February 16, 2025

Good morning Chargers,

Our 8th Graders had a phenomenal experience in Washington D.C. this week and, among all the phenomenal things we saw and experienced, a quote stuck with me that reminded me about how special our POA Community is:

*“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader.” ~* John Quincy Adams

Your actions inspire our children to dream.  Your actions inspire our community to learn and grow together.  Your actions inspire us to learn from each other, every day.  Your actions inspire our community to become more.  Thank you for choosing to lead every day.

**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 and celebrate 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.”* Trust the process.  Slow down this week, reflect on what has worked for you this year, and what needs improvement:  reflect on what you’ve learned and trust your process.

**Rising Middle School Courses**

This past week, your student received their Core Course Recommendations, along with a colored Elective Request Sheet for the 2025-2026 school year. Please review this information with your child and have them return it to their HOMEROOM teacher with a parent signature no later than **Tuesday, February 18, 2025.**

Please note that core course recommendations are made on an individual student basis, with consideration of the *whole child* in mind. This includes St. Johns County School District guidelines for class grades and standardized test scores, as well as what your student’s teacher observes of their learning style in the classroom.

[*For core course recommendation review requests, students may complete the Request for Course Recommendation Review form on the Resources for Students webpage of the Patriot Oaks Academy website. The deadline to submit a review request is Friday, February 28, 2025.*](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2F_a3bKjeCmbqMP61Z38HFaQ~~%2FAAAAARA~%2FyaZzM5-tXPd0AtghNJDzT4gzKUQspC9EfjJ2k_hGe5Q01PqorX3DEULgYPK6jhC_VBejhmN1ZUGy3GcxUS0QqrZMVzMs93kDsItz_Dc9CUReUnYXqcosPjEPz1gIYT_J8XWROCLraLZZ6JBbarG3v96QlGYtLsfsUSLHxSK-Qgi_BnVobeoAHM4jNHVPrDjAr3Eoj5ZE7etjosWmuS_Giw~~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C57e0983831f245f0e5ba08dd4e9aa8c0%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638753148407438551%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=jZkI7sbzsq%2FqWLEhrCRLeIEJBO4SDjTc581Kca49J3w%3D&reserved=0)

Please also note that some elective courses are by teacher recommendation only. Students have the opportunity to elect interest in these courses, but final placement will be determined by teachers. All other elective placements will be made by a lottery system, and it is crucial that **all** elective options are ranked in order of desire. Top choice elective requests cannot be guaranteed, but we do our best to have every middle school student placed in at least one of their top three elective requests.

**Knight at the Castle for Rising CHS 9th Graders**

[For all the important information and dates for students headed to CHS, please click here!](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FuK7QuwyGUKeZqtPGZEViiA~~%2FAAAAARA~%2FpCqBe1pSfq9MLnE3-V10HUasRN3wvMGwbWw5kuI7Vmyz7bhucvCbFQUIXt1a0D9J9ISP2Vu09pfPkjqd6-W6qHLEIgqRPyXNVfAK4_VgPTmehxx06o8VxMc1OSTifRE4UBC0w8ojQLWZRiDfjGteYLoCWfYt8F1FCwH-D96wRtDbUJQ40wwiKiRNNFSE1r9wE3GxMYLJuH3F1Ya8RJCO349w9LJGLTkqTZdSRdMD65r7pU8rx7xakX_28wBqjP1t&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C57e0983831f245f0e5ba08dd4e9aa8c0%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638753148407457888%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=NC7x55cbnTVNsFiPLY6puo4CTiGp%2FKZRdV6hj6%2Ba%2FOI%3D&reserved=0)



**Awesome resources for families!!**

Did you know that you can access free, district vetted, and school approved resources and curriculum on our school website?!

[Free District Tutoring Services](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2Fn2I1vbDt6GAS3O6DccDJ7Q~~%2FAAAAARA~%2FQdsEo-SryA0i0jK8-5qNpnxNTm-FTWuzyOLc9Joqtsc3TSLInKsKBaf9qo9rT9fWIsQ6FGbUl9Lu_0Gz-O0g91tGJr1UXAGvz4GqiFIfNPOj-GFsUp7-BL4M5zMteRxDDXYKiwvkrtTlCSOSAiSFDY3nDLuPrvPME7W4saJ7OLSZOMUApVdOPn721L6Z5A84&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C57e0983831f245f0e5ba08dd4e9aa8c0%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638753148407472390%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=F52HP3muo7bJVbkdDYqfZv731lCOEdEZQYR3WoMowtE%3D&reserved=0)

[Year- at-a- Glance Pacing Guides for all courses & grades](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2F6rOI00FgzIGZsx7QbeZ8AA~~%2FAAAAARA~%2FpOgQN-_wimt0F1xDka2mLWx3G0V9CPnbpMrTg11R-Unr9yFRvNjJ2v3FpqSmJq8_zuogUAMwnqCe5y7rzKjJFNm6BN7IjV-cCZ0MEqHXPnkQEPxRH_rUtPahf69w0nWJ9xSoi2KzpNGtvJBuAph7YespXf4SAkrJbpMfQt0Wtpg~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C57e0983831f245f0e5ba08dd4e9aa8c0%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638753148407486661%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=nYBNnGV%2FSq0aLfKJEEsRx2Kl2%2BsWTgJKyREOXfpBfrg%3D&reserved=0)

[Parent Resource Guide](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2F8fE9E9Va5u3FPxICge8BUQ~~%2FAAAAARA~%2Fs_FYx9FY2_tZl-tIhr7Ij29UCHJTKSl2ZDyRPl_RCWWrfgiolWPTvLvXkQHuKkkM-d8ZxvVRoaWw10bzfuv3pa-9-yzaT9T0GXU7oRRFEv61nP4yO2Q_xCDooAdLTkmfiiegl7wUrCsdVWDFVw0ZEjV8y90lgRfVQb41pqu-9t4~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C57e0983831f245f0e5ba08dd4e9aa8c0%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638753148407500980%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=elUtgVZoOHpj9uXBEZsXqXVFtVznB6ud7hns0jXM0KY%3D&reserved=0)

Grading Policy

[Schoology for Parents](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FQOBoVyvOCVyj_QUtIEJfag~~%2FAAAAARA~%2FXgDzD30bxfz0dObNeq0T1bY9pLNPVDXa1l9l4GqfD3fmjLU6hSpoLk4AgXjVqyihra3ZXAcfMQOzPbZgXl7cHLsiZI76M8vdbJb7R4bhFX7dTstkiGHbbY82SYP53vcnGEuFnr0_yBFXlGEw2GA8iObh2J888HzQShe_mRQ8qq50UppcSyCedz6rcu0q35JU&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C57e0983831f245f0e5ba08dd4e9aa8c0%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638753148407515273%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=I%2FLI1gHRdJX1rcnkTPqlR09DbFTZ13%2FqnBPgjsLSA6U%3D&reserved=0)

**A Note from our PTO (****patriooakspto@gmail.com****)**

**February 21 – Spirit Swag Sale**

Our next Spirit Swag sale will take place on February 21.  Spirit stickers, charms and spirit sticks will all be sold.  Cash only.

**Feb 24-28 Chargers Charity - Building Character through Helping Others**

During the week of Feb 24 - Feb 28, PTO will host our annual Patriot Oaks Academy Family Service Project. We are partnering with St. Johns Cares ([https://www.stjohnscares.org/](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FeWqsMeWfzZtyu6sy58uTCQ~~%2FAAAAARA~%2FybYPzMQCRt38BtuayLQgk9FsJUaVsN16EY72FrKGguNrQrxxW_OhjYx2JRkHTP0GdvR2T-gjtKM9vcfPv6dt39XIPdK-zfwnBX8Xb9SgOjtITveELwkAyEIZdYzMy7JrcioIV2i5GzVYlGjwdGswpanRHEEZwLpfzy-QyYQ2WObI6XyS1OxOaIKI9r6J-RsSyWA_aZv5c-TFlySmOrhHuBCEImMhBBsLPb0gfjna2S7gJp09WJTdTNkWfunA6hnajGS55i9wxwc6kJ_Mrjn95gxOXJi2goHpf60juaSiX5jkl9kwyCKhC6oJOHUptsvO80tDjJn2m-lLnWQwcW7lJsz3rCwRCATWZjDW8wdZOq-8aAeOae_sH6_BaSQ3ZEVFVh-vIAItuEtT4vcH5YEg-PjkPqyDv_D5_Px5j3HXv_GxfHb87miYrSN8QLfO3A9l-OwV_BPM9VaopIpyqjK9VO0Q4XycRHocXuubSy_udXPQTsWeZrXnQUsWHy0w0zR7hoSTXLW746I1xT2ZMePGcKN3rQmNLbJAynwYtWUoL3GvBjz4d9-iN8OSTbbaz24QlY_MBV65CG3Xi_5ML_pp1R0KgsHc_nuLAg7UTrAHv683SsmzSGyOYblmEHzYsfhitGGuuKq-udC8mXUVptDgonsFeNOqdoYhh-b6hO8WQBI~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C57e0983831f245f0e5ba08dd4e9aa8c0%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638753148407529571%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=6dUr0LZjUcW%2FqCUhfgsyI0xMEWbD92M6waLoEB3YP78%3D&reserved=0)) again this year to help identify community needs and assist with distribution of donations. Students will collect hygiene items, health snacks, and boxes of cereal for local children and teens in need.

**Recipients**: We will distribute the collected items to students in need at the Florida School of Deaf and Blind ([https://www.fsdbk12.org/about](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2Fn7NsbIuSw8QmaPpVtxHEOg~~%2FAAAAARA~%2F7Re2f9bPQidE9LIcHTtDuhmLHgvVUgFEL3rbm_RD0Yv1cV9meH3eI-OyXB2BQsAn0E82EATRlF_YrGeJTkhE1YmscUesd-xkqoMngip8-VqZscVMEbiVijnsgFb4wB8c6IztDVW06T02WASxBLDTQcXBqNAl4yJGK-daEH463JgJDONPtn8gDLfe-9Krx70Dz_gYtvEn61MGR3nz0kGjCe4I7gW_Jx7PYPNUph8xymTmkwCVx0t0uKRtpYlkXSU641qzmQlLCJ3M-qlqv2f1OThQcreQ1ONpeqiG7fdO0lCpvpE2XAD_SC9Oy3gNY3gsk-rZNaK5Az8Qh3qlnvUuTWTZA9kSBmBSsmNpcujcrDERfZOgY0Emc_FFCEQjHFFfJXqx55pdfz0Kai9H5RSzJSJO50oQfv3uZJaeVskelPer07gleCewzdBtCNeOLfOXqZZMukGuRTsvS8--SY0XGVNKo7RQqCJLoEWMlG_IjEE7Sox8HL2JtMa8fZHeeIOgjcVdd-AbDTR0QYcInlB205uXCxKndlYAG2MY7pefOc4NOJ-Xdmlvthaei8jAgZeTS8DiS71b3gXzlVoQpLHRZPbf2ptFCr44oPKi6WiyNGPnVIKzPjkWxidOxi6L9eGxUNE1NLFVrvwzUusXmAJkdCMpbMfq7XKQplJO9PlrYOw~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C57e0983831f245f0e5ba08dd4e9aa8c0%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638753148407544321%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wk2PZ%2FzZ15mpjS%2FElU4FQ3v%2FeK99zzRUK%2FgIZKFm6Jk%3D&reserved=0)) and Port in the Storm ([https://www.stfrancisshelter.org/programs/port-in-the-storm/](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Ftrack.spe.schoolmessenger.com%2Ff%2Fa%2FxQMqdghiDirNCTcm1w2k4A~~%2FAAAAARA~%2FRiWzDJ5pcD4xgk4O24E6ihvUGMUqfDWCe4CMj2P2CqeofqINzEzHeR27vlOIRqIx8xLl1pIns6VS6RdgVx_wZ2M9UeYINpopAZFdqB_iKmR2xYjAI03CrW-B01erkB1bdSGQ7qGZL-4J4wY5C6GGMv5Rt0ztfash6LcQzXEVcAJsITWJmejXySK-7MTMRP7DnOv7-rjmHGtZNw-stWuLosA50sotIMRPxCcGr6ktlVrY1kXmWfpyD4O6D8BzSOvaDXfbN8bTcNknZqyrV09N8c_cZ5bXpMdmDuGv9FJSyvIPz63N0w_jV2mpa3wY4gZVMcRsN6Frr33qiFJ1BqdiiBpZce95tLdDKwYTCQGrPXxdnYpAXUMhlyL6v7XGqjwlJU8vvDknCTWCz8VXdK1KeIRVrPr9dX5qPRVEZiO_7I2RV_bUc1QaCUxwkrOpbysiwL8SqeNJ3dDpB9PzeEZQAfuacd2VpXwcs9vAX43lu1hcXawn4OFtahPBJ9VwKISkH8W9HLqpMzIyhzxm6CAPpiJO0eQKaymHhPl3YmBVpdezpLzgc3j7bnLC7aFvNJm0ocrts2yiFeQo84kpWTM-8VMtLCqqCLB9jLVBCTJ56s9GFkOoEAllMDDXehsCs-vWAfhAuZWUDOdUWVFiD0X9j9Ie2-9bEF2qivbQseOvgHRXKxWbw2WIbBwz4euLj2FULaUVODMNMFx6CaSLxgubGg~~&data=05%7C02%7CLeigh.Schouest%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C57e0983831f245f0e5ba08dd4e9aa8c0%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638753148407559554%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=TOJb4StISHBmjeAJ2U6k6oeMNB1HGYAe6kyCNSxDc%2FE%3D&reserved=0)), a youth homeless shelter in St. Augustine.

Donations: To spread the donations out, we are asking each grade level to bring in specific items:

* K - fruit snacks and dried fruit
* 1 - Apple sauce
* 2 - juice boxes
* 3 - shampoo/conditioner
* 4 - body lotion
* 5 - body wash
* 6 - animal crackers
* 7 - popcorn
* 8 - hair ties and deodorant

ALL ITEMS MUST BE NUT FREE

Additionally, all families are encouraged to donate cereal boxes of all sizes.

**8th Grade Families – Save the Date**

The 8th grade dance will take place on Sunday, April 13 at St. Johns Golf & Country Club and the theme will be "Fire & Ice" - time will be 7:00-9:00.  Tickets will be sold later this year.



**Week at a Glance: Week of February 17:**

* *Monday, February 17:*
	+ President’s Day- No School

* *Tuesday, February 18:*
	+ MS- Parent signed course recs and completed elective request forms due
	+ MS- PE Waiver and Spanish Letter Deadline
	+ CHS 8th Grade Presentation- 8:30 in café

* *Wednesday, February 19:*
	+ 5th Grade WOW
	+ Character Chat Filming for April!
	+ Character Cup Practice after school

* *Thursday, February 20:*
	+ Math Peer Tutoring in 616 after school
	+ Musical Rehearsal on Stage
	+ Home BBall v. LA

* *Friday, February 21:*
	+ Math Counts Field Trip
	+ 2nd Grade to Tree Hill
	+ Musical Rehearsal on Stage

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

Respectfully,



Drew Chiodo, Principal

drew.chiodo@stjohns.k12.fl.us

(904) 547-4053