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August 2, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the staff at Ocean Palms Elementary, we are happy to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year! Our mission is to inspire students to explore and develop their strengths and passions. We focus on integrity, leadership, and service above self. We commit to fostering a positive, safe, nurturing environment with an emphasis on academic rigor, the arts, athletics, and technology within a vibrant, caring community. Our focus is the whole child.

Our short summer has been filled with hiring the best educators and attending trainings that will support our transition to Florida's B.E.S.T Standards. This time last year our student enrollment was a little over 600 students and this year we will open our doors to welcome over 800 little otters. We cannot wait to fill our building with love, laughter, and smiling faces.

The **"Meet the Teacher"** event, for students in grades PreK through Fifth Grade will be **Friday, August 13th**. We hope you will stop by to meet your child's teacher, explore the classroom, and drop off school supplies. All pre-ordered school supply packs will be located in your child's classroom. Due to increased enrollment and limited parking, we are going to stagger arrival times by last names (please see information below).

- ❖ **8:00-9:00 Last Names (A-G)**
- ❖ **9:15-10:15 Last Names (H-N)**
- ❖ **10:30-11:30 Last Names (O-Z)**

At Meet the Teacher, you will receive your student's first day folder with important information and forms for you to complete. Our outstanding PTO will be set up in our cafeteria with membership information, a mini book fair, and school spirit wear. Don't forget every Friday is school spirit day. Students and staff will be wearing their OPE gear!

The Transportation Department will have a representative located in the cafeteria to answer questions. We will also have school buses and drivers stationed in our bus loop for students to explore. For safety reasons, specific route information for each student including bus stop locations and times are only available to parents and guardians registered in **HAC (Home Access Center)**. This information will be available soon. For specific questions related to routing information, please contact the Transportation Department at (904) 547-7810.

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Please be sure to read the attached OPES Parent & Student Handbook to see updated procedures and forms for arrival and dismissal. Also attached is a copy of the SJCS D's Covid-19 Health and Safety protocols. All COVID-19 protocols are subject to change throughout the school year. Please continue to check the St. Johns County School District website for updates <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>. If your child has any medical concerns, please contact our school nurse, Kathleen MacGilvray at 547-3766.

A welcome email from teachers will be sent between (3:00-3:30) on Wednesday, August 11th. A great deal of time and thought has gone into the process of student placement. Careful consideration was given to the input from staff and families, as well as student learning styles. Thank you so much for being positive with your children and helping them understand that it is impossible to place all students with a preferred best friend or teacher. This new school year is an exciting opportunity for students to make new friends and develop new positive relationships. Our staff works hard to make school a nurturing environment for all students. We are eagerly looking forward to enriching your child's life. Please encourage your child as they acclimate to a new grade, peer group, and teacher.

❖ **Kindergarten Staggered Start Dates: August 16th – 19th**

- Kindergarten staggered start encourages a gradual transition from home to school. Parents should have already received an email with their child's staggered start date. If you recently completed registration your staggered start date will be in your welcome email from your teacher on Wednesday, August 11th.
- **The first day of school for ALL Kindergarten students is Friday, August 20th.**
- We are staggering Kindergarten arrival for those who will be dropping off their student the first week of school. We are asking that you to arrive between (8:40-9:00).
- During the first week we will have sign in tables outside for kindergarten families. All other visitors must sign in through the front office with a valid ID.

❖ **PreK and 1st – 5th grade students your first day of school is Monday, August 16th.**

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- ❖ **Access to the building** – Parents and visitors must be approved volunteers prior to entering the building. This application is available on the school and/or district website at <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/>. If you are unsure whether you have current clearance, please call us at 547-3760.
- ❖ **Photo ID is required every time you sign in at the front office or when you check your child out of school. No exceptions will be made. Our students' safety is our number one priority.**
- ❖ **Extended Day Program "The D.E.N."** - Registration and information about our before and after School Program is located on our website at <http://www-ope.stjohns.k12.fl.us/extendedday/>. Please contact Kim LaMondie, our extended day coordinator, with any questions at 547-4150.

It is truly a privilege to provide the leadership at Ocean Palms. Our excellence rests on the shoulders of our parents and community who partner with us to provide the best for our students. Our teachers and staff are excited to welcome our new and returning otters. We have missed our students and cannot wait to see them.

We are certain the school year will be filled with excitement for all students, parents, and staff.

Sincerely, Your Otter Admin. Team,
Mrs. Cantwell and Mrs. Lisa Brubaker

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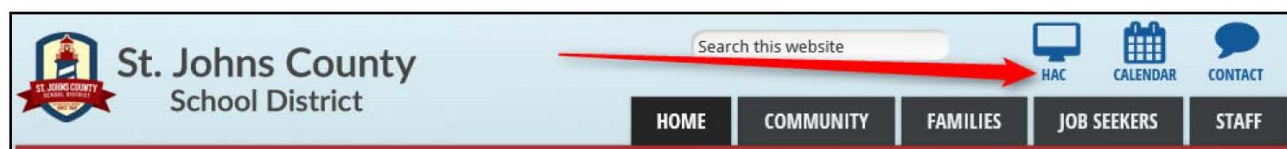
St. Johns County School District

Parents: New Home Access Center Account "HAC"

Last Modified 5/31/2018

To register for a Home Access Center Account, "HAC", please follow the below instructions. Please note, only the **Parent or Legal Guardian** of the student can register for a HAC account and the student must be in compliance with Immunizations and Registration requirements as per District Policy. Only one account is needed per family.

Navigate to the St. Johns County School District website at <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>. Across the top of the homepage, you will see the HAC Icon. Click to enter HAC.



On this page you will find an overview of the Home Access Center, FAQ's and the log in prompt. To login, click the blue "Login to Home Access Center" box.

Login to
Home Access Center

If you already have an account, you can log in using your user name and password. If you need to register for a HAC account, "Click here to register for HAC".

Login

Please enter your account information for Home Access Center.

User Name:

Password:

[Forgot My Username or Password](#)
[Click Here to Register for HAC](#)

Fill in all fields completely:

First Name and Last Name: Enter the information that was given at the time of your child's registration. If your first name is Elizabeth and you wrote down "Liz", use "Liz".

City: Be sure to completely spell out the City such as "Saint Augustine", "Saint Johns", "Hastings", etc. (Do not abbreviate)

Zip Code: Use the 5 digit Zip code for your home address

Home Access Center User Registration

First Name:*

Last Name:*

City:*

Zip Code:*

This information is the same information completed at the time of your child's registration.

After entering the above information, select the "Register" button

Once your account has been located, please create a user name. It is recommended that you **use your current email address as your user name**. Next, create challenge questions and answers, finally click "finish". Your account is now ready for use.

Home Access Center User Registration

Please enter the username you wish to use when logging in to Home Access Center. An email will be sent to the email address the district has on record for you with further instruction on creating your new Home Access Password.

Username:

Compose 2 challenge questions and provide appropriate answers

Questions	Answers
My Favorite Vacation Spot?	<input type="text" value="Jamaica"/>
Color of my first vehicle?	<input type="text" value="Blue"/>

Enter your current email address as your Username.
Create challenge questions and answers.
Click the finish button.

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It's time to...

PAINT THE OTTER ROCKS!!

Perfect for celebrating your student's
birthday or their budding artistic talent!

CLICK HERE TO SECURE YOUR SPOT
NOW BEFORE
MEET THE TEACHER!

For any questions, please reach out to
Stephanie Marciani at
shmorse@yahoo.com

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TFW AFTER-SCHOOL WORKOUT PROGRAM

COST IS \$249 — PER 8 WEEK PROGRAM*

Join Us for a Fun After School Workout 2nd—6th Grade BOYS & GIRLS @ OPE!

Training For Warriors (TFW) after-school program encompasses signature warm-ups, speed training, strength training, endurance training, flexibility work, nutrition education and games specifically for kids in an outdoor setting.

TFW helps improve confidence and self esteem while having fun! Each class will be 1-hour in length and there will be a total of 16 classes in the session.



Training for Warriors Registration Form

Select an after-school workout session (Monday: 3pm - 4pm & Wednesday 2pm - 3pm):

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Session One

Sept 8th thru Nov 3rd

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Session Two

Nov 8th thru Jan 26th

- No class: Nov 22nd thru Nov 26th and Dec 20th thru Jan 7th

Parent's Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent's Email: _____ Child's Name: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Emergency Contact Name and Cell Phone: _____

My Child's Medical Concerns: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED:

\$

Return to the OPE front office by Friday, August 27th

- Make checks payable to TFW PVB
- Drop off form at OPE front office or mail to: Phil Squatrito, 402 Mahi Drive, Ponte Vedra, FL. 32081
- Questions? Reach out to Phil Squatrito at (973) 723-7388

Everyday. Everyone. Everything Matters.