

SAMUEL OGLE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Principal Millspaugh's Monthly Newsletter (January) January 2, 2023

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Families of Samuel Ogle Middle School ~ We have now reached January and we are beginning the 2023 part of the year. Let me first start by saying Happy New Year to all of you! I sincerely hope that this year will be filled with good health and prosperity for each of you and your families. In this issue of the newsletter you will find relevant information for the month of January.

School Vision and Focus:

It is the continuous Vision of Samuel Ogle Middle School to be a 5-Star Middle School recognized for educating students through Rigorous Academic Models of Success and developing lifelong learners by providing educational services; which ensure that every student in our school, regardless of native language, socioeconomic status or abilities graduates ready for college and careers in a global society.

About this issue:

In this issue of the newsletter, you will find highlighted information by week. Each week is identified in an easy to follow chart and under each chart you will find some more detailed information regarding the events. Information throughout the month will also be sent to you through our school messaging system as reminders, notifications or up-to-date information that may change or be announced throughout the month.

Tuesday, January 3, 2023 - School is open for all students following the Winter Break



January 2, 2023 through January 6, 2023

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 1/2/2023 | 1/3/2023 | 1/4/2023 | 1/5/2023 | 1/6/2023 |
| School Closed for all Staff and Students | School Opened for all students Locker Installation Work Continues | Emergency Drill Day - Weather Permitting | Picture Day - Groups and Candids | |

Monday, January 2, 2023 ~ Holiday Schools Closed for Staff and Students

Tuesday, January 3, 2023 ~ School Opens for all Students following the Winter Break

Wednesday, January 4, 2023 ~ Emergency Drill Day - On Wednesday the school will participate in our monthly emergency drill if weather is permitting. Since temperatures will be expected to be in the 60 - 70 degree range, this will be a good time for students to practice a monthly outdoor drill that is required before temperatures drop into more wintery averages.

<u>Thursday, January 5, 2023 ~ Picture Day for Groups and Candids -</u> School Group Picture day is scheduled for January 5, 2023 Students will be taking group pictures if they are in any clubs or groups such as SGA or other clubs, etc. If you have any questions about the yearbook or group picture day, our point of contact is Ms. Maureen Quinones. Her email address is <u>maureen.quinones@pgcps.org</u> or you can call the main office at 301-805-2641 during our normal work hours from 9:00am - 4:00pm.



January 9, 2023 through January 13, 2023

| Monday 1/9/2023 | Tuesday 1/10/2023 | Wednesday 1/11/2023 | Thursday 1/12/2023 | Friday 1/13/2023 |
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| ACCESS - ESOL Student TESTING | ACCESS - ESOL Student TESTING | ACCESS - ESOL Student TESTING | ACCESS - ESOL Student TESTING | ACCESS - ESOL Student TESTING |
| | | Reading Inventory #2 Testing | Reading Inventory #2 Testing | |
| Arts Integration Assembly for 7th and 8th Grade Students | Arts Integration Implemented into four - 8th Grade Classes |
| | | | Monthly PTSO Meeting at 6:30pm via zoom | |
| | | | https://aibs.zoo m.us/j/35877826 49 | |
| | | | Meeting ID: 358 778 2649 | |
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<u>Monday, January 9, 2023 ~</u> ACCESS / WIDA Testing for ESOL Students Each year in January, the State Testing for ESOL Students begins in the four domains of Reading, Speaking, Listening and Speaking. This is an assessment for our students who are working toward english proficiency and growth-to-target goals for the school year. This testing will begin for these students on January 9, 2023 and will continue through the month until all of the ESOL students have completed the testing for those four domains of fluency measures. If you have any questions regarding the testing or ESOL process you may contact our Testing coordinator, Mrs. Ingrid Charlton or our ESOL teacher Ms. Leah Agawin at <u>ingrid.charlton@pgcps.org</u> or <u>leah.agawin@pgcps.org</u> respectively.

Monday, January 9, 2023 through January 20, 2023 - Arts Integration Residency Artist Begins

Our 7th and 8th Grade Students will be participating in our Arts Integration Program this year beginning on January 9, 2023. Samuel Ogle MS uses Arts Integration as a signature program each year to integrate different modalities of instruction into student learning opportunities. We work to bring in a resident Artist who provides a unique approach to develop student learning opportunities, which can benefit them now, in high-school and in college. Students gain knowledge in how to see learning in more than just traditional opportunities. Our Artists are extremely talented and bring their love of teaching into the learning process. For questions about this program or Resident Artist, please contact Ms. AnnMarie Maloney at <u>Annmarie.maloney@pgcps.org</u>

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 - Reading Inventory # 2 Testing Begins On Wednesday the students will begin taking their second county test for reading comprehension. The Reading Inventory Test is for all students in grades 6th through 8th grade. This test will provide information that measures student progress in reading and will provide data to teachers that helps inform instruction and individual student needs at the midpoint of the school year. If you have questions regarding the assessment for your child, please email your child's reading teacher. This assessment is scheduled to be administered on January 11th and 12th.

Thursday, January 12, 2023 ~ Monthly PTSO Meeting

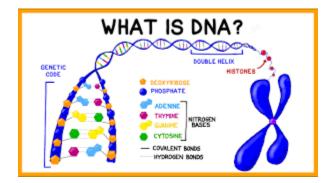


Samuel Ogle PTSO will have their monthly meeting on Thursday January 12, 2023 at 6:30pm via Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting https://aibs.zoom.us/j/3587782649 Meeting ID: 358 778 2649

Questions regarding our school PTSO can be emailed to: samuelogleptso@gmail.com

DNA Program - Does your child have an interest in Science? The SciTech2U Afterschool DNA Program is starting January and is available for City of Bowie residents. The PTSO is supporting this program at Samuel Ogle MS and Bowie High School. The flier is attached and it is limited to 25 spots.

When: Mondays Time: 5pm - 6:30pm Duration: January 9, 2023 - March 27, 2023 Platform: Virtual Cost: FREE for City of Bowie Residence Registration: Register at <u>www.scitech2u.org</u>





January 16, 2023 through January 20, 2023

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 1/16/2023 | 1/17/2023 | 1/18/2023 | 1/19/2023 | 1/20/2023 |
| MLK Holiday - Schools And Offices Closed for Students | ACCESS - ESOL Student TESTING | ACCESS - ESOL Student TESTING | ACCESS - ESOL Student TESTING | ACCESS - ESOL Student TESTING |
| and Staff | Arts Integration | Arts Integration | Arts Integration | Arts Integration |
| | Implemented | Implemented | Implemented | Implemented |
| | into four - 7th |
| | Grade Classes | Grade Classes | Grade Classes | Grade Classes |

Monday, January 16, 2023 - MLK Holiday Each month we have scheduled days for emergency drills. These days allow us to prepare staff and students for emergency situations. These drills may include a fire drill, an earthquake or weather related events and other drills that prepare for the safety of students in a myriad of ways which include; but are not limited to, an environmental hazard, erratic wildlife on the property, lockdown drills, etc. Our next scheduled drill is Thursday 12/22/22.

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 through January 20, 2023 - Arts Integration Residency Artist Begins

Our 7th Grade Students will be participating in our Arts Integration Program this year beginning on January 17, 2023. Samuel Ogle MS uses a Arts Integration as a signature program each year to integrate different modalities of instruction into student learning opportunities. We work to bring in a resident Artist who provides a unique approach to develop student learning opportunities, which can benefit them now, in high-school and in college. Students gain knowledge in how to see learning in more than just traditional opportunities. Our Artists are extremely talented and bring their love of teaching into the

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January 23, 2023 through January 27, 2023

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 1/23/2023 | 1/24/2023 | 1/25/2023 | 1/26/2023 | 1/27/2023 |
| Benchmark 2 Begins In: Math (All Grades)-ELA (All Grades) -8th Grade Science and 8th Grade US History | End of Quarter 2 Benchmark 2: Math (All Grades)-ELA (All Grades) -8th Grade Science and 8th Grade US History | Quarter 2 Report Cards are completed by teachers Professional Day for Teachers (2hr Early Dismissal) Virtual Day of Instrcution | Benchmark 2: Math (All Grades)-ELA (All Grades) -8th Grade Science and 8th Grade US History | Benchmark 2: Math (All Grades)-ELA (All Grades) -8th Grade Science and 8th Grade US History Spelling Bee at 3pm |

Monday, January 23, 2023 - Benchmark Testing Begins

The month of January is a time for students to demonstrate what they have learned during the first semester of the school year in their content area classes. The Benchmark Testing window opens on 1/23/2023 and will provide assessment opportunities for all students in 6th through 8th grade for Mathematics and English Language Arts. Additionally, students in 8th grade will demonstrate their learning in Science and US History. Please encourage students to get a god night's sleep and eat a good breakfast to prepare for these days of testing. A more detailed schedule of testing can be requested from your child's teacher for these content areas or from our Testing Coordinator by emailing her at ingrid.charlton@pgcps.org.

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 - 2nd Quarter Ends - Assignments should be submitted.

Wednesday, January 25, 2023 - Grading Day, Asynchronous Virtual Learning This day will be a Half-day of Asynchronous Virtual Learning for all Students. Teachers will be finalizing the quarter 2 report cards on this day. We had one day of this type of learning in October at the end of Quarter 1 and we will send out more detailed information on Monday and Tuesday 1/23/23 and 1/24/23 for families to prepare accordingly. Some of this will also be addressed with families during the PTSO meeting on January 12, 2023.

Friday, January 27, 2023 - Samuel Ogle Spelling Bee

The School Spelling Bee returns on Friday, January 27, 2023 at 3:00pm. We are thankful to Mr. Keith Pieschek for his interest in leading this program for the school and his work with the students over the last few months to prepare them for this event. Questions can be directed to him by email at <u>keith.pieschek@pgcps.org</u>.



January 30, 2023 through January 31, 2023

| Monday 1/30/2023 | Tuesday 1/31/2023 |
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| AVID Program Recruitment Process Begins | Looking ahead to February! |
| AVID is a signature program at Samuel Ogle MS. Recruitment for this program begins at the end of January for any students interested in this program next year. Questions regarding the recruitment process and program can be sent to Mrs. Akinbulumo at <u>oluw.akinbulumo@pgcps.org</u> | HELLO February |

Locker Update -



Lockers have begun to be installed. The holiday break has paused the installation process for winter break. We expect that the installation will begin again the first week of January and should be completed relatively soon. Once the lockers are completely installed, the distribution and usage process will begin.

Volunteers -

Are you interested in Volunteering at Samuel Ogle MS?

PGCPS has indicated that volunteers are permitted this school year. The background check will need to be completed and some volunteer specific training is required. We are excited to welcome volunteers back to the building and have several opportunities for those that are interested.

If you have any questions regarding the process, please email <u>oluw.akinbulumo@pgcps.org</u> or you can call 301-805-2641.

It is a privilege to continue to work with you and your children each day. I look forward to what 2023 will bring in terms of our partnership together and I wish each of you and your families a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

Principal Millspaugh