

Knight Writer

Back to School Issue (August 14, 2019)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome to the 2019 – 2020 school year!! *Our first day back was a huge success.* I am sure your Knight has a lot to share about their class and teacher. Our Leadership Team met with the students today to talk about our Guidelines to Success, School Call to Attention, School Cheer (Dragon Fire) and other important information about the school.

Please take some time to go through the first-day packet. There is a lot of great information for you and papers that need to be signed and returned.

- North Shore Elementary strives to be a family-oriented community that provides a safe and positive environment to spark a lifelong love of learning. You can help us achieve this mission by becoming actively involved in our school community. Please consider becoming a school volunteer or an active member of PTA and SAC. Be sure to stay connected to the classroom by checking FOCUS frequently to make sure that assignments are completed and checking student agendas daily.

- We are very excited about the new school year. Please stay involved and call on your child's teacher, our counselor, Mrs. Dumaine, or myself and Ms. Stewart for any assistance you may need during the 2019-2020 school year.

Until next time, Carpe Diem! Carpe Success!

Cooper Dawson, Principal

Castle Almanac - August

August 20 - Open PTA Meeting and Piza Party 6 - 8. ***This is a change from the Family Calendar.***

August 21 - School Pictures - These pictures will be used for student IDs.

August 21 - SAC Meeting - 3:15 p.m. in the Media Center

August 22 - Boy School Recruitment Meeting. 6:30 in the Cafeteria.

August 26 - Reading Counts begins/ ELP Session A begins

August 26 - Majestic Monday at 8:45 a.m. Please join us to celebrate our school's successes.

Proposed Mission Statement

The mission of North Shore Elementary is to be a family-oriented community that provides a safe and positive environment to spark a lifelong love of learning.

We will be voting to approve this statement at the August SAC meeting. Please attend if you would like to have input in shaping and approving our Mission Statement.



Counselor's Corner

Hello! I am Kim Dumaine, the school counselor. Did you know that most elementary schools in Pinellas county have a school counselor? Did you know that school counselors are master's degree level educators who improve student success for ALL students by implementing a comprehensive school counseling program? Gone is the title, "Guidance Counselor" as school counselors do so much more!

So, what does a school counselor do?

Direct Services may include:

- Individual Counseling (such as feelings, peer relations, academics, behavior, grief, family problems)
- Group Counseling (such as managing emotions, social skills, friendship, grief/loss, divorce)
- Classroom Guidance lessons (such as character education, growth mindset, bully prevention, test anxiety, conflict resolution, introduction to careers)

Indirect services may include:

- 504 Coordinator for students with disabilities who do not need Special Education services
- Gifted Services Coordinator for students who may qualify for an enrichment class
- Pack-a-Snack Coordinator for students who may need supplemental weekend food
- Referrals to outside agencies (such as therapy, clothing, food, housing, holiday help)

- School-wide events (such as Red Ribbon Week, Start With Hello, Pennies for Patients)

School Counselors uphold the American School Counselor Association's ethical and professional standards. School Counselors are also part of the Student Services team which includes our psychologist, social worker, behavior specialist, and nurse.

I am looking forward to my 25th year with Pinellas County Schools and my second year at North Shore, but most importantly I am excited to be working with your children! If I can be of service to you or your child please contact me by phone at 727-893-2181 ext. 2109, email dumainek@pscb.org, or ask for me at the front office. Students can contact me in person, through an adult, or can fill out "See Me" slips outside of my office which is in the main hallway. 2019-2020 is going to be a great year!

Volunteer Information

On Monday, August 12, 2019, we are excited to announce the launch of an online volunteer registration application. No longer will we require or accept paper registration forms. The online application will streamline the volunteer registration process and free up time to perform other important tasks.

The online link is: www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration

Please see the attached documents for more information.



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Registration Form and Inactive Form flyer.docx



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School Advisory Council (SAC)

WHY JOIN SAC?

- Learn more about what is happening at North Shore Elementary, especially our progress toward meeting our School Improvement goals.
- Learn about the best strategies we use for teaching and learning as well as providing a safe school environment!
- Review and approve our School Improvement Plan and how we use our SIP funds.
- Keep up with the changes made by the state that directly impacts your child – Common Core, State Assessments, and more!



2019-2020 SAC Meeting Dates (All meetings start at 3:15 in the Media Center)

August 21
 September 4
 October 2
 November 6
 December 4
 January 8
 February 5
 March 4
 April 1
 May 6

All parents will be invited to attend SAC presentations, however, we will need a core group of parents, who will commit to attend monthly and vote on issues as needed.

Our current SAC Chair is Scott Peterson. We will take nominations for the position at the August meeting.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Join PTA

Join our PTA!

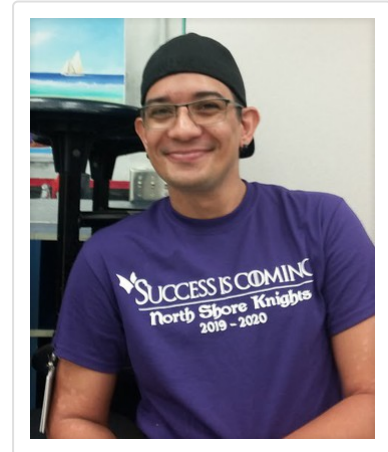
PTA membership gives you a voice in shaping your child's education. Students perform better when parents and communities are engaged in their learning. Share your needs and ideas by joining. You will make North Shore Elementary a stronger, smarter and safer school for all.

Join the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) today! Complete the form below:

[2019 North Shore PTA Membership Enrollment Form .pdf](#)[Download](#)
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Cafeteria News

Hello! I'm Raul Rosa, intern manager and Lord of the Cafe Kingdom here @North Shore Elem. It's a pleasure to be working here in this school and I hope during my time here, I can be very helpful to all of you but, especially to the kids. Below are the menus for this month, including the new vegan menu. This will help you and your child make choices about lunch.



Please remember that breakfast, lunch, and dinner are now free to all North Shore Knights.

If you have any questions, doubts or concerns, please let me know and I would gladly assist you. Thank you and have a wonderful new school year!!!!

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131.6 KB[Dinner Menu August 2019.pdf](#)[Download](#)
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Class Assignments

All classroom assignments are temporary until after the ten-day count. Adjustments may be made after the 10-day count to address compliance needs with the Class Size Amendment.

Classroom assignments are made based on a number of criteria including but not limited to balancing academic levels, gender, discipline concerns, race, and honor class size mandates.

As you can see, there are so many factors we have to take into consideration; therefore, we do not make changes without careful consideration and documentation. We are a small school and I believe all of our teachers are extremely competent educators. If you have a concern about your child's assignment, we ask that you follow the Classroom Change Request Process. No classes will be changed during the first 10 days of school unless there are extreme circumstances.



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Commitment to Character (C2C)

The character word for August is Respect. Respect is treating yourself and others with courtesy and consideration.

One way that your family can support C2C is by participating in Dinner Dilemmas. During the week families are asked to discuss the dilemma. It is hoped that families will talk about the dilemma and decide how the character quality of the month relates to the situation presented. It is further hoped that families will discuss the dilemma of the week and decide how the character quality of the month applies to each family member.

Check out the August dilemmas below.



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Join us on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. for a Read Aloud with the "Queen of the North Shore Castle" at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/KnightRead>.

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