September 1, 2024

Good Morning Chargers!

And just like that, we are in September!  It has been a phenomenal start to the school year and, even so, we hope you all are taking this extra day as an opportunity for rest and time with loved ones.  It’s going to be an exciting month with a LOT happening, so please stay tuned to our weekly updates and, as always, please do not hesitate to reach out if there is ever anything you need.

**Come Charge Ahead with Us**

**C –** *“Come on time, each day, ready to learn!”* (August)

**H-** *“Hold tight to kindness and caring.”* Instead of asking “how was your day,” try to reframe the conversation with “Tell me something good.”  There is neuroscience behind engaging your student with positive conversations as a direction versus a question… you’ll be amazed and what your Charger shares with you.  Give it a try and “tell me something good!”

**Len Mattiace “Stop the Bullying” Campaign**

The St. Johns County School District is partnering with the Len Mattiace Foundation for the fall semester of the Stop the Bullying Campaign Contest. His foundation promotes bullying awareness and creates a safe environment for our youth in NE Florida. Compassion, inclusion, and kindness are the pillars of his foundation. Former Nease High School graduate Len Mattiace plays the PGA TOUR as a golfer. It is our third year partnering with Len Mattiace's foundation. There have been over 230 entries submitted so far. A total of 170 of the 230 entries entered the contest last spring. The increase in entries made Len and his foundation extremely happy. It would be great to see this number grow and to have students from all our middle schools participate.

[Please click here for more information and to submit your entry today!](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2F31qsCsy_f5iYyNdpVFZa1Q~~%2FAAAAAQA~%2FRgRotacKP0R1aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNvbS9tLz9zPWlvNmxQYll4LXdNJm1hbD00ZWIzNmVhZWFlODg2YmUyNGFiMjBhYThhMmJhNDQzYWI2YzRiODJmNGU5Y2Q1MTQ3ODY0MTBlNjM1NTkxNjczVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpmz4pz1GYVZxSqUiBMZWlnaC5TY2hvdWVzdEBzdGpvaG5zLmsxMi5mbC51c1gEAAAAAQ~~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C9bc3e0aa7b874a419d1308dcca8e77cc%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638607960483068721%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=cXI9Pd2ViFSsO%2FlIeWW18h3ZkEKaRNab6U%2F9HACFavA%3D&reserved=0)

**Our 2024-2025 College & Career Night is this Week!**

We are pleased to announce that the annual SJCSD College and Career Night is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4th, from 6:00PM-7:30PM at the World Golf Village Renaissance.

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

**PTO MEMBERSHIP: FINAL REMINDER:** Our 2024-2025 PTO Membership Drive is OPEN! Membership is easiest to join online – please visit our website [www.patriotoakspto.org](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2Fb1gYYQaUSKyPK3W7wV3wyQ~~%2FAAAAAQA~%&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C9bc3e0aa7b874a419d1308dcca8e77cc%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638607960483080780%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Z795VwhPDBQfT5X6p%2FPboem2CVTTi%2FBkcsxmIfWvgvs%3D&reserved=0) to join.  Be sure to join for early access to volunteer opportunities, discounts on spirit wear, and more!

Please be sure to visit our website [www.patriotoakspto.org](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FxBs06SNbmk7cj1bbw41dLw~~%2FAAAAAQA~%~~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C9bc3e0aa7b874a419d1308dcca8e77cc%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638607960483089933%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=WxTHVhvNeg5nemRS1s5DlhLDrwbXV%2FIL4WrumLC2sno%3D&reserved=0) for links to sign ups for upcoming events, sign ups for volunteer events and much more!  We also encourage you to visit and like our PTO Facebook page for timely updates and information!

**BUSINESS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION:**

Be sure to check out our 2024-2025 Business Partners in Education! These companies, many are family owned right here in our neighborhood, have partnered with our school to enhance the lives of all our POA students.  Read through this [e-newsletter](applewebdata://DA52FC67-3026-47B1-8242-24B58A7DD047/BP%20E-newsletter%202024-2025.pdf) to take advantage of special offers and opportunities for all our POA families!

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

***Thursday, August 29, 5:30-7:00pm***  Chargers Create Night

Sign ups for this event are currently closed but we are still in need of volunteers for this event – teen volunteers are welcome!

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4BACAE2CA5FD0-50712925-k2chargers](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FvCvhIPd0TX5R8kcdTBTdoA~~%2FAAAAAQA~%&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C9bc3e0aa7b874a419d1308dcca8e77cc%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638607960483098698%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=YTLmfuCZtKmUX6yAdEVo5mYRVCjKIBCBFyWOqm2dQ7c%3D&reserved=0)

***Friday, September 6, 5:00-7:00pm***  K-5 Skate Night is coming!!

Join us at Skate Station in Mandarin for a fun night with friends! Come dressed as your favorite pop star or rock n roll legend! Cost is $8 per person + tax (includes entry & skate rental)

Please be sure to sign up below:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4BACAE2CA5FD0-50712926-k5skate](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FfAJCpoD1IZH6J1zIDgIIrA~~%2FAAAAAQA~%&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C9bc3e0aa7b874a419d1308dcca8e77cc%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638607960483107756%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=JirI9DPMOGneac0S2iPulB96iJz4kEiq5BnL9XxsPD8%3D&reserved=0)

***Friday, September 13, 6:00-800pm, Save the Date*** MS Dance – Neon Nights

Middle Schoolers - It’s time to dance and party at our Neon Nights! Dance will be held at POA.

Tickets are $10 and will be on sale during MS lunch 9/9-9/12.  Cash only!

We will need volunteers to help us before, during, and after the dance! Teen volunteers welcome for setup and breakdown (see details in sign up link).

Please be sure to sign up below:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4BACAE2CA5FD0-50936741-volunteers](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2Fr6SbzEWj_XnjlXKhAHtZTQ~~%2FAAAAAQA~%-Kc9RmFWcUqlIgTGVpZ2guU2Nob3Vlc3RAc3Rqb2hucy5rMTIuZmwudXNYBAAAAAE~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C9bc3e0aa7b874a419d1308dcca8e77cc%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638607960483116543%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=r6HCOuQsCXDWRIzX66oVH1YfkKW68Gfzo%2Bj%2FfH1%2FAok%3D&reserved=0)

**Week at a Glance, Week of September 2nd:**

*Monday, September 2nd:*

* + Labor Day- No School

*Tuesday, September 3:*

* + 6th Grade ELA Fast
  + VBall Practice

*Wednesday, September 4:*

* + Make-up Testing
  + VBall Practice
  + Blue Chip BBall after School

*Thursday, September 5th:*

* + 7th Grade FAST ELA
  + VBall Practice

*Friday, September 6th:*

* + Kickoff to Fall!! Wear Your favorite team jersey!
  + CHS Drumline at the flagpole, please come by and say hey!
  + 8th Grade FAST ELA
  + VBall Practice after school

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

Respectfully,

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