



Pirate's Post

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

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Calendar of events:

- Aug 17: Early Release Begins
- Aug 22: Curriculum Chats 3-5
(6:30pm - 7:30pm)
- Aug 23: Curriculum Chats K-2
(6:30pm - 7:30pm)
- Aug 30: Boosterthon Pep Rally
- Sept 2: PTO Meeting 8:30am
- Sept 5: **NO SCHOOL-Labor Day**
[2015-2016 SJCSO Calendar](#)



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Show your School Spirit!

Monday— Red
Tuesday—Black
Wednesday—Green
Thursday—White
Friday - Spirit Wear

Ahoy Palencia PASSENGERS AND CREW Highlights of the week

- Welcome and Structure of the Newsletter
- Zika Virus
- Bikers and Walkers
- Class Size
- Curriculum Chats Next week
- All Volunteers must be approved to enter the building
- Wednesday Early Dismissal
- All students need Headphones
- We had help from a couple VIP's to get us started during our first week.
- Early Pick Up



Welcome and Structure of the Newsletter

This is the longest Newsletter you will receive all year. Important topics are listed at the top so you can move to only the items that pertain to you. We hope this helps you save time and keeps you reading the newsletter.

Zika Virus

A special letter will be sent out regarding this. Please be sure to read this.

Bikers and Walkers



If your child is a biker or walker, we would like you to subscribe to our messaging system. This system allows us to communicate dismissal changes resulting from inclement weather. To subscribe please text '@pesbi' to 81010. This is a one way text message. This is for all families of children that may bike or walk home.



Class Size

This year we have experienced a lot of growth. We are well above what was projected. In order to meet the class size amendments, St. Johns School District uses Associate Teachers in these expanding classrooms. This adds an extra teacher in a classroom in which additional students are placed. Numbers may vary by grade level but the student to teacher ratio is always reduced when an additional teacher is placed in this room. I will keep you informed as to any school changes as we work to accommodate the growth.

Volunteers



According to the Jessica Lundsford Act anyone that would like to enter the building needs to be an approved volunteer. There are no exceptions. For the past couple of years we have had to turn away grandparents that have traveled to attend Grandparents Day. Please be sure anyone in your family that may wish to enter our school has completed this application in plenty of time prior to a visit.

Wednesday Early Dismissal

Please remember that every Wednesday is an Early Release Day. Dismissal begins at 1:50 pm.

Headphones



As a digital school all our students need a good pair of headphones. Some of the assessments they take use headphones. We are requesting that parents purchase these outside the school supply packs to ensure good quality. Headphones that are of very poor quality have actually caused damage to our devices as the jack has become lodged within the device.

VIP's



PES is a very special and unique school. Last week we had another example of this. Both the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Joyner, and the State Commissioner of Education, Mrs. Stewart, gave our students a hearty "ARRGH" as they assisted with dismissal. Thank you to each of them for joining in our day.

Early Pick Up

Please know that dismissal is a very busy time. For the safety of our students and your children, we cannot release them after 2:15pm on Mon, Tues, Thur and Fri and 1:15pm on Wed. To ensure you have plenty of time, please plan your Doctor appointments accordingly. We appreciate your understanding.

Have a great day,

Captain Allen Anderson



Pirate Cove Connection

PES Media News for May available at
[Pirate Cove Connection August 1016](#)

Perfect Attendance Spells Success (PASS) Program Awards



Sometimes, students need a little extra incentive to push themselves. And kids like cool prizes! Put the two together, and you have a winning combination. Last year our Perfect Attendance Program was a great success.

I know this year it will be even better.

Beginning on August 18th all students participating in PASS (Perfect Attendance Spells Success) who reach the program's goal of Perfect Attendance* each quarter will be placed in a drawing to win a **Kindle Fire!**

Students achieving Perfect Attendance for the entire school year will be entered into a final drawing at the end of the school year for some really cool prizes.

* Students with early dismissals and tardies will not be entered into the drawing. *Have a wonderful school year! Let's make it the best ever by having everyone striving to have perfect attendance. Mrs. Williams

Prizes provided by Shannon Millican of The Horace Mann Companies, one of our district business partners providing auto, home, life and retirement services. For more information, call (904) 810-5636 or email shannon.millican@horacemann.com.

After School Activities

L.E.E. Enrichment

Good News Club

Club Scientific

Shensei Martial Arts



Community News

WE LOVE
OUR VOLUNTEERS

Welcome new Pirates and returning Pirates...This will be a year of learning and much, much fun. We host many events during the school year such as; classroom gatherings, Chorus performances, Art shows, Grandparents Day as well as numerous other events. If you are going to join us during one or more of these events you must fill out an approved volunteer application form. This is a state law and is required of anyone who wishes to enter the school. Parents please don't forget to fill out an application for Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, or anybody you may bring with you to these functions. We encourage all to come and be apart of our school activities. It takes a few weeks to process the applications so please don't wait till an event is approaching. The sooner the better. We are not allowed to permit anyone in the building without this approved application. This policy provides the upmost safety for your children. The approval is for 3 years, so if you have already filled one out please do not fill out a second one. Contact Ms.

Susan Solms at 547-4010 to check the expiration of your application.

Below is the link for new applicants

<https://knt3.keepntrack.com/HTML/KnTOnlineVolunteerApplication.html?db=stjohns&version=3.16.1.1-20160803>

