

Good Morning Chargers!

OUR POA STAFF ROCKS! It is Staff Appreciation Week, and we couldn't be more grateful for our wonderful teachers, paras, clerks, front office workers, food service team, maintenance crew, and countless other who make our student's experience here at POA a special one. [Please click here to see all the incredible ways you can support our staff!](#)

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.* (February)

S- *Strive to do your best so you can grow.* This week, we shared the wise words of Plato: "The direction in which education starts a person will determine his or her future life." We are challenging our Chargers this week to decide where they want to head in life... ask your Charger if they are headed in the right direction with their schoolwork: are they getting the job done by doing their best? If Plato is right- and our students do their best in school every day- then they are deciding to have a happier and more successful tomorrow!

New Website and Digital Absence & Change in Dismissal Forms

We have redesigned our website with a modern look. [Please click here to check it out now!](#)

We are also "beta testing" a [Digital Absence & Change in Dismissal Form; please click here to submit yours now.](#) Please know that hard copies will continue to be accepted for the remainder of the school year. We appreciate your support as we try to go fully digital!

2024-2025 Kindergarten & New Family Registration is now Open!

New Student and Kindergarten Registration is now Open! [Please click here to register your new student today.](#) New Kindergarten families will receive a special email follow-up once registration is complete.

Attention 8th Graders! Creekside Registration is on Monday & Tuesday!

Creekside School Counselors will be here at POA on Monday and Tuesday, March 4th and 5th to meet with rising 9th grade students for their registration meetings. Students will meet with a counselor during their Civics class period (Craven on Monday, McCullough on Tuesday). Specific meeting times are not available for communication, as the meetings run through one after another, in a quick fashion, in order to get all students registered. Also for this reason, parents are not invited to join in on these meetings, but students may contact their parent with their cellphone, to join in on the conference. Students may make changes to their requests after their meeting by emailing their Creekside School Counselor through May 24th. Teacher recommendation forms and elective ranking sheets that were turned in to Civics teachers this week will be disseminated back to students for their registration meetings.

Rising 9th graders attending other high schools will have their registration meetings on various other dates through March. Those dates have been communicated to those students specifically.

School Safety Reminder & Updates

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 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.

Elementary Field Day- Friday, March 8th

Our annual Field Day is Friday, March 8th! We are always in need of parent volunteers and if you are willing and able, [please click here to sign up to help](#).

Middle School Day of Service- Thursday, March 7th

We are excited to announce that on Thursday, March 7th during PE classes, every middle school student will participate in a Day of Service through the “Kids Against Hunger” program where we will package 25,000 meals for refugees and families impacted by the War in the Ukraine. This phenomenal opportunity would not have been possible without the support of Ms. Renata Russell (our Creative Arts teacher), The Players Championship, and the Jim Furyk foundation!

Final Yearbook Sales!

Deadline to order a Yearbook is March 15th! <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/>

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.

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!

PTO Spotlight (patriotoakspto@gmail.com):

Staff Appreciation Week Starts Monday (March 4-8)

Our staff ROCKS! We are excited to show our entire staff how wonderful they are! As a PTO we provide themes/gift ideas for each day next week. While they are not required, many families find them helpful. You can view them [HERE](#). We celebrate and show appreciation to our full staff - teachers, admin, extended day, resource teachers, maintenance, and MORE!

If you need ideas on staff favorites, you can view them [HERE](#). Let's show our staff how amazing they are.

Night of the Arts (March 25, 6:00-8:00 pm).

This event will celebrate the creativity of our student artists and will include performances from the POA Elementary Chorus and MS Jazz Band, displayed art from all POA elementary students and MS art students, book fair shopping opportunity in the Media Center, plus interactive, hands-on creative activities for families to complete and enjoy together. We ask for a donation of \$10/family for this event. All funds raised will go directly to POA resources/electives. Families may drop in at any time during their selected signup time. RSVP is required for capacity purposes at this [SUG link](#). We will also need volunteers and have several opportunities for teens to earn hours - click [here](#) to sign up.

Week at a Glance, STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK!

- Monday, March 4th:
 - **"True Colors"** Students will wear their teacher's favorite color!
 - Creekside Registration
- Tuesday, March 5th:
 - **"I Want Candy"** Students will bring in teacher's favorite treat or snack!
 - Creekside Registration

- POA Band at MPA
- Wednesday, March 6th:
 - "Be True to Your School" Students and families will purchase items off staff's wish lists!
 - School Social Worker Appreciation Day!
- Thursday, March 7th:
 - "I Saw the Sign"- Students will bring in cards, notes, and signs for their rock star teachers!
 - Middle School Day of Service: Kids Against Hunger during PE classes
 - Nease Registration Day
- Friday, March 8th:
 - "Tell Me What you Want- What you really really want"- Extra gifts cards for teachers and staff provided by families
 - Elementary Field Day
 - Last Day before Spring Break!

Looking Ahead, Week of March 11th:

- Spring Break: POA will be open Monday- Thursday during our regular operation hours.

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

Respectfully,

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