



## Principal's Post

Dear Patriot Oaks families,

I apologize for the delay in getting our newsletter out this week! The days passed by quickly and before I knew it, it was Sunday evening. How does that happen?

We are excited to announce our 2nd Annual Parent Conference week. It will be held the week of October 1-5. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet with our teachers and discuss the progress of your children.

- Parents of elementary students have received or will be receiving an email for you to sign up for a conference sometime during that week. We strongly encourage all elementary families to meet with their child's teacher to discuss progress and how to support growth.
- Middle school parents: We will be trying a new format this year as scheduling with seven teachers would be difficult. The evening of Thursday, October 4, we will set up for 5 minute parent-teacher conferences in the gym and cafeteria from 3:30-7:00pm. All of our middle school teachers will be available there to meet with you on a first come— first served basis. You may have to wait in a line for a particular teacher so please come with a list of your child's teachers and prioritize who you would like to meet with. If you feel that 5 minutes is not enough time to discuss a big concern, no problem. You can reach out to the teacher via email to schedule a conference for another time. This is also the way to schedule any conference with a middle school teacher— just email them directly. In the past, the protocol was to go through guidance and we are changing that to try to cut down on the steps that it takes for parents to get a timely conference. Please go to the teacher directly and we will get that meeting scheduled quickly. We hope this helps.

Conferences between parents and teachers are so important! It is how we form a team to help your child reach his/her potential. We encourage all to participate. Conferences are more than just a review of grades. They are a time to share about your child— both from you and the teacher. Have questions and remember that we are only 2 months into the school year— we have a lot more time with your child. Be sure to ask, "What do I need to know? And "What can I do?"

We are excited to have the opportunity to meet with you. Remember, our mission is "committed to every student, every day!" We rely on you to help us meet that mission by being an active participant in your child's education. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely, Mrs. Allison Olson

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### Vision:

***At Patriot Oaks Academy, we are a community that fosters character development, independence and a lifelong love of learning.***

### Mission:

***Committed to every student every day!***

***GO CHARGERS!***

## IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 24-28: Spirit Week—See page 8 for details  
September 28: Middle School Fall Dance  
Fall Picture Retakes  
October 1: CHS Family “Knight”



## GOOD CHARGERS

Congratulations to the following good Chargers for the week of September 4: Sierra Amescua, Abby Bader, Anara Barnes, Paige Broadwater, Addison Brown, Destiny Brown, Michael Clancy, Henry Crafford, Gigi Delaney, Kaden Dolan, Tommy Dow, Owen Drury, Alex Eddy, Halston Flack, Aiden Flaschen, Grace Gappy, Hayden Jackson, Samantha Lamm, Rachel Lee, Laurent Leonard, Langston Montfort, Caitlin Neal, Fischer Reiff, Logan Schwinghammer, Rylan Sepulveda, Blake Silva, Madelyn Sonne, Averie Stevens, Ashley Thistleton, Cameron Thistleton, Savannah Tolitsky, and Luisa Valinas.



Congratulations to the following good Chargers for the week of September 10: Suhail Akel, Yacoub Akel, Brian Balliu, Maedha Boosetty, Avery Chandler, Logan Edell, Emily Fell, Lucas Geyer, Harper Brame-Helegda, Hannah Campanaro, Samuel Chung, Isabella Decaria, Olivia Edinger, Oliver Hensley, Sanne Hutchinson-Hayes, Madison Hollis, Andrew Kemp, Keegan Kenney, Aiden Lee, Avienne Mailloux, Landon Montz, Jonathan Mosquera, Paisley Peek, Jack Pillar, Jake Rodenbarger, Owen Rolander, Erik Santizo, Emily Smallwood, Olivia Stewart, Remy Tavernier, Asher Williams, and Zichen Xu

## SECURITY AND VISITING CAMPUS

The safety of our students and staff is a top priority here at Patriot Oaks Academy. **Any person going beyond the front desk must have completed a Saint John's County Volunteer Application**, and present a valid driver's license or state identification card when signing into school. This includes, but is not limited to, meetings with teachers, eating lunch with students, volunteering in the classroom, and chaperoning field trips. The Volunteer Application can be found at <http://www.patriotoakspto.org/VolunteerRequirements>. It can take up to six weeks to complete the process so please plan accordingly.

## NJHS



**Applications for NJHS will be available starting September 26. The application will be emailed to 7th and 8th grade parents through their Language Arts teacher.**

What is National Junior Honor Society? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9m1PVgmNlfQ>

Established in 1929, the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is one of the nation's premier organizations established to recognize outstanding middle level students. More than just an honor roll, NJHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character, and Citizenship. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1929.

Today, it is estimated that more than one million students participate in activities of the NHS (High School) and NJHS (Middle School). NHS and NJHS chapters are found in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, many U.S. Territories, and Canada. Chapter membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service. (Taken from [www.nhs.us](http://www.nhs.us).)

Who is eligible for NJHS?

In order to apply, students must first qualify through their demonstration of success in the area of scholarship. That means, students in 7th or 8th grade must have a core GPA of 3.75 on a 4 point scale. Students will then fill out the application packet to give examples of their accomplishments in the remaining areas of Leadership, Service, Character, and Citizenship. Therefore, just because a student qualifies based on their GPA (scholarship), does not mean they will automatically be inducted into the NJHS.

What does an exemplary NJHS candidate look like?

**Scholarship:** Students who have a grade point average of 3.75 (on a 4.0 scale).

**Service:** This quality is defined through the voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation and with a positive, courteous, and enthusiastic spirit.

**Leadership:** Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of school activities, idea-contributors, dependable, and persons who exemplify positive attitudes about life. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others.

**Character:** The student of good character upholds principles of morality and ethics, is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability, shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others, and generally maintains a good and clean lifestyle.

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

This year we will be teaching *The Zones of Regulation* program. This is a program designed to foster self-regulation and emotional support. It is a wonderful researched based program. K, 1, and 2 have received lessons on the zones and 3, 4, 5 will receive lessons in the next month. As the year goes on students will learn different strategies and build their toolboxes. Below is the website on the program which will provide more information.

<http://www.zonesofregulation.com/learn-more-about-the-zones.html>

### WHAT ARE THE ZONES?

There are four zones to describe how your brain and body feel.

**BLUE Zone** – Your body is running slow, such as when you are tired, sick, sad or bored.

**GREEN Zone** – Like a green light, you are “good to go.” You body may feel happy, calm and focused.

**YELLOW Zone** – This zone describes when you start to loose control, such as when you are frustrated, anxious, worried, silly or surprised. Use caution when you are in this zone.

**RED Zone** – This zone is for extreme emotions such as anger, terror and aggression. When you are in this zone, you are out of control, have trouble making good decisions and must STOP!

What Zone Are You In?			
Blue	Green	Yellow	Red
			
Sick Sad Tired Bored Moving Slowly	Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	Mad/Angry Mean Yelling/Hitting Disgusted Out of Control

*Coming soon.....*



### CCU MEETING AND “SEE YOU AT THE POLE”

CCU (Christian Chargers United) kicks off on Wednesday, September 26th with See You at the Pole! All around the globe, in every time zone, students will be gathering at 7:30 am around their schools' flagpoles, praying for their school, friends, families, churches, and communities. SEE YOU AT THE POLE is a day committed to student global unity in Christ and prayer for the next generation. Any student interested in joining us at the pole is welcome! Going forward, CCU will meet upstairs in the middle school lounge every Wednesday morning at 7:30, where two seniors from Creekside High School's FCA Club lead the kids in music, worship and a devotional/Bible study.



## PSAT 8/9 ADMINISTRATION 2018

The PSAT 8/9 will be offered to all 8th graders as well as those 7th grade students taking Algebra 1 Honors. The test will be administered on Saturday, November 3rd beginning at 9am. Students can report to the cafeteria beginning at 8:30am. Testing runs for approximately 2 hours 30 minutes.

If you would like to have your child participate in this assessment, please send your \$15 check made out to Patriot Oaks Academy in an envelope labeled for Mrs. Watson/PSAT. In the memo line of your check, please add PSAT 8/9 and your child's name.

**The deadline for enrollment is September 26th.** Availability is on a first-come, first-served basis.

## ESE PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

St Johns County Schools (SJCS), The ARC, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) and Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) and Project 10 offer

**Topic: ANNUAL TRANSITION PLANNING**

**Date/Time: 10/02/18 from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm**

**Location: Fullerwood Training Center – 10 Hildreth, St. Augustine, FL 32084**

As of 1997, federal law mandates that students with disabilities who have an IEP (Individual Education Plan) must begin a process called transition planning at age 14. This program is designed to connect students with the proper transition planning services that give them the important skills and career planning tools to better prepare them for a successful life after high school, whether it be in a college setting or in the community.

**GOAL:** The Parent Advisory Committee is bringing together the school system and community-based organizations to support students that are beginning or already involved in transition planning.

**TAKE AWAY:** Students and families will know more about transition planning services available at schools and in our community.

**ACTION STEPS:** Make appointments with community groups that can help students reach their goals or support the family during the transition planning process.

### **Target Audience:**

- Parents of students with disabilities
- Students with disabilities age 14 and up
- Teachers & administrators of students with disabilities

The purpose of the committee is to provide input to district staff regarding our ongoing effort to continuously improve services for students with disabilities.

Parents, Educators, Administrators, & Business Representatives are invited and encouraged to attend.

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Exceptional Student Education Department  
40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084

## HEALTH SCREENING

### PATRIOT OAKS ACADEMY HEALTH SCREENING 2018

Dear Parents,

In compliance with Florida Statute 381.0056 (7), regarding school health services, we are notifying you that students in the St. Johns County School System will be offered free screening for vision, hearing, and height/weight measurement for growth and development. Screening will be held on September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 .

If your child is tested and the results are not in the "normal" range for the particular test, you will be notified by letter. Your child will be screened unless you notify the school, in writing by signing below, no later than Friday September 21<sup>st</sup> 2018, that you do not want your child to participate.

Nurses from the St. Johns County School District, in conjunction with school personnel and trained volunteers, will conduct the screenings. Screening is defined by Florida Statutes as "presumptive identification of unknown or unrecognized disease or defects by the application of a test that can be given with ease and rapidity to apparently healthy persons."

We are pleased to be able to offer programs that support the health and well being of our students. Please contact Jamie Hermann at 904-547-4065 if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Allison Olson  
Principal

**ONLY SIGN BELOW AND RETURN IF YOU DO NOT WISH  
YOUR CHILD TO BE SCREENED.**

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Please **DO NOT** include my child, \_\_\_\_\_, Grade \_\_\_\_\_,

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ in any of the health screening process (height/weight, vision, hearing):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name (Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## ABSENTEE NOTE

Below you will find a blank Absentee Form that can be used when your child is absent. You are NOT required to use this form, but it is provided for your convenience as it provides a simple “fill in the blank” option. It is also available on our website.



### POA ABSENTEE NOTE

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student name – please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Homeroom teacher)

was absent on \_\_\_\_\_ because  
[ date(s) ]

\_\_\_\_\_  
(please explain)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian name – please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Today's date)

## MEDIA CENTER NEWS



Our Sunshine State program is now underway! Sunshine State Young Readers Award is a statewide program for 3-5 graders and 6-8 graders. Fifteen books are chosen each year for each group. Students who want to participate may read the books and then take a short quiz to earn book tags. Prizes will also be awarded for students as they complete 5, 10, and 15 books. Students may take quizzes in the media center and, after they have completed three books, they will receive their first set of tags.

More information can be found on the school website under Media Center and Sunshine State Books 2018-19.

## SPIRIT WEEK DETAILS

**September 24-28**

**Monday, September 24:**

"Take each day one step at a time."

**CRAZY SOCK DAY**

(faculty vs students volleyball game after school)



**Tuesday, September 25:**

"Great friendships are about finding similarities and accepting differences."

**TWIN DAY**

**Wednesday, September 26:**

"Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is youer than you."

**WACKY TACKY WEDNESDAY**

**Thursday, September 27:**

"You never fail until you stop trying."

**TIE-DYE/HIPPIE DAY**

**Friday, September 28:**

"Go Chargers!"

**SCHOOL SPIRIT/RED, WHITE, & BLUE DAY**

**\*Pep rally in gym (2:15-2:45- dismiss from gym)**

Pep rally for MS students only



# Parenting for a Healthier Tomorrow

## COMMUNITY EVENT



**Community**  
Hospice & Palliative Care®



Speakers from agencies throughout the community will be on site to discuss Health & Wellness, Depression & Anxiety, Grief, Suicide Prevention, Community Health, and School Resources. Tables for each agency will be set up to provide additional information and answer any questions you may have.

**September 20<sup>th</sup>**

**6pm-8pm**

**Liberty Pines  
Academy**

**10901 Russell  
Sampson Rd.  
St. Johns, FL  
32259**

**September 27<sup>th</sup>**

**6pm-8pm**

**Gamble Rogers  
Middle School**

**6250 US- 1  
St. Augustine, FL  
32086**

**Community  
Agencies:**

**Dr. Bhargava, Pediatrician**  
**Community Hospice**  
**DOH- St. Johns County**  
**EPIC**  
**Flagler Hospital**  
**Florida LINC Project**  
**SAYS**  
**SJCSD**  
**SJCSO**  
**SMA**

SATURDAY TECH CLASS AVAILABLE

# Tech Attack Saturday Courses

## NOW OFFERING 1 HOUR SIGN-UPS

**Are you looking for a fun and educational activity for your child on Saturdays?**

Sign them up for Tech Attack Saturday Courses held at Patriot Oaks Academy from 10:00am-12:00pm. The dates for the course are 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29. These courses are taught by Joan Davis, POA technology resource teacher. Students will be learning coding skills. Whether the students are beginners or proficient in coding, they can be successful.

**The cost for one day (2 hours) is \$40.**

**If you pre-reserve a spot for 2 days the cost is \$70.**

**Pre-reserved spots for 3 days cost \$120.**

**The cost for one day (1 hour) is \$20**

**If you pre-reserve a spot for 2 days the cost is \$35**

**Pre-reserved spots for 3 days cost \$50**

**Registration link:**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4daca92ba7f58-september>**

**Or visit <https://techattack18.weebly.com> and click on services**

**Contact Joan Davis with any questions**

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