



SAMUEL OGLE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Principal Millspaugh's Monthly Newsletter (April)
April 10, 2023

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Families of Samuel Ogle Middle School ~ Here is the April Newsletter for relevant information this month. Please review the provided information and let us know if you have any questions.

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.

In pursuit of this vision, the new Maryland State Report Cards were released on Thursday, March 9, 2023. This is the first report card that has been released since Pre-COVID in 2019. The data in this report is a result of the work that was completed in the 2021 - 2022 School Year. Samuel Ogle Middle moved up in ranking from a 3-Star school to now as a current 4-Star School. This is the direction we wish to move according to our Vision and Focus. Samuel Ogle is now identified in the 83rd percentile of Middle Schools in the State. Gains were made in multiple categories and will be presented to the community in an upcoming community meeting.



CONGRATULATIONS, Samuel Ogle RAMS!

About this issue:

In this issue of the newsletter, you will find highlighted information for this month. Individuals who are points of contact are identified for your reference if you have any questions or need to contact them.

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.

A horizontal banner with a teal background on the left and a purple background on the right. The text "WEEK AT A GLANCE" is written in white, bold, uppercase letters across the center.

April 10, 2023 through April 14, 2023

Monday 4/10/2023	Tuesday 4/11/2023	Wednesday 4/12/2023	Thursday 4/13/2023	Friday 4/14/2023
Schools and Offices Closed Spring Break and East Monday	8th Grade Field Trip to Philadelphia Regular Day of School (First Day back after Spring Break)	Regular Day of School	Monthly PTSO Meeting 6:30pm Via Zoom	Autism Awareness Day - Students wear Blue



Tuesday, April 11, 2023 - The 8th grade students have a planned field trip to Philadelphia as part of their 8th grade year and US History experience. Students attending will be leaving school by charter bus and are expected to bring their hard copy permission slips and payment to school with them for processing before the buses leave in the morning. Questions can be directed to Mrs. Thomas-Oliver at markesa.thomasoliver@pgcps.org.

Thursday April 13, 2023 - The monthly PTSO meeting will be held via zoom at 6:30pm. This month's agenda will include any upcoming spring events and input from the community on the budget for the school year 2023 - 2024. The budget input is critical to making decisions for next year's spending and will be completed during the month of April. Questions regarding the PTSO can be directed to samuelogleptso@gmail.com

The PTSO Meeting can be accessed at the link below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://pgcps-org.zoom.us/j/86249072436?pwd=Q2ZKRmV4djEyMXhqZmgyNWxaS3J0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 862 4907 2436

Passcode: 800338

Friday April 14, 2023 - April is Autism Awareness month and each year, the Samuel Ogle Community selects a day to show our support and awareness of Autism. This year, Friday April 14, 2023 we will wear blue as a community. Please join us on this awareness day and wear blue.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

April 17, 2023 through April 22, 2023

Monday 4/17/2023	Tuesday 4/18/2023	Wednesday 4/19/2023	Thursday 4/20/2023	Friday 4/21/2023	Saturday 4/22/2023
Regular Day of School	Regular Day of School	MCAP Testing Training Begins for SOMS Staff Earth Day - Wear Green	Regular Day of School	Eid al-Fitr Schools and Offices Closed	Earth Day - School Beautification Day

Wednesday April 19, 2023

The State Testing season begins for Ogle Staff and Students on April 19th. The tentative testing schedule is below:

Staff Test Administration Training will take place on 4/19/23

8th grade Testing will be held 4/25 - 4/28 ELA and Math (One session of each per day)

7th grade Testing will be held 5/1 - 5/4 ELA and Math (One session of each per day)

6th grade Testing will be held 5/9 - 5/12 ELA and Math (One session of each per day)

8th grade - May 16 and May 17th will be Soc. St. Testing.

Questions related to the testing schedule can be directed to Mrs. Charlton at ingrid.charlton@pgcps.org

Friday April 21, 2023 - In 2023, Ramadan began on Thursday March 23. This means Eid al-Fitr is expected to fall on **Friday April 21**, after the end of the annual fast. Schools and offices will be closed on Friday in recognition of Eid al-Fitr.

Saturday April 22, 2023 - The annual Beautification Day for Samuel Ogle MS is scheduled for Saturday 4/22/23. This is recognized as Earth Day. Students will be able to earn student service learning hours by volunteering at this event. This will be hosted by the PTSO and the City of Bowie grant committee. To learn how your child or family can support this event, please email the PTSO board at samuelogleptso@gmail.com. A rain date is set for April 29, 2023. The hours of the event will be in the morning between 9:30am - 11:30am. To celebrate Earth Day students are encouraged to wear GREEN on Wednesday 4/19/23.

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April 24, 2023 through April 28, 2023

Monday 4/24/2023	Tuesday 4/25/2023	Wednesday 4/26/2023	Thursday 4/27/2023	Friday 4/28/2023
Regular Day of School	8th Grade MCAP Testing Math and Reading	8th Grade MCAP Testing Math and Reading	8th Grade MCAP Testing Math and Reading 6th Grade Skate Zone Night	8th Grade MCAP Testing Math and Reading

8th Grade State Testing -

8th grade Testing will be held 4/25 - 4/28 Reading and Math (One session each per day) this is the assessment that students will take to demonstrate their learning for the year and can be used for placement purposes in High School. Data from this assessment is used to determine school star ratings from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). Please ensure that students get a good night's rest and a healthy breakfast each day of testing. Attendance is strongly encouraged on the day of the test so students do not have to be pulled from classes later to make up the assessment(s).

Thursday 4.27.23 -

The 6th grade will have their grade-level night at Skate Zone on Thursday, April 27, 2023. Tickets will be available online and can be pre-purchased. For questions regarding this event, please email Mrs. Jones at melissa.jones@pgcps.org



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 oluw.akinbulumo@pgcps.org or you can call 301-805-2641.

As always, Thank you all for your partnership!

Principal Millspaugh