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The Webster School

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August

10th First Day of School and Staggered Start begins for Kindergarten

14th First Day of School for ALL Kindergarten students

18th Head Start Vision Screen

24th – 28th PTO Sponsored Fund Raiser - Computers for Education

September

1st Health Screenings K, 1st, and 3rd

3rd SAC / PTO Meeting (3:30 – 4:30)

3rd Chick-fil-a Spirit Night (5:30-7:30)

7th Labor Day – No School

11th Interims Issued

11th National Patriot Day - Wear your Red, White and Blue

14th National Arts in Education Week

15th (PreK & K - 2) Open House 5:00 – 7:00

17th (3 - 5) Open House 5:00 – 7:00

17th Constitution / Citizenship Day

22nd Boy/Cub Scouts Sign Up Night in the cafeteria (6:30 – 8:00)

October

1st SAC / PTO Meeting (3:30 – 4:30)

1st Disability History & Awareness Month

15th PTO Sponsored Outdoor Movie Night (5:30 – 7:00)

16th Celebration of Champions

16th First Quarter Ends

19th Teacher Planning Day – No School Student Holiday

20th and 21st Individual Pictures

20th – 23rd National Bus Safety Week

21st (K-1) Treaty Park Reward Trip

22nd (2-3) Treaty Park Reward Trip

23rd (4-5) Treaty Park Reward Trip

26th – 30th Parent / Teacher Conference Week to pick up your child's report card

26th – 30th Red Ribbon Week

30th MKY Fall Festival



New Staff Members

Join us in welcoming our new PreK teacher Christina Hernandez, Kindergarten teacher Fannethia Vitolo, fifth grade teacher Lisa Marsh, Speech Pathologist Catherine Byrne, Varying Exceptionalities teachers Colleen Curtan, Tinyka Reese. Valerie Havekost, paraprofessionals Lori Lewis and Ja'Nae Wadley. They are excited about joining our family and bring a lot of experience to their fields.

Kindergarten Staggered Start

Staggered Start is a way for kindergarten students to transition slowly to school. Be sure to sign up for with your child's Kindergarten teacher. Students will attend school in groups of approximately 5 per group, per class, Monday through Thursday (August 10th – 13th). Kindergarten students only attend on the day they are scheduled. Then on Friday, August 14th, all of the kindergarten students attend class together.

Tea and Tissue for Kindergarten Parents

On Friday, August 14th, immediately after walking your child to class, parents are invited to attend Tea and Tissues in the MKY auditorium. Here you can meet some Webster staff members, PTO and socialize with parents in your child's class and make those longstanding connections with other parents in our community.

Volunteers and Picture ID

Each year we like to welcome parents and community members who volunteer to support and enrich the learning that takes place at our school. Please remember to complete the volunteer form online prior to volunteering. This can be found on our district's website. All volunteers must sign in at the front office with a valid picture ID. **All parents, guardians and visitors must be show a picture ID and be a registered volunteer to enter the cafeteria, classrooms or school activities during the school day.**

Morning Drop Off

A gentle reminder that we cannot accept students any earlier than 8:00 AM in the morning. Students need to stay in their parent's car until a staff member is present to provide supervision. Students should not be left at the parent drop off area unattended.

Walking Students to Class

In the morning students either report to the cafeteria for breakfast or Parents are welcome to walk their students to class during the week of August 10th – 14th. When students enter the building they either report to the cafeteria for breakfast which begins at 8:00 AM or they report to their classrooms. Students in grades (1-5) have designated and supervised sitting areas outside their classrooms until the first bell rings at 8:20 AM. Students in Kindergarten are escorted to the classrooms either by staff members or our school Ambassadors.

Two Lanes for Parent Pick Up

Parents picking up students in MKY should stay to the right allowing cars to pass on the left. The SJC Sheriff's Dept. also ask that only right hand turns be made in and out of the parking lot to keep traffic flowing. Thank you for continuing to have your child's name visible in the window so your child can be called to come out to the ramp for pick up. We appreciate your cooperation with these procedures.

Wednesday Early Release

Every Wednesday throughout the school year, our school releases at 1:50 PM. This time is set aside for teachers to receive additional training. Thank you for being sure you are at the bus stop or in the parent pick up line one hour before normal dismissal time every Wednesday.

Dismissal and Safety Procedures

To ensure your child's learning environment is not interrupted and to provide sufficient time to communicate dismissal changes to teachers and students all dismissal changes must be received by 2:15 PM on M, T, TH, F by 1:15 PM on Wednesday. Students who need to be checked out early, should be picked up by 2:15 PM on M, T, TH, F and by 1:15 PM on Wednesday. **Thank you for your cooperation and following our safety dismissal procedures.**

Webster is an AVID School

This year The Webster School will be focusing on AVID strategies in grades (K-5). AVID stands for Achievement Via Individual Determination and teaches skills and behaviors for academic success creating a positive peer group for students. Teachers will model and emphasize organizational skills, note taking and critical thinking skills. Students in grades (PreK – 5th) have been provided a binder (OT), a planner and a home communication folder. The purpose of the planner is to serve as an organizational tool (OT) for students to document their homework and behavior each day. This allows parents to view what homework their child has and to assure its completeness. Teachers and parents may also use it as a means to communicate between school and home. Students are expected to take the planner home each day, get it signed by an adult and return it to school the following day to record assignments and other important dates to remember.



SCHOOL SPIRIT

WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

Every Wednesday students and staff can show their AVID spirit by wearing shirts to represent their College and Career goals. For example, if you want to go to school to be a Marine Biologist you could wear a shirt with marine animals on it or a shirt representing a school where you could earn a degree in Marine Biology. Every Friday students and staff can wear their Webster gear to show their school spirit. This year each grade level will have a specific color. We are asking that each child purchase a shirt for \$10.00. These shirts will be worn on spirit days and during field trips.



The PTO Needs YOU!
Join the PTO and Support
The Webster School
thewebsterpto@gmail.com

PTO Board for 2015-2016

President – Elizabeth Michalik
Vice President – Adriana Orta
Secretary – Lori Lewis
Treasurer – Penny Angelus
Volunteer Coordinator – Cassandra Peck

All families who join PTO for \$10.00 will receive a Webster Score Card to receive discounts at local restaurants!

School Advisory Council (SAC)

The Webster School Advisory Council (SAC) is looking for parents, business community members, and other interested members of the community who would be interested in serving as a SAC member. If you or if you know of anyone who may be interested, please contact Mrs. Mitidieri for further information.



SAVE THE DATES!

**Tuesday, September 15th
(PreK & K-2) Open House
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

**Thursday, September 17th
(3-5) Open House
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

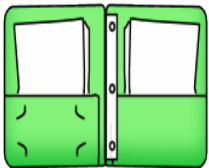
**October 26th – 30th
Parent / Teacher
Conference Week**

SAC / PTO Meetings

SAC / PTO meetings will be held the first Thursday of every month from 3:30 - 4:30 pm in the MKY auditorium starting Thursday, September 3rd. All meetings are open to the public, and we encourage all parents to attend. For those parents and community members unable to attend in person you will be able to participate via the web this year. More information regarding our SAC/PTO virtual meetings to follow.

- ✓ **September 3rd**
- ✓ **October 1st**
- ✓ **November 5th**
- ✓ **December 3rd**
- ✓ **February 4th**
- ✓ **March 3rd**
- ✓ **April 7th**
- ✓ **May 5th**

Attendance
Notes



Attendance & Tardies

Regular school attendance is a necessary part of a student's education. Excessive absences and tardies impairs a child's educational progress and can impact whether the child passes or fails a grade. We ask that you do not schedule trips or appointments during the school day when your child will miss academic instruction. Students miss important instruction that teachers cannot replicate when your child is out of school. Remember, getting to school on time is important for each child to begin their day. **Each child will receive several blank absence notes in their organizational tool (OT). Please use these notes to excuse your child's absences from school.**



PayPAMS Website

PayPAMS was designed to provide parents with a safe and convenient way to prepay for student's meals online. Parents can set up automatic payment plans, view balances and account history, and receive automated notification on balance status by registering with PayPams. Please visit our webpage for more information or register at <https://paypams.com/HomePage.aspx>

Webster Cafeteria Webpage

Parents can access school lunch menus, free and reduced lunch applications, and all other information about your child's meals by clicking on the image school lunch image on The Webster School's webpage. <http://webster.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>

Health Screenings for Grades K, 1, and 3

Students in grades K, 1, and 3 will have screenings on September 1st. In compliance with Florida Statute 381.0056(7), regarding school health services, we are notifying you that students in the St. Johns County School system will be offered free screening for vision, hearing, height/weight measurement for growth and development and other possible health problems. **Your child will be screened unless you notify the school, in writing, by Wednesday, August 26th, that you do not want your child to participate.** The screenings are conducted by nurses from the St. Johns County Health Unit, in conjunction with trained volunteers. We are pleased to be able to offer the program that supports the health and well-being of our students. If you have any questions, please contact Nurse Nina Hall at 547-3802.



Nurse Nina Hall and Nurse Wanda Someillan are our school nurses. We are happy to have them on our campus to help with our student's medical needs. If your child has any medical concerns or needs medication given during the day, please contact them. Nurse Nina Hall 547-3802 and Nurse Wanda Someillan 547-3868.

ANCIENT CITY SOCCER CLUB



Registration now open for ages 3-18.
Visit <http://www.ancientcitysoccer.com/>
Soccer season begins on September 12th.



UPDATE EMERGENCY INFORMATION!

Please keep your child's records up-to-date...address, phone, emergency contacts, etc.

Call Marcia McNabb @ 547-3864.

Thank you for helping to keep your child safe!

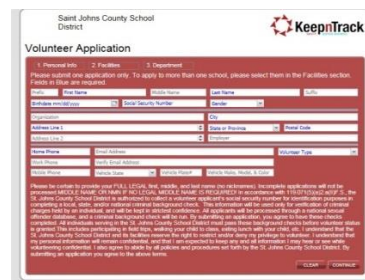
ATTENTION ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS & GUESTS

To enter The Webster School for ANY reason you must fill out the on-line "School Access Form" and be approved by the St. Johns School District & St. Johns Sheriff's Dept.

This process can take up to 4 weeks so don't wait!

Hard copies are available for those who do not have internet access.

<https://knt3.keepntrack.com/HTML/KnTOnlineVolunteerApplication.html?db=stjohns&version=2.75.1-20131023>



Webster is a Five Star School



The **Five Star School Award** was created by the Commissioner's Community Involvement Council and is presented annually to those schools that have shown evidence of exemplary community involvement. In order to earn Five Star School recognition, a school must show documentation that it has achieved 100 percent of the established criteria in the following categories: Business partnerships, Family Involvement, Volunteerism, Student Community Service and School Advisory Councils. ***This award is a testament to our dedicated families, volunteers, business partners, staff and students!***

Counselor's Corner

When kids are young there is nothing better than spending time with you, their parents. One of the biggest keys to a good relationship is spending time with your children. Sharing in fun brings people closer together. It is important, even in the busy world we live in, to set time aside for your children. Start today and make family night a regular occasion in your house. A few ideas on how to fit quality time in with your kids are Family Game Night, Homemade Pizza Night, or Family Movie Night.

Whether they are starting Kindergarten or 5th grade, the first days of school can be tough for students and parents. Keep in mind that, with good habits and routines, the process will get much easier! Here are some tips for reducing stress and anxiety:

1. Start your child's bed-time and wake-time routine at least a week before school starts.
2. Talk to you child about the things that are scary and the things that are exciting about school.
3. Meet your child's teacher ahead of time. If your child knows that you feel safe and comfortable with the teacher, and they will be more likely to connect.
4. When it is time for your child to go (on the bus, into the building, or into the classroom), say good-bye with a smile and try not to linger. If your child is upset, the teacher needs to be the one to calm them down. Once the relationship is established, the tears will likely disappear!
5. Stay connected. A note in your child's lunch box or a heart in on their hand can remind him that you are thinking of him and that he will see you soon!
6. Follow up. If your child continues to have trouble leaving you, meet with the teacher and/or counselor to find ways to help them. We are all here to make the school experience a happy one!

Melody Cashwell, Guidance Counselor 547-3876

Helping Your Child Succeed on Florida Standard Assessments

If you are a parent of a third, fourth or Fifth grade student and would like to receive more information about FSA, please plan on attending one of the district's FSA informational presentations. Each evening will begin at 6:30 and conclude by 8:00. The sessions will consist of a writing and ELA portion followed by a mathematics session. Time for questions will be built into the process. For more information call 904-547-7503.



- Thursday, October 1st, R.B. Hunt Elementary School
- Tuesday, October 6th, Valley Ridge Academy
- Thursday, October 15th, Osceola Elementary School
- Tuesday, October 20th, Ocean Palms Elementary School
- Thursday, October 29th, Timberlin Creek Elementary School

Community News

The Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park will be celebrating the founding of St. Augustine with their 450th Landing Day Celebration and Thanksgiving Feast on Saturday, September 5, 2015, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The park itself is open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Living history enactors will recreate the landing of Pedro Menéndez de Aviles and will then sit down for a recreated Thanksgiving meal, just like they did in 1565. The Fountain of Youth hosts a celebration of Founder's Day and the original Thanksgiving annually, but this year will be special, as the whole city of St. Augustine celebrates its 450th birthday. Guests attending the re-enactment will also have the opportunity to explore the historic grounds of the Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park. There are lots of hands-on activities at the park, including visiting the recreated Timucuan Village of Sely and climbing a watchtower. There are a variety of shows and demonstrations in the park throughout the day that give visitors a clear picture of what life was like for the early Spanish settlers and the native Timucuans. Admission to the Fountain of Youth is \$15.00 for adults, \$14.00 for seniors, \$9.00 for children, and free for children under 5. For more call (904) 829-3168.

Box Tops for Education

Did you know The Webster School receives ten cents for every Box Top you clip and send to school? Last year we raised over \$2,400.00 dollars. The money we raise from Box Tops goes back to the students. This year our goal is to reach \$2,500.00. All participating classes have an opportunity to earn money for books or an ice cream party. Classes who collect the most box tops will win a pizza party! As we move closer to reaching our school-wide goal the entire student body will be rewarded with a crazy hair day, no homework and extra recess. When we reach 100% of our goal Mrs. Mitidieri will kiss a real pig! Last year she and Mr. Oliver ate worms on our news show.

Our Yearly Box Top Goal: \$ 2,500.00

<u>School Wide Rewards</u>	<u>BOX TOP DUE DATES</u>	<u>Prizes for Participating Classes</u>
<p>25% of our Goal - Crazy Hair Day</p> <p>50% of our Goal - No Homework</p> <p>75% of our Goal - Extra Recess</p> <p>100% of our Goal –</p> <p>Mrs. Mitidieri will kiss a real pig!</p>	<p>Friday, September 25th</p> <p>Friday, October 30th</p> <p>Friday, December 4th</p> <p>Friday, January 29th</p> <p>Friday, February 26th</p> <p>Friday, April 8th</p> <p>Friday, May 6th</p> <p>The class that collects the most Box Tops will win a pizza party!</p>	<p>Each quarter all participating classes will be entered into a drawing to win:</p> <p>1st Quarter - \$25 Book Fair Money</p> <p>2nd Quarter – Silly String Party</p> <p>3rd Quarter – Ice Cream Party</p> <p>4th Quarter – \$25 Book Fair Money</p>



Field Trips

All chaperones **MUST** be cleared to volunteer and accept chaperone responsibilities. Chaperones are expected to ride the bus unless, space is limited. Friends and siblings may not be included on school field trips. If you plan on checking your child out from a field trip, you must submit your intentions in writing to your child's teacher and sign out your student prior to leaving the field trip location.