



## Principal's Post

Dear Patriot Oaks families,

What a wonderful start to our new school year! Students have come with a sense of excitement and wonder for what the year will bring! We are so happy to have everyone back and to have our halls filled with the chatter and laughter of students.

We had elementary grade level assemblies this first week of school to set expectations and celebrate the new year. We reviewed the hallway and cafeteria behavior expectations and talked through each letter of our Good CHARGERS positive behavior system. Students listened well and participated in a dance party as we finished. This is a fun tradition for us the first of each school year. We truly enjoy these assemblies with our elementary school students. They are off to a great start!!

We also had the opportunity to meet with our middle school students during their PE classes this first week to review expectations for dress code, parent pick up in the blue lot, classroom behavior and tardies. The students are getting used to the 7 period day and acclimating well to moving efficiently from class to class in the allotted time. Please see my email with specifics for each of the items reviewed with students. We are so proud of the way our middle school students have started the year. They are adhering to guidelines and doing a great job! Keep it up!

As this new year begins, I want to thank you for your constant support of our school and our staff. We have amazing folks here serving your children and your families. We are blessed to be able to do it. Thank you for trusting us and for supporting us each day. We take the responsibilities that we have very seriously and are committed to your child everyday! Here's to a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Allison Olson

### IN THIS EDITION:

- Important Dates
- Good Chargers

### ***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

August 23: Band Instrument Rental Night 5 pm– 8 pm  
August 27: Grades 1 and 2 Back To School Night 6:30 pm in Café  
August 28: Grades 3 and 4 Back to School Night, 6:30 pm in Café  
August 30: Grades 5 Back to School Night, 6:30 pm in Café  
August 31: PTO Spirit Stick Sale  
September 4: Middle Grades Back to School Night, 6:30 in the Café  
September 11: Patriot Day  
September 14: STEAM Night and Elementary Dance  
September 28: Middle School Back to School Dance



## GOOD CHARGERS

Congratulations to the following good Chargers for the week of August 13th: Ani Abrahamyan, Suhail Akel, Canyon Alvarado, Sophia Califano, Melania Carrigan, Trevor Carter, Addison Chapman, Jace Cobb, Pratibha Dande, Ethan DuBeau, Emily Fell, Emily Geller, Atlas Hilton, Nora Huddleston, Mary Johns, Oliver Kilhoffer, Josh Lewis, Noah Loudy, Jonovan Mack, Wyatt Mitchell, Peyton Murphy, Adalena Novelli, Ava Pafford, Alia Parikh, Mehreesh Shurbreen, Noah Simon, Ian Stewart, Anacamila Tirado, Savannah Tolitsky, Noah Toops, Elijah Trebony, and our Safety Patrol Team.



## SAC COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

We are looking for POA parents to join the School Advisory Council (SAC). The council is dedicated to encouraging partnerships to enhance the education of our students. The meetings will be the last Tuesday of every month. 3:30-4:00pm in the Media Center. Join us! The first meeting is Tuesday, August 28th.

If you have questions contact: [Adrienne.leonard@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Adrienne.leonard@stjohns.k12.fl.us) or [Matthew.duggan@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Matthew.duggan@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

## COUNSELOR CORNER



Here is a great article from the TODAY Parenting Team to read and share with your middle school student.

### **Have a Newly Minted Middle Schooler? 7 Tips To Share With Your Kids**

<http://community.today.com/parentingteam/post/have-a-newly-minted-middle-schooler-7-tips-to-share-with-your-kids>

## CLINIC CORNER



### **SJCSD MEDICATION POLICY**

Florida Statute 1006.062 authorizes school personnel to assist students in the administration of prescription medications. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to administer medications at home prior to or after school hours. The schools do not keep stock medicine in the clinic.

If your child needs medication during school hours, please note the following:

- All medications (prescription and over-the-counter) must have a medication form signed by both the parent/guardian and the physician ordering the medication. **EXCEPTION:** A student at the middle and high school level may carry a non-prescription; non-emergency medication on his/her person while in school with written permission from the parent/guardian. A copy of the signed permission form must accompany the stated medication at all times.
- All medications must be received in the original container with current Rx label including student's name, dosage, frequency of administration, physician's name, and expiration date of medication. Over-the-counter medications must be in the original, unopened container. No medication will be given if presented at school in a plastic bag.
- Medications must be brought to school by parent/guardian. Please do not send any medications with your child in their backpack. Medications may not be brought to school by the student.
- Medication brought to school by a student will be kept in the clinic until a parent/guardian comes to the school with the required paper work. Without the required authorization, the student will not be given the medication during school hours.
- Medications should not be transported between home and school on a daily basis. Separate containers should be kept at home and at school.
- At the end of the school year, parents are responsible for picking up their child's medication.

The St. Johns County School nurses provide a vital service for our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Health Services at 904-547-7693.

## MS VOLLEYBALL TEAM TRYOUTS



### Volleyball Open Gym and Tryouts!

Athletic Liability Waiver Form Required for Open Gym and Tryouts. You can pick this up in the front office, with Coach Bean or in the gym.

Girls Open Gym Monday, August 20th after school until 4:30

Boys Open Gym Tuesday, August 21st after school until 4:30

### Tryouts:

Girls Tryouts Thursday and Friday, August 23 and 24, after school until 4:30

Boys Tryouts Friday, August 24, after school until 4:30.

If needed, coaches will announce additional days.

Meet at the gym and wait for the coaches on your assigned days.

## ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES



At Girls on the Run we inspire girls to recognize their inner strength and celebrate what makes them one of a kind. This after school program is available to girls grades 3rd-5th. Registration will open on August 22. The website is <https://www.gotrnefl.org/>

## ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Tech Attack Saturday Courses



#### When?

9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

#### Where?

Patriot Oaks Academy

#### What?

This is a 2-hour course in which students will have the opportunity to develop and/or improve their technology skills. Each Saturday cost \$40 per student and will be maxed at 20 participants. The focus for September is coding/programing. Activities include coding stories, creating games, using code to solve problems, and programing robots. Regardless of your child's knowledge or comfort level with programing they can be successful in the course.

#### How?

Please visit [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0D4DACA92BA7F58-september](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0D4DACA92BA7F58-september) to reserve your spots. You can sign up for one, two, three, or all four Saturdays. Registration packets and payment information will be emailed once you have reserved a spot.

#### Who?

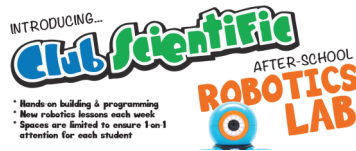
Please contact Joan Davis with any questions  
904-826-9559

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<https://techattack18.weebly.com>

Come join me at Patriot Oaks Academy on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am - 1:00 pm to get a sneak peak of some of the activities students will be doing during the September Saturday courses. Registration and payment will also be accepted during this time.

## ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES



MULTIPLE AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES  
ARE ENROLLING NOW

SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION

CLICK ON "PEACHJAR"  
OR OUR  
"EXTENDED DAY" TAB  
FOR FLYERS, DATES, AND ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

