Good Morning Chargers!

This week we celebrate our middle school Chargers who are being inducted into the 2024 class of the National Junior Honors Society!  President Abraham Lincoln once said: “The best way to predict the future is to create it.” Our future is your future.  Our progress is your progress. The only thing in your way is what you allow to stay in your way.  Be bold.  Be brave.  Try.  Do good. And in all things:  work learn, lean something, be kind.  Congratulations to all our new and current NJHS students!

This week has a lot of information as we prepare for the end of this school year and for next year, including a special programming announcement for our Middle School Elective Programming!  Make it a great week everyone!

**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 (March).

**!-** All Pillars of Come Charge Ahead with Us (April)- This week we talked about what it means to be a person of Character:  it means to be a person who is respected for their honesty and their strengths to make the right choices.  Character isn’t inherited.  One builds it daily by the way one thinks and acts, thought by thought, action by action.

**April & May “Testing” Season**

There are many big dates in front of us as we head into this time of the year, so please take some time to review the information below and [check out our website for up to date information including all our testing and end of the year dates!](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FeaRFuORIDUbsMSYfcWnc4g~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRoCDL7P0QiaHR0cHM6Ly93d3ctcG9hLnN0am9obnMuazEyLmZsLnVzL1cHc2Nob29sbUIKZh97_yZm-gsRP1IgTGVpZ2guU2Nob3Vlc3RAc3Rqb2hucy5rMTIuZmwudXNYBAAAAAE~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7Cbd61c4dd9e934f0d744b08dc632b9670%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638494286065720329%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=xjg0RxZ0xqNoVN5ytGWEhSom7qbgETqXKSDzH3UAjyQ%3D&reserved=0)

We are also always looking for proctors!  If you are willing and available, please [click here to sign up to support](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FIYjWv1yiIJCtehdH6-lEew~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRoCDL7P0QdaHR0cHM6Ly9zaWdudXAuY29tL2dvL09vak9RelBXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmYfe_8mZvoLET9SIExlaWdoLlNjaG91ZXN0QHN0am9obnMuazEyLmZsLnVzWAQAAAAB&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7Cbd61c4dd9e934f0d744b08dc632b9670%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638494286065730333%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=flLpmMK%2B4eu9k29cwQjrMBxW7WThlw7hcntlCk8dTXs%3D&reserved=0) us now!

**Parent Teacher Input Form 2024-2025**

We spend a lot of time creating elementary classes & middle school master schedules for our students. We truly believe that finding that right match and creating the opportunity for a solid relationship between a student and a teacher is the basis for a successful school year. We want you to know that throughout the process, we discuss each child individually and strive to make that best match. We cannot promise that we do not make any mistakes, but we do want you to know that many hours are spent on this process and we do our very best for each of your children.   
  
Please know, we do not take teacher requests. However, if you would like the opportunity to share your child’s specific needs and the type of teacher that you feel they need, please complete this form by the last day of school, Friday, May 24th.   
  
We welcome your thoughts and respect that you know your child best. If you have multiple children, please fill out this form for each student.

[Please click here to provide your input for your student’s 2024-2025 teacher!](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FR7crJ7rwChkqxu32Oy6Z8g~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRoCDL7P0SEaHR0cHM6Ly9mb3Jtcy5vZmZpY2UuY29tL1BhZ2VzL1Jlc3BvbnNlUGFnZS5hc3B4P2lkPVY5Q3pzeEw4UDAtUzlISy1ib1JEVWZ4bFcxbm80VnRDbHRCcklSQ0IyMEZVT1ZwVFRWWlNOVFJMUkZGYU1sTXdTbFpNVjFJNFdqRktXUzR1VwdzY2hvb2xtQgpmH3v_Jmb6CxE_UiBMZWlnaC5TY2hvdWVzdEBzdGpvaG5zLmsxMi5mbC51c1gEAAAAAQ~~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7Cbd61c4dd9e934f0d744b08dc632b9670%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638494286065737367%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=S1dFRSHdbXaG%2BsgEi%2FA2Lc%2FeMf%2BN89TYh7bMMP2tdro%3D&reserved=0)

**Fifth & Eighth Grade End of the Year Ceremony Save the Date!**  
Our 8th Grade End of the Year Ceremony will be on Thursday, May 23rd at 4:00 in the gym.  Our Fifth Grade End of Year Ceremony will be on Friday, May 24th at 9:00, also in the gym.  Details will come out in May, but please mark your calendars now!

**Attention Rising 6th Graders: Charge Ahead Camp is for you!**

Please save the date for Tuesday, July 23rd for our 2024 Charge Ahead Camp!  [Click here for details!](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2F_XvW1HHYgZAe7YQO3JhglA~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRoCDL7P0R1aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNvbS9tLz9zPUtEVWRHbi1mNUxvJm1hbD01YmI0NTA2NGQwYzM3ZDBhMDQ0NDQ0ZDViZTE0Y2E3Y2ZkODE2N2NhZWI1NmZmMTdlNDViYTU5ZGY4MWNiYTI3VwdzY2hvb2xtQgpmH3v_Jmb6CxE_UiBMZWlnaC5TY2hvdWVzdEBzdGpvaG5zLmsxMi5mbC51c1gEAAAAAQ~~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7Cbd61c4dd9e934f0d744b08dc632b9670%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638494286065744647%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=EVmgDes6NTsyHH4fAvA9deJSCdMsK7Vdh3QBqGjeXPE%3D&reserved=0)

**Announcement:  Middle School Drama & Chorus is here for the 24-25SY!**

We are excited to announce that we are officially starting a Drama & Chorus program here at Patriot Oaks Academy!  We are in the early stages of building the program and are currently interviewing candidates for this role… we are taking our time to find the right person for our children and our teams, and we will communicate once a hire has been made!

**Gifted Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Reminder**

The next Gifted Parent Advisory Committee meeting will be held at St. Augustine High School on Tuesday, April 23rd from 6:30-8:00 pm.  [Please click here for more details.](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2F9pa8hVrCT3kWqnhGfrXGBQ~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRoCDL7P0R1aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNvbS9tLz9zPUtEVWRHbi1mNUxvJm1hbD0yNTczYzc2OGNmNzJkYjliMTYyNjY1ZTA0Yjk1MjBkZDViNGI4Yjg4YTM4ZDRmZGY1OGU2Yzg2YTBhZWQyNTZkVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpmH3v_Jmb6CxE_UiBMZWlnaC5TY2hvdWVzdEBzdGpvaG5zLmsxMi5mbC51c1gEAAAAAQ~~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7Cbd61c4dd9e934f0d744b08dc632b9670%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638494286065751818%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=SjTNghChjahlNiWcSBbldMqmJE4UYgMBnO6iXfg1v14%3D&reserved=0)

**SJCSD Recruitment Fair is this Saturday, April 27th!**

Do you, or anyone you know, wish to join the growing SJCSD teaching community?! Did you know that the SJCSD is the largest single employer in the entire county?  We may be biased here at Patriot Oaks, but there is no better place to work in the whole world.  [Click here to see the flier](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FqjS3lraZc-QzNJwiZBu50g~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRoCDL7P0R1aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNvbS9tLz9zPUtEVWRHbi1mNUxvJm1hbD1kYjdiMTk3ZWRkODVhZDZmOGY5YmIzZjk2OGFiNzRjOWIxNmU3NzZiOGUxZjAzOGMxMmI3MThmZTg4NDhlMjY4VwdzY2hvb2xtQgpmH3v_Jmb6CxE_UiBMZWlnaC5TY2hvdWVzdEBzdGpvaG5zLmsxMi5mbC51c1gEAAAAAQ~~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7Cbd61c4dd9e934f0d744b08dc632b9670%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638494286065759005%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=YaZ0B5yWiMdL3NziWJL67M9J99PKRIFOPrpKmAnpUwM%3D&reserved=0)  for this upcoming event, and [click here if you are interested in other opportunities!](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FDbE4blMrxhRWWtXNxaM3SA~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRoCDL7P0QjaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuc3Rqb2hucy5rMTIuZmwudXMvam9icy9XB3NjaG9vbG1CCmYfe_8mZvoLET9SIExlaWdoLlNjaG91ZXN0QHN0am9obnMuazEyLmZsLnVzWAQAAAAB&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7Cbd61c4dd9e934f0d744b08dc632b9670%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638494286065766175%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Uit2Xe2RBdD%2FQhGw1WqMKCPYQTbp7Bfjcl4RHfjjR4g%3D&reserved=0)

**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](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2F0r6ikvEtkSDs_k5RGImfgg~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRoCDL7P0Q0aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuc3Rqb2hucy5rMTIuZmwudXMvc3NzL3RocmVhdC1tYW5hZ2VtZW50L1cHc2Nob29sbUIKZh97_yZm-gsRP1IgTGVpZ2guU2Nob3Vlc3RAc3Rqb2hucy5rMTIuZmwudXNYBAAAAAE~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7Cbd61c4dd9e934f0d744b08dc632b9670%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638494286065773102%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=MBH9EL2u0WLZqQKT541x4QD%2Buk%2FigMFLKGvPyEHN8Mc%3D&reserved=0), please reach out if there is anything you need.

**2024-2025 MS Cell Phone Policy**

The State of Florida [has revised legislation related to student use of cell phones during the school day](chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https:/www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2023/379/Analyses/h0379z.CIS.PDF). Please know that for the 2024-2025 school year, POA will have a revised cell phone policy that will be in full compliance with the state legislation. We recognize that this will require changes in behavior for our students and families, and we will continue to communicate polices as they ready for release.

**PTO Spotlight (**[patriotoakspto@gmail.com](mailto:patriotoakspto@gmail.com)**)**:

**School Supply Kits: Pre-order kits now!**

As we near the end of this school year, it's time to start thinking about next year! Did you know you can support POA by purchasing your supply kits for next year? Our school receives a percent back on each kit sold. Each grade level kit includes the supplies that our school has requested for next year and the kits ship directly to your home before school starts. The deadline to order is July 1. Pre-order your kits at this [LINK](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FVx5rx-EfAij_QFhlBtUB3Q~~%2FAAAAAQA~%_8mZvoLET9SIExlaWdoLlNjaG91ZXN0QHN0am9obnMuazEyLmZsLnVzWAQAAAAB&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7Cbd61c4dd9e934f0d744b08dc632b9670%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638494286065780143%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=5lW0mzfVTAyl10z5Rskr225Gr1YzBi0HGcd%2FX62fOrk%3D&reserved=0) before July 1. This is optional, as families always have the choice to purchase their own supplies. You can find the supply lists for next year on the POA website ([LINK](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2Fjlu1EONt3GulVxRDA_eCSw~~%2FAAAAAQA~%_yZm-gsRP1IgTGVpZ2guU2Nob3Vlc3RAc3Rqb2hucy5rMTIuZmwudXNYBAAAAAE~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7Cbd61c4dd9e934f0d744b08dc632b9670%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638494286065788153%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=tWuwY4Hv%2BouYE%2FvupV6dN75N6gaW%2BYtkOpDr9r4rYG0%3D&reserved=0)).

**April 26 - Last Spirit Stick Sale this year**

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/10C0A4BACAE2CA5FD0-49183407-april](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2F7ZFPrdMJnJ8AmJvmgZH5Iw~~%2FAAAAAQA~%_yZm-gsRP1IgTGVpZ2guU2Nob3Vlc3RAc3Rqb2hucy5rMTIuZmwudXNYBAAAAAE~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7Cbd61c4dd9e934f0d744b08dc632b9670%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638494286065796094%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=gFO9%2BoAiXf13b0ZkmSN0vx5uoB37FRsypSp65%2BH2K4c%3D&reserved=0)

**5th and 8th grade yard signs**

Congratulations on your upcoming 5th or 8th grade milestone! It's certainly an accomplishment and something we celebrate! PTO has purchased yard signs for each student in Grade 5 and Grade 8 to celebrate the promotion to middle school or high school! One sign is provided per student. Look for more details in May on how to pick up.

As always, please check out our [PTO website](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2Fmrv_J3PAz0lDV63GDILpTA~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRoCDL7P0QjaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cucGF0cmlvdG9ha3NwdG8ub3JnL2hvbWVXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmYfe_8mZvoLET9SIExlaWdoLlNjaG91ZXN0QHN0am9obnMuazEyLmZsLnVzWAQAAAAB&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7Cbd61c4dd9e934f0d744b08dc632b9670%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638494286065804100%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=QsBeGvaib7hh96DIpSSh67WkXR3iKZPtyVNI7lrfk9s%3D&reserved=0) for the most up to date information.

**Week at a Glance, Week of April 22nd:**

* Monday, April 22:
  + Wear Green for Earth Day!
  + Administrative Professionals Week!
  + Kindie STAR Reading
  + PTO General Meeting in Café 9-10 am

* Tuesday, April 23:
  + Kindie STAR Reading
  + NJHS Induction 6:30-7:30 in the Cafe

* Wednesday, April 24:
  + School Secretary Day!
  + Kindie STAR Reading
  + MS Character Chats

* Thursday, April 25:
  + Kindie STAR Reading
  + Spirit Stick Sales
  + American Youth Character Awards

* Friday, April 26:
  + Make-Up Testing Day

On a personal note, my wife and I welcomed our baby daughter, Annie Lois Chiodo this past Saturday and we couldn't be more thrilled!  I will be off campus until Monday, May 6th and will follow up with any calls/emails upon my return.  Our incredible team is prepared and here to continue supporting your children while I'm away. That’s all for now Chargers.  Work Hard. Learn Something. Be Kind.

Respectfully,

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