



OMES at-a-Glance



News for Otis A. Mason Families
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Manatee Highlight: YOU!

**THANK YOU
SO MUCH**
YOU ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!

This month's Manatee Highlight is YOU!

Thank YOU for all of your assistance with making this school year better for our children, our teachers, and our community. Your support means everything to us.

Whether you are a student, a teacher, a staff member, a tutor, a parent, a grandparent, an aunt, a cousin, a coach, a paraprofessional, a volunteer, a business sponsor, a vendor, a guest reader, a chaperone; if you are reading this as a member of our community, YOU ARE APPRECIATED and you are a part of our team!

Education is one of the greatest gifts we can provide to our children. Educating a child takes a tremendous amount of effort from a huge team of people and it is a life-long endeavor. Igniting a child's desire to learn and grow is our greatest goal and passion. We are so happy to have YOU on our team.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Thank you for making your child's education a priority. Thank you for your donations and your love. Thank you for the questions, the conversations, and the feedback. Thank you for supporting our school. We dedicate our lives to our students every day and we know you do too! Thanks for being a part of our village!



Character Highlight: Patriotism and the meaning of Memorial Day

We will be reviewing **Citizenship, Patriotism, and Memorial Day** in your child's classroom. The pillar of focus is **Citizenship**. Is your child old enough to learn more about the symbols of our country, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Star-Spangled Banner? Do you discuss important national holidays and documents with them? Why are our founding documents like the Constitution, Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence, and Emancipation Proclamation so important to us? Are students ready to explore age-appropriate news and community events? Could your family participate in community-enriching activities?



Memorial Day began as a tradition in our country following the Civil War. It was originally called Decoration Day. It became an official holiday in 1971. **Memorial Day is different from Veterans Day** in that it specifically honors those who gave their lives in the service of our country. Many Americans recognize Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and memorials, participating in parades, watching documentaries, and spending time with veterans. Several organizations volunteer their time to place American flags and flowers on the graves of veterans. **Have questions? Contact our Guidance Office at 904-547-8455.**



History.com(<https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/memorial-day-history>) for more on this holiday.

Are you ready for next school year?

New to our school?

Please use the following link for registering a Pre-K student, registering a new K-12th grade student, or to re-enroll, transfer, or change your address with the SJCSJ for the 2023-2024 school year:

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/enrollment/>

Returning to our school next year?

Please check the email address we have on file for you. Your Returning Student Verification Form has been emailed. Please use that link to access the form for your student, provide all of the updated information, and submit.

Want to stay informed? Check the following links and make sure you are connected!

HOME ACCESS CENTER (HAC) for current students:

HAC access is through the parent-provided email address and password. Please call the Front Office if you are having access issues (547-8440). Check it before school starts for transportation and scheduling information.

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/>

SCHOOL ACCESS FORM needs to be completed by all new

visitors to our schools: Background check to enter campus: [Stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply](https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply) (this is good for three years)

SCHOOL MESSENGER: Opt-in to school text messages, emails, and phone calls here:

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/schoolmessenger/>



MEET THE TEACHER for the 2024-2025 School Year:

Thursday, August 8th Meet the Teacher for Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Multi-Aged Self-Contained students in K-3 (MASC ESE).

Friday, August 9th Meet the Teacher for 1st-5th grades and Multi-Aged Self-Contained students in 4-5 (MASC ESE).

Kindergarten Students: Please look for a communication from your child's teacher regarding your child's first day of school. Kindergarteners are each assigned a different staggered-start day.

Don't let the "Summer Slide" hold you back!

HOW TO BEAT THE SUMMER SLIDE

What is the summer slide? The summer slide is the tendency for students to lose some of the achievement gains they made during the previous school year. Students can lose 4-6 weeks of academic progress. To slow the regression consider the steps below.

CONTINUE READING

Have your child read at least 20 minutes everyday. This can be to a sibling or by themselves. Audio books are a great option as well.

DAILY MATH CONCEPTS

Students can:

- practice telling time on an analog clock
- Use measurements while helping cook
- Add and subtract money while shopping
- Practice time management while getting ready, or help create a schedule for daily activities

LEARN TO LOVE READING

Students can find a interest in reading by:

- exploring new book stores or visiting their local library.
- introducing different types of print such as magazines, infographics from fun sightseeing locations

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Parents can:

- Read aloud to their child
- Engage in meaningful conversations to help build vocabulary
- Review skills with hands on activities



Summer Passport to Learning

Another way to beat the summer slide is by completing your Summer Passport to Learning. Completing this will help students maintain their academic progress AND it earns them a ticket to the Passport Party in the Fall! They will NOT want to miss it. The link to the passport is also on our website!

[K-2 Passport to Summer Learning](#)

[3-5 Passport to Summer Learning](#)



St Johns County School District

**Next Hiring for Guest Teacher
(substitute) posting July 1, 2024 in
AppliTrack Application System**

**SJCSD is ready to hire Guest Teachers who are
ready to make a difference for students in
Pre-K - 12th grade. Daily hourly rate \$15.00**

The Guest Teacher role provides:

- Opportunity to put your degree to work.
- Flexibility – you pick the days and schools.
- An opportunity to work with diverse student populations.
- An opportunity to contribute to the learning and development of the students in our school district.

Come join our team.

Applicants who hold a minimum of an Associate degree or equivalent of 60 credits or higher and who are 20 years of age or older are eligible to apply. Preference given to applicants that have graduated or are graduating from an Education program. All applicants will be reviewed for strong teaching potential, above average references, experience in critical need areas, and/or an education degree.

For full job description, requirements and to apply online,
Visit: <https://www.applitrack.com/stjohns/onlineapp/>
Questions? Please call 904-547-7636 SmartFind Helpdesk or
application questions call AppliTrack helpdesk 547-7631



2024-2025 Extended Day Registration

Interested in Extended Day services next school year? Registration opens July 1st. Check out the Extended Day page on our website for online payment and registration forms. Extended Day services are offered for Pre-K through 5th grade students from 7am to 6pm every school day. Extended Day registration tables will be available during Meet the Teacher events in August.



Keep Reading, Mason!

The St. Johns County Public Library System has book clubs and story times for every age. Sign-up with your local library today for summer programs.

www.sjcpls.org

St. Johns County
Public Library System

Summer Fun at OMES: Register NOW!



June 3rd-6th: Under the Sea Camp for Grades K through 5 (sponsored by our Extended Day Staff). Contact [Melinda Stevens](#) if interested. (\$25 to register and \$175 to attend)

June 10th-13th: Green Thumb Camp for Grades K through 5 (sponsored by our Extended Day Staff). Contact [Melinda Stevens](#) if interested. (\$25 to register and \$175 to attend)

June 17th-27th: SJCCA Elementary Fine Arts Camp for rising 3rd through 5th Grade students. [Register here!](#)



Have you checked your child's test scores yet?

Congratulations to all of our test-takers! We are so proud of your hard work this year. PLEASE, log in and recognize and celebrate your child's progress throughout the 2023-2024 school year.

Results include Progress Monitoring 1, 2, and 3. While tests will eventually be uploaded to the "Test Scores" tab on HAC, families can get more immediate results on the State Assessments Test Portal.

To access the portal, log into HAC. Click on the **REGISTRATION** tab and scroll to **Additional Information** under Demographic and "Copy" the **Statewide Assessments Family Portal Access Code** that is unique for your child. Then click on the **HOME** tab followed by the **SCHOOL LINKS** tab. Click on the [Statewide Assessments Family Portal link](#). Enter your child's code and information.

Once logged in, you can review "all years" and "current year" results in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Celebrate your child's growth through the year and support them as they traverse the Summer Passport to Learning. GO MANATEES!

Welcome to



Home Access Center

PK-2 School Supply Lists for 2024-2025

Thank you for all of your support and donations throughout the school year! It is so important and appreciated that students come to school prepared and supported with the supplies that they need to be successful in the classroom.

Here is a sneak peak of the school supplies needed by grade for the 2024-2025 school year. This lists will be available on our website as well. Please call us if you have additional questions at 904-547-8440.

[PK School Supply List](#)

[Kindergarten School Supply List](#)

[1st Grade School Supply List](#)

[2nd Grade School Supply List](#)

[3rd Grade School Supply List](#)

[4th Grade School Supply List](#)

[5th Grade School Supply List](#)

