

Osceola School District's



Dr. Michael A. Grego

Superintendent's Progress Report To The Community



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New Principal and Assistant Principal Named For Poinciana High

Superintendent Dr. Michael Grego and staff have developed an aggressive 2009/2010 improvement plan for Poinciana High School, which is centered around providing the school, as well as its students and teachers, with the tools and resources necessary for success. As such, the Osceola County School Board has approved the appointment of Belynda Thomas-Pinkston as the school's new Principal, and Dr. Nancy S. Lewis as the school's new Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Accountability.



Belynda
Thomas-Pinkston



Dr. Nancy
S. Lewis

Poinciana High School will have three new magnet programs for the 2009/ 2010 school

year: Academy of Finance, Academy of Health and Medical Science, and the Academy of Engineering/Construction. In addition, Poinciana High School has expanded its advanced placement course offerings this year from 20 to 35 courses, ranging from Advanced Placement Art to two levels of Advanced Placement Calculus, in conjunction with the District's Advanced Placement Scholars program. The opening of the school's new auditorium will expand students' opportunities to learn and grow in the areas of music and drama.

Osceola County School For The Arts Named One Of America's Top Public High Schools

The Osceola County School for the Arts in Kissimmee, Florida, has been named one of America's top public high schools by *Newsweek* magazine in 2009, in conjunction with the *Washington Post*. The school, which emphasizes pre-professional arts training at an accelerated, in-depth level for students with a gift for the arts, earned the ranking of 768 out of approximately 1,500 schools that were designated by *Newsweek*.

St. Cloud High also participated earning four gold medals and three silver medals in this national competition.

Osceola Students Bring Home More National Awards

Twenty-three Technology Student Association students from Osceola County have returned from their National Competition in Denver, Colorado, as true champions. Out of the 3,300 students in attendance at the 2008/2009 National Conference, Horizon Middle School students entered in 27 events and finished twenty times in the Top Ten in the nation.

Osceola Students Recognized For Outstanding Skills In National Competition

Twelve students from Horizon Middle School in Osceola County recently participated in STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition) at Family, Career and Community Leaders of America's (FCCLA) 2009 National Leadership Conference and took home top honors. Ten students received Gold medals, and two students earned Silver medals. Students from



TSA students from Horizon Middle School.

Student Achievement Is Our Number One Priority!