

North Shore Elementary Weekly Update
Week of 12/1/25

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

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>





Upcoming December events

Date	Time	Activity
12/5	7:45 am	November Knight of the Month breakfast (Invitation Only)
12/5		Raise the Flags – Wear Bus gear or colors with uniform bottoms
12/11		Raise the Flags – Wear Bucs gear or colors with uniform bottoms
Week of 12/15 – 12/19		Staff and Students Themed dress days
12/17 – 12/19		Holiday Shoppe
12/17	10:00 and 1:45 pm	School Tours
12/17	3:15 pm	PTA Board and Principal Meeting
12/17	4:30 pm	PTA Leadership Meeting
12/17	5:00 – 7:00 pm	Holiday Shoppe (Family Evening Shopping)
12/17	5:30 – 7:00 pm	A Knight of the Arts (Family Performance)
12/19	8:15 – 8:40 am	APF
12/20		End of the report period
12/22 – 1/2		Winter Break

Student Code of Conduct 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

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Resources to our families during the ongoing government shutdown. This situation may be causing financial strain and temporary interruptions to federal supports such as SNAP for some households.

If families are financially impacted by the shutdown, you are encouraged to apply (or re-apply) for Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (FRL) benefits. Household income can be reviewed at any point during the year, and families experiencing a change in financial circumstances may become newly eligible. www.myschoolsapps.com

Emergency food resources and community supports remain available at:

www.pcsb.org/food

→ *Emergency Food Security Resources and Support*

December Week of Fun



WEEK OF FUN! December

MONDAY 12/15	Let's step into the Holidays! Start of this week by wearing your holiday socks and your favorite festive hat or headband.
TUESDAY 12/16	Life's Swirl is Sweet! Wear anything candy cane or red and white.
WEDNESDAY 12/17	Dress Festive, Feel Fantastic! Wear your favorite holiday shirt or holiday sweater.
THURSDAY 12/18	Let there be Light! Wear the colors blue and silver to celebrate Hanukkah
FRIDAY 12/19	North Shore is the one-sie for me! Wear your comfy pajamas or onesies

*All dress down days must be school appropriate

Garden Helpers

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We have several dates throughout the year where we will need some help keeping the PTA Garden beds growing. We will be planting/ weeding/ harvesting and connecting with our community. Come ready with your garden gloves, water to drink, and discuss plants with like minded Knights. Kids are always welcomed and encouraged to help and learn where our food comes from. Participants may even leave with some goodies from our garden. Click the link below or scan the QR code.

Friday | 12/12/2025 | 3:15pm - 4:00pm

Friday | 02/27/2026 | 3:15pm - 4:00pm

Friday | 04/10/2026 | 3:15pm - 4:00pm

Friday | 05/08/2026 | 3:15pm - 4:00pm



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49A8A82CA2FDCF8-60191233-garden#/>

Northshore Attendance Policy

NORTH SHORE ELEMENTARY ATTENDANCE POLICY 2025/2026

When a child misses two school days a month, he or she will miss 20 days a year. This calculates to 30 hours of math over the school year, 60 hours of reading and writing, and one whole year of missed school by graduation.

Attendance Policy

1. After 2 absences in a row, your student's teacher will make contact.
2. Missing 10% or more school days, will result in call from the Child Study Team (Attendance Team).
3. If absences continue, an attendance letter will be sent home and documented.
4. If absences continue, an Attendance Matters Letter will be sent home.
5. If absences continue, parents will be invited to a Child Study Team Meeting.
6. If absences continue with no contact from the parent, a home visit may be completed.
7. If absences continue, a 3-Day Certified Letter will be sent home.
8. If absences continue, a Truancy Intervention Program referral will be made to the State Attorney.

Reporting Absences

Message/email teacher

Call the front office 727-893-2181

Online on our school website- top right-hand corner "Report Student Absence"
Parents can upload notes through your parent Focus Account.

Tardy, Early Pick Up & Late Pick Up Policy

Tardies are when student arrive at 8:45 am or later.

Early Pick Ups are when students are picked up without a doctor's note before 2:55 pm.

Late Pick Ups are when students are picked up after 3:25 pm.

5- Written Reminder

10- Child Study Team Contact

15- Administration Contact

20- Invitation to Child Study Team Meeting

We want your students at school and on time every day. If you are having an issue getting your child to school, please contact the school. We are here to help, and can problem solve the issue together. Thank you for

Walking Club

An illustration of a person walking on a winding road. The person is depicted in a stylized, blocky manner with a purple body and yellow limbs. They are walking on a dark blue road with yellow dashed lines. The background is a light orange color. A small yellow pedestrian icon is visible on the road in the lower left corner.

WALKING CLUB IS BACK

**Join us for Walking
Club beginning on**

**FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER
26**

**STARTING
AT 7:45 AM**

*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_4XEDzu4GSNDqDoEOO4necxURDFQV0ZYNDAA2R0g3VEhURVo4VTJMVVREy4u&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

FDLRS Gulfcoast Associate Center
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!

\$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 54th Ave N, 16th St N to the coast and 4th St N to the coast.



North Shore Elementary PTA

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<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



"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
- 7th 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!*