

SMOKE SIGNALS

Lakeside Academy

March 2025

Issue # 7

Good afternoon Sasquatch families,

March is a great month! Spring is right around the corner, and the clocks change soon, so we finally have our afternoons back. We have several amazing events to look forward to. Today, we had our first set of field days. Thank you to the Sheriff's Department for the extra deputies this morning to provide an increase in safety with all the visitors here at school. It was amazing to see our students compete against the other classes in their grade level, and we were blessed with a perfect day to be outside. Our next set of field days will be on Friday, and I can't wait to see those students compete like our students did today.

Of course, we have spring break coming up in March. Friday the 14th is a teacher planning day (no school for students) and the next week is officially spring break. I hope you all enjoy your time off before our last 9 weeks of the year into summer. After Spring Break, we look forward to our middle-school field day, our Spring Book Fair, and our Art Show.

It's already time to start planning for next year. I'm encouraging all of our families with students who will be in Kindergarten next year to register ASAP. This helps us tremendously as we hire teachers and plan for the upcoming year. Registering later in the summer can lead to issues with staffing and getting rooms ready to go, so please help us out! Registering for school is easy and is done online on the district website.

The sun is warming up, but the nights are still cool and require a small fire to keep warm. From deep in the heart of Sasquatch country, these are the latest smoke signals . . .

Dr. Gates

SCHOOL HOURS
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
8:40 am – 3:00 pm
Wednesday
8:40 – 2:00 pm
 School doors open at 8:20 & close at 8:40
 Students who arrive after 8:40 they must check in at the front office.



Upcoming Events

scan here to start earning money for Lakeside Academy



- 3/4 – Basketball game at TCA 5:30
- 3/4 – Field Day (KG, 2nd, 4th grades)
- 3/5 – Basketball game at PIA 5:30
- 3/5 – Early release
- 3/7 – Field Day (1st, 3rd, 5th grades)
- 3/12 – Early release
- 3/13 – 3rd quarter ends
- 3/13 – Field Day (Middle School 6th/7th pds.)
- 3/14 – Student Holiday / Teacher Planning
- 3/17 – 3/21 SPRING BREAK!
- 3/25 – 4/2 Book Fair by PTO
- 3/25 – SAC meeting 3:30
- 3/25 – Art Show 5:30 – 7:00
- 3/26 – Early release
- 3/27 – 3rd quarter report cards available on HAC
- 3/27 – Book Fair Family Night 5:00 – 7:00
- 3/27 – Character Counts Ceremony 9:00

! ATTENTION ! PLEASE



ARRIVAL

- Please pull all the way forward and fill in every available space. Please do not stop mid-way or near front door.
- Please ensure students are ready to exit upon stopping.
- If you arrive after 8:40, your student is tardy. You must park and check your student in with the front office.

DISMISSAL

- Please hang your PIKMYKID number/name on your rear view mirror or place PIKMYKID card on dashboard so all staff can read.
- Keep pulling forward in the line, if cars ahead move, please move with them.

Kindly remember – **LEFT TURNS ARE NOT PERMITTED** when exiting campus during arrival and dismissal.

This ensures the safety of all drivers, students and staff and allows traffic to flow in a timely manner.

We appreciate your assistance in making arrival and dismissal a safe and smooth process!



FROM THE DISTRICT

- Going forward, the front office will be utilizing the two-way intercom to communicate with all visitors trying to enter the school.
- We kindly ask that all visitors provide their name and the reason for their visit.
- This change is to ensure the utmost safety of our students and staff.

We appreciate your understanding!

classroom needs



DONOR'S CHOOSE PROJECT

We are seeking your support to add a picnic table with an umbrella to our outdoor area, providing a shaded, comfortable space for students to enjoy lunch, collaborate on projects, and participate in outdoor learning activities. This addition will promote a positive and inviting environment where students can connect and learn beyond the classroom. Your generosity will directly impact their experience and well-being.

Outdoor learning opportunities and social interactions are essential for student development, encouraging creativity, teamwork, and a love for nature. With your help, we can create a space where students feel inspired and energized throughout the day. Every donation, big or small, brings us closer to making this vision a reality. Thank you for supporting our school and investing in the growth and happiness of our students!

Please click on the link below to view our
3rd grade donor choose project.

[Donate here!](#)



*Help support the Arts
at Lakeside Academy*

An Easy Way to Support Our Classroom!

What a wonderful community of learners we have in our classroom this year!

I'm so excited to help our students learn and grow.

I have registered our classroom on DonorsChoose, an amazing website where individuals can contribute to public schools. Throughout the year, I will post requests for resources that will help make your child's time at school even more engaging, dynamic, and enriching.

Please spread the word about our classroom page (and contribute if you can)!

~ Ms. Restrepo-Irizarry

<https://www.donorschoose.org/lakeside-art-ceramics>





Physical Education spotlight

WELLNESS CORNER

We have been discussing healthy reminders for building wellness. Check out these quick tips to help our students learn and practice healthy habits in elementary school to continue health habits for a lifetime, help prevent diabetes, obesity, heart disease and many other diseases. Elementary Students should try to follow the 9-5-2-1-0 health habits below:



PE CORNER

March Activities in PE includes:

- Field Day Prep and Events
- Pickleball – forehand/backhand strokes, kitchen play, serving
- Tennis - forehand/backhand strokes, kitchen play, serving
- Intro to Water Safety

Please make sure to send students to school for PE with the following:

- Appropriate athletic sneakers/tennis shoes (Please do not send students to school with Crocs, Ugg Slides, etc.)
- Water bottle
- Appropriate attire and layers for unpredictable weather
- *If you are not sure they have PE – dress them like they do as we see them 2x per week



Physical Education spotlight

5TH GRADE CHARACTER CUP UPDATES

We have 2 remaining Character Cup Practices. Please attend.

- Monday, March 10th 3:30-4:10 we will provide each event for every team member.
- If any students from 5th grade would like to attend to help us paint signs we would greatly appreciate it as well at this practice.
- Tuesday, March 11th 7:30-8:10am we will practice one last time before championship.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR FINAL TEAM ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26TH AT 4PM AT TOCOI CREEK HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM

LAKESIDE 1ST ANNUAL "WE BELIEVE" FIELD DAY – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Due to our school being new, we have not had time to collect fun items to help us with field days.

We are looking to secure the items including the popsicles on our Equipment Wish List, if you can help us, we would greatly appreciate it.

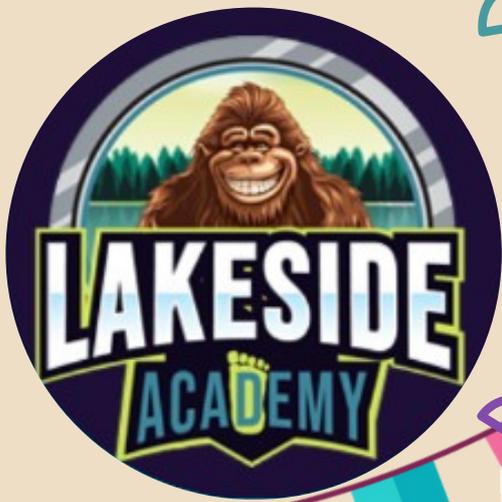
FIELD DAY WILL BE TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH FOR K, 2, 4 AND FRIDAY, MARCH 7TH FOR GRADES 1, 5, 3 - 1 ½ HOURS EACH

Your child's classroom teacher has provided an email with all of their specific grade level and classroom information. Please also view the fliers attached in this newsletter.

All parents planning on joining the Field Day festivities must register through the ACCESS RSVP link on the flyer attached.

OTHER WAYS TO HELP

- WE NEED STATION COACHES – If you can spare 90 minutes please consider signing up to run one of our activity stations.
- Click [here](#) to sign up.
- Make sure your child dresses in their team color * this has been decided by teacher.
- Make sure your child has a water bottle and correct athletic footwear/clothing.
- PLEASE NOTE: If your child is wearing Crocs, Slippers, Slides or any other non-athletic footwear they will not be able to participate.



FIELD DAY

WE NEED YOUR HELP

**WE NEED 10 VOLUNTEER
COACHES FOR EACH
GRADE**

TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH

GRADE K 8:30–10:30

GRADE 2 10:30–12:30

GRADE 4 12:30–2:30

**WE NEED 10 VOLUNTEER
COACHES FOR EACH
GRADE**

FRIDAY, MARCH 7TH

GRADE 1 8:30–10:30

GRADE 5 10:30–12:30

GRADE 3 12:30–2:30

**CLICK HERE
TO SIGN UP TO HELP**



**CLICK HERE FOR FIELD DAY
EQUIPMENT WISH LIST**

Thank You



LAKESIDE

FIELD DAY!

Grade	Date	Time
KINDERGARTEN	Tuesday, March 4th	9:00-10:30
1ST GRADE	Friday, March 7th	9:00-10:30
2ND GRADE	Tuesday, March 4th	11:00-12:30
3RD GRADE	Friday, March 7th	1:00-2:30
4TH GRADE	Tuesday, March 4th	1:00-2:30
5TH GRADE	Friday, March 7th	11:15-12:45

Please RSVP using the link below. Make sure that you are have already completed the School Access Form through KeepNTrack. RSVP link closes Sunday, March 2nd at midnight.

[RSVP LINK](#)

[SCHOOL ACCESS FORM](#)
[KEEPNTRACK](#)

ONLY VISITORS THAT ARE CLEARED THROUGH KEEPNTRACK (SCHOOL ACCESS FORM) WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND/WATCH/VOLUNTEER FOR FIELD DAY.

Sasquatches



bike safety

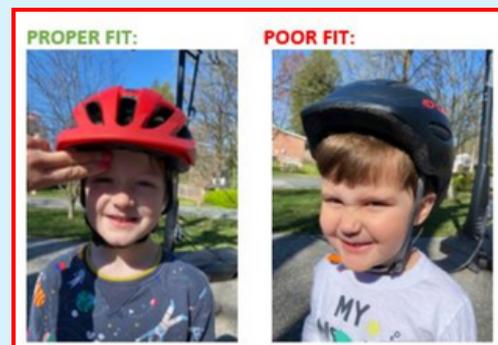
Students riding bikes (pedaled or motorized) or electric scooters are required to wear a helmet to operate if under the age of 16.

We have well over 100 motorized vehicles on campus, those 100 students leave campus within 5 minutes of each other alongside the students walking and on pedaled bikes and scooters. A helmet can help protect everyone, especially a student that is impacted by a motorized bike or scooter.

***Please refer to Florida Bike Safety Full Statute [CLICK HERE](#)
Please Ask Deputy Ramos for more information!

CHECK AND WEAR YOUR HELMET:

- Children's Chinstrap must be secured in order for it to provide any safety
- It also should not dangle below their chin, only 2 fingers should fit under strap tightly
- Make sure on 2 finger widths are visible on the forehead as well



LEADER IN PE

March we are looking for our students that demonstrate TRUSTWORTHINESS and
THINK WIN WIN behaviors.

As we move into our Lifetime Recreational Sports it is important to make connections to the skills needed that are similar in other sports.

Please check out some of our activities on
Twitter X @SasquatchPE in Quarter 4 coming up

Thank you
to our
amazing
counselors
for all
you do to
support our
students!



GUIDANCE UPDATES



DON'T DELAY

GET YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!

**LAKESIDE
ACADEMY**

School ID: 389932

\$35 until 11/30/24
\$40 12/1/25 - 2/14/25
\$45 2/15/25 until sold out

**FOR MORE INFO OR TO
PURCHASE:**

www.buytheyearbook.com



MEDIA CENTER NEWS



Click above for the SSYRA Jr. checklist



The students are making and creating in Media, and are in need of materials!

If possible, please donate materials from our [Amazon wish list](#). We are also looking for everyday household items for projects. Please click [here](#) to view list.

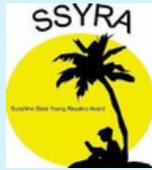


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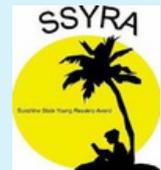


The Media Center would like to say THANK YOU for all the amazing donations you have sent in for our Makerspace and library space! We appreciate your generosity!





Lakeside SSYRA Readers



These students have read all 15 books in their SSYRA grade level list!

 SSYRA Junior	 Grades 3-5	 Grades 6-8
<p>Dominic Masitti Eloise Read Sean Dalton Alma Sancho Ava Norman Addison Chase Marley Flood Brooklyn Darmody Deacon Halladey Sarahmithurla Prabhu Claire Jiang Ty Thupthai Holden Hendrickson Siddhant Parbhoo Archi Patel Gyan Patel Clemintine Zimmer Lily Dell Emma Delgado Addysen Sholette Theo Faatz Caleb Kawa Fiona Fread Noah Daka Leonardo Ghazanfari Guilianna Ghazanfari Alon Mader</p>	<p>Hemkrish Satheeshkunar Isabel Mathew Garv Shahani Amaia Cubero-Lopez Jannah Nishaj Grace Dell</p>	<p>Viviana Huntean Shwasti Ravi Isabel Matthew</p>

Media Center Kindness Drawing Winners

These students were caught spreading kindness throughout our Media Center!

Every time a student is caught spreading kindness in the library, they enter our Bucket Filler Drawing. At the end of each month, one student from each grade level (K-5) will be pulled as our winners!

Kindergarten

Parker
Jarwin

1st Grade

Caleb
Kawa

Second Grade

Alexa
Martinez

Congratulations, winners!!

3rd Grade

Mason
Miller

4th Grade

Nedim
Agcabay

5th Grade

Gabriel
Ramirez

Thank you for spreading kindness!

PROCTORS NEEDED

We need volunteers to proctor all grade levels for our upcoming state assessments. The classroom teacher will administer the exam. Your only job is to sit back, serve as a second set of eyes, and enjoy a few hours of peaceful bliss! You are welcome to volunteer for any and all grade levels.

Please review the available slots by clicking on this [Sign-Up Genius](#) link.

Proctors will receive room assignments the morning of testing but will not be assigned to their own child's classroom. Proctors may bring a book, but cell phones must be turned off completely during testing.

Proctors must be cleared volunteers. If you are unsure whether you are an approved volunteer, please call (904) 547-4500. The volunteer approval link is [here](#). Please check-in with the front office by 8:15 AM to receive your badge. A brief training will be held upon your arrival.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to help.

Sincerely,

Stacy C. Clark
Lakeside Academy Testing Coordinator
Stacy.Clark@stjohns.k12.fl.us



PM 3 Testing Schedule

All testing will begin at 9:00 AM.

Tuesday	April 1	5 th grade B.E.S.T. Writing
Wednesday	April 2	NO TESTING
Thursday	April 3	4 th grade B.E.S.T. Writing
Friday	April 4	B.E.S.T. Writing make-up grades 4-5
Monday	April 7	6 th grade B.E.S.T. Writing
Tuesday	April 8	7 th grade B.E.S.T. Writing
Wednesday	April 9	NO TESTING
Thursday	April 10	B.E.S.T. Writing make-up grades 6-7
Friday	April 11	NO TESTING
Monday	April 14	NO TESTING
Tuesday	April 15	K STAR Early Literacy/Reading
Wednesday	April 16	NO TESTING
Thursday	April 17	1 st grade STAR Early Literacy/Reading
Friday	April 18	No School
Monday	April 21	2 nd grade STAR Reading
Tuesday	April 22	K STAR Math
Wednesday	April 23	1 st grade STAR Math
Thursday	April 24	2 nd grade STAR Math
Friday	April 25	NO TESTING
Monday	April 28	STAR Early Literacy/Reading make-up
Tuesday	April 29	STAR Math make-up
Wednesday	April 30	NO TESTING
Thursday	May 1	3 rd grade FAST ELA/Reading
Friday	May 2	6 th grade FAST ELA/Reading
Monday	May 5	5 th grade FAST ELA/Reading
Tuesday	May 6	4 th grade FAST ELA/Reading
Wednesday	May 7	NO TESTING
Thursday	May 8	7 th grade FAST ELA/Reading
Friday	May 9	3 rd grade FAST Math
Monday	May 12	4 th grade FAST Math
Tuesday	May 13	5 th grade FAST Math
Wednesday	May 14	6 th grade FAST Math
Thursday	May 15	7 th grade FAST Math
Friday	May 16	FAST Reading make-up grades 3-5
Monday	May 19	FAST Reading make-up grades 6-7
Tuesday	May 20	5 th grade Statewide Science Assessment
Wednesday	May 21	FAST Math make-up grades 3-5
Thursday	May 22	FAST Math make-up grades 6-7
Friday	May 23	5 th grade Statewide Science Assessment make-up
Monday	May 26	NO SCHOOL/Memorial Day
Tuesday	May 27	FAST make-up as needed

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*Papa John's
Pizza
available on
Wednesdays
\$2.00/slice
a la carte*

Clinic Corner

Clothing and snack donations would be greatly appreciated for our clinic!

We are in need of:

- Boys bottoms, all sizes
- Snacks (saltines, cheez-its, small water bottles)

Thank you kindly!

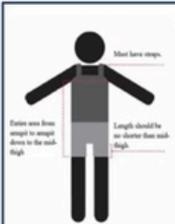


Middle School News

DRESS CODE POLICY

CELL PHONE POLICY

Dress Code Policy



ALL STUDENTS

Clothing must cover areas from one armpit to the other armpit, down to the mid-thigh. Tops must have shoulder straps and be long enough to adequately cover the waistline and not expose the midriff.

Reminders

- Clothing, piercings and accessories displaying profanity, violence, discriminatory messages, sexually suggestive phrases, symbols or phrases of alcohol, tobacco or drugs is unacceptable.
- Pajamas shall not be worn as exterior clothing on campus.
- Head gear, including but not limited to caps, hats, bandanas, and/or sunglasses should not be worn indoors.
- Students must wear shoes with backs that are safe for the learning environment. Bedroom slippers are prohibited.
- Rips or tears in clothing above the mid-thigh must not expose skin.

In accordance with statutory requirement F.S. 1006.07 (students are prohibited from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or that exposes body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner) enforcement will focus on positive guidance without embarrassment to the student and should not disrupt the educational process.

Page 14 in the St Johns County School District Code of Conduct

Phone Policy

Expectation: Upon entering school, phones and other wireless communication devices must be turned off and stored in student's backpack, purse, or locker. To assist students in maintaining academic focus, the device shall not be used during the school day without administrative approval.



Recording other students and staff is PROHIBITED

Failure to put phone away after teacher reminder will result in discipline consequences including confiscation of the device or loss of privilege to possess such a device on school campus as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

When there is reasonable suspicion that a student has used a cell phone in violation of the Code of Conduct or other school rules, or for an unlawful purpose, the school administration may search the phone's call logs, voice messages, text messages, photographs and any other applications in its investigation of the suspected violations.

Students can contact parents/guardians from a school phone if the need arises throughout the academic day.

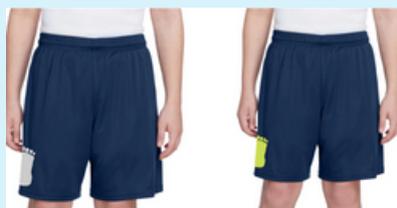
Page 26/27 in the St Johns County School District Code of Conduct

Middle School PE Update

The locker rooms are complete and all middle school PE students have been assigned a locker and been given a lock in the locker room. Dressing out for class and wearing athletic footwear is an expectation. If a uniform still needs to be purchased for your child, please use this link to do so.

[PURCHASE UNIFORM HERE](#)

Please reach out to Coach Martel with any questions or concerns. We appreciate your support and look forward to more fun activities ahead!



Middle School News

~ ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ~

Please bring a set of headphones to keep in your backpack, for testing as well as classroom assignments.

Thank you!



Middle School News

2025 Sasquatch Basketball Schedule

GIRLS GAME AT 5:30 PM
BOYS GAME IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

MARCH 4

LA @ TROUT CREEK ACADEMY

MARCH 5TH

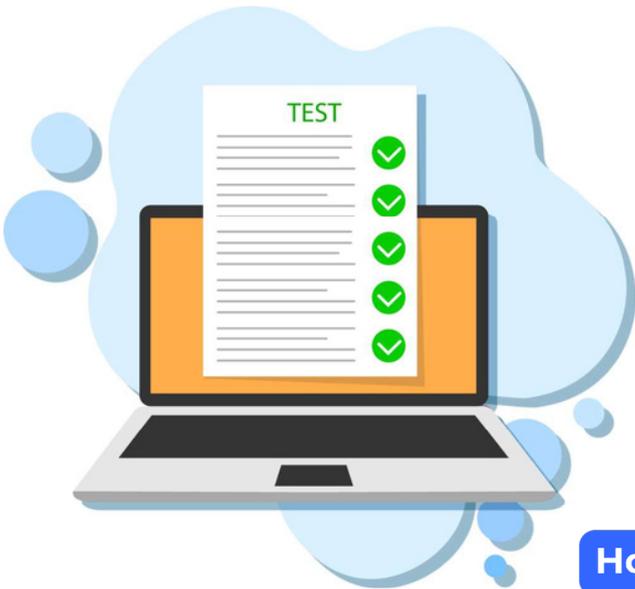
LA @ PINE ISLAND ACADEMY

**ONLY 2 GAMES
LEFT - COME OUT
AND SHOW YOUR
SUPPORT!**



testing INFO

How to Access the Family Portal



The Family Portal provides a central location for your student's assessment results.

The Family Portal can be used to:

- access your student's results for FAST Progress Monitoring testing, EOCs, Statewide Science, Retakes, the Florida Civic Literacy Exam, and the Florida Alternate Assessment.
- access prior statewide assessment results.
- print score reports.

How can I access the Family Portal?

- At the Florida Statewide Assessments Portal:
<https://ffast.org>
- Or at the direct link:
<https://fl-familyportal.cambiumast.com/>

What information do I need to log in to the Family Portal?

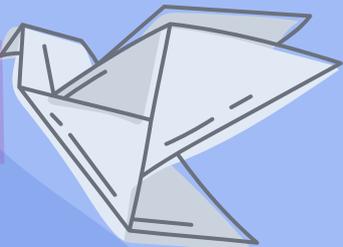
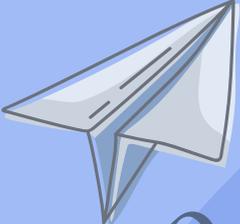
- Your student's unique 6-digit access code (found in HAC under the Registration tab).
- Your student's date of birth.
- Your student's first name as it appears on their official school record.

What information can I find on the Family Portal?

- Your student's results from Fall 2020 through present.
- Your student's Individual Student Reports with interpretative guides.
- Glossary
- FAQs
- Performance Levels

Where do I get the Access Code?

The code can be found in the Home Access Center (HAC) under the Registration tab. The code will be located on the right side of the page under Additional Information.



SASQUATCH BUS EXPECTATIONS

Seatbelt on, face forward, aisle clear

Voice levels

0 - Silence, 1 - Whisper, 2 - Calm voice tone

Respectful language

Hands and feet to self

Cell phones - sound off or use headphones





By Girls empowered by stem

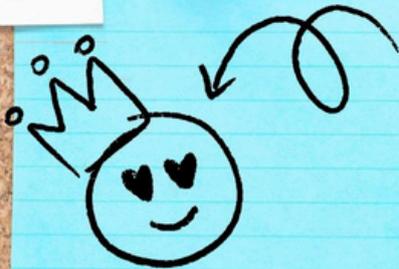
starting January



FOR
GRADES
3-5

STEM WORKSHOP

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What is GES?

Girls empowered by stem is a high school club partnering with Lake side to provide the opportunity for young girls to fall in love with stem!

How Does it work?

Once a month, students from Beachside High School will host after school workshops that are not only fun, but also encourage learning.

Each station of the workshop explores a different field of STEM, allowing your child to figured out what they like best!

02

we speak:

- Spanish
- Telugu
- Marathi
- Portuguese

03



How to sign up?

1) Please Scan the QR code and fill out the interest form.

contact us at:

girlsEmpoweredbystem@gmail.com

PARENTS! PLEASE SIGN UP FOR REMIND BY
SCANNING THE QR CODE TO THE SIDE!



By Girls Empowered by Stem:

STEM AFTERSCHOOL WORKSHOP

join us after school for a afternoon full of learning while having fun. The Girls Empowered by STEM high school club is partnering up with Lakeside in order to promote STEM by creating many fun activities for kids **grades 1-5.**

5:00 pm - 6:15 pm
Wednesday, March 12
At Lakeside Elementary

SIGN UP BY
SCANNING THE
QR CODE !



For any further questions please contact:
girlsempoweredbystem@gmail.com



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



ROBERT A. HARDWICK, SHERIFF

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS -vs- PUBLIC SERVICE ASSISTANT



SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS
School Crossing Guards guide students, families, pedestrians and bicyclists across busy streets in school zones.



PUBLIC SERVICE ASSISTANTS
Public Service Assistants maintain the flow of traffic by directing motorists safely through school zones.



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



ROBERT A. HARDWICK, SHERIFF

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

We see them but, what do they do?

A School Crossing Guard (SCG) is a person who helps children cross the street safely and ensures the safety of pedestrians and drivers. They receive training from the Florida Department of Transportation and they are certified by the State of Florida.

Some responsibilities include:

- Helping children cross the street
- Teach students the importance of bicycle helmets
- Remind drivers of the presence of pedestrians





St Johns County School District
Guest Teacher (substitute)
posting in AppliTrack Application
System on our district website
December 16th–January 3, 2025.

SJCSD is ready to hire Guest Teachers who are ready to make a difference for students in Pre-K - 12th grade.

Daily hourly rate \$15.00. Florida certified teacher or retired S.J.C.S.D teacher is \$18 hourly rate.

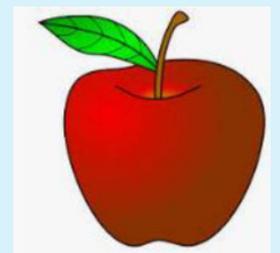
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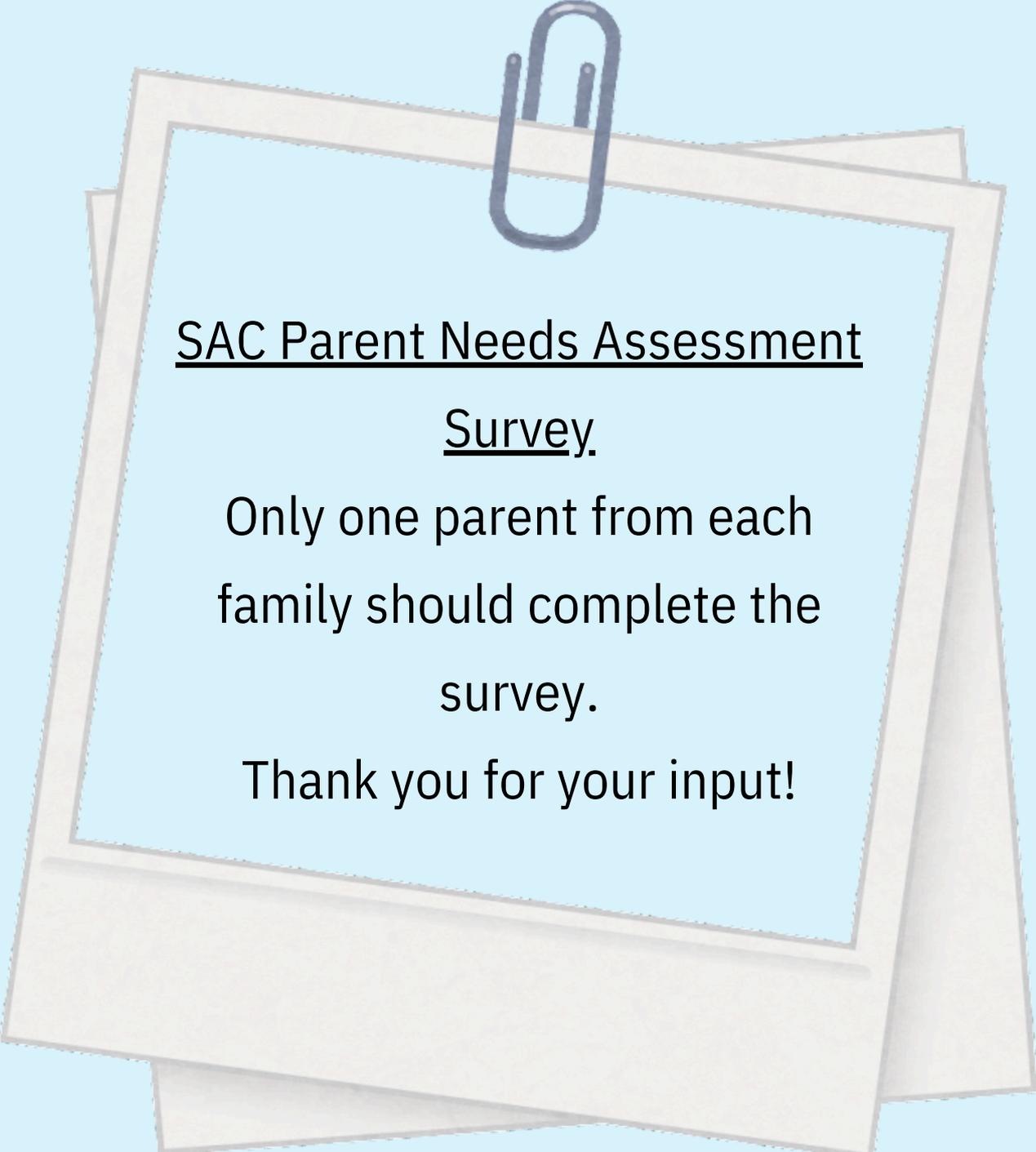
- Opportunity to put your degree to work.
- Flexibility – you pick the days and schools.
- An opportunity to work with diverse student populations.
- An opportunity to contribute to the learning and development of the students in our school district.

Come join our team.

Applicants who hold a minimum of an Associate degree or equivalent of 60 credits or higher and who are 20 years of age or older are eligible to apply. Preferences given to applicants that have graduated or are graduating from an Education program. All applicants will be considered for strong teaching potential, above average references, experience in critical need areas, and/or an education degree.

For full job description, requirements and to apply online,
Visit: <https://www.applitrack.com/stjohns/onlineapp/>
Questions? Please call 904-547-7636 SmartFind Helpdesk or
application questions call AppliTrack helpdesk 547-7631.





SAC Parent Needs Assessment
Survey.

Only one parent from each
family should complete the
survey.

Thank you for your input!

Survey closes March 28th

Thank you!



FORTIFYFL

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



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