, Wolverines Get Things Done

SLOGAN: **#TogetherStrong**

SCHOOL COLORS: Purple and White

SCHOOL LOGO: Wolverines

COMMUNICATION

On-going communication between school and home is important! We will always try to keep you informed about school activities and programs through the school messenger system, school marquee, school website, Canvas, and Skyward. Students will be informed through announcements via closed-circuit television and/or intercom system. Teachers will utilize the telephone system, Skyward, Google Classroom, email, and Canvas as a mode of communication with parents. Please check daily to ensure your student is recording all assignments; please also check for written communication from the teacher, if it is needed.

SCHOOL HOURS

State Statute Reminder for Parents

The first bell will sound at 9:25 a.m. Our official school start time is 9:30 a.m. and our dismissal time is 4:00 p.m.
Students should not arrive to school prior to 9:00 a.m. and should be picked up no later than 4:30 p.m. Florida Statute 1003.31 requires that the school system provides supervision for students 30 minutes before the school day begins and 30 minutes after the school day ends. Therefore, supervision is provided from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Please ensure that your student does not arrive to school prior to 9:00 a.m. (unless they are part of the before school program offered through the YMCA) and that he/she is picked up no later than 4:30 p.m. In order to go to a classroom before 9:25 a.m. a student is required to have a pass from the teacher. **The safety of students represents the primary concern.** Our goal is to ensure that all of our students arrive and leave school safely and that adequate supervision is available during their arrival and departure. Thank you for your cooperation and helping our school team provide a safe and positive learning environment for all students.

VISITORS

All visitors must check-in at the Main Office immediately upon arrival to receive a visitor's pass. Parents are always welcome but are strongly encouraged to schedule an appointment to conference with teachers, see the principal or other administrator, or a school counselor.

ADDITIONS

Community volunteers are valuable to our school, and we encourage you to become involved. By doing so, you can contribute by serving on the School Advisory Council, helping as a mentor, tutor, or classroom assistant, as well as accompanying your child's class on field trips. To become an ADDitions school volunteer go to www.volunteer.ocps.net; or <https://ocps.samaritan.com/custom/503/index.php?redirectedFromHttp>

Please remember to register annually to be a school volunteer. ADDitions applications must be completed approximately 3 weeks prior to a field trip or school activity.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Each Orange County public school invites parents to get involved. One way is through the School Advisory Council (SAC). SAC is composed of the school principal, and representatives of community members, business leaders, parents, students, and teachers who work together to develop a School Improvement Plan. The School Advisory Council (SAC) meets monthly to assess students' academic needs and monitor the progress of Timber Springs Middle School. We welcome your participation.

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION (PTSA)

Timber Springs has a school-wide parent-teacher-student support group. Local school unit PTAs and PTSAs are part of the Orange County Council of PTA, as well as the Florida PTA and National PTA. PTA provides members with parent education, leadership training and a powerful voice of advocacy on behalf of all children. PTA also pursues legislative initiatives adopted by its members in Orange County and has been named as the Orange County Public Schools' parent group of choice.

PARENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (P. L. C.)

Each school in the district is required to have a PLC comprised of a majority (51%) of ELL parents. The purpose of the PLC is to encourage parental involvement and participation in the implementation of ELL programming and academic achievement initiatives. We welcome your involvement.

PROGRESS REPORTS & REPORT CARDS

Progress Reports are estimates of progress to that point in the grading period and are distributed at the mid-point of each nine week grading period. Report Cards show final academic and behavior grades for the nine weeks and are distributed at the end of each nine weeks grading period.

The Orange County Public Schools Grading Scale is as follows:

Grading Scale	Conduct
A = 90 – 100	1 = Satisfactory
B = 80 – 89	2 = Needs Improvement
C = 70 – 79	3 = Unsatisfactory
D = 60 – 69	
F = 0 – 59	

Parents are strongly encouraged to arrange teacher conferences any time they feel their student is doing less than satisfactory work by calling your child's school counselor at (321) 413-2201. Students earning all A's and B's and all 1's in conduct at the end of the grading period will be placed on the A-B Honor Roll. Any student earning all A's and all 1's in conduct will be placed on the Principal's Honor Roll. Students with a "2" in conduct are not eligible for Honor Roll or the Principal's List. Top students meeting criteria are invited to an academic awards ceremony (Evening of Excellence) at the end of the school year. This is achieved by maintaining the Honor Roll and/or the Principal's List all year long with no Level 3 discipline referrals.

THE TIMBER SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Our goal at Timber Springs Middle School is to offer a comprehensive curriculum which meets the intellectual, emotional, social, and physical needs of our students. We strive to create an atmosphere where children feel safe, nurtured and challenged. Each student is assigned to academic and elective teachers. Being a student at Timber Springs Middle School means:

- ❖ Meeting and exceeding high expectations
- ❖ Attending academic and elective classes, and/or physical education classes
- ❖ Continuing to develop and refine basic skills
- ❖ Participating in special events and activities during the school day as well as after school
- ❖ Having skilled and dedicated teachers
- ❖ Experiencing success
- ❖ Learning how to believe in oneself
- ❖ Contributing to our school spirit
- ❖ Striving for excellence always

RECOGNITION OF OUR PROUD STUDENTS

We take great pride in recognizing the positive academics and citizenship achievements of our students. We aim to build effective environments in which positive behavior is more effective by

emphasizing use of preventative, teaching, and reinforcement-based strategies to increase appropriate social behavior which includes but is not limited to Restorative Justice. Listed below are some of the school programs that honor these accomplishments:

- National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)
- National Junior Art Honor Society (NJAS)
- Student Government Association (SGA)
- Spirit of Excellence (ESOL)
- Battle of the Books
- Builder's Club
- Disney's Dreamer and Doer Award
- Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award
- Evening of Excellence
- Positive Behavior Support
- Principal's List/ Honor Roll
- Student of the Month

Our goal is to catch students doing things correctly. We want to reward academic performance and also reinforce positive values such as citizenship, responsibility, and integrity. In recognizing these efforts, we model and expect to document all the positive accomplishments of Timber Springs Middle School's students.

SKYWARD DETAILS AND UPDATE

Orange County Public Schools has transitioned to a Student Information System which includes Student and Parent portals. This system is well underway. Additional information for parents and guardians can be found on the main OCPS website under "Students and Parents." OCPS parents and guardians can help by ensuring their contact information is up to date. Go <https://www.ocps.net/cms/one.aspx?pagelid=1158765> You can go to this website anytime you would like to check on communications or other information about Skyward.

NEED HELP?

If you have problems or concerns during the school day, you are encouraged to get help from any staff member or school administrator. Listed below are some common issues and the best sources for help:

Emergency Situation	Nearest Staff Member
Personal Problems.....	School Counselor/Teacher
Lost & Found Items.....	Cafeteria
Pre-arranged Absences.....	Main Office
Registrar.....	Main Office
Parent Conference	School Counselor
Change of Address/Phone #.....	Main Office
School Counselor.....	Grade Level Office
Attendance Concerns.....	Attendance Office
Grades	Teacher
Transfer/Withdrawal.....	Registrar
Bus Information	Transportation
Digital Device/Books/Fines.....	Media Center
Textbooks	Teacher/Media Center
Medications/illness.....	Clinic
PE Forms/Uniforms/Illness/Excuse.....	PE Teacher
SPEAKOUT HOTLINE.....	1-800-423-8477

Silence Never Solves a Problem!

Our campus Resource Team will be happy to assist you with any academic or personal problem. We ask that you request an appointment in order to be sure we are available. Students needing to see a counselor or administrator may see us at any time on campus or make an appointment. The Resource Team will gladly assist by providing benchmark and curriculum information, assisting with reading and media selections, addressing technology questions and web site issues, explaining ESE or ESOL rules and regulations, and even suggesting family resources. Our team stands ready to serve you!

Student Services/Resource Team

Administration

- Principal.....Eric Cantrell
- Assistant Principal Gwendolyn Carter-Inge
- Assistant PrincipalSteven Soubasis
- Dean of Students.....Natalie Shepherd
- School Counselor.....Sharon Henry
- School Counselor.....Elizabeth Stella
- SAFE Coordinator.....Laura Grullon
- ESE Placement Specialist.....Linda Craft
- ESOL/504 ComplianceSchool Counselors
- Testing CoordinatorSamantha Kingsley
- Instructional Coach.....Erin Nesbitt
- Literacy Coach/MTSS Coordinator.....Alice Tomlinson
- Media Specialist.....Katie McNair
- Technology Specialist.....Paul Feinberg

CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

Timber Springs Middle School holds two issues paramount; academic excellence and school safety. To that end, we have very high expectations for student behavior at Timber Springs Middle School. It is our belief that every student is accountable for his/her behavior and that students choose courses of action that have either positive or negative consequences. The Orange County Code of Student Conduct will be reviewed with every student so as to limit any confusion. This section of the handbook by no means replaces the information contained in that Code, but it clearly outlines some of the basic expectations of Timber Springs Middle School.

If Timber Springs Middle School is to be about academic excellence, then horseplay and fighting has no place in its hallways, classrooms, on its grounds, nor on school bus transportation. When students are involved in a horseplay or a fight at Timber Springs, it hinders the learning process and must be addressed. As a center for education we work hard to teach students that they have other alternatives to fighting. All of our adults take bullying and the threat of fighting very seriously and will help any student to avoid a conflict. Administrators, School Counselors, Teachers, and our Resource Team members are people you can turn to if you feel your child is being picked on. We encourage everyone to **treat each other with respect and courtesy** at all times, **take responsibility for your own actions**, and **cooperate** with one another. If there is a problem or concern, students are encouraged to talk to an adult (teacher, school counselor, resource team member, school resource officer, or administrator).

WARNING!!!

DO NOT BRING TO SCHOOL:

SPEAKERS
TOYS OF ANY KIND
CANDY/ CHEWING GUM
SUN GLASSES
SOFTWARE/GAMES
SLIME
ALCOHOL/ DRUGS/ TOBACCO
OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS
KNIVES/ WEAPONS/ CHAINS
SKATES/ SKATEBOARDS
CAMERAS
TRADING CARD COLLECTIONS
LASERS

These items may be **confiscated** and a parent may retrieve the item from the office. Repeated infractions may result in severe disciplinary consequence being given.

Cell phones must be turned off and remain out of sight during class changes, during lunch, or outside of the classroom.

TSMS will not be responsible for the loss or theft of valuables brought to school or on field trips.

SAFE HARBOR

The Safe Harbor Provision allows you, the student, to voluntarily give an object that is in your possession that is prohibited by the OCPS Code of Student Conduct to a school official with the understanding that you will not be subject to disciplinary action(s). Safe Harbor does not apply if a search is in progress.

CODE OF CIVILITY

The Code of Civility refers to how we behave towards others. Students, parents, faculty/staff, and visitors are expected to:

- Treat each other with courtesy and respect at all times
- Treat each other with kindness
- Take responsibility for his/her own actions
- Cooperate with one another

CELL PHONE POLICY

Cell phones must be turned off and remain out of sight during class changes, during lunch, or outside of the classroom.

TSMS will not be responsible for the loss or theft of valuables brought to school or on field trips.

Taking pictures, videotaping, and posting to social media is prohibited. Students may possess a cell phone on school property, at after school activities, and at school-related functions as long as they are turned off and out of sight during school hours and on an OCPS school bus. This includes but is not limited to teachers collecting cell phones as students enter the classroom and returning them as they exit. A detailed cell phone policy is provided in the first day of school packet given to students.

DIGITAL DEVICE POLICY

Use of digital devices is for educational purposes only. Students may possess a laptop on school property, at after school activities, and at school-related functions as long as they are turned off and out of sight. This includes during lunch, class transitions, and on an OCPS school bus. Accessing unauthorized websites, programs and/or files as well as sharing usernames and passwords, or using another person's username and password, as well as modifying hardware or software is strictly prohibited. A detailed digital device policy is provided to students the first day of class. Failure to comply could result in monetary fines and/or severe disciplinary actions as outlined in the OCPS Code of Student Conduct.

INTERNET POLICY

Timber Springs Middle offers internet and network access to students at designated times. Internet access is for educational purposes only. Educational purposes include academic activities, career development, and limited high-quality self-discovery activities. Abuse of the Internet Policy is subject to disciplinary actions as outlined in the OCPS Code of Student Conduct.

LUNCH PROGRAM

It's a fact that students who eat nutritious meals perform better in school. Orange County Public Schools Food & Nutrition Services Department makes it possible for all students, even those who do not qualify for free meals, to receive healthy and nutritious meals daily regardless of the available funds in their food services account. Students will have a 25-minute lunch daily. Parents that would like to establish an account to prepay for meals please visit the district's website for faster approval. Go to SchoolPay. Click to register at

www.schoolpay.com/login/registration. You may pay for lunch by the week, month, or bring your own lunch from home.

Breakfast (\$1.75) and lunch (\$2.75) are available for students each school day. **OCPS does not turn any student away that enters the lunch line for a meal. Charges to your student's ID number will be made if they go through the line.** Please communicate clearly with your student about your expectations about the use of the school meals. The USDA no longer allows the cafeteria staff to report that a child owes lunch money at the cashier station. Instead, parents will be notified of any negative balance by the Food and Nutrition Services central office. For questions on your student's current account balance contact Jorge.hernandez@ocps.net.

<https://ocpsmenus.com/menu/legacy-ms?mode=browse> for menus.
<https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application> Applications for free or reduced meals

Students with medically diagnosed food allergies are required to fill out the parent requested Diet Order form and give to the school registrar or nurse. This form is in the registration packet and also available at the school. Parents bringing lunch to students from outside vendors/restaurants must receive pre-approval from an administrator or school Principal. Lunches of this nature will only be approved for special occasions at the discretion of the school. The following procedures concerning the lunch program are to be observed:

- ❖ Leave tables, chairs, and floors clean
- ❖ Walk in an orderly manner to, from, and at lunch
- ❖ No cutting in line or saving places for friends
- ❖ Decide what you want to eat and have your money or student ID number ready. Only ONE trip through the line is permitted
- ❖ Present your student ID number at the register and state your first and last name for the cashier
- ❖ No food/drink may leave the cafeteria
- ❖ No more than 5 students may sit on one side of a table
- ❖ Be seated. Refrain from getting up without permission
- ❖ Talk quietly, do not horseplay, use good manners
- ❖ All food and drink must be consumed before going back to class
- ❖ Recycle all trash appropriately

STUDENT SERVICES

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

All 7th grade students require the following:

Physical Exams within One Year of Entry
Valid Florida DH 680 Immunization Form
DTP Series
Polio Series
Varicella Series
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
Completed Hepatitis B Series
Tetanus Diphtheria (TD) Booster

CLINIC

Timber Springs Middle School has a Health Assistant. Therefore, when a student gets sick at school a pass would be obtained from the teacher to go to the clinic where a call is made to the parent. **It is very important that every student has a completed Emergency Form on file in the registration/attendance office.** Students needing occasional medications, such as antibiotics, are to take these medications at home, if possible. Medication that is prescribed three (3) times a day can be given before a student comes to school, after school, and again at bedtime. However, if medication **MUST** be given at school (includes over-the-counter meds), it must be accompanied by written authorization from a parent/guardian and is in the original container and delivered to the clinic attendant's office. Students are not to carry any medication, over-the-counter or prescribed, at any time during the school day. **It is imperative that the registration/attendance office be notified immediately in the event of a change of address, home or office telephone number, or if emergency information changes during the academic school year.**

Students with an inhaler or Epi-pen must carry with them written notification from the TSMS clinic. Please ask the student to provide you, the parent, with the written verification we have on file at school for him or her. If the student cannot provide the written verification, the teacher will send the student to the clinic and contact the clinic by telephone. We will work with the parent to ensure the proper documentation is on file.

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is a very important factor in school and is required by Florida Law. Each parent or guardian of a child within compulsory attendance age is responsible for the child's school attendance. If a student must be absent he/she must bring a note the next day that is signed and dated by a parent/guardian stating when and why the student was absent. The note is to be taken by the student to the Main Office (01-101) between 9:20a.m. and 9:45a.m. so that an admittance slip may be issued. Please be sure the student's full name and grade is included in the note.

Students without notes from a parent/guardian will be given an unexcused absence. Changes in State Law stipulate the State Attorney General's Office may become involved in truancy situations. The first notification occurs upon 5 unexcused absences. Unexcused absences will be replaced by excused absences if an acceptable note is presented within two school days. Florida Law requires students to attend school each day school is in session. Excused absences fall under the following conditions:

1. Illness of a student
2. Serious illness or death of a member of student's immediate family
3. Special and recognized religious holidays observed by the student's faith
4. Other conditions of an emergency or educational nature that cannot be scheduled outside school hours, as determined by the administration

It is the student's responsibility to make-up any work missed while absent.

Prearranged Absence Forms can be obtained from the attendance office. This form should be completed by the parent/guardian and returned to the attendance office **at least two school days prior to the absence.**

A STUDENT MUST BE PRESENT AT LEAST HALF A DAY (3 PERIODS) IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED PRESENT FOR THE DAY. Once a student arrives on campus he/she may not leave the school grounds. Students must be present to participate in after school activities.

TARDINESS

Students are expected to be in their seats and preparing for bell work when class begins. Teachers have developed consequences for students who are routinely late to class. Teachers may refer students to the Dean's office or administrator if tardiness persists. If a student arrives late to school, he/she must report to the Main Office for an admittance slip before going to class.

PASSES

To be released from class to the hallway, bathroom, etc., students will need to be issued a pass which should be filled out and signed by their teacher or administrator, and will be carried in the hallway so that any staff member may know where a student belongs as well as where they are going. Students will not be released from class without a pass. Timber Springs students and staff adheres the 10-10 Rule: TSMS students are not permitted out of classrooms the first ten minutes, nor the last ten minutes of class.

EARLY CHECKOUT

For the safety of all students, OCPS policy states that proper identification is required for a parent/guardian or others to check a

student out of school. The student registration form must list the names of individuals authorized to remove the student from school. If you must check out early, do so before 3:30p.m. (before 2:30p.m. on Wednesday) **No student will be allowed to sign out between 3:30p.m. – 4:00p.m.**

TEXTBOOKS & DIGITAL DEVICES

Textbooks and digital devices are furnished to students by the school on a loan basis and should be treated as borrowed property. All lost or damaged textbooks must be paid for before replacement books are issued. Before withdrawal from Timber Springs Middle School can be completed, all books and digital devices must be returned and all obligations paid. Unpaid fines could result in not receiving a laptop next school year.

BUYING AND SELLING

No items are to be bought or sold without the consent and approval of an administrator. Items will be confiscated without consideration for monetary loss.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

STUDENTS DRESS FOR SUCCESS

The dress code at Timber Springs Middle School is based on enhancing the learning process and personal safety of our students. The dress and grooming of Orange County Public Schools' students shall contribute to the health and safety of the individual, promote a positive educational environment, and not disrupt the educational activities and processes of the school. These standards of dress and grooming apply to all students in the public schools of Orange County, unless a specific exemption is granted by the principal. Any request for an exemption shall be made to the principal.

TSMS Dress Code Policy:

- ❖ Clothes shall be worn as they are designed - Clothing must cover the body from one armpit across to the other armpit and down to approximately mid-thigh. Undergarments must not be viewable.
- ❖ Pants will be worn at the waist; belts will be required in pants with belt loops if pants are loose fitting.
- ❖ Clothing with holes, tears or rips must be below mid-thigh
- ❖ Tops must have straps. Bare midriffs and/or bare sides should not show when arms are extended above the head.
- ❖ Gang paraphernalia, garments, and/or jewelry, tattoos, or other insignias which display or suggest, sexual, vulgar, drug, alcohol, or tobacco-related wording/graphics or may tend to provoke violence or disruption in school shall not be worn.
- ❖ Headgear shall not be worn on campus during the school day, unless the headgear is approved by the principal. Headgear includes but is not limited to, hats, visors, durags, bandanas, bonnets, hoodies, shower caps, sunglasses, etc.
- ❖ Chains hanging from the neck, belt, pocket, or attached to the wallet shall not be worn.
- ❖ Hemlines of shorts, dresses, skirts, and skorts shall be no shorter than mid-thigh

- ❖ Shoes shall be worn at all times. The following are not acceptable:
 - o Flip flops, thong sandals, slides, slippers
 - o Backless shoes
 - o Cleated shoes
- ❖ o Shoes with wheels (Heeleys).

If a first-time dress code violation occurs, you will be notified and asked to bring a change of clothes to school if not provided. If you cannot bring a change of clothes, or the student refuses to accept the change of clothing provided, he/she may be placed in Positive Alternative to School Suspension (P.A.S.S.) for the remainder of the day where they will complete their class assignments.

The school Administration reserves the right to adjust or change any policy if an item is deemed inappropriate for the school environment.

Any student who violates this dress policy will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the Code of Student Conduct and Section 1006.07(2) (d), Florida Statutes. Individual schools are expected to use the state and district dress and grooming guidelines as minimum standards; any adjustments may be made upon approval of the principal's supervisor.



TRANSPORTATION

SCHOOL BUS RIDERS:

The safety of students is critical and any infraction that occurs on the school bus that may distract a bus driver will be dealt with severely. Misconduct on the school bus endangers every person on the bus and the general public. Please understand that students will be suspended or possibly expelled from transportation or school if such misconduct occurs. The Code of Student Conduct is in effect while riding a school bus to and from school. Being able to ride a school bus is a service and a privilege. Students are not allowed to change from their regular bus (for the return trip home) to a different bus/trip number without a written parent request, parent verification, and approval from a Timber Spring's administrator for transportation before midday of the expected bus/trip change in order to avoid confusion at dismissal. Students are reminded to do the following:

- ❖ Fill out bus registration
- ❖ Memorize trip number
- ❖ Review and follow bus rules at all times

Many students ride their bikes or walk to school. Some students are car riders and others ride the school buses. Our safety rules cover all of these ways of getting to school.

BICYCLES:

- ❖ Bicycles are to be registered with the deputy and parked in the assigned area
- ❖ Once you have parked your bicycle, the bike parking area is off-limits until the end of the school day

- ❖ All bikes must be locked in the area with the student's own lock
- ❖ Helmets must be worn
- ❖ Keep a copy of your bike serial number at home

CARS:

- ❖ Drop off and pick up is in front of the school, in the student pick-up loop in front of the main parking lot
- ❖ Do not use the bus loop for student pick-up or drop off
- ❖ Do not use the community park next door from Timber Springs Middle to pick up or drop off your student
- ❖ **To facilitate a smooth flow of traffic, please pull all the way down in front of the sidewalk before stopping to load or unload. For safety reasons use only the designated pickup - drop off area, painted yellow in front of the building and bike rack area**
- ❖ Students are not to cross any part of the parking lot to enter an automobile parked or lined up in the car loop

WALKERS:

- ❖ Crossing guards are located at nearby intersections for the safety of all students. Please follow their directions at all times

***Reminder:** When walking or riding a bike to school, wear light colors and walk or ride in the direction of the traffic.

Skateboards, rollerblades & skates, and scooters are NOT permitted on campus and will be confiscated.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Parents that would like to establish an account to prepay for purchasing P.E. uniforms please visit the district's website for faster approval. Go to SchoolPay. Click to register at www.schoolpay.com/login/registration.

GYM LOCKERS:

All students taking Physical Education will be assigned a locker and a school issued lock. PE locker rental is \$5.00. Lost or damaged locks are replaced for a minimal fee of \$5.00. During P. E., personal items, including digital devices, should be stored and locked. At the end of each week, stored items are to be removed and taken home for cleaning. All lockers are subject to search.

ACTIVITIES / ORGANIZATIONS

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students are encouraged to participate in school clubs, sporting events, and social activities. Through participation in such activities, students will have an opportunity to make new friends with similar interests, develop school spirit, and socialize in a safe environment.

Orange County Public Schools sponsors the following team sports for boys and girls:

- ❖ Soccer
- ❖ Volleyball
- ❖ Basketball
- ❖ Track & Field

Students in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade are eligible to try out for any team if they maintain a 2.0 grade point average. Tryouts are very competitive and not all students will make a team. However, we encourage all students to try out. OCPS policy states that any student who wishes to participate in an interscholastic sport must have a completed physical form and an updated emergency treatment card on file with our Athletic Department. Permission forms for each individual sport are also required and may be obtained from the Athletic Coordinator.



INTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES

Intramural experiences give all students opportunities to further develop and enjoy skills learned in physical education classes. Intramurals occur before the school day and include a variety of sports activities throughout the year.

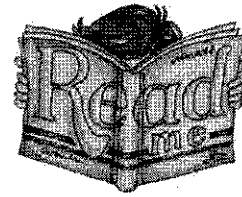
ORGANIZATIONS FOR PARENTS

Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)
 School Advisory Council (SAC)
 Parent Leadership Council (PLC)

STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Anime Club
 Spanish Club
 Campus Crusade for Christ International (CRU)
 Color Guard Club
 YMCA (Extended day a.m. and p.m.) program
 Art Club
 Pre-Med Club
 Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)
 Coding Club
 Science/Technology/Engineering/Math (STEAM)
 National Junior Art Honor Society (NJAHS)
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 Student Government Association (SGA)
 Sunshine State Book Club
 Builder's Club
 Debate Club
 Gay-Straight Alliance
 Runner's Club
 Young Authors Club
 Jr. Thespian's/Theater Club
 Chess Club
 Dance Fitness Club
 Intramurals

Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books for Grades 6 – 8



- Charlie Hernandez and he Legend of Shadows by Ryan Calejo
- *Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish* by Pablo Cartaya
- New Kid by Jerry Craft
- Spark by Sarah Beth Durst
- The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Germeinhart
- Scouts by Shannon Greenland
- Game Changer by Tommy Greenwald
- Lifeboat 12 by Susan Hood
- Song For a Whale by Lynee Kelly
- Deep Water by Ashley Watt Key
- Float by Laura Martin
- Inkling by Kenneth Oppel
- City Spies by James Ponti
- We're Not From Here by Geoff Rodkey
- The Bridge Home by Padma Venkatraman

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A WOLVERINE...

- Look ahead and always move forward to maximize your potential
- Exercise excellence and expect to go the extra mile with achievements
- Make wise choices
- Be resourceful yet reasonable and respectful
- Achieve maximum efficiency with academics and behavior

EXPECTATIONS FOR WOLVERINES

As wolverines are on the move toward success, they must remember their "claws" are only used to maximize positivity and potential for excellence:

- **C** – Computers are for instructional use only
- **L** – Language should be school appropriate
- **A** – Always keep personal space and hands to yourself
- **W** – Wise choices are an expectation for all
- **S** – Stay on task and follow directions

