

Superintendent's Interim Report to the Charter School Authority Governing Board

October 2021

Superintendent's Message



During the month of October, we will be putting the finishing touches on the COGNIA Accreditation renewal process which, by design, is an outstanding opportunity to showcase our charter schools' abundance of educator talent, and systemization, all of which supports our unique culture and sustainability.

If you could witness the deep focus and deliberation our charter school administrators and staff exhibit as they analyze our system's five-year progress, you would be proud and inspired as they diligently chart our charter schools' meteoric accomplishments.

Going through this intense process reminds us Ancient Rome wasn't built in a day, although it is said eventually, all roads lead through this great empire. So, too, has been the Oasis Charter School system's K-12 growth and success, which has been consistently building upwards for more than 16 years and now supports more than 3,211 Cape Coral students and their families.

All in all, Rome was a great place to *stay*. It's also true Oasis Charter Schools is simply the greatest place to *Start*, especially if your student's ambition is to *Go EVERYWHERE*.

Mark Your Calendar! COGNIA Accreditation Engagement dates are November 8-12, 2021. My office will keep you up to date with more information, and interview dates and times as they become available.



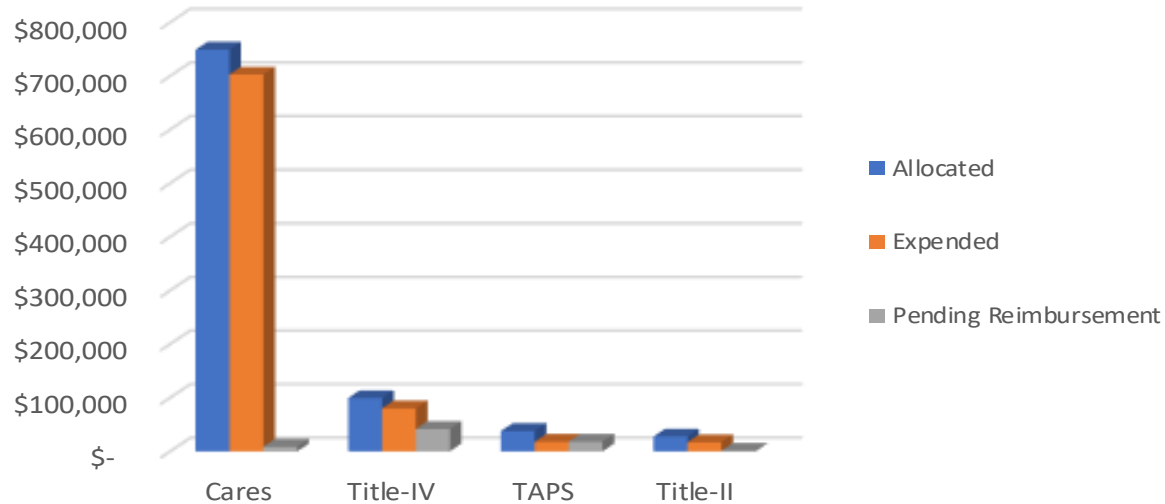
Charter School Authority Finance Department

FINANCE – MaryAnne Moniz, Manager

- Tyler Conversion Team had meetings in early September regarding the migration of the Charter School's General Ledger, Budgets, Accounts Payable, Procurement, and General Billing to its Tyler module due to ongoing fiscal year issues
- FY 2022-FY 2024 Operating Budget is pending final Adoption by the City.
- Cash Handling Training was held across all four school locations
- MySchoolBucks (MSB) has been implemented at all four schools where payments can now be made on-line for most events/purchases
- CSA Bookkeeper is establishing PTO Fundraiser Policies & Procedures with guidance from the Superintendent
- FY 2021 Annual Audit pushed to mid-November issuance
- FY 2020 Internal Funds Audit nearing completion

FINANCE - Grants Update

Active Grants



	Cares	Title-IV	TAPS	Title-II
Allocated	\$ 749,220	\$ 99,334	\$ 37,935	\$ 27,770
Expended	\$ 702,806	\$ 80,328	\$ 18,164	\$ 17,059
Pending Reimbursement	\$ 8,711	\$ 41,730	\$ 18,164	\$ 1,061



Charter School Authority Operations Management

PROCUREMENT – Danielle Jensen, Interim Operations Manager

- * Charter School will be allowed to enter POs starting October 1 after closing for September for city year end.

- * All annual POs will have to be reentered by Gina Lanzilotta at the city.

- * New POs will be entered by CABs at the school.

Continued Challenges with COVID –

- Longer lead times to get supplies in for usage or repairs.

- Shortages in common food items for café. (Hamburgers out of stock for lunch-had to substitute different lunch)
- Vendors short staffed to provide quotes or get timely repairs completed.

MAINTENANCE

- * Maintenance team has pushed back using Facility Dude and the IPADS until the custodian transition is complete.

- * City is still hiring custodial staff and is about half staffed. City is finding people are not interested in the contract positions and would prefer a full-time position. They will reach out to the candidates that applied for full-time to see if any are interested in the part time.

- * The school is dealing with OES elevator repair as vendor has struggled to locate and upgrade parts. The elevator will need a modernization in 2022. This will be expensive cost to the building at over \$50K.

- * City has developed contract with Grady Minor for the OEN Portable project. PO to be issued in October when POs open again. Timeline is getting tighter, but it is still expected to be completed in Summer of 2022.

- * A \$7k backflow replacement cost has been identified at OEN

FOOD SERVICE

* Last year's free and reduced status expired on September 22. The Charter School Free and Reduced percent is currently at 32%. We expect that will increase as more parents realize they are no longer on the program. Letters were sent to parents.

* Verification process will start on October 1, where the department must verify 3% of the applicants that applied.

* October data is due to the Department of Agriculture the first week of October.

Continued Challenges with COVID –

* Ensuring each kitchen has a full staff due to quarantine requirements and lack of substitutes.

* Significant fluctuations in daily meals due to students' quarantines requirements.

HUMAN RESOURCES

MANAGEMENT

CAREER

RECRUITMENT

SKILL
TRAINING

ABILITY

HIRING



HUMAN RESOURCES – Leisa Orcutt, Manager

*** Finalized TSIA
Allocation – Governor's
Teacher Salary Increase.**

New Hires – Total 38 various positions

- Hired 16 new teachers
- Promoted 3 substitute teachers to regular status
- Promoted STEM Director from internal candidates
- Anticipated new hire by early November to replace long-time HR Specialist who is retiring.



\$659,000

Incoming Funds since January 2021

**Oasis STEM INNOVATION combined
partnerships, grants, private donations, and
government funding to date.**

STEM INNOVATION – Dr. John Omundsen, Director

Partnerships, Grants, and Private Donations

NEW Double Platinum Partnership: Rist Family Foundation - \$120,000

Oasis Charter Schools is pleased to announce a multi-year partnership with the Rist Family Foundation. Over the next four years the private, independent foundation has agreed to donate \$120,000 to the Oasis Charter Schools STEM Innovation initiatives to include the creation and maintenance of Makerspaces, educator development, and to support community outreach projects. The Rist Family Foundation is dedicated to investing in our community's youth through academic and educational initiatives.

Academic Partnership: Full Sail University High School - \$15,000 Scholarship

Oasis High School has been accepted as part of the Full Sail University High School Partnership Program. Selection was based on the course offerings offered at the school, along with a commitment to programs which encourage students to build on previous learning from year to year. Full Sail University has, to date, selected only 32 high schools nationwide into this program. Any students who complete Oasis High School's pathway programs in robotics, game design, cybersecurity, digital design, or TV production will be eligible to receive a \$15,000 scholarship to attend Full Sail University.

STEM INNOVATION – Dr. John Omundsen, Director

Approved Grants: Dewing Foundation and Toshiba America - \$8,500

Over the summer, the Oasis Charter Schools were awarded two, private and competitive grants: **\$4,500 from the Frances R. Dewing Foundation** for the purchase of VEX 123 robotics kits for students in grades K-2, and **\$4,000 from the Toshiba America Foundation** for the purchase of supplies related to a 6th grade project-based learning activity on the design and construction of cardboard pinball machines. We are excited to partner with the local charity Project Pinball on the later project to provide real-world expertise and mentorship to our students.

NEW Double Platinum Donor: The Robert J Gunterberg Foundation
and Culliton Family - \$140,000

The Gunterberg Charitable Foundation and Culliton Family made a generous two-year donation that will provide funds for the *Oasis Charter Schools' Makerspace Initiative*. Their pledge of \$70,000 per year will support Oasis students as they explore STEM-related career pathways in preparation for twenty-first century workforce readiness.

STEM INNOVATION – Dr. John Omundsen, Director

NEW Platinum Donor: Carmine Dell Aquila - \$35,000

Mr. Dell Aquila is a longtime friend of the Oasis Charter Schools community who brings his passion for innovation and entrepreneurship to our Oasis students and educators. The Oasis family of schools is grateful for his continued support and recent \$35,000 private donation.

NEW Bronze Donor: Trebing Tile, Inc

Local business titan Trebing Tile, Inc recently donated \$500.00 to the *Oasis Charter Schools' Makerspace Initiative*. The 31-year old company has been voted *Cape Coral's Best Tile Company* seven years in a row, and is known for their support of Cape Coral community projects and family oriented programs. Thank You, Trebing!



TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

1,979

Student bus riders as of August 28th. This is the largest ridership in the system's history.

Waiting Lists

are moving along and should be fulfilled by the end of October.

Bus Driver Teams

Drivers are healthy and ready to service our students.

Oasis Transportation Department

Office Transition

Our office is transitioning to new management. **Danielle Jensen** is the new **Director of Transportation**. She is currently in the process of hiring a Transportation Coordinator and a Dispatcher. Please know we are making office changes to better serve your family and the efficiency of the Oasis Charter Schools' fleet services.

Bus Rider Survey – Sept 30 to Oct 14

The District's annual Transportation Survey will run September 30 - October 14th. This ridership inventory is important because it helps with school funding which is calculated based on the proven number of students on our buses each day of the survey.

Declining a Seat

Transportation Services has asked parents and guardians if they previously requested bus service, but have decided to use alternative transportation, to please contact our office as soon as possible so that we can reassign seats to another family.





Athletics

Oasis Athletics

Michael O'Brien
OHS Athletic Director

Due to the number of players inactive because of the coronavirus, it has been necessary to develop a Return to Play (RTP) procedure for athletes who have received a COVID-positive result. OCS Nurse Melanie Klages, R.N. will meet with coaches and staff and use the Lee County DOH Guidelines to assist in the RTP protocols.

The OHS Student Athlete Handbook has been revised and updated for clarity and user-friendly appeal. A set of extra copies are available in the Athletic Director's Office

Working closely with parents and coaches to perfect the Athletic Clearance program for athletic participation is a must. The Oasis AD is readily available for any families that are struggling with the process.



OASIS ATHLETICS

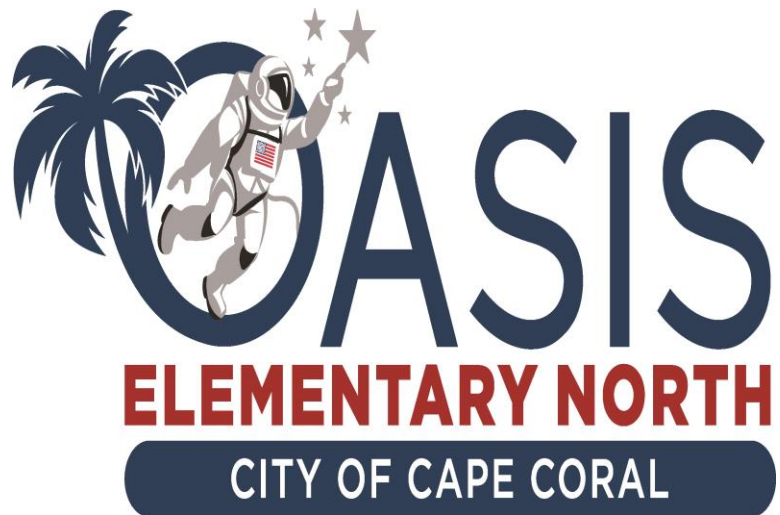
*Aye, Aye
Captains!*

*Shark Agreements signed
and delivered*

This year Oasis High Athletics established a *Team Captains' Criterion Contract*. First, athletes and coaches meet with the Athletic Director and review policies and procedures. Next, team captains sign the agreement and then start a safe and successful season with their individual teams.

Pictured left to right: Sarah Valdiva, Coach Andrea Velasco, and Brooklin Chandler.





Principal: Kevin Brown

Assistant Principal: Kelly Weeks

Student Body: 769

Home of the Explorers

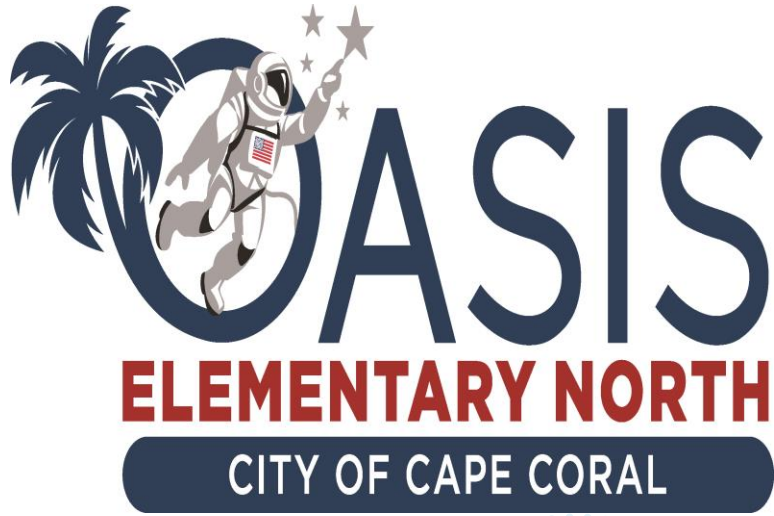




Six Oasis Elementary North students received **perfect scores on the Math FSA**. These students were given certificates from the Governor and celebrated in the classroom. Congratulations go out to:

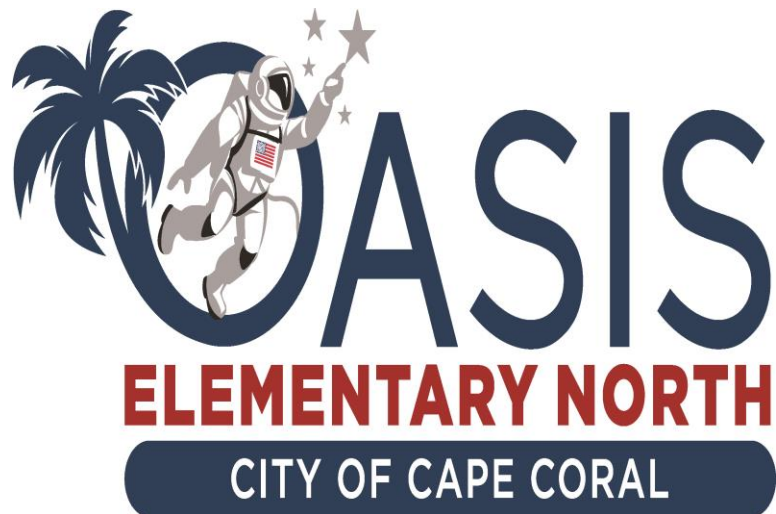
Carly Jackson, Makeila Marston, Zoe Molina, Zachary Brummund, Baylee Lilie and Charles Rubio.





Oasis North has adopted a new Elementary Language Arts (ELA) curriculum called Wonders. It is an evidence-based K-5 ELA program that empowers students to take an active role in learning and exploration. The program is very disciplined and comprehensive – a perfect match for introducing early critical thinking skills to young students.





Boosterthon Fun Run

October 8th

Come out and help us meet our goal of raising
\$50,000!

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Get ready for some Fall Fun at this year's Trunk-or-Treat on October 22 from 5:30-8:00pm





Principal: MaryBeth Grecsek

Assistant Principal: Carrie Abes

Student Body: 872

Home of the Panther Pride





We are an **A** school for 2020-2021!

School Number	School Name	English Language Arts Achievement	English Language Arts Learning Gains	English Language Arts Learning Gains of the Lowest 25%	Mathematics Achievement	Mathematics Learning Gains	Mathematics Learning Gains of the Lowest 25%	Science Achievement	Social Studies Achievement	Middle School Acceleration	Graduation Rate 2019-20	College and Career Acceleration 2019-20	Total Points Earned
0431	PINEWOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	75	59	47	83	69	58	79					470
734	RAYMA C. PAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	68	67	54	80	70	65	57					461
4143	OASIS CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-SOUTH	79	58	50	76	74	58	57					452
4151	OASIS ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL-NORTH	70	61	43	69	70	76	63					452
0421	HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	67	63	56	74	63	45	72					440
0681	SPRING CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	50	59	59	67	76	63	56					430
0741	THREE OAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	67	53	25	72	74	60	72					423
0571	CALOOSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	62	60	49	65	57	53	58					404
0791	DR CARRIE D ROBINSON LITTLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	53	66	44	51	69	73	42					398
0771	DIPLOMAT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	61	56	49	68	60	45	57					396
0131	CAPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	66	48	27	74	55	56	58					384
0191	EDISON PARK CREATIVE AND EXPRESSIVE ARTS SCHOOL	61	59	31	58	61	44	66					380
0762	TRAFALGAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	63	57	41	68	49	37	62					377
0763	MANATEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	38	61	71	53	60	63	29					375
0672	GULF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	65	55	35	71	55	35	53					369
0641	PELICAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	63	48	43	57	46	37	55					349



\$98,000

Boosterthon Fun Run

Oasis South parents, families, and friends raised over \$98,000 in pledges.

This means OES will earn 59% of pledges!

#pantherpride





Principal: Donnie Hopper

Assistant Principal: Dr. Brianne Romano

Student Body: 828

*Home of the Gators
and The Gator Innovation Garage*



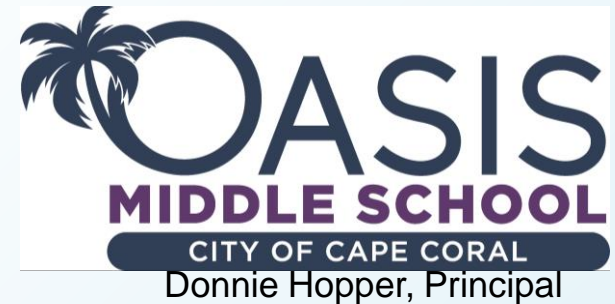
Student Achievement: Strategy 1

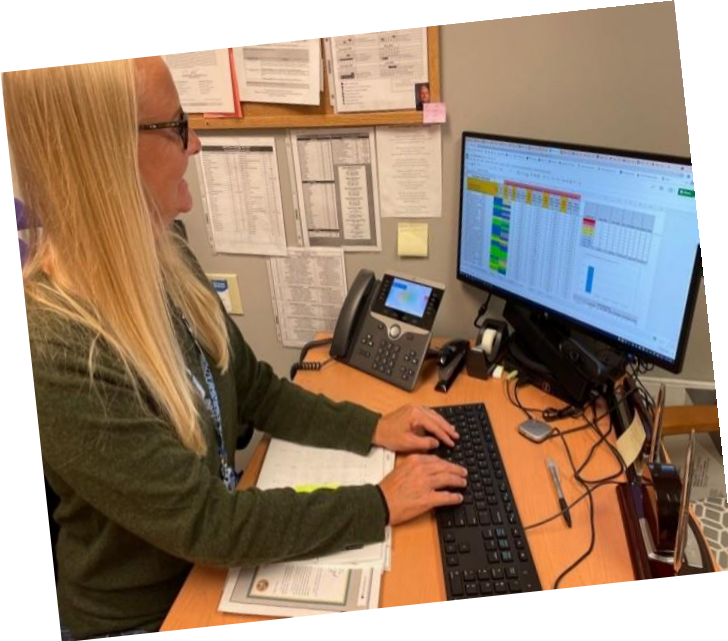
Development of rigorous curricular content and data driven analysis for continued student achievement. (Pictured: Collaborative PLCs)

*The **right** work for the
right reasons,
at the **right** time,
and in the **right** ways!*



- Dufour et al. (2005), a professional learning community (PLC) is the most effective method to orchestrate and impart positive change in schools.
- OMS teachers met to problem solve, collectively plan, align curriculum, and develop solutions for pressing challenges.
- PLCs promote trust amongst the staff and encourage improved practices.
- PLCs will provide the means by which a culture of student-centered instruction will be absorbed by the staff.





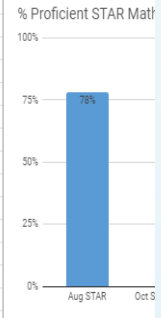
Student Achievement: Strategy 2

Analyzation of quarterly progress monitoring data.

(Pictured: Mrs. Rozum completing her Data Dashboard.)

- Teachers completed Data Dashboards which include the latest FSA scores.
- Quarterly STAR assessments will be administered.
- The Data Dashboard is used to determine if students are on target to make a learning gain.
- Provides key information necessary to drive instructional practices.

Teacher	2021 FSA	2021 FSA Level	Sept STAR PR	Sept STAR Level	Dec STAR PR	Dec STAR Level	Dec Learning Gain	Mar STAR PR	Mar STAR Level	Mar Learning Gain	May STAR PR	May STAR Level	May Learning Gain	May STAR PR	May STAR Level	May Learning Gain	STAR Level	Aug STAR
Romano	355	4	52	2b			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE	1a (0-8%)	0
Smoker	339	4	53	2b			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE	1b (9-16%)	0
Smoker	351	4	74	4			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE	1c (17-24%)	1
Smoker	325	3	48	2b			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE	2a (25-39%)	5
Smoker	345	4	75	4			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE	2b (40-54%)	10
Smoker	347	4	97	5			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE	3 (55-69%)	17
Smoker	348	4	80	4			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE	4 (70-84%)	18
Smoker	319	2b	18	1c			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE	5 (85-99%)	23
Smoker	337	3	62	3			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE	Total L3+	78%
Smoker	337	3	76	4			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE		
Smoker	341	4	57	3			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE		
Smoker	348	4	70	4			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE		
Smoker	353	4	91	5			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE		
Smoker	347	4	93	5			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE		
Smoker	331	3	72	4			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE		
Smoker	314	2a	25	2a			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE		
Smoker	343	4	90	5			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE		
Smoker	344	4	78	4			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE		
Smoker	335	3	77	4			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE		
Smoker	330	3	63	3			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE		
Smoker	336	3	65	3			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE		
Smoker	336	3	65	3			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE		
Smoker	340	4	96	5			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE		
Smoker	338	3	43	2b			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE		
Smoker	337	3	31	2a			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE			FALSE		





Principal: Dr. Christina Britton

Assistant Principal: Tim Loughren

Assistant Principal: Elizabeth Cannon

Student Body: 742

*Home of the Oasis Sharks
and The Shark Tank*





OHS Professional Learning Community (PLC)

Oasis High instructional staff are meeting weekly to review data and discuss their Professional Learning Community (PLC) status. *PLC* is a form of teacher professional development. It encourages small teams of educators to meet regularly to share their professional expertise and classroom implementation strategies to directly improve their teaching skills, and student performance.

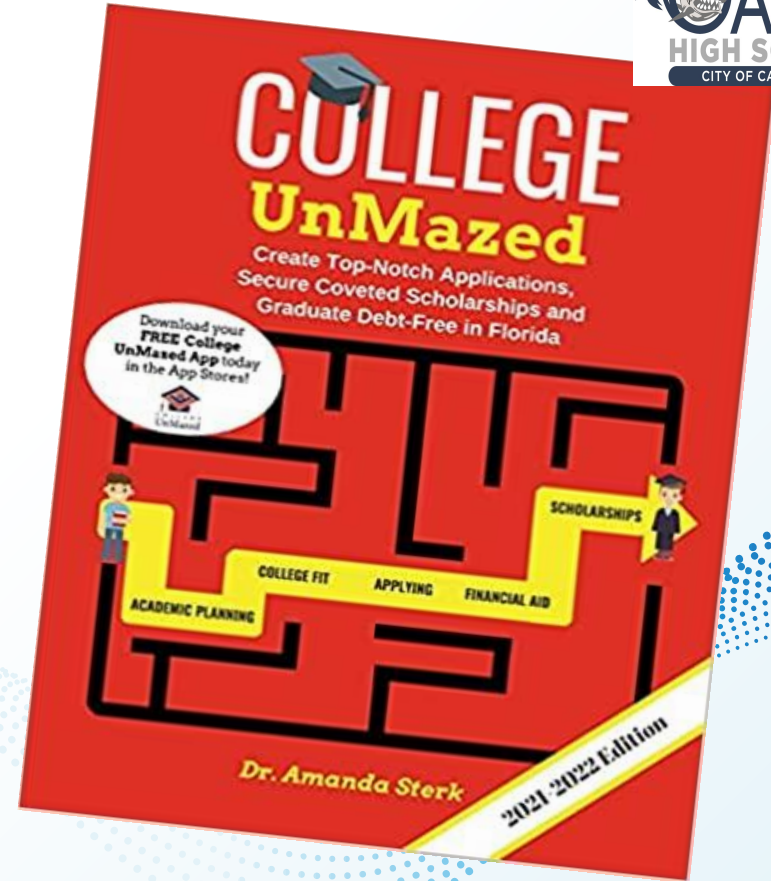


Dr. Amanda Sterk, Director Dual Enrollment
Florida SouthWestern State College

OHS SAC NEWS

Oasis High's Student Advisory Committee (SAC) held their first meeting of SY 2021-22 in late September. After SAC President, Mary Feichthaler called the meeting to order, parents listened to guest speaker, Dr. Amanda Sterk, author and college and career expert, who gave a presentation *"Building Your College Application Documents for What Colleges are Looking For."*

The next Regular SAC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 in the OHS Cafeteria at 5:30p.m.





Academic S.O.S.! OHS is ready to help! Academic S.O.S.!

The high school instructional staff offers many tutoring options and academic assistance for students that need extra support and guidance. Interested families can contact their student's classroom instructor or school guidance counselor for more information.





SPIRIT WEEK AND HOMECOMING NEWS

Students and staff are looking forward to a fun-filled spirit week in mid-October with a modified homecoming events schedule. This year students can expect a week full of fun, outdoor activities, and a virtual pep-rally that will include introducing our homecoming court! Stay in touch with our [***Shark Events Calendar***](#) located on the school website.

