



# OMES at-a-Glance



## News for Otis A. Mason Families September 2022

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### From the Front Office: Help Us to Better Serve You!

Dear Mason Families-Thank you for a wonderful start of the school year!

The Front Office is a very busy place, especially this time of year. We appreciate your help in making our campus a safe and orderly place. Please help us by being receptive to the following school policies:

- Please drop-off students **between 8am and 8:25am** so they are in class on time
- For the safety of your student, tardy students must be walked into the Front Office by an adult
- Please pick-up students for Early Dismissal **before 1:15pm on Wednesday/2:15pm any other day**
- All adults on campus must have a photo ID
- All cars in "Parent Pick Up" should have their BLUE or ORANGE placard visible for staff and safety patrol
- All adults who volunteer or access campus must complete the School Access Form:  
<http://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply>
- We need your help! We want to guarantee that every child arrives home the correct way every day. **If you need to make a dismissal change for your student, please notify us by using the [DISMISSAL CHANGE FORM](#) located on the Otis A. Mason Website.** This form is the most effective means to change your child's transportation. If you need assistance with the process, please call Mrs. Waler in the Front Office (904-547-8440).
- Please label all of your child's belongings! If something was lost, students have access to Lost and Found during Lunch.

Thank you so much from our office to your homes. It is GREAT to be a Manatee!

### Raise Craze! What Acts of Kindness will YOU Commit for our Community?

Keep an eye on our fundraiser leaderboard to see which classes are completing the most Acts of Kindness! Parents should register their child online and submit completed tasks online as well in order to earn prizes! Email [otismasonpto@gmail.com](mailto:otismasonpto@gmail.com) with questions.



REGISTER HERE: [my.raisecraze.com/A1K89C8](https://my.raisecraze.com/A1K89C8)

GOAL: \$35,000 DATES: September 9 - September 30

#### WELCOME OTIS A. MASON ELEMENTARY!

- 1 Register & create your donation page!
- 2 Select 3-5 Acts of Kindness to complete for others. Yay KINDNESS!
- 3 Invite your friends & family to donate & start spreading kindness!

*If you are under the age of 13, a parent must help you setup your account! :-)*

#### WHAT IS RAISE CRAZE?

Raise Craze is an online platform enabling participants to set up secure, custom websites where they request donations via email, text, and social.

During the fundraiser, participants pay it forward by completing Acts of Kindness for others. A great way to learn the value of gratitude. Spend time serving not selling!

#### OUR GOAL IS \$35,000 FOR...

- The growing needs of our students and teachers.

Log 3 AOK

Send 5  
Emails

Raise \$50

Receive 2  
Donations  
(\$10 min each)

Register  
& Log 1  
AOK!

Log 10  
AOK

Send 10  
Emails

Log 5  
AOK

Raise  
\$100

## October is Fire Prevention Month!

On Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, our K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will participate in a Fire Safety assembly during Prime Time Wednesday! 😊 This is part of National Fire Prevention Month. We encourage all families to discuss how to stay safe in the event of a fire. It is also important for families to discuss fire safety regularly. Click on the link below for Home Fire Prevention & Safety Tips from the American Red Cross! 👍  
[Home Fire Prevention & Safety Tips | American Red Cross](#)



## Important Dates:

**September 9- September 30:** Raise Craze Fundraiser  
**September 15-October 15:** Hispanic Heritage Month  
**September 19:** SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT! Tijuana Flats 5-8pm  
**September 26:** PTO Meeting (3:30pm in the Media Center)  
**September 27:** PICTURE DAY, Fall Individual Photos  
**October 4:** Community Resource Zoom Meeting (see below)  
**October 5:** Fire Prevention Assembly  
**October 9:** Mini Golf Family Event hosted by PTO  
**October 14:** End of Quarter 1; Chick-fil-A Spirit Night 5-8pm  
**October 17:** Teacher Planning Day; No school for students

## Connect with your Child's Teacher:

OMES families, communication is so important. Please consider the following regarding communication with your child's teacher:

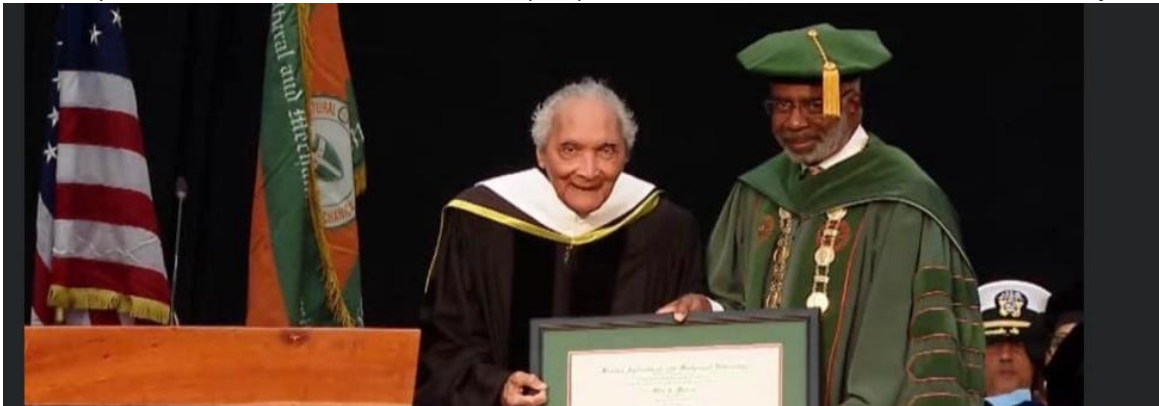
1. **Email** is the primary and preferred method of communication for all teachers. Please reach out to your child's teacher at [firstname.lastname@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:firstname.lastname@stjohns.k12.fl.us)
  2. Most teachers also use the **REMIND** app for text message communication.
- The Remind logo is a blue speech bubble with the word "remind" in white. Below it is the text "Communicate safely with students & parents." The ClassDojo logo is a green circular icon with a cartoon character and the text "ClassDojo" in purple.
3. *Do you have a Pre-K student?* Pre-K classrooms use **Class Dojo** for communication home.
  4. Unless an appointment has been made in advance, *teachers are not available to speak on the phone during the school day.*
  5. **In-person conferences** are a very important way to support your child and to communicate with the teacher. It is expected that parents meet with the teacher during in-take conferences. Your child's teacher will reach out to you soon to begin scheduling conferences. Please prioritize this very important meeting. We cannot wait to meet you!

Need access to course materials? They are available on Schoology. Please go to: [Stjohnsschools.schoology.com](https://stjohnsschools.schoology.com) and sign into Microsoft: [S#####@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:S#####@stjohns.k12.fl.us) and the student's password.

The Schoology logo, featuring a stylized 'S' in a circle followed by the word "schoolgy" in a sans-serif font.

## Happy 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Dr. Otis A. Mason (our school namesake)!

Our school tradition on Dr. Mason's birthday is to share gratitude and kindness throughout our school district. This month our Raise Craze fundraiser will put Acts of Kindness front and center in our community. Please help your student think of ways to spread kindness throughout the home, in the neighborhood, and in our school! The Otis A. Mason family would like to say THANK YOU to all of our SJCS faculty, staff, volunteers, drivers, custodians, paraprofessionals, etc. **We are so fortunate to have you in our lives!**



## October 4, 2022: Connecting Families to Community Resources, Join Us!



ST JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
IN COLLABORATION WITH  
ST JOHNS COUNTY PUBLIC AGENCIES

PRESENTS

### CONNECTING FAMILIES TO COMMUNITY RESOURCES

*October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022: All parents and guardians are invited to join us as we meet virtually with local community agencies to learn more about the resources and services that are available to children and families in St Johns County*

Join on your computer, mobile app, or room device via link below

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or call in (audio only) 904-420-0831  
Phone Conference ID: 200 422 557#



This meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams platform

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

**10/4/22**

## Attention OMES Families, tell us how we are doing!

The organization that oversees our district's accreditation, Cognia, is hosting a survey for St. John's County families. The survey will help us continually improve our school, our district, and our community. Like our students, we are always striving to be our very best!

If your family has a K-12 student, please use the following survey link:

<https://eprovesurveys.advanced.org/surveys/#/action/197512/p2065>

If your family has a Pre-K student, please use the following Early Learning Family Survey link:

<https://eprovesurveys.advanced.org/surveys/#/action/197515/2065/1>



## Picture Day is Tuesday, September 27th!

Get that outfit ready! Start practicing that smile! Picture Day is coming. Order Forms went home this past week. Please order online at:

<https://new.leonards.com/> with ACCESS CODE: C579175

**Please have students bring completed order forms with them on Picture Day.**

Have specific concerns about past orders, picture quality, or Leonard's accounts, please contact Leonard's directly at 1-800-215-4852 or 904-209-3300.



## Reading Resources are here for YOU!

Have you checked out the amazing and free resources in our district?

1. **The St. Johns County Public Library System (SJCPLS)** has many free classes, suggested books by grade level, free educational resources and databases, and free access to millions of titles of books, movies, music, learning games, databases, and audiobooks: <https://sjcpls.org/>. There is nothing more exciting than a child getting their first, FREE library card!
2. Check out our **FREE online resources** on the OMES website under Links for Students: <https://www-mes.stjohns.k12.fl.us/links/> for reading, math, typing, science, and learning FUN!
3. The BEST reading resource for your child is YOU! Read, read, read to your child and with your child every night. **We recommend 20 minutes of reading every day.** A great way to teach reading fluency is to read to your child, but *do not forget to give your child the opportunity to read to you.* Ask your child questions about the text and pictures and relate what you read to the world around you. Need Book suggestions? Check out the new SSYRA books: <https://www.floridamediaed.org/ssyra.html>