Dear Webster Parents, August 18, 2025

 Thank you for a great first week! We have loved seeing all these sweet faces ready to learn and ready for a great year! There are so many fun things getting started here and I am excited to provide some information about those as well as some hints to help our year continue to run even smoother.

 1) Regarding school buses, transportation continues to smooth out bus routes and times. By the end of this week, routes and times should be consistent and everyone should be loaded accurately onto their correct route. Make sure you are connected to Bus Planner. It is the app that allows you to see your child’s bus information. If you also download the app called Chipmunk, it is supposed to allow you to see the bus locations on GPS in real time. I recognize that these apps have struggled this past week, but we are being assured this is being fixed. An attachment to this letter contains links, QR codes, and directions to assist with Bus Planner and Chipmunk.

 2) We continue to improve the parent pick-up line process. Please make sure your car tag stays in your windshield on the right passenger side. Please leave it there until your child is in the car. Please remind anyone you send to pick up your child that they need a car tag or their ID. Finally, please remain in your car during the drop-off and pick-up process. If you do need to get out of the car, please pull into one of the parking spots on the left across from the cafeteria. There are always several spots available. Please pull in there to unbuckle or buckle seatbelts and allow our drop-off and pick-up line to continue.

 3) Please do not drop or pick up students from cars on the street. Dropping off on the street outside of our school parking lot can cause safety hazards for students. We are moving the line quickly so please only use the line for student drop-off and pick-up, a bus, or an approved after-school program.

 4) Thanks to the property tax referendum, we will have boys’ and girls’ basketball as well as cheerleading this year. Try-outs and selection will begin in the next two weeks. Students will be bringing home information if selected. We can select 12 boys and 12 girls for basketball and 25 for cheerleading.

 5) Our PBIS program has teamed up with KONA Ice! We have many projects and opportunities planned, but the first one is our monthly Kona Day on Friday, August 29th. We will not be handling money, but a flyer is attached that will allow you to prepay for a treat for your child if you choose. Prices start at $3.

 6) DOJO, email and school messenger are still our primary methods of communication as a school. However, we are hoping to have most parents connected to the district’s new communication system, Parent Square, by mid-October. At that point, Parent Square will become our primary tool for communication. We will be offering training for parents on the evening of October 9th. This meeting will highlight a discussion about the new apps including Parent Square and the assessments given at the beginning of the year. Hold that date open. More information will be coming. One of the attachments to this letter has QR codes for Parent School for either iphones or androids.

 7) There are several letters of notification required by the Florida Department of Education. These letters are attached to this email. We also are posting these letters to our school website. Finally, hard copies are available on request.

 8) Out first PTO meeting is August 18th @ 3:00 and the next meeting is Monday, September 15th @ 3:00. We welcome any parents to attend and support the activities provided to our students. For more information, please reach out to Sherriaj07@gmail.com.

 9) SAC is a small committee of parents and school staff that provide decision making insight to school leadership. This very important committee is also looking for members. Meetings are only 30 minutes but provide valuable information. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 11th at 5:00. For more information, please email charis.lapkovitch@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

 10) On Tuesday, August 26, the Lions’ Club will be here to provide free vision screenings to a few grade levels of students. Information has been sent home for parents to opt out if they choose.

 11) Finally, a calendar of the next few school events are listed below.

 August 18 – PTO 3 PM August 26 – Lions’ Club Vision Screenings

 August 29 – KONA Day (Prepaid only) September 1 – No School – Labor Day

September 9 – Open House and required Title 1 meeting - Pre-K, K, and 1st grade families from 5:30 – 7:00 PM

September 11 – SAC Meeting at 5:00 and Open House and required Title 1 meeting for 2nd – 5th grade families from 5:30 – 7:00 PM

September 15 – PTO Meeting @ 3 PM

September 19 – Teacher Inservice Day – No school for students

I apologize for the length of this letter; however, I appreciate your time and attention in allowing me to get all of this information to you.

I look forward to seeing you at our next big school event, Open House in September. Otherwise, if I can assist you in any way, please reach out to me as we partner together for a great school year!

Serving Our Students,

Dr. Bethany Groves, Principal