

Lakeside Families,

As we approach the last month of school I want to thank all of your for the tremendous support you have shown our school during its inaugural year. Your patience and understanding as we continued to make improvements throughout the year to be the school our students all deserve is very much appreciated. I want to thank the best staff in St. Johns County (in my humble opinion) for their tireless work to establish a culture of excellence, kindness, and their determination to be the best is pretty flipping awesome. Our PTO has been instrumental to our success, and their hard work to support our students and staff during our first year has been simply remarkable. Check out the Smoke Signals to see their amazing plan for Staff Appreciation Week! In addition, our business partnerships have been integral to our success. And of course, I want to thank all our students. They are the ones who established the culture of Lakeside. Their Determination and Kindness makes them the true Legends this year. They say it takes a village. . . and in the case of opening a school, they are right!

Speaking of legendary, I want to announce that Mrs. Rebecca Whaley, our elementary Assistant Principal, will be leaving us at the end of this year to serve as Assistant Principal for RB Hunt Elementary School in St. Augustine Beach. She is a tremendous leader and school administrator, and we are all extremely grateful for her service to our school and community and expect amazing things from her as she works toward her goal of leading a school. As I shared with my staff, we simply could not have opened Lakeside without her. She will be missed by all, but especially by me. Good luck Mrs. Whaley!

I'm excited to announce that Jessica Schulz and Bruce Allie will both be joining our school as Assistant Principals for the 2025-2026 school year. They have "big feet" to fill, so to speak, but I'm confident that they will be tremendous additions to our school.

While we are already planning for next year, parents, please take some time to talk to your child about finishing the year strong and exhibiting Determination and Kindness. We have seen an uptick in some "I'm ready for summer" behavior, and want to let you all know we will continue to hold our students to high standards and expectations. Thank you so much for your help in advance.

Speaking of "I'm ready for summer"... our Sasquatch Summer Camp planning is underway! We have around 60 students enrolled per week and room for more and are super excited about it. Do you think your child is ready to take down the unbeaten wiffle ball homerun champion, Mr. Lurhsen, this summer? He tells me it's impossible and has never been beaten. Do you think your child would enjoy Wednesday water days in the summer heat with water balloons and relay races with Ms. Walton and Mr. Prioetto? How about an art project every week with Mrs. Restreppo? Students will have time devoted to reading every day in our air-conditioned media center to ensure they continue to make growth in reading this summer. We will have some unstructured playground time, organized games, crafts, water-fun Wednesdays, movie time, reading time, computer time and much more! Other staff members signed up to help run the camp includes Ms. Reiser, Ms. Moore, Ms. Link, Ms. Lowe, Mr. Kmet, Mr. Zerrahn, Ms. Dunbar, Ms. Yudin, Ms. Kelly, Ms. Aguis, Ms. Merwin and more! There is still time to sign-up, just click here to register!

https://forms.office.com/r/9C2uHEX2nc

Finally, I want to share with you all that one of our amazing Sasquatch teachers has been diagnosed with cancer. Her classroom has rallied around her and supported her in this difficult time. Because of her diagnosis and treatment, she is currently unable to work so she can focus on overcoming this terrible diagnosis. Students in her classroom have witnessed firsthand how to face challenges with grace and dignity, and I couldn't be prouder of this young lady and the courage she has demonstrated. The classroom and the room parents have organized a fund-raising effort for Mrs. Bezosi and her new husband to support them is this journey.

https://gofund.me/f2acdc66

It's May. With summer approaching, I'm making plans to head deeper into the Sasquatch Country and explore the depths of this beautiful landscape and appreciate nature and maybe spend a few nights with the legendary Sasquatch tribe. The fires are smaller now as it's getting even warmer at night, but the fires are just large enough to send the latest Smoke Signals.





Apcoming Events

scan here to start earning money for Lakeside Academy



May 12 thru 16 - Int'l Water Safety Week

May 15 - PTO Meeting 6 pm

May 19 - Panda Express Spirit Day 10 am-10 pm

May 26 - Memorial Day - No School

May 27 - 5th Grade Musical 6 pm

May 30 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!











Fundraiser for

Lakeside Academy PTO

20% of event sales will be donated k-8 school parent teacher organization helping raise funds for school enrichments

When

Monday, May 19, 2025 Time: 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM



Where

Panda Express located at: 575 Beachwalk Shore Dr Saint Johns FL 32259

(904) 914 - 8288



or



Online

PandaExpress.com or the App. Enter 3838899 in the fundraiser code box



Bring paper flyer or show it on your smartphone

Order ahead or on the event day Monday, May 19, 2025

Participating fundraiser guests are required to present a valid fundraiser flyer (paper copy or digital image) with each order to receive credit towards the fundraiser. Flyers may not be distributed inside or within the vicinity of the restaurant including, without limitation to, the restaurant parking lot before or during the fundraiser. Panda Restaurant Group, Inc. ("PRG") reserves the right to cancel any and all fundraiser events, if the Neighborhood Fundraiser Terms and Conditions are not followed. If the organization is not in good standing with the IRS, Franchise Tax Board, or the State of California (for California organizations only), then donations may not be made to the organization. You must present your unique code or a copy of this flyer (digital copies are accepted) at the designated date, time, and your Panda Express location at check-out. PRG will donate 20% of all pre-tax purchases made, provided that the organization raises a minimum of \$100 in total event sales pre-tax. PRG does not charge the organization fees related to the event. Purchase(s) of gift cards do not count towards the fundraiser, but purchases made with gift cards will count. No portion of purchase is tax deductible. The donation from PRG to the organization is tax deductible. The organization receiving the donation must be a tax exempt organization. PRG will issue the donation check and provide an accounting statement to the organization within 45 days of the completion of the event. Participants in the fundraiser may request the total dollar amount donated to the organization by emailing communityprograms/figandarg.com or by submitting the question at https://community.pandaexpress.com/fag.



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staff Appreciation Week



We've traveled the **WORLD** and can't find better teachers & staff than you.

THANK YOU for all that you do!

Sponsored by Lakeside Academy PTO

MONDAY	TUESDA	Y W	EDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Get ready for take-off! Enjoy flight snacks from our mobile cart at	Enjoy a Poke lunch in the staff room from your in-flight crew.		Taste the world! Enjoy a spread of oreakfast treats n the morning in	Enjoy an Italian lunch From Al Dente in the multipurpose	Pick up a thank you gift from baggage claim & lunch from Panda Express
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Thank you to our amazing PTO for your support and generosity!















CAR LINE ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

- 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.

CAR LINE DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

- 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!



IMPORTANT info for parents/guardians

SCHOOL ACCESS INFO:

You will not receive an email if your access expires. If you are unsure, please call the front office.

You must be an approved volunteer to enter the school. You may complete the school access form here.

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!





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.

<u>Donate here!</u>





Ms. Rigney is planning for the 2025-26 school year and would like to be able to purchase instruments and music for all grade levels.

Please consider supporting our elementary music department.

Thank you in advance!

Donate here!



Physical Education spotlight

April Activities in PE includes:

• Pickleball – Build your court, serving, forehand/backhand strokes, and scoring (grades 3-5)

Special Thank you to Dr. Gates for supplying us with a TV that has helped us provide the visual supports to build student understanding of both the knowledge and the skills used in PE and sports

- · PACER, Shoulder Stretch, Hamstring Stretch, Push Ups, Curl Ups
- Lacrosse
- Noodle Games
- Striker Ball
- Recreational Games
- Water Safety Week 5/12-5/16 * see our Water Safety Spirit Week Flyer for dress up and conversation starters***
- Dance Unit (preparations for dance 5/27)

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.)
- Students will not be able to participate in many activities due to safety. Also classes get a class compliment when they are prepared for PE as a class
- Water bottle
- Appropriate attire and layers for unpredictable weather cool in the morning hot in the afternoon
- *If you are not sure they have PE dress them like they do as we see them 2x per week



Wellness Corner

Flexibility is our forgotten superpower!!! Our bodies perform best when we are able to complete full range of movement. I would like to challenge us this month and over the summer to help our students increase their range of motion and flexibility. Our Youth Healthy Fitness Awards are provided to outgoing 5th graders who complete Healthy Fitness Levels in all 4 components of fitness: Cardiorespiratory Endurance, Muscular Endurance, Muscular Strength and Flexibility... We are noticing an increased need to help our students with flexibility earlier... So, I am offering this family challenge to add just 2 minutes of flexibility stretches to help our students gain the skills and practice to maintain and improve over their lifetimes.

Flexibility Challenge					
Flexibility is your muscles, tendons, ligaments and soft tissue's ability to move in their full range of motion. Flexibility is often forgotten I challenge our families to add these 2 minute exercises to help our students improve and maintain their flexibility					
	1 minute Shoulder Stretch Right and Left	Seated and Standing Toe Touch 1 minute Each	2 minute Alternating Front Facing Side Lunges	1 minute Shoulder Stretch Right and Left	Seated and Standing Toe Touch 1 minute Each
	Runners Lunge and Calf Stretch Alternating Legs 1 minute each	2 minute Alternating Front Facing Side Lunges	1 minute Shoulder Stretch Right and Left	Seated and Standing Toe Touch 1 minute Each	Cross Leg Hip/Glute Stretch 1 minute Each Side
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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 <u>CLICK HERE</u> Please Ask Deputy Ramos for more information!



Remember Teachers at Bike Racks are trying to help keep our students safe and bikes accessible without falling on others whenever possible

We do not ride any vehicle (bike, ebike, scooter, escooter) on school grounds – we walk bike to first pole then ride as you can see what is ahead of you then *** Our ebikes are going to fast making it dangerous when there is congestion - Please slow down!

Please do not block walkways, simply turn your bike into an open slot – bikes with kickstands do not need to go up an over a bike rack turn just place in a slot and put kickstand down Please do not hang scooters nor double park/stack bikes – only one item per space on fence Parents/Students should not pick up or drop off alongside of bike rack/bus loop/car rider areas

LEADER IN PE

GUIDANCE

UPDATES

This month Mr. Proietto and Ms. Walton will be delivering the mandatory safety and wellness guidance lessons during elementary resource from May 16 to May 30. They will be talking about how to keep yourself safe, and about making healthy choices.



There are only 150 copies available for purchase.
Get yours before they're gone!
School code: 389932

MEDIA CENTER NEWS



Click above for the SSYRA Jr. checklist

LAST DAY TO EARN SSYRA BRAG TAGS IS MAY 15TH



We are excited to decorate and add new furniture to our library next school year. We are also planning more exciting makerspace activities. Please consider donating any items from our Amazon wishlist to make this happen. Thank you!



All library books are due May 8th



Lakeside SSYRA Readers



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

SSY		Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8
Dominic Masitti	Ella Shaban Vibhav	Hemkrish Satheeshkunar	Viviana Huntean
Eloise Read	Maddala James Vella	Isabel Mathew	Shwasti Ravi
Sean Dalton	Eli Anderson Myreen	Garv Shahani	Isabel Matthew
Alma Sancho	Mostofa	Amaia Cubero-Lopez	Guilherme Toledo
Ava Norman		•	Buillier me Toledo
Addison Chase		Jannah Nishaj	
Marley Flood		Grace Dell	
Brooklyn Darmody		Olivia Worsham	
Deacon Halladey		Gyuhyun Lee	
Sarahmithurla Prabhu			
Claire Jiang			
Ty Thupthai			
Holden Hendrickson			
Siddhant Parbhoo			
Ileana Mathew			
Archi Patel			
Gyan Patel			
Clemintine Zimmer			
Lily Dell			
Emma Delgado			
Addysen Sholette Theo Faatz			
Caleb Kawa			
Fiona Fread			
Jude DeVault			
Logan DuToit			
Emma Daka			
Noah Daka			
Leonardo Ghazanfari			
Guilianna Ghazanfari			
Alon Mader			
Emery Browne			
Peyton Lanese			
Sophia Ruzicka			
Owen Parker			
Neel Meda			
Maisie Mustari			
Frank Cowen			

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

Lucy Rodriguez 1st Grade

Cash Villebrun Second Grade

Landon Payne

Congratulations, winners!!

3rd Grade

Phoebe Benton

4th Grade

Joey Harlow 5th Grade

Sanvi Kini

Thank you for spreading kindness!

MPOUT GOOD BOOK





Throughout the month of April, students enjoyed our "Camping Out with a Good Book" theme in the Media Center. Students were able to choose from various activities to complete "under the stars" or "by the fireside." Using flashlights and lanterns, students checked out books, read, used manipulatives, played games, and/or completed puzzles.



Testing Corner

PROCTORC

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 <u>Sign-Up Genius link</u>.

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

Please remember to pay
any negative lunch account
balance by May 30th.

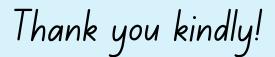
Payment can be made via
cash, check
or the PayPams link.

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Clinic Corner

All medications in the clinic must be picked up by 3 pm on the last day of school - May 30th.

Paperwork for the 2025-26 school year will be emailed and available on our website.





Middle School News

Attention

6TH AND 7TH GRADE PARENTS

Students that were invited to do the math APEX course have the opportunity to get some extra math help on Mondays and Fridays.

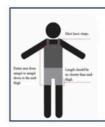
Mrs. McBride is available after school until 4:00. Just send her an e-mail to let her know your child will be coming and let her know how they will be getting home.

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. Top must have shoulder straps and be long enough to adequately cover the waistline and no 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.

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LAKESIDE ACADEMY FOOTBALL



Spring/Fall Tackle Football for rising 6th-8th graders

For details/questions, contact us via email at LAKESIDEFOOTBALLSJC@GMAIL.COM

Scan the code to register!









Exciting News for SJCSD Parents!

Welcome to the Bus Planner Transportation Parent Portal!

- Easy direct access to your student's bus information
- Improved alerts for late buses more accurate & timely notifications
- Easier requests communicate directly with Transportation anytime
- Advanced notice for any route time or bus stop changes
- Confirmation receipts for all communication with Transportation

Stay informed and experience a smoother school transportation process with Bus Planner!

Scan the QR code below to get started!



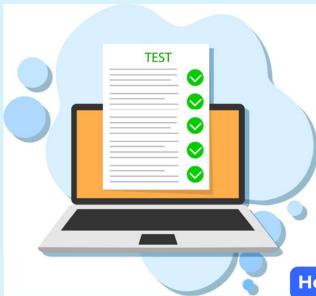
sjcsd.mybusplanner.com







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://flfast.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

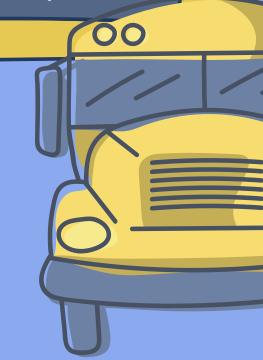
Seatbelt on, face forward, aisle clear

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

Respectful language

Hands and feet to self

Cell phones - sound off or use headphones





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.

The Guest Teacher role provides:

- 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.

