

OMES at a Glance

News for Mason Families
May 4, 2021



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Important Dates

May 3	FSA – 4 th grade ELA Reading session 1
May 4	FSA – 4 th grade ELA Reading session 2
May 5, 6, & 7	Goodwill BAG IT UP
May 11	FSA – 5 th grade ELA Reading session 1
May 12	FSA – 5 th grade ELA Reading session 2
May 12	Interims Issued
May 17	FSA – 3 rd grade Math session 1
May 18	FSA – 3 rd grade Math session 2
May 19	Field Day K & 1 st
May 20	FSA – 5 th grade Math session 1
May 21	FSA – 5 th grade Math session 2
May 24	FSA – 4 th grade Math session 1
May 25	FSA – 4 th grade Math session 2
May 26	FSA – 5 th grade Science session 1
May 27	FSA – 5 th grade Science session 2
June 2	Field Day 2 nd and 3 rd
June 3	Field Day 4 th and 5 th
June 10	Report Cards Issued in HAC



WANTED

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need volunteers to help proctor on all FSA testing days (above) from 9 – 11 am. If you can volunteer some of your time, please call Mrs. Petrello or email at Kathryn.Hamill@stjohns.k12.fl.us, 904-547-8440.

Any help is appreciated.



Attendance on testing days is extremely important! Students should have a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast before testing! If your student has 2 sessions, session 1 MUST be completed before session 2.

Tijuana Flats Spirit Night

Join us IN STORE or at tijuanaflats.com on Wed.

May 19th from 5 - 8 p.m.



20% of your purchase will benefit Otis Mason PTO!!! Make sure you mention Spirit Night at the register or input the promo code SPNT240 when placing your order!

VPK Summer Program!

Do you have an incoming kindergartener that would benefit from a Kindergarten Readiness program? Call 904-547-8965 to reserve your child's spot for the Summer VPK Program. Student must be 5 years old on or before 9/1/2021.



Goodwill Bag It Up!

Our Goodwill Bag It Up drive runs next Wed., May 5th through Friday, May 7th! Please drop off your donations from 8:00-8:30 a.m. Schools will receive \$2,000 for participation, so thank you for your donations!!



VPK Registration - Opened March 1st!



The Mason VPK Registration is opening soon! Vouchers available now by visiting Episcopal Children's Services at <https://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com/>

Space is LIMITED so be sure to register early and completely! Full day and extended day options available at an affordable rate. Register online on our MES Website.

Registration is OPEN!

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is now open for all students!
Please visit the Mason Registration page at <https://www-mes.stjohns.k12.fl.us/registration/>
or you can visit the district website at <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/enrollment/>

B.E.S.T. Standards - On January 31, 2019, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 19-32, outlining a path for Florida to improve its education system by eliminating Common Core and paving the way for Florida students to receive a world-class education to prepare them for jobs of the future. The outcome is Florida's Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards. Next year, teachers in SJCSJ will be using the English Language Arts (ELA) B.E.S.T. Standards. For more information, visit:
<http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/18736/urlt/StandardsOnePager.pdf>

Teachers in our school are participating in a research study conducted by Florida State University to better understand how a professional learning program for teachers called Cognitively Guided Instruction impacts mathematics teaching and learning. You have the right to have your child's information withheld from the study if you do not wish to participate. Please review the parental notification letter for more information about the study:
<https://teachingisproblemsolving.org/parental-notification>



The Florida Department of Education recently released an Executive Order. Executive Order 2021-EO-02 outlines guidance for school test administration. All students in the state of Florida are required to take the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA). Third grade students are still required to demonstrate the equivalent of at least a Level 2 performance on the third grade FSA in ELA. FSA scores will not be the sole data point in determining retention in 3rd grade. Decisions for retention will be based on a preponderance of data as determined by the school-based team. In addition, school grades will not be calculated or released by the state this year unless requested by the school district. To read the Executive Order in its entirety, please visit our school webpage at <https://www-mes.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>.



eSchoolPLUS Now an APP!

SJCSJ has recently implemented the eSchoolPLUS Family Mobile App for parents/guardians. The app allows parents to see key academic areas such as grades, attendance, report cards, transportation and much more! Use your same login credentials as your online HAC access. This is the only recommended app for accessing your student's information.

Dress Code

Student Dress Code Reminders

- Students must wear shoes that are safe and appropriate for the learning environment. Elementary school students must wear shoes that have a back or strap on the heel. Shoes worn on days the student will attend P.E. must be closed toed and closed heel.
- Skirts, dresses, shorts should be no shorter than 4 inches above the top of the knee.
- Tops and shirts must cover the entire shoulder.

Attendance Reminder

Please send a note to school within 48 hours of an absence stating the cause of the absence.

Under Florida law, parents and guardians may excuse 15 days per school year with a parent note. After 15 days of total absences a doctor's note is required to excuse any further absences. Excused absences include:

- Personal Illness.
- Illness of an immediate family member.
- Death in the family.
- Religious holidays of the student's religious faith.
- Scheduled doctor or dentist appointment.



Nurse Notes

Masks should be worn daily and washed DAILY. Remember to keep in touch with Nurse Johna if you or your kids are feeling ill. Also, please SEND A WATER BOTTLE labeled with your child's name to school daily. The clinic is unable to supply water bottles. Donations of water bottles are greatly appreciated! 😊



Johna Baxa, RN

Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week May 3rd – May 7th

Look for a flyer to come home for theme days to show your teacher how much you appreciate them! 😊

