



The Finformant

A publication for the students and families of Ocean Lakes High School

We are seeing a rise in media scams targeting teens and young adults in our area. Though anyone can be targeted, Fraud Specialists report that the most common age range of victims are late-teens to young adults. This is thought to be because these groups generally have less of an income stream and are more susceptible to being tricked into giving their information for what turns out to be crimes/fraud in exchange for monetary payments. Over the past few months, we have heard that several of our students have fallen victim to these scams. While adults may be privy to these scams, recognizing that they are too good to be true, our students are not knowledgeable in this area. Many of these scams include hidden URLs, phishing emails, cash grabs, chain letters, and hidden charges. Seen most recently are phishing emails that include misspellings, unverified companies, and offers that seem too easy or profitable to be true. Fraud Specialists say vigilance and knowledge are key to preventing this type of fraud. No untrusted sources should have access to any of your vital financial or personal information such as social security numbers, financial account numbers, or passwords used to access email or online banking. Be sure to secure this information carefully and keep an eye out for yourself and your students who might be targeted.



Next week we will be conducting a school climate and school safety survey of students. The purpose of this survey is to measure school discipline, student support, student engagement, and safety conditions in the school. This information will be used to guide educational practices that produce a safe and orderly school environment. The survey does not ask for your student's name and all answers are anonymous. There is a copy of the survey available for your review at <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/school-climate/index.shtml>. If you do not wish for your student to participate, please notify the school office by telephone or letter by Friday, February 1st.

The Tech Center will be hosting its annual Open House for all students in grades 6-11 on Wednesday, February 6, from 6-8 PM. If you want to explore career options, then the Tech Center is a place to visit. Everyone is invited, so bring your family, friends and neighbors to see all 22 amazing programs offered at the Tech Center. Below is a link to a one minute PSA created by the Tech Center's TV Communications and Production students:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z9EY3QVrsWQ&feature=youtu.be>

Dolphin News

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Scholastic Bowl Team for finishing the regular season with a perfect 10-0 record and for winning the Regional Tournament held last weekend at Western Branch. The team will now go on to compete in the State Tournament on February 23rd at The College of William and Mary.

Congratulations to the cast and crew of the One Act Play for their first place finish in the district competition held on Saturday. Ocean Lakes will now compete in the Sectional competition to be held on February 8th at Bayside High School. Way to go!

Important Dates

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| Tuesday, January 29 | AP Night |
| Friday, February 1 | Virtual Learning Day/End of First Semester |
| Monday, February 4 | Second Semester Begins |
| Monday, February 11 | Report Cards Issued |
| Monday, February 18 | Spring Sports Begin |
| Thursday, February 21 | Principal's List Reception |
| Friday, February 22 | Big Chill Day |
| Monday, February 25 | Ring Dance Tickets on Sale |