

Good Morning Chargers!

As we head into the final week of January, we are focused on teaching our students exactly what it means to “Engage with their learning to show responsibility.” On our morning news we have discussed different strategies like setting goals, having grit, and surrounding yourself with people who believe that you will find success. We also know though that, to take care of our children, we need to take care of ourselves as parents and caregivers. We are grateful to each of you and hope that you continue to find the balance you need help our Chargers find success at school.

Come Charge Ahead with Us

C- *Come on time each day, ready to learn.* (August)

H-*Hold tight to kindness and caring.* (September)

A- *Anchor yourself in honesty and fairness.* (October)

R- *Rally around differences- celebrate/respect them.* (November)

G- *Greet each day with a positive attitude.* (December)

E- *Engage with your learning to show responsibility.* This week we are focused on students surrounding themselves with positivity.... BUT... our Chargers don't need to just hear about how great they are; they need to hear how important their work is. This week, talk to your Charger about the work they put in every day, and celebrate the little things they do. You'll be surprised with what you see.

2024-2025 Kindergarten Registration

It's already that time: 2024-2025 Kindergarten Registration opens on March 1st, 2024! More information is forthcoming, but if you or a neighbor have questions, please do not hesitate to share the date.

If you, or anyone you know would like to talk about their rising kindergartener, it's never too early! Please contact Mr. Chiodo directly at the information below if you'd like to schedule a meeting to begin planning for your kiddo's arrival in elementary school.

Middle School Dress Code Reminder

[Please see the attachment here](#) for a reminder of our middle school dress code policies. As the weather has it's ups and downs and we inch closer to beautiful weather, we want to ensure all students continue to come to school prepared to school. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Chiodo directly.

The purpose of our dress code is to help all students be modest and appropriately dressed for school. These guidelines pertain to school and all school sponsored functions, unless otherwise stated. At POA, there is a difference in dress code between elementary and middle school students because elementary students participate in daily PE and recess activities outside in their daily school clothes. Middle school students change clothes for PE and are otherwise, not outside in the heat during the school day. Due to this significant difference, shorts can be shorter than fingertip length for elementary students if they are appropriate and modest.

Kid's Heart Challenge!

Kids Heart Challenge is here! **We need your help to accomplish our goal of having 100% of our families know Hands-Only CPR, and you can help us by registering your child and spreading the word.**

Our goal is to have all students register online and complete Finn's Mission. They'll even earn a free wristband for registering! Plus, the classrooms with the most students registered will win!

Here's how you can help:

- **Register: [Click Here](#)**
- **Complete Finn's Mission:** Watch a 2-minute video to know Hands-Only CPR, spot the warning signs of a stroke and more!
- **Share with friends and family** through social media, text and/or email.

Coach Church and Coach Johns

School Safety & Threat Management Resources

Our first and most critical priority at Patriot Oaks Academy safety of our students. We are proud of the work we do day in and day out to ensure every child is physically, academically, and emotionally safe here on campus. If you ever have a question or concern, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Chiodo directly at the contact information below.

The state of Florida and the SJCS D have developed intentional protocols and resources for if and when a perceived threat is made. It is our commitment to you, and your children, to follow these protocols with absolute fidelity. Please [click here for details and again](#), please reach out if there is anything you need.

PTO Spotlight (patriotoakspto@gmail.com):

Feb 2 - Spirit Stick Sale

K, 1st, and Access classes will have the opportunity to shop after morning announcements, while grades 2nd-8th can shop during lunch. All Spirit Sticks are \$1, and POA keychains are \$5. For younger shoppers, we find it helpful to send cash in a labeled Ziploc bag. We appreciate dollar bills and avoiding coins, to help the lines move faster. As always we depend on our amazing volunteers to make this a success, please see the SignUp link below if you are able to help out! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4BACAE2CA5FD0-47422185-spirit#/>

Feb 6 (10:30am-8:30pm) - SoFresh Spirit Night

Enjoy a spirit night at SoFresh in Durbin Pavillion on Feb 6. [Mention POA](#) and our school receives 20% back! View the menu here: <https://lovesofresh.com/>

Feb 21 (8:30 am) - 8th grade class photo

Class shirts were distributed to 8th graders during lunch this past Friday, Jan. 26. If your student was absent they will be sent home with homeroom teachers this week. Please remember to wear your class shirt on Feb. 21!

Feb 27 (5:30-7:30) Chargers Charity event

Look for more details in the Feb PTO newsletter and by email for this second annual charity event. We will be collecting a variety of donations to support youths in need in our own county. We look forward to a fun evening of Charger community spirit, where we will pack donation bags, take part in other charity activities and also connect with our local Business Partners, who are so generously supporting our school.

Week at a Glance, Week of January 29th:

- *Tuesday, January 30th:*
 - SAC Meeting 3:30-4:15 in the Media Center
 - POA Basketball away at MCA

- *Wednesday, January 31st:*
 - Last day for rising Ninth Grade Academy Applications

- *Thursday, February 1st:*
 - Home Basketball versus LPA
 - Teacher of the Year Banquet at WGV

- *Friday, February 2nd:*
 - Spirit Stick Sales!

That's all for now Chargers. Work Hard. Learn Something. Be Kind.

Respectfully,

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