

**North Shore Elementary Weekly Update**  
**Week of 10/6/25**

*Getting You Connected!*

Learning Hours: 8:45am – 2:55pm

Supervision Hours: 8:15am – 3:25pm

Gates open at 8:15am

**Our Core Values are:**

- Commitment to children, families, and community
- Respectful and caring relationships
- Cultural competence
- Integrity
- Responsibility
- Connectedness

**Our Mission statement is:** North Shore Elementary is a family-oriented community that provides a safe and positive environment to spark a lifelong love of learning.

**Our vision statement is:** 100% Student Success

**Our school motto is:** Carpe Diem. Carpe Success

**Our Points of Pride are:**

- Parent Involvement
- Student Enrichment
- Academic Excellence and Empowerment

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**Knight Shout Out for Families:** Recognize a North Shore Elementary staff member, and I'll share it at our next staff meeting. Open your camera app, aim it at this QR code, and a link will appear for you to click on to fill out the 1-minute form, or use this link <https://forms.office.com/r/jcEF68sVKH>





#### October awareness events:

- **National Principals Month:** Thank you to our school leaders for all you do to advance the success of schools, staff and students. We appreciate your guidance and leadership!
- **National Bullying Prevention Month** is aimed at preventing bullying and promoting kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.
- **Breast Cancer Awareness Month** raises awareness about breast cancer and promotes screening and prevention.
- **Cybersecurity Awareness Month** emphasizes the importance of taking proactive steps to enhance cybersecurity at home and in the workplace.
- **National Physical Therapy Month:** The district acknowledges the vital role that physical therapists and physical therapy assistants play in student success.
- **Dyslexia Awareness Month:** One in five students has a language-based learning disability.

#### Weekly observances

- **National School Lunch Week** is Oct. 13-17. The annual observance highlights the importance of a healthy school lunch and its impact both in and out of the classroom.
- **Digital Citizenship Week** is Oct. 20-24. The annual campaign promotes a healthy, balanced, and positive approach to media and technology use for young people.
- **National School Bus Safety Week** is Oct. 20-24. Thank you to our bus drivers who transport students safely to and from school each day! Let them know how much you appreciate them.
- **Red Ribbon Week** is Oct. 23-31. Red Ribbon Week is a national drug-prevention awareness event.

Date	Time	Activity
10/13		No school for students School-based Professional Development/Planning Day
10/15	3:15pm	PTA Board
10/17	8:00am	All Pro Families
10/21	3:15pm	SAC
10/23		Fall student picture retakes Students can dress out of uniform for the picture and must change into uniform following
10/23		Report cards go home
10/31	9:00am	Fall "Halloween" Parade

**Student Code of Conduct** [www.pcsb.org/code](http://www.pcsb.org/code)

**Power Up Learning, Power Down Distractions**

Updated cell phone policies and New digital responsibility lessons for students  
[www.pcsb.org/powerup](http://www.pcsb.org/powerup)

# WALK & ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY

## North Shore Elementary is participating in Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Join children and adults around the world to celebrate  
the benefits of walking and bicycling.

### About our event:

- Meet at Crisp Park starting at 8:00am. (620 37<sup>th</sup> Ave NE)
- North Shore's Band and Cheerleaders will begin the Fight Song at 8:15am and lead us in the Walk & Roll to school.
- We will travel up 35<sup>th</sup> Street and turn left on Oak Street to enter the Walker's gate by 8:30am.
- ALL families are invited to join us by walking, biking or rolling to school!



Learn more at [walkbiketoschool.org](http://walkbiketoschool.org)

Walk to School Day is coordinated in the U.S.A. by  
the National Center for Safe Routes to School.





The Girlfriends Program is a mentorship and empowerment club designed to support young ladies in developing strong academic skills, self-confidence, leadership, and positive behaviors. Through mentorship from educators, community leaders, and role models, participants gain the tools they need to succeed both in and out of the classroom.

Mentors can be involved  
in Girlfriends in a number of ways.

- \*Check-In Mentor - Virtual or in person
- \*Guest Speaker - shares key experiences with mentees
- \*Community Outreach - supports in making connections with the community



Please scan the QR code if you  
are interested in supporting  
this program in any way.



## Toys for Tots



Registration is **OPEN** until **November 10, 2025**  
(or until all spots are filled)

### HOW TO REGISTER

- ① Go to <https://st-petersburg-fl.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/request-toys.aspx>  
OR  
visit <https://www.toysfortots.org> → "Find a Local Chapter" → Select Florida → Pinellas County
- ② Enter your email address to receive your personal registration link.
  - Use this link to complete and track your application.
- ③ Provide parent/guardian first & last name and phone number.
- ④ Add each child:
  - First & Last Name
  - Date of Birth (must be under 13 years old on 12/25/2025)
  - Gender
  - School

<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>	<b>OTHER IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES</b>
1. Must live in <b>Pinellas County</b> 2. Child must be <b>under 13 years old</b> <b>on Christmas Day</b> 3. Must have a financial need	<b>Last day to Apply - Nov. 10, 2025</b> (could be sooner if all spots are filled before Nov. 10)  <b>All approvals completed - Dec. 5, 2025</b>  <b>Confirmation emails sent - Dec. 12, 2025</b>
<b>DISTRIBUTION DATES</b> <b>December 19, 2025: 10 AM – 4 PM</b> <b>December 20, 2025: 8 AM – 6 PM</b> Location: Sent after approval * If you cannot attend these dates, please register with another program.*	<b>After Nov. 10<sup>th</sup></b> families will be asked to: 1. select a pickup date and time 2. enter the bike lottery (optional)  <div> <b>BONUS BIKE LOTTERY</b>  Details will be in the approval notice</div>

Please Note: You can only select your pickup appointment time and register for the bike lottery **AFTER** your application has been approved.

### QUESTIONS?

Please visit Toys For Tots Pinellas County at <https://st-petersburg-fl.toysfortots.org>



## Walking Club



The illustration features a stylized figure of a person walking, composed of yellow and purple shapes with black outlines. The figure is walking on a dark blue road with yellow dashed lines that curves from the bottom left towards the center. A smaller yellow silhouette of a person is visible on the road further back. The background is a solid light orange color.

# **WALKING CLUB IS BACK**

**Join us for Walking  
Club beginning on**

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**FRIDAY,  
SEPTEMBER  
26**

**STARTING  
AT 7:45 AM**

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*Lace up your sneakers  
and join us for our weekly  
walking club. Starting at  
7:45 am on Fridays! Please  
enter through the bus  
gate.*

## FDLRS Parent Services 2025-2026 Webinar Series held on Zoom

See picture of the flyer below. Where it says click here, here is the active link.

[https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=BZM8c9c5GkaGb\\_3ye\\_PH\\_4XEDzu4GSNDqDoEO04necxURDFQV0ZYNDAA2R0g3VEhURVo4VTJMVVREy4u&route=shorturl](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=BZM8c9c5GkaGb_3ye_PH_4XEDzu4GSNDqDoEO04necxURDFQV0ZYNDAA2R0g3VEhURVo4VTJMVVREy4u&route=shorturl)

**Online**  
**Parent and Family Training**  
**FDLRS Gulfcoast Facilitated Courses**

Provided by Florida Department of Education, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Support Services IDEA funded project, FDLRS Gulfcoast.

**Assisting Children with Challenging Behavior**  
This is an introduction on the fundamentals of behavior and reasons why children exhibit challenging behaviors. We will discuss some proactive and positive strategies that you can implement immediately.

**Executive Functioning**  
This is an introduction of how students with executive functioning needs can be supported in all learning environments. Strategies to assist these needs will be provided. This is a 2 day session.

**Homework Help**  
We will be discussing some tips and tricks to assist learners at home with study strategies and assisting with homework completion.

**Sensory Island for Families**  
This session is designed to be a tool to help understand the sensory systems and how to manage hypersensitivity or hyposensitivity to certain input. Many strategies will be shared to assist children with sensory challenges.

**Successful School/Home Communication**  
Participating in parent conferences and IEP meetings can sometimes be challenging. Come join us for resources in building a positive bridge between home and school communications.

**Visual Supports**  
We will be discussing what visual support are, their benefits, and ways to implement them to support children at home.

To see session days/times and to register, please [CLICK HERE](#)

For more information on any of these opportunities, please email Sandi Bailey, Parent and Family Services Specialist, [hoenigmans@pcsb.org](mailto:hoenigmans@pcsb.org)

**FDLRS Gulfcoast Associate Center**  
[fdlrgulfcoast.org](http://fdlrgulfcoast.org)

**FDLRS**  
Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System



## North Shore Clothes Bin



**How would you like to help save the environment and raise money for our school at the same time?**

**NORTH SHORE ELEMENTARY & Clothes Bin®** have partnered to collect and recycle old clothing, shoes and textiles!

**So, please do not throw them away!**

Just place the items in the **green** recycling bin near our parking lot.

**Every pound of recycled items support  
NORTH SHORE ELEMENTARY!**

Below is a list of items to be donated:

**Clothing:** pants, jeans, skirts, dresses, suits, shorts, shirts, tees, tanks

**Footwear:** shoes, boots, heels, sneakers, sandals, socks, tights

**Undergarments:** bras, underwear, slips, camisoles

**Accessories:** hats, belts, ties, scarves, headbands

**Handbags:** wallets, totes, luggage, backpacks, briefcases

**Linens:** towels, sheets, comforters, blankets, tablecloths



As you clean out the old and bring in the new, **you** can help the environment **and NORTH SHORE ELEMENTARY** too!

**Every pound collected earns funds for NSE students!**



## Join the PTA

### JOIN THE NORTH SHORE ELEMENTARY PTA

Your unique voice is needed!

Sign up for PTA today! Select a donation amount, scan the QR code or use the links below.



#### PTA SUPPORTS

- ✓ Afterschool programs
- ✓ Grade-level field trips
- ✓ Family events & socials
- ✓ Garden & Recycling
- ✓ School advocacy
- ✓ Professional Development for Teachers

#### ➤ Single Membership \$5

<https://northshoreelementarypta.givebacks.com/shop/items/6b26a1c65eddce>



#### ➤ Single Membership \$10

<https://northshoreelementarypta.givebacks.com/shop/items/c55b6d614068>



#### ➤ Single Membership \$25

<https://northshoreelementarypta.givebacks.com/shop/items/2a725c0be9c4d2>



#### ➤ Single Membership \$50

<https://northshoreelementarypta.givebacks.com/shop/items/c3c6ba2ec7>



#### ➤ Single Membership \$100

<https://northshoreelementarypta.givebacks.com/shop/items/c00cfa7cbc3c>



#### HERE'S WHAT YOUR MEMBERSHIP CAN DO!

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|---|------------------------------------|
| \$5 can cover a single PTA membership                       | \$10 can cover two PTA memberships |
| \$25 can provide supplies for Birthday Boxes                | \$50 can support a Family Social   |
| \$100 can provide an after-school scholarship for 1 student |                                    |

To keep you in the loop about North Shore PTA news & upcoming events, you will be auto enrolled to receive email and/or text message communications. You can opt-out at any time.

## PTA Board Members

2025–2026

Principal - Mr. Michael Rebman  
President - Rob Hasbrouck  
Treasurer - Sarah McKenna  
Recording Secretary - Sarah Lunsford  
Corresponding Secretary - Mandy Neumann  
VP Community and Membership - Corey Ocker  
VP Fundraising - Julie Pinkowski  
VP Education and Advocacy - Kelly Falsetti

Remember to renew your membership yearly.

JOIN OR  
RENEW NOW!



## Our History

To meet the needs of the children of the Masonic Children's Home, the Pinellas County School Board opened Coffee Pot School in January 1927. Because of expanded enrollment, the school was renamed North Shore Elementary School in 1940. Throughout the years many changes have occurred at North Shore, but the school has been, and remains today, steeped in history and tradition.

Our school encompasses Central Ave to 54<sup>th</sup> Ave N, 16<sup>th</sup> St N to the coast and 4<sup>th</sup> St N to the coast.



## North Shore Elementary PTA

200 35<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
St. Petersburg, FL 33704  
727-893-2181

<https://www.pcsb.org/Page/4476>



## Why Join PTA?

**Students Benefit:** Research shows that students perform better when parents are engaged in education both at home and at school. Parental involvement boosts student achievement. By joining PTA, your child will see first hand the importance you place on education.

**Schools Benefit:** PTA provides support for teachers and staff. It strives to create a positive and caring atmosphere in the school. PTA advocates partners with a variety of programs that enhance schools. Also, your volunteer hours both in or out of school contribute to the schools' yearly Parent Involvement Program with the district.

**Make Connections:** PTA involvement helps you stay informed and connected with the school and allows you to gain a broader perspective of how you can play a supportive role. You will make connections with other parents and business partners that share the common goal of student success.

## Contact Us

[nseptaft@gmail.com](mailto:nseptaft@gmail.com)



"The best part of being a North Shore Knight is being a part of the North Shore family. You are more than just a teacher to the students in your class. You get to know all the kids on campus, and we all support our fellow knights. Our students, teachers, and families all work together to make this school special!"

-Mrs. Edmondson, 3rd Grade Teacher

"What people first notice when they join the North Shore 'castle' is the warm and welcoming culture we have here. North Shore is a prime example of how much students will succeed when teachers, families, and the community all work together."

-Mrs. Suarez, 5th Grade Teacher

"The one word that describes North Shore is 'family.' From the staff to the students, I love that I can come to work, walk the halls, and know pretty much every student by name. I always think the TV show Cheers, North Shore is a place where everybody knows your name! We may be a small school but our staff, PTA, and our students have big hearts. I wouldn't want to work anywhere else!"

-Mrs. Kohnle, Kindergarten Teacher

## President's Welcome

On behalf of the North Shore Elementary School PTA, we would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families, returning students, families, and staff members! We are looking forward to a productive and fun school year ahead. Thank you for all of your past and future participation in the PTA and I hope to have you join or renew your membership for the 2025 - 2026 school year.

Our PTA supports the following:

- Provide supplies for classrooms
- Fund field trips
- Provide mini grants for teachers and classrooms
- Supply PBIS incentive program
- 7<sup>th</sup> Hour scholarships
- ... and many more

Your involvement is completely optional, but always appreciated! If you're able, we encourage you to volunteer, attend a PTA event, or join us at a meeting—your voice matters. This is your PTA, and the more families we have engaged, the better we can support and enrich our students' experience.

Rob Hasbrouck, President of NSE PTA

*Let's help our  
students and staff keep our  
"A" rating!*