

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

355 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082 Palms Post Issue 7 January 2024

Dear Otter Families,

In this special time of year, as we embark on winter break, our hearts are filled with excitement and anticipation. It's a season of togetherness, laughter, and the creation of beautiful memories with loved ones. In the spirit of the season, we express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support. Your commitment to your child's education and well-being is a source of inspiration for us all. As we enter winter break, we encourage you to cherish the moments that truly matter - the warmth of family, the joy of shared experiences, and the love that binds us together.

We are thrilled to share the wonderful news that the Florida Department of Education has released school grades, and we are proud to announce that Ocean Palms Elementary has maintained its "A School" status. This achievement is a testament to our students' hard work, the collective effort of our dedicated staff, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. It goes without saying that our school community's high level of parent support is a significant factor when it comes to student success. We are extremely proud and grateful. Well done!

This winter break, we invite you to join us in fostering a sense of community through cozy parental involvement. Whether it's sharing your favorite winter traditions or recommending a heartwarming read. Your involvement makes our community stronger and we are thankful for you. In the New Year, we will continue to encourage and inspire children to always work to their personal best, both socially and academically. We hope that 2024 is a positive and prosperous year for everyone.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cantwell, Mrs. Cantrell, and Ms. Beish

OPE Administration Team

January

- 4 – Teacher Planning Day/No School
- 5 – Teacher In-Service Day/No School
- 8 – Classes Resume
- 8 – 19 Kids Heart Challenge/Jump Rope for Heart during PE
- 5 – Martin Luther King Day/No School
- 19 – Report Cards posted on (HAC)
- 31 – (K-2) Otterpalooza Teacher Experience #1 (2:00-3:00)

February

- 3 – District Character Counts Run/Walk at Palencia Elementary
- 5 – 9 Kindness Cards on Sale
- 6 – Interims
- 13 – Kindness Cards delivered to classes
- 19 – Presidents' Day/No School
- 22 – Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast and Music Performance
- 26 – 3/1 Celebrate Literacy Week – Dress up days and activities
- 28 – (3-5) Otterpalooza Teacher Experience #1 (2:00-3:00)
- 29 – Third Grade Music Performances 5:00 and 6:30 p.m.



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PLEASE JOIN US FOR:

FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT

WHO :

Rising 6th Graders and Families
All students MUST be accompanied by an adult

DATE AND TIME:

Tuesday, January 23, 5:30-7:30 PM

WHERE:

Landrum Middle School

Please join us for a night
of fun as we celebrate Literacy Week!
More details to follow!

To help us better prepare, click on this [link](#) to
RSVP to the event!



11TH ANNUAL

CHARACTER COUNTS!

In St. Johns
County

6K 3K

RUN • WALK

Saturday, February 3, 2024
9 A.M.

Palencia Elementary School



Register by January 5, 2024, to receive a race t-shirt
and other goodies from sponsoring businesses
and community organizations!



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Character Counts Race!

Join the CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee for its 11th Annual CHARACTER COUNTS! 6K/3K Run/Walk on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. The run/walk will begin and end at Palencia Elementary School, located at 355 Palencia Village Drive, St. Augustine.

Walkers and runners will enjoy a course running through the neighborhoods of Kensington and Las Calinas and can choose to participate in the 6K (3.73 miles) or 3K (1.86 miles) distance.

Registration fees are as follows:

6K Walk/Run

\$30 before January 1

\$35 January 1-February 2

\$40 on race day

3K Walk/Run

\$25 before January 1

\$30 January 1-February 2

\$35 on race day

Registration forms and more information are available online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/StAugustine/CHARACTERCOUNTSinStJohnsCountySixPillars6K3KRunWalk>

Race proceeds support CHARACTER COUNTS! initiatives throughout the St. Johns County School District (SJCS D). The run/walk is open to all ages, and the top three winners will be awarded in each of the age categories as well as the overall male and female finishers. A cash donation will be awarded to the schools with the most registrants. In 2022, these schools were Palm Valley Academy, Pine Island Academy, Durbin Creek Elementary, Timberlin Creek Elementary, **Ocean Palms Elementary**, and Palencia Elementary. All racers registered by January 5, 2024, will receive a t-shirt and other giveaways from area businesses and organizations. At the finish line, each race participant will receive a finisher's medal.

This event is produced by the CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee and is presented by Beaver Toyota with support from businesses and community groups. Action News Jax CBS47/FOX30 is the official media sponsor.

The SJCS D, along with area businesses, youth organizations and civic groups, selected the national character education program of CHARACTER COUNTS! as a countywide initiative to instill positive character traits in young people throughout the county. Additionally, the SJCS D became the first school district in Florida to implement Pursuing Victory With Honor in all of its athletic programs. Character education is an important part of every School Improvement Plan and a major component of the Student Code of Conduct and the school district's Strategic Plan.



\$259

8 WEEK JUMP START AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

\$259

Mondays: 3-4pm & Wednesdays: 2-3pm

CO-ED TRAINING



Ocean Palms Elementary

Jan. 17th - Mar. 20th

GRADES: K-5th



Focus: Build an early foundation of strength and understanding of body mechanics

WHO IS THIS FOR?

Perfect for the beginner/intermediate athlete, the Basic Strength program introduces strength training concepts with an emphasis on proper form, movement patterns, bodyweight resistance training, progressive programming and injury prevention. This program develops the foundation for an athlete's relative strength while teaching optimal body mechanics in a safe, fun environment. Program will be individually customized for each athlete based on development.

A common myth is that resistance or weight training is dangerous for young athletes. Current medical research has found that nothing could be further from the truth. Youth resistance training helps athletes:

- ◆ Develop motor skills, understand muscle mechanics and become more coordinated, stable and strong
- ◆ Strengthen bones, muscles, ligaments and tendons
- ◆ Decrease chance of injury on the field
- ◆ Understand proper technique and form
- ◆ Build self-esteem and Confidence
- ◆ Increased Mental Fortitude
- ◆ Nutritional Education





Kids Heart Challenge is coming soon,
Ocean Palms Elementary School!

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- Register online and complete Finn's Mission to know Hands-Only CPR® and the warning signs of a stroke. Plus, your student will receive Finn's Lifesaver Award once Finn's Mission is completed!
- If 50% of our students register online our school can earn \$500 to purchase new PE equipment! The top 3 teachers with the most students registered will receive \$25 Amazon gift cards!
- Students that raise \$200 and complete their Heart Hero Set will earn Buster! Students who earn Buster and complete Finn's Mission will get a special invitation to a Buster and Finn party! Donations due by January 19th.

Thank you,
Coach Bouaziz

MEET THE TEAM! INTRODUCING THE NEW HEART HEROES:



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STEM**



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Tobacco**



**\$25- SPLASH
Eat Smart**



**\$40- STAR
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**\$100- BOLT
Move More**



**\$150- TRU
Be Kind**



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EDITION
**BUSTER
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"Hey Students!
Are you up for a
challenge? I can't wait
for you to meet the
new Heart Heroes!"
- Buster

January's Lunch Menu

January 8th	January 9th	January 10th	January 11th	January 12th
Chicken Nuggets & Choice of WG Garlic RipStick Beef & Bean Chili with choice of WG Garlic RipStick Green Beans & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Dipping sauce dunk cup, cheese cup	Hot Dog Mac & Cheese Baked Beans & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Ketchup, mustard, dipping sauce dunk cup	BBQ Chicken Quesadilla Grilled Cheese Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Ketchup, mustard, Mayo, dipping sauce dunk cup	Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Mini Corn Dogs Steamed Broccoli & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Dipping sauce dunk cup	Hamburger or Cheeseburger Mac Cheese Sticks with choice of marinara dipping sauce Baked Potato Fries & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit & Choice of 100% Juice Ketchup, mustard, Mayo, dipping sauce dunk cup
January 15th	January 16th	January 17th	January 18th	January 19th
Martin Luther King Day Student / Teacher Holiday	Penne Pasta with Choice of Marinara Sauce OR marinara sauce with Meatballs Green Beans & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit WG Garlic Ripstick Dipping Sauce Dunk cup	Homestyle Chicken Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries & Baked Beans Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Ketchup, mustard, Mayo, dipping sauce dunk cup	Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Mini Corn Dogs Steamed Broccoli & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Dipping sauce dunk cup	Hamburger or Cheeseburger Mac Cheese Sticks with choice of marinara dipping sauce Baked Potato Fries & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit & Choice of 100% Juice Ketchup, mustard, Mayo, dipping sauce dunk cup
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January 29th	January 30th	January 31st	February 1st	February 2nd
Chicken Slider Biscuit French Toast Sticks Tater Tots Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Ketchup, mustard, dipping sauce dunk cup	Penne Pasta with Choice of Marinara Sauce OR marinara sauce with Meatballs Green Beans & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit WG Garlic Ripstick Dipping Sauce Dunk cup	Homestyle Chicken Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries & Baked Beans Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Ketchup, mustard, Mayo, dipping sauce dunk cup	Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Mini Corn Dogs Steamed Broccoli & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit Dipping sauce dunk cup	Hamburger or Cheeseburger Mac Cheese Sticks with choice of marinara dipping sauce Baked Potato Fries & Assorted Fresh Vegetables Assorted Fruit & Choice of 100% Juice Ketchup, mustard, Mayo, dipping sauce dunk cup



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SJCS D ILLNESS GUIDELINES

Deciding when to keep your child home from school can be difficult. When a child is sick and needs to stay at home, parents should contact the school and describe the illness and symptoms. If a medical provider makes a specific diagnosis (such as strep throat, conjunctivitis, chicken pox, etc.), let school staff know.

There are several reasons to keep (exclude) sick children from school:

1. The child does not feel well enough to participate comfortably in usual activities, such as with extreme signs of tiredness or fatigue, unexplained irritability, or persistent crying.
2. The child requires more care than the school staff is able to provide without affecting the health and safety of the other children.
3. The illness is on the list of symptoms or illness for which exclusion is recommended.
4. The child is not vaccinated due to medical or religious reasons and there is an outbreak in the school.

The following list gives guidelines and recommendations for exclusion from school due to illness. Children with minor illness need not be excluded unless one or more of the following exists.

ILLNESS OR SYMPTOMS	EXCLUSION IS NECESSARY
Chicken Pox	YES – Until blisters have dried and crusted (usually 6 days)
Conjunctivitis (pink eye) (pink or red eyes with thick mucus or pus draining from the eye)	YES – May return 24 hours after treatment begins. If your health provider decides not to treat your child, a note is needed.
Coughing (severe, uncontrolled coughing or wheezing, rapid or difficulty in breathing)	YES – Medical attention may be necessary. Note: Children with asthma may be cared for in school with a written health care plan and authorization for medication/treatment.
Coxsackie Virus (Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease)	NO – May attend if able to participate in school activities, unless the child has mouth sores and is drooling.
Diarrhea (frequent, loose or watery stools not caused by diet or medication)	YES – If child looks or acts ill; diarrhea with vomiting; diarrhea that is not contained in the toilet.
Fever with behavior changes or illness	YES – When fever is 100.4° or greater and is accompanied by behavior changes or other symptoms of illness, such as fatigue, rash, sore throat, upper respiratory symptoms, vomiting, diarrhea, etc. Must remain at home for at least 24 hours or until all symptoms subside medication free.
Fifth Disease	NO – Child is no longer contagious once rash illness appears.
Head Lice	YES – May return after treatment and removal of all live lice and nits from hair.
Hepatitis A	YES – Until 1 week after onset of illness or jaundice and when able to participate in school activities.

ILLNESS OR SYMPTOMS	EXCLUSION IS NECESSARY
Herpes	YES – If area is oozing and cannot be covered, e.g., mouth sores. Otherwise, may return to school.
Impetigo/Staph/MRSA	YES – May return 24 hours after treatment starts. Wound must be covered with dressing taped on all 4 sides.
Body Rash <u>with</u> Fever	YES – Seek medical advice. Any rash that spreads quickly, has open, weeping wounds and /or is not healing should be evaluated. May return to school when medical provider determines that illness is not communicable.
Mild Cold Symptoms (stuffy nose with clear drainage, sneezing, mild cough)	NO – May attend if well enough to participate in school activities.
Upper Respiratory Complications - large amount of thick nasal discharge - extreme sleepiness - ear pain - fever (100° or above orally)	YES – Seek medical advice. May return when symptoms are improved.
Ringworm	YES – May return after treatment begins. Area should be covered while in school for the first 48 hours of treatment.
Roseola	NO – Unless child cannot participate in usual activities and has fever.
Scabies	YES – May return after treatment is started with note from medical provider.
Strep Throat	YES – May return after 24 hours of antibiotic treatment and no fever for 24 hours
Vaccine Preventable Diseases (mumps, measles, whooping cough)	YES – Until judged not infectious by a medical provider. Report all cases to Health Services Coordinator.
Vomiting (2 or more episodes in the past 24 hours)	YES – Until vomiting resolves or health care provider determines that cause is not communicable. Note: Observe for other signs of illness and for dehydration.



OCEAN PALMS ELEMENTARY LITERACY WEEK

FEBRUARY 26TH - MARCH 1ST

MON. - COLOR WARS

A rainbow of colors followed
me to school.

Now, I know why Otters are so cool.

What class will win the class
color wars for OPE?

***Today, wear as many items as
possible in your class color.***

TUES. - HATS & SUNGLASSES

Otters seek adventures
on land and ocean waves.

When Otters shine a light on literacy,
they act very brave.

***Today, shine a light on literacy by
wearing your favorite hat and
sunglasses.***

WED. - CRAZY DAY

Our hair is crooked, our clothes on
backwards. Watch out because
today Otters are walking hazards.

Show that wild side of Otter fun.

***Today, wear your craziest hair with
mismatched or backwards clothes.***

THURS. - SUPERHEROES & VILLAINS

It's a leap year which means
February 29 is here -- a special
day that only comes
once every four years.

***Today, in honor of leap year,
dress as a superhero or villain.***

FRI. - NEON DISCO

Hey! Hey! Hey!

Ba-dee-ya.

Do you remember?

Otters dancing on March 1st?

***Today, our favorite way to
celebrate literacy is back.***

***Wear your best
neon disco dance look.***





Chip in for Charity

Purchase single-day stadium passes for March 14-17 and use our code at checkout. You get entry to the tournament, and OPE earns \$40 per ticket!

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?



Want to stay in the know regarding news and events at OPE? Here's how:



Become an Otter Booster: Opt in for emails and newsletters from our PTO



Read the Palms Post: Mrs. Cantwell's monthly e-newsletter packed with important news, dates & information



Classroom: See your teacher's weekly newsletter with class-specific info

Follow us on social media for up-to-the-minute photos, event info & helpful reminders:



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses **2** days a month..

They will miss **20 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **30 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **1 YEAR** of school by graduation.

When a student misses **4** days a month..

They will miss **40 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **120 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **2 YEARS** of school by graduation.

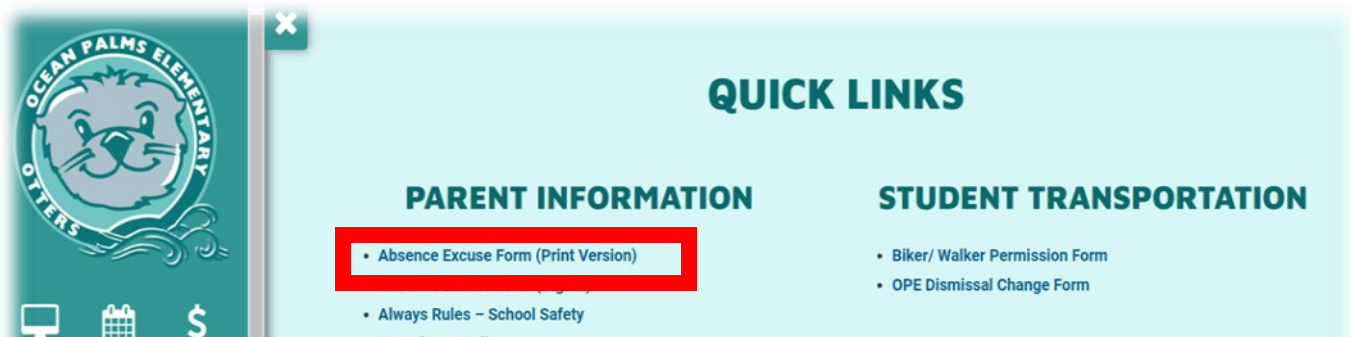
ATTENDANCE POLICY AND NEW DIGITAL ABSENCE FORM

The importance of regular attendance cannot be over emphasized. However, the health and safety of our students and staff is our number one priority. Please do not send your child to school if they have a temperature over 100.4°F without having taken any fever- reducing medications.

When Absent

Our excused absence form is located on our school webpage (see image below).

A parent or guardian will submit their child's absence using the digital form within forty-eight (48) hours of returning to school stating the cause of the absence. After fifteen (15) days of absence, whether excused or unexcused, a student must present verification from a licensed doctor for all subsequent absences due to illness.



<https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=opesabsence#>

Excused absences include personal illness, illness of an immediate family member, death in the family, religious holidays of the student's established religious faith, required court or law agency appearances, school/district related competitions, and scheduled doctor or dentist appointment.

Unexcused absences include shopping trips, pleasure trips, suspension from school, appointments without prior approval except in case of emergency, truancy.

For the SJCS D to be in compliance with state statues and the Department of Education they must notify parents of their children's absences and state laws. The school district sends automated attendance communication to parents/guardians when a student is absent.

In addition, communication is also sent when a student has reached 5, 10, and or 15 absences, whether excused or unexcused. When a student reaches 15 total absences the district requires a doctor's note for additional absences to be excused.

For a complete list of excused and unexcused absences, students and parents should refer to the Student Code of Conduct or visit the district's website www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/attendance/

How Do I Get Approved to Access the School Building?

<https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply>

In an ongoing endeavor to provide safety and security for students and staff, school access is required for every individual that is not a staff member of the St. Johns County School District. Below are the steps every visitor must complete to access the building during school hours.

1. **Complete the School Access Form at <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply>. Do not wait to complete your application because the process can potentially take up to two weeks to clear.**

The screenshot shows the 'SCHOOL ACCESS' page for the Saint Johns County School District. On the left is a teal sidebar with the 'OCEAN PALMS ELEMENTARY OTTERS' logo, navigation links (HAC, Calendar, Payments), a search bar, and a menu (School District Website, About Our School, Departments, For Students). The main content area has the heading 'SCHOOL ACCESS' and 'FILL OUT YOUR VOLUNTEER SCHOOL ACCESS FORM!'. It includes a paragraph about the need for safety and security, a link to the 'School Access Form', and a note about required identification. A blue button labeled 'Complete the School Access Form' is at the bottom. On the right, a preview of the application form is shown, featuring fields for First Name, Middle Name, Last Name, Suffix, Date of Birth, Social Security Number, Gender, Volunteer Type, and a checkbox for 'Have you ever been convicted of a felony?'. The form also has 'Reset' and 'Continue' buttons.

2. Bring your ID when you check in at the front office.

- Proper identification must be presented each time a person signs in at a school. The only forms of proper identification are the following:
 - Current state issued driver's license
 - Current state issued identification card (issued only by the DMV)
- If a person has a visa and/or does not have a social security number, the applicant must contact the Volunteer Services department right away for alternate steps.
- School access lasts for 3 year intervals. Upon approaching 3 years of access, it is the responsibility of the applicant to contact Volunteer Services and renew the form. To reduce duplication, do not complete a new form.



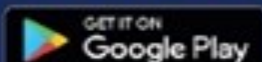
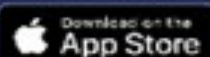
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FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



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You can also include photos or video with your tip report.



-  **Your School Officials**
The tip report goes to your local school officials when submitted.
-  **Local Law Enforcement**
Your local police department or sheriff office receive copies of your tips automatically.
-  **State-Level Officials**
State-level officials also have access to your tips to make sure proper steps are taken.

THIRD GRADE PROGRESSION STATUTE & GOOD CAUSE EXEMPTIONS

The third grade progression statute is to ensure that students have the necessary reading skills to be successful in grade 4 and beyond, where the rigors of reading in the content areas increase. **According to section 1008.25(5), Florida Statutes (F.S.), to be promoted to fourth grade, a third-grade student must score a Level 2 or above on the statewide Florida Assessment of Student Thinking – English Language Arts (FAST-ELA).** The following plan describes several ways for students who do not meet this standard initially to be promoted to fourth grade.

If a student does not demonstrate proficiency on the statewide FAST- ELA Assessment during the third progress monitoring (PM3) test in May, they can attend the district provided Summer Reading Program to ensure they receive additional instruction.

There is also statutory language that prohibits the statewide FAST- ELA from being the sole determiner of promotion and states that additional evaluations, portfolio reviews and assessments are available to the child to assist parents and the school district in knowing when a child is reading at or above grade level and ready for grade promotion. **Grades (3-5) students are scheduled to take the Spring ELA Assessment in May.**

Good Cause Exemptions 1, 4, 5, 6 Students who earn a Level 1 on the FAST for PM3 and meet one of the Good Cause Exemptions outlined below must also attend the 2023 Summer Reading Program. A student only needs to meet the criteria for one of the 6 Good Cause Exemptions.

Good Cause Exemption #1: Limited English proficient students who have had less than two (2) years of instruction in an English for Speakers of Other Languages program based on the initial date of entry into a school in the United States.

Good Cause Exemption #2: Students with disabilities whose individual education plan indicates that participation in the statewide assessment program is not appropriate, consistent with requirements of s.1008.212, F.S.

Good Cause Exemption #3: Students who demonstrate an acceptable level of performance on an alternate standardized reading or English Language Arts assessment approved by the State Board of Education. Alternate Assessments: SAT-10, raw score 37 (45th percentile) or STAR Reading 986 scale score (50th percentile).

Good Cause Exemption #4: A student who demonstrates through a student portfolio that he or she is performing at least at Level 2 on the statewide, standardized English Language Arts assessment.

Good Cause Exemption #5: Students with disabilities who take the statewide, standardized English Language Arts assessment and who have an individual education plan or a Section 504 Plan that reflects that the student has received intensive remediation in reading or English Language Arts for more than two years but still demonstrates a deficiency and was previously retained in kindergarten, grades 1, 2 or 3.

Good Cause Exemption #6: Students who have received intensive reading intervention for two or more years but still demonstrate a deficiency in reading and who were previously retained in kindergarten, grade 1, grade 2, or grade 3 for a total of two years. A student may not be retained more than once in grade 3.

FLORIDA STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

2023–2024 SCHEDULE*

The testing windows below denote the amount of time provided for districts and schools to select test administration days; they do not represent the amount of time students spend taking the assessments. The windows are established to provide maximum flexibility to efficiently deliver these important measurements of student progress and performance and maximize student learning and instructional time.

Writing	
Dates	Assessment
April 1–12, 2024	Grades 4–10 Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Writing
ELA Reading and Mathematics	
Dates	Assessment
May 1–31, 2024	Grades 3–10 Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) English Language Arts (ELA) Reading & Grades 3–8 Mathematics End-of-Year Progress Monitoring Assessment (Third Administration, PM3)
Statewide Science Assessment	
Dates	Assessment
May 6–17 1–31, 2024	Grades 5 & 8 Science
EOC & FAST ELA Reading Retake Assessments	
Dates	Assessment
September 11–October 6, 2023 November 27–December 15, 2023 May 1–31, 2024 July 15–26, 2024	B.E.S.T. Algebra 1 & Geometry End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments Biology 1, Civics, & U.S. History EOCs FAST Grade 10 ELA Reading Retake
FSA Retake Assessments	
Dates	Assessment
September 11–29, 2023	Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) Grade 10 ELA Reading Retake FSA Grade 10 ELA Writing Retake FSA Algebra 1 EOC Retake
February 19–March 8, 2024	FSA Grade 10 ELA Writing Retake FSA Grade 10 ELA Reading Retake FSA Algebra 1 EOC Retake

*School districts establish daily testing schedules within these windows according to state-provided guidance. For more detailed scheduling information for a specific school or district, please visit that organization's website.

FLORIDA STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

2023–2024 SCHEDULE

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FAST	
Dates	Grade Levels and Subjects
First Administration (PM1): August 7–September 29, 2023 Second Administration (PM2): December 4, 2023–January 26, 2024 Third Administration (PM3): April 15–May 31, 2024	Grades K–2* FAST Reading & Mathematics
First Administration (PM1): August 14–September 29, 2023 Second Administration (PM2): December 4, 2023–January 26, 2024 Third Administration (PM3): May 1–May 31, 2024	Grades 3–10 FAST ELA Reading & Grades 3–8 FAST Mathematics

*Assessment calendar guidance for VPK programs is available at <https://www.fldoe.org/schools/early-learning/providers/fast-star-earlit.stml>.

Florida Alternate Assessment	
Dates	Grade Levels and Subjects
September 25–October 13, 2023	Florida Standards Alternate Assessment (FSAA)—Performance Task Grade 10 ELA Makeup Algebra 1 Makeup
February 26–April 12, 2024	Florida Alternate Assessments (FAA)*—Performance Task Grades 3–8 ELA & Mathematics Grades 4–8 Writing Grades 5 & 8 Science End-of-Course Assessment (Civics)
March 11–April 26, 2024	FAA*—Performance Task Grades 9 & 10 ELA Grades 9 & 10 Writing End-of-Course Assessments (Algebra 1, Biology 1, Geometry & U.S. History)
Data Collection Periods: September–October 2023 November–December 2023 March–April 2024	FAA*—Datafolio Grades 3–10 ELA (Reading & Writing) Grades 3–8 Mathematics Grades 5 & 8 Science End-of-Course Assessments (Algebra 1, Biology 1, Civics, Geometry & U.S. History)

*Aligned to Access Points for B.E.S.T.



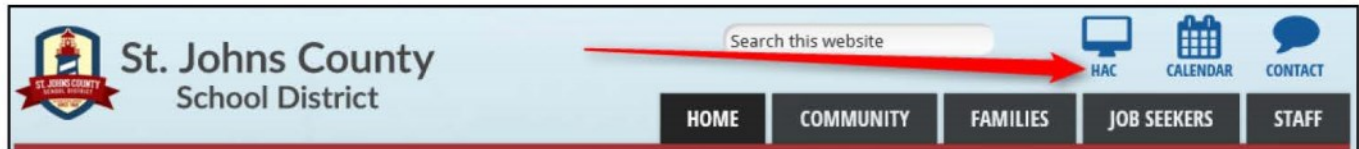
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Parents: New Home Access Center Account "HAC"

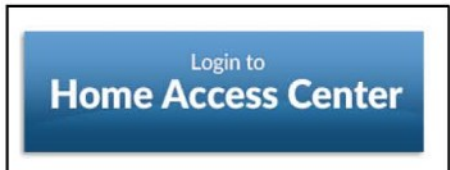
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To register for a Home Access Center Account, "HAC", please follow the below instructions. Please note, only the **Parent or Legal Guardian** of the student can register for a HAC account and the student must be in compliance with Immunizations and 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.



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".

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)

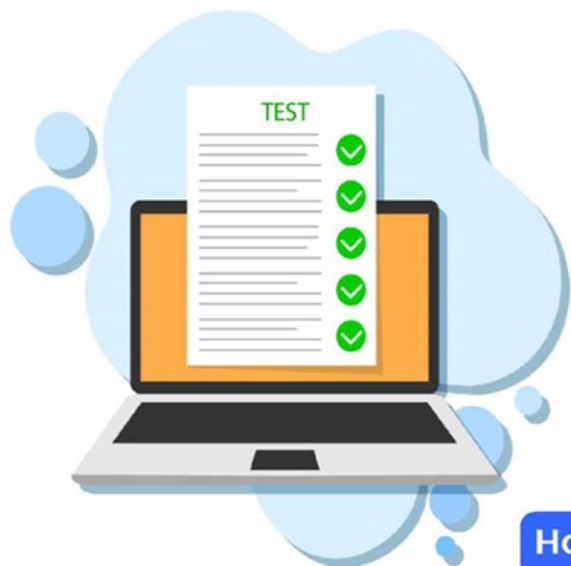
Zip Code: Use the 5 digit Zip code for your home address

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.

Please email our Data Operator – Vicki.morales@stjohns.k12.fl.us or the front desk – Stephanie.crenshaw@stjohns.k12.fl.us for assistance.

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.
- 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.