

February 18th, 2024

Good Morning Chargers!

As we continue to celebrate Black History Month, we wanted to pause and express our heartfelt gratitude for our families and students for their commitment to celebrating the diversity of students and staff here at Patriot Oaks Academy. We must recognize, as a community, that to rise above any fear, anger, or even hate, we must choose to be kind. This week, Chargers, choose kindness with your words, actions, and thoughts. Recognize that the words you say have meaning, regardless of your intent, and chose to be the good change you wish to see in the world.

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.* (January)

R- *Reflect on learning opportunities to build trustworthiness.* This week we will talk to our Chargers about the definition of the word “consequence.” This means the results of our actions... every time we do something good, or bad, there is a result. All of us make mistakes. Some of the mistakes we make are small and come with small consequences; other mistakes are big, and the consequences can be serious.... Take the time this week to talk to your Charger about what lessons have been learned (big or small) so far this year; and by reflecting on these learning opportunities, we will continue to build trustworthiness.

2023-2024 SAC Survey is now Open!

Please click here to complete the [2023-2024 School Advisory Counsel \(SAC\) survey!](#) This survey is completely anonymous and helps us begin planning for next school year. Your feedback helped create our school goals and develop our programming and allocation of resources. Please complete the survey (just one per family) before March 31, 2024!

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.

Updated Zoning Locator

With the recent rezoning in our area we have fielded many questions on which neighborhoods have been impacted. [POA has not been impacted by rezoning, but we wanted to provide the updated SJCS D Zoning locator here for your family and friend's reference.](#) Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions!

Middle School Dress Code Reminder

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.

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

The 8th grade class photo is this week! Please remember to wear your class shirt on Feb. 21.

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

We are excited to announce our second annual Chargers Charity event! We will be collecting a variety of donations to support youths in need in our own county the week of Feb. 20-27. **You may drop donation items throughout the week, or bring them to the event on Feb. 27.** Look for drop boxes in carlines and the front office. In order to spread the donations out, we have outlined items by grade which you can view here: <https://www.patriotoakspto.org/>. All items must be nut free.

Join us Feb. 27 for 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. Families should plan to drop in anytime on Feb. 27 from 5:30-7:30 pm to help pack supplies. Please consider volunteering to help that evening. It's a great opportunity for teens to earn service hours, and adults are needed as well. Sign

up here: www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4BACAE2CA5FD0-47859981-chargers#/

Week at a Glance, Week of February 19th:

- *Monday, February 19th:*
 - No School- President's Day

- *Wednesday, February 21st:*
 - 8th Grade Pano Picture
 - MS Character Chats
 - Elementary Honor Choir @ St. Augustine
 - Basketball @ VRA (Make-Up)

- *Thursday, February 22nd:*
 - MS Course Recs and Elective Forms go home to families
 - Basketball: POA v. VRA home game (8th Grade Night)

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

Respectfully,

Drew Chiodo, Principal

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