

Pine Island Academy

MIDDLE SCHOOL ORIENTATION

2023-2024



PIA SUPPORT TEAM



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Principal



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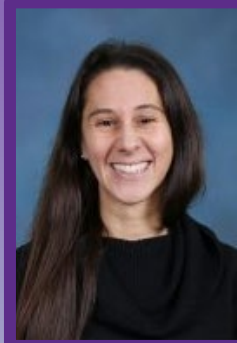
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Assistant Principal



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Guidance Counselor
Grades 4, 5, 6



Julie LeBlanc
Guidance Counselor
Grades K, 1, 7



Sonia Joker
Guidance Counselor
Grades 2, 3, 8



Brian Mulligan
Dean



PIA FRONT OFFICE TEAM

- Amy LeVasseur & Katie Cobb, Front Desk
- Kathleen Tompkins, Confidential Secretary/Bookkeeper
- Danielle Gartz, Bookkeeper
- Laura Parrish, Elementary Data Entry Operator
- Sandra Hood, Middle School Data Entry Operator
- Latifa Almabrouk, Extended Day Coordinator
- Nurse Heather and Nurse Martha

Bell Schedule

MON/TUE/THURS/FRI

7:40 Student arrival begins

7:55 Warning bell sounds

8:00 Learning begins

Students arriving after this time must obtain a tardy slip from the front office

2:20 School dismissal

WEDNESDAY

7:40 Student arrival begins

7:55 Warning bell sounds

8:00 Learning begins

Students arriving after this time must obtain a tardy slip from the front office

1:20 School dismissal

- Students will follow a 7 period schedule 45 minutes per class
- Students will go to lunch during their 6th period class

6th Grade Course Requirements

Core Subjects:

Language Arts, Math, Science, World History
(standard or advanced/accelerated)

Required Non-Core

ICT 1- full year

Physical Education – full year

7th Grade Course Requirements

Core Subjects:

Language Arts, Math, Science, US History
(standard or advanced/accelerated)

Required Non-Core:

- Computer Science Discoveries - full year
 - Physical Education – full year

8th Grade Course Requirements

Core Subjects:

Language Arts, Math, Science, Civics
(standard or advanced/accelerated)

Required Non-Core

- Physical Education – full year

What are the advanced/acceleration placement options for my child?

- PIA offers a variety of options for middle grades students depending on their individualized learning path:
 - 6th Standard/Advanced (accelerated)
 - 7th Standard/Advanced (accelerated)/ Algebra 1 Honors
 - 8th Standard/Advanced (accelerated), Algebra 1 Honors/Geometry Honors, Physical Science Honors
- All 6th grade students will be placed in 6th grade standard or 6th accelerated math based on teacher recommendation and 5th grade FAST scores.

**LEARNING AND
BEHAVIOR
EXPECTATIONS**



atch the **WAVE** of Success!

We are **RESPECTFUL** of ourselves
and others

Always **RESPONSIBLE** and **SAFE**

VALUE each other and ourselves

Everyone **ACHIEVES**

Safety is a Priority - Arrival

- Students will arrive each morning as a bus rider, car rider OR walker/biker/carter.
- Please follow signs to the appropriate drop off area.
- Students that are walkers/bikers/carters will wait at the crosswalk on the west side of CrossWater parkway until the PSA crosses students.
- Students **SHOULD NOT** cross Pine Island **WITHOUT** the Crossing Guards' direction.
- Crossing Guards will be on duty until 8:00AM.
- Walker/Biker/Carter entrance gate will be locked at 8:00AM
- All students must be dropped off through the front office if arriving after 8:00AM.
- All visitors that need to visit campus before school should use the visitor parking to access the front office.
- Golf Carts are not permitted on the school campus.
- **VISITORS** will **NOT** be permitted to use the walker/biker/carter entrance.

SAFETY IS A PRIORITY - Dismissal

- Any person who picks up a student needs to be listed as an emergency contact on the Student Information Form.
- Contact information is extremely important. If we cannot reach a parent, we may not be able to release the student.
- ID's are **ALWAYS** required when checking out students.
- Students may only ride the bus they are assigned.
- **BUS INFORMATION** – All bus information will be communicated to families via transportation the week of August 1st.

Dismissal Procedure:

- Extended Day and Enrichment Activities - Released First
- Bus Riders – Released 2nd
- PPU/Daycare Vans – Released 3rd
- Walkers/Bikers/Carters – Released last AFTER buses have been dismissed. This avoids any students mistakenly dismissing to either area
- Reminder - all students have bus access or are assigned as walkers or bikers.
- Please be patient if choosing PPU as a dismissal option.

SAFETY IS A PRIORITY - Dismissal

To maintain the safety of our students:

- Parents/families ALWAYS remain in their vehicles during dismissal.
- Parents/Families SHOULD NOT be on sidewalks during dismissal; this impedes the safety of our students.
- Early Release Wednesday – All students are dismissed at 1:20 pm on Wednesdays.
- Please make arrangements for your child to be picked up at this time.

SCHOOL ACCESS

All visitors and volunteers MUST be approved through School Access online screening application.

- Application available on our web site
- An email will be sent once approval has been granted
- Sign in through the Keep-n-Track system located in the front office
- ALL AREAS during school areas are included
- Includes Chaperoning a Field Trip
- Not necessary for PTO Events afterschool events or Evening Performances

Communication is Key

- Schoology – main source of communication for middle school students
- Teacher's Email
- Teacher Newsletters and School Newsletter
- Pine Island Webpage has the most updated information.
- Parent Handbook – located on PIA webpage under Parent Tab.
- Weekly PIA NewSplash – View or sign up to receive on our website
- Peachjar - located on PIA webpage - communication of community activities
- School Messenger – school-wide email, phone, text messaging system.

Please make sure that you have opted in to receive messages from School Messenger

SCHOOLGY

Schoology is our online learning management system to support our students.

Schoology will be used as the main communication tool for students and parents/guardians.



- Schoology is a digital platform that manages curriculum, assessments, grading and other classroom tasks and serves as a communication tool for educators and families.
- Teachers will post announcements, calendar events, assignments, and materials in Schoology platform.
- Absent students can log into Schoology to get missed assignments.
- Students will be given access to Schoology at the beginning of the year.
- Online textbooks are available for all core classes and are available through Schoology.
- Usernames and passwords are the same for all accounts

SCHOOLGY



- Students will use Schoolology to view upcoming activities, tests, and important class information.
- Home Access Center (HAC) allows parents and students to view grades online.
- Students use the same username and password for all of their textbooks and HAC.
- Organization is the key to success!
- Parents will want to check Schoolology on a daily basis to assist the child in the development of organizational skills



SCHOOLLOGY

Schoolology is our online learning management system to support our students.

Schoolology is our digital learning management system and will be our primary communication tool between teachers and students. Teachers will be posting announcements, calendar events, assignments, and materials in Schoolology. Make sure to check your Schoolology account each day. You will need your student number and district password to login.

Task #1

Log into Schoolology:

stjohnsschools.schoolology.com

1. Open Chrome (preferred) or Firefox
2. Go to <https://stjohnsschools.schoolology.com> or use the Schoolology link on Links for Students
3. Enter your student S# email address (i.e. s123456@stjohns.k12.fl.us) and click **Next**
4. Enter your district password and click **Sign in**

Microsoft
Sign in

s123456@stjohns.k12.fl.us

No account? [Create one!](#)

[Can't access your account?](#)

[Sign-in options](#)

Back Next

St. Johns County
School District

Sign in with your organizational account

s123456@stjohns.k12.fl.us

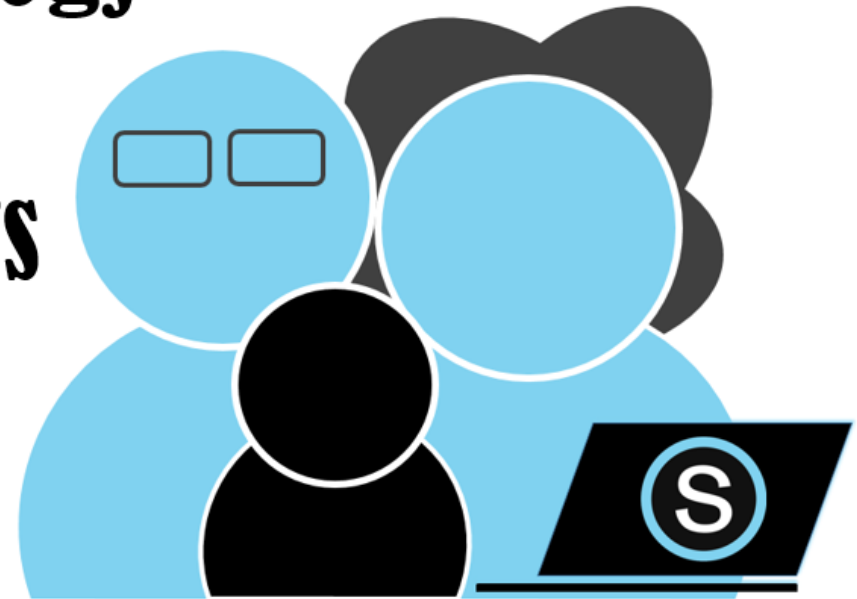
Password

Sign in

SCHOOLGY

SCHOOLGY
TRAINING FOR
FAMILIES

Schoolgy for Parents



View our Parent Session: [Media Service YouTube Channel](#)

Need Help Accessing Schoolgy?

Visit the St. Johns County Website – to view Parent Resources

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/edtech/schoolgy/schoolgy-for-parents/>

DOLPHIN CAFÉ

- Menus are available online.
- PayPams is the online system St. Johns County Schools uses for lunch money. You can deposit money and view purchased items on their website.

Students can pay on campus or online at Paypams:

** Please note if you use a check for payment. TWO phone numbers are required to be listed on any checks .

Thank you! **

- Lunch prices can be found on the Pine Island webpage.
- Visit the Dolphin Café webpage under the Parent **Information tab on our website.**
- Each student has an ID used to purchase their café items.

Please inform our staff of any food allergies that your student may face. We welcome that information so we can prepare with the appropriate accommodations.

ABSENCES



- Schoology will be the main source of communication for middle school students. It is the responsibility of the middle school student to make his/her own arrangements with the teacher to make up the missed work/tests.
- For a complete list of excused and unexcused absences, refer to the Student Code of Conduct.
- We encourage medical appointments to be made after school hours or during early release hours whenever possible to reduce the amount of instructional time lost.

SUPPLIES

- Supply lists are posted on the PIA website.
- Supplemental supply requirements will be posted on each teacher's Schoology page, if necessary.
- There will be additional fees for Band, Art, and the purchase of PE uniforms and lockers.
- Student may bring their supplies during MS Schedule Walks or Meet and Greet and leave them outside their Homeroom Teacher's Door.

DEVICES



TECH AGREEMENT PLAN -

- INTEGRITY – We believe our students will respect the tech plan and have developed a plan that trusts students with technology at PIA.
- Students CAN use their phone during the times below(Appropriate Device Usage)
 - Before morning warning bell
 - When invited by teachers to use device for learning or other educational purposes
 - After dismissal bell
 - Only one earbud should be worn at any time on school property.
- Students CANNOT use their phones during the times listed below(Inappropriate Device Usage)
 - Pictures and videos are STRICTLY PROHIBITED during the school hours
 - During class UNLESS given permission by the classroom teacher.
 - Between passing periods

DEVICES



TAKING RESPONSIBILITY

- The cell phone will be the student and parent/guardian's responsibility at all times.
- The school is not responsible for investigating lost, damaged, or stolen cell phones.
- If a student needs to communicate with a parent, he/she must do so through the front office.

BACKPACKS and LOCKERS



- Students may use backpacks to transfer materials from class to class and from school to home.
- NO ROLLING BACKPACKS
- All students will have the opportunity to sign up to be assigned a locker
 - Students that complete the link to receive a locker will be assigned a locker for the year.
 - Locks are built into the lockers, so students will not be responsible for keeping up with a lock in the main area of the building.

Meet and Greet and Schedule Walk

PLEASE SEE FAMILY LETTER SENT TO PARENTS FOR MORE INFORMATION INCLUDING WHICH SESSION TO ATTEND

August 8

Middle School Schedule Walk

Students are invited **to sign-up** for a time to come and walk their schedule. Teachers will not be available and this day.

MEET AND GREET

August 9

- 8:30 – 9:00 A – L Kindergarten ONLY
- 9:00 – 10:00 A – L Families (K– 8)

- 10:00 – 10:30 M – Z Kindergarten ONLY
- 10:30 – 11:30 M – Z Families (K – 8)

CURRICULUM CHAT NIGHTS WILL BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER

ALL STUDENTS

can and will

LEARN

- Students are given time built into their schedule in order to receive extra assistance in all CORE classes, enrichment opportunities, and if time permits, a retest opportunity.
- This time is built to ensure extra time is given to students that may need it for learning.
- Re-test or grade recovery is scheduled between the student and teacher and typically is scheduled before or after school.



PINE ISLAND ACADEMY
DISCOVERING STRENGTHS & PURSUING DREAMS

Questions?

Please contact your child's teachers

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