

Bulldog Bulletin

Week of August 16, 2026

August Character Counts Pillar – All Pillars

Mission : The RJMMS community will work as One Team to ensure there are No Limits to our students reaching their full potential.

Vision: To prepare students for high school and post-secondary opportunities.

Volume 4 Issue 1

August

19	Early Release
24 - 25	Girls Volleyball Tryouts
24 - 26	Step Team Tryouts
25	FAST PM1 - Reading
26 - 27	Boys Volleyball Tryouts
26	Early Release
26	SAC Meeting 4pm
27	FAST PM1 - Math

September

2	Early Release
7	Labor Day - Student Holiday/No School
9	Early Release
	Interim Reports Released in HAC
16	Early Release
18	Fall Portraits
23	Early Release
25	Teacher In-Service/No School for Students

Absence Reporting: Use the Request to Excuse a Student Absence Form on ParentSquare via the link below:

<https://www.parentsquare.com/feeds/63914352#modal-feed-link-63914352>

Student Rider Drop off	7:00 am
School Opens for all students:	7:10 am
School Start Time:	7:30 am
School Dismissal Time:	1:50 pm *
* Wednesday 12:50 pm	



The Future Begins Here!

Character Counts! Pillar of the Month: All Pillars

- Trustworthiness - Be honest and reliable. Do what you say you'll do. Don't deceive, cheat, or steal.
- Respect - Be tolerant of differences; use good manners; and be considerate of other's feelings.
- Responsibility - Do what you are supposed to do.
- Fairness - Play by the rules; take turns and share.
- Caring - Be kind and compassionate.
- Citizenship - Do your share to make your school and community better. Obey laws and rules.

In the Month of August, We Observe:

- National Immunization Awareness
- National Wellness Month



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Special Announcements



B.E.L.I.E.V.E.



B - Bulldogs
E - Empower
L - Love
I - Inspire
E - Elevate
V - Value
E - Encourage

Band Apparel

The RJMMS Band Apparel store link is live. Click the link below to order merchandise and support our band students! The store will be open through the end of August so get yours today! Thank you!

SJCCA Band

<https://crankinenterprises.chippily.com/Murraybandgear/>

Attention Rising 8th Graders

Washington, DC Trip - Jan. 11-15, 2027

Registration open through August 28, 2026

Click the link below to secure your spot.

<https://youtu.be/rjkZbOG7BS0?si=dpeXZ2C2k31gJlil>



Visit the [information page](#) to secure your spot.

<https://greenlight.groupcollect.com/v2/go/mms8g27dc>

Attention Rising 7th & 8th Grade Theater and Chorus Students

New York City Trip - Mar. 9-12, 2027



We are reopening registration for the NYC trip from August 17 - 31. Students and parents registering will be placed on the waiting list. When a seat becomes available, individuals on the waiting list will be invited to attend according to their place on the waiting list. **Click the link below to secure your spot.**

<https://greenlight.groupcollect.com/v2/go/MMSTC27NYC>

Note: Students with any special circumstances (including behavioral or medical) should contact school administration prior to registering. Administration reserves the right to place a student on a waiting list and discuss participation with a parent prior to granting approval for student to attend the DC or NYC trip.

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TRIP DONATIONS FAST. EASY. ONLINE.

SHARE THE NEWS:

Donation links can be copied and shared as soon as passengers pay their deposits →

Donations

NEW



Each traveler can receive donations towards their trip. Copy the link below and share it with people who want to donate.

🔗 Learn more about the donation feature by clicking here

Lucas McClure

<https://greenlightgrouptours.groupcollect/v2/fundraiser>

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CHICAGO 2025

Donate to Lucas McClure For Their Trip!

Lucas McClure is looking to travel on the trip Chicago 2025 and would appreciate your help with a donation.

Destination	Chicago, IL
Travel Dates	Apr 05-08, 2025
Remaining amount	\$850.00

Donate Now

SIMPLIFY THE PROCESS:

Anyone can easily donate by simply clicking the Donate now button and entering their credit or debit card information into our streamlined and secure platform ←

SEE THE RESULTS:

Donations will immediately show on the passenger payment timeline →

Today

PAID

\$50.00

Donated by Janielle Mason



Questions about donations? Email us at support@greenlightgrouptours.com

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PTO Updates

We are so grateful for the generosity of our Bulldog families that allowed us to Stock the Lounge for the staff this week! We received so many snacks, drinks, and funds that we'll be able to stock the lounge a second time very soon!

Please mark Tuesday, September 1st, 6:30pm on your calendar for our first PTO meeting of the year! Details to come!

Check out the special weekend sale on hoodies online at our Spiritwear store! There are tons of great Back to School sales, but this special sale on their most popular hoodie will only be good this weekend! Many designs included :)

<https://1stplace.sale/21582>



Make sure you're following us on Instagram and Facebook for all of the latest updates!

Thank you for your support!

Cristy Downie, PTO President

RJ Murray Middle School

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SJCCA Theater

We are excited to announce that auditions for our upcoming musical production of "Shrek the Musical, Jr" will take place on Wednesday, August 26! Due to VERY high interest, we have added a second day of auditions on Thursday, August 27. **Please touch base with your student to determine if they plan to audition next week.** If your student plans to audition, make note of the process below:

- Auditions will begin immediately after school in the auditorium on both days. **Please ensure your student knows exactly which day and time they are scheduled to audition.**
- Your student will have already signed up for a 5-minute time frame or may need to sign up for a 5-minute time frame on the sheet in the hallway outside Ms. Brown's classroom on C-Hall.
- The sheet will remain in the hallway until August 19th.

Audition Requirements: Prepare 30 seconds of a musical theatre song to sing. Your student is responsible for providing their own backing or accompaniment track. YouTube has every karaoke track you could possibly want. We suggest you screen record it because internet access in the auditorium is not available. If your student does not have a backing track- he or she will sing without one.

Students will be finished approximately 10 minutes after their scheduled audition time. Please plan to pick up your student promptly. **Please double and triple check that your child knows their audition day and time and plan to be waiting outside for them approximately ten minutes after that 5-minute window.** They will not be released from the building unless our door keeper verifies with them that your vehicle is outside.

Casting & Commitment: Please note that not all students who audition will be cast in the production. Casting decisions are based on many factors, including vocal ability, acting skills, stage presence, and the needs of the show. As a competitive arts school, we hold high expectations for our students both in performance and professionalism - all casting decisions made by Ms. Brown and Ms. Burleson are final. Teachers will not reply to emails contesting casting decisions.

The rehearsal schedule is extensive and demanding. Most rehearsals will be held Monday through Friday, after school until 4:00 p.m. As we get closer to the performance, rehearsals will extend later until 5 pm. If your student is selected to be a part of the cast, they are expected to be present at ALL rehearsals for the entire duration of the rehearsal process, unless an absence has been approved in advance by the directors.

Because of this level of commitment, we ask that students only audition if they can fully dedicate themselves to the rehearsal schedule. If your child has other after-school activities or obligations that may conflict with the rehearsal schedule, it may be best to wait for a future production.

The cast list will be emailed to everyone at 2pm on Friday, August 28th and posted on the Shrek bulletin board on C-Hall at 2pm.

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Running Reminders

Free Breakfast and Lunch: RJ Murray Middle is a site for free breakfast and lunch. We serve breakfast and lunch free of charge for all students. Breakfast starts at 7:10 am and stops at 7:25 am. We encourage all students to have breakfast each morning and lunch in our café.

Note: Students are not permitted to take Starbucks or Dunkin Doughnuts beverages into the classroom. Please make sure students consume these beverages before entering the building. Glass bottles create a safety risk. Please do not allow your student to bring beverages in glass bottles to school.

Home Access Center (HAC) Interim reports and report cards are released and accessible via (HAC).

Sign in Procedure: In line with a district wide sign in, all activity will be completed through use of an identification card.

Dismissal and Checkouts: Dismissal changes & Early Checkouts must be completed by 1:00 PM (M, T, TH, F) and by 12:00 PM (W). Make sure to have your identification.

Parent Drop Off and Pick:

Some friendly reminders:

1. Remember, the Parent Pick Up line is a hands-free zone, so help us keep kids safe AND keep the line moving by saving phone calls and texts for later.
2. Please pull up as much as you can to keep the line moving. Try to avoid large gaps in the line so we can make dismissal run smoothly for our students and staff!

Tardies – students are to report to class on time. Students who are late to class will not be permitted to enter without a pass. We will implement our tardy pass policy on Monday, August 17, 2026. After a student receives 5 tardies, school consequences will be given. Please talk to your student and encourage them to be on time for class and refrain from walking a peer to class.

Student Ids: All students must wear their IDs daily. Students without an ID will be charged \$5 for a replacement. Please encourage your student to wear their IDs daily.

Proof of Residency and Immunization - If you have not completed Proof of residency or turned in the 7th grade immunization records, please contact the computer operator, Lindsey Cooper at 904-547-8484.

Clinic News: If you have any clinic questions, please contact Nurse Kim Lombardi at 904-547-8470.

You've Been Caught Getting Your BARK on! Our PBIS positive recognition program will recognize students for going above and beyond to meet the RJMMS Guidelines for Success – **Being Prepared, Acting Responsibly, Respecting Everyone, and Keeping Safe**. Students who are recognized will receive Bark Bucks points redeemable in our school store.

Our main goal is to keep building the wonderful sense of community that we are so lucky to have at our school. Whether it be the excitement of planning and volunteering, to attending activities with your family, know that your participation is so appreciated and valuable. Thank you for your support, and please let us know if you need anything!

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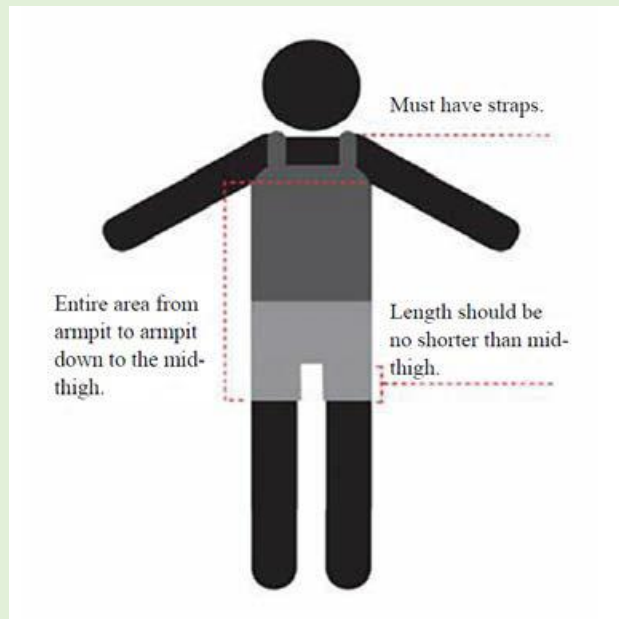
Student Dress Code

The primary responsibility for a student's attire resides with the student and their parent(s) or guardian(s). The St. Johns County School District expects students to dress in a way that is appropriate for the school day or any school sponsored event. Student dress code requirements reflect fair, equitable, and consistent practices for all students, while contributing to a safe and positive school climate.

In accordance with statutory requirement F.S. 1006.07 (students are prohibited from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or that exposes body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner).

Pajamas shall not be worn as exterior clothing on campus.

Clothing must cover areas from one armpit to the other armpit, down to the mid-thigh. Tops must have shoulder straps and be long enough to adequately cover the waistline and not expose the midriff.



Students must wear shoes that are safe and appropriate for the learning environment. **Bedroom slippers are prohibited.**

The principals or designees will determine the appropriateness of attire in conjunction with the current dress code policy.

For special events and occasions (spirit weeks, athletic contests, etc.) principals may modify this policy for their particular school.

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School Bus Rules and Behavior

Responsibilities of the Student Rider

- Follow the bus operator's directions instantly.
- Board and disembark assigned school bus at the bus at zoned/assigned school and assigned school bus stop. Student riders are not permitted to disembark from school buses at locations other than the zoned and assigned school bus stop.
- Remain seated at all times facing to the front of the bus while the school bus is underway.
- Keep head and limbs inside the school bus at all times.
- Refrain from pushing, tripping or other unsafe conduct while boarding, riding and disembarking the school bus.
- Refrain from any abusive, profane language, or other inappropriate communications with other student riders, school bus operators, school bus attendants, cyclists, motorists and pedestrians.
- Maintain strict silence at railroad crossings to ensure safe crossing of the school bus over the tracks.
- Refrain from consuming food or other substances while aboard a school bus. Water is permitted when appropriate at the discretion of the school bus operator. Metal water bottles should be stored in a students' backpack.
- Refrain from using cell phones and other electronic devices aboard a school bus as directed by the school bus operator. Audio or video recording aboard a school bus is strictly prohibited.
- Refrain from applying or spraying perfume, cologne or aerosol items aboard a school bus.

Discipline for Student Riders Violating School Bus Rules

- Disruptive behavior and violation of the Code of Conduct on a school bus by a student rider are grounds for suspension of the privilege of riding on a school bus, disciplinary action by the school administration, and/or assessment of criminal penalties by law enforcement.
- The principal or designee may suspend a student from the school bus for up to ten (10) days per occurrence for violating the standards of conduct for student riders aboard a school bus.
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Schoolology Parent Access Codes

1. Go to <https://homeaccess.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>
2. Log in with your User Name and Password.

-OR-

Click “Click Here to Register for HAC”

(For more information on registering, go to:
<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/registration/>)

3. Once you're logged in to HAC, click on the
Registration page to find your student's
Schoolology Parent Access Code.

Welcome to
 **Home Access Center**

HAC 03

If you are unable to log in, or do not see all of your students listed in HAC, please contact the school.
You may now use HAC as an app on your mobile device.
Check out the eSchoolPLUS Family App in your app store.

Department of Children and Families Abuse Hotline 1-800-562-2873

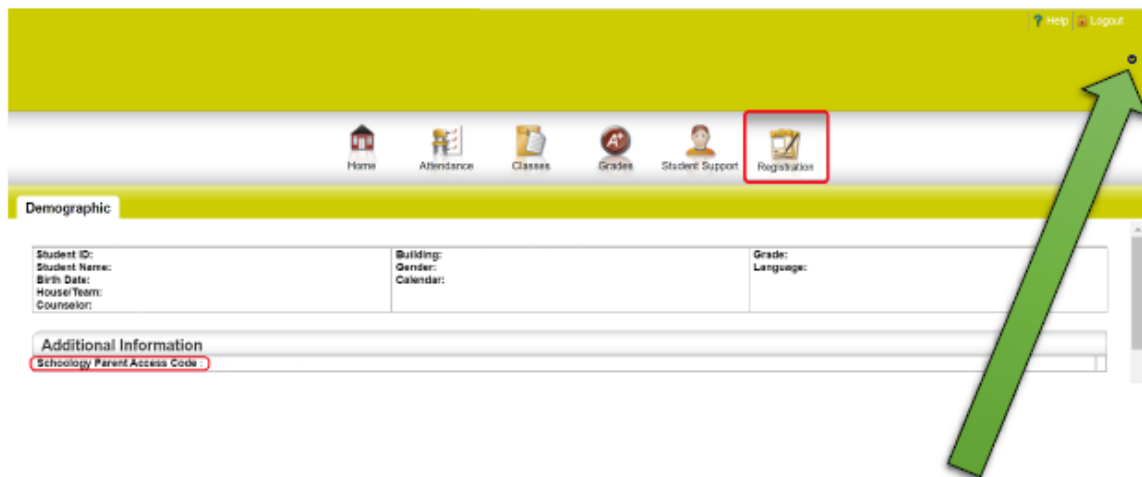
User Name

Password

[Forgot My User Name or Password](#)
[Click Here to Register for HAC](#)
[Click Here to Register with Access Code](#)

[Sign In](#)

If you have more than one St John's County student using Schoolology



Help Logout

Home Attendance Classes Grades Student Support **Registration**

Demographic

Student ID:	Building:	Grade:
Student Name:	Gender:	Language:
Birth Date:	Calendar:	
House/Room:		
Counselor:		

Additional Information

Schoolology Parent Access Code

Each student has a separate Schoolology Parent Access Code, so you will click on the drop-down arrow to toggle between students.

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Schoolology Parent Account

4. Go to www.schoolology.com.
5. Click on the Register button.
6. Click Parent.
7. Enter your Parent Access Code.
This is a 12-digit code in
xxxx-xxxx-xxxx format that you
received from HAC.

Login

Register

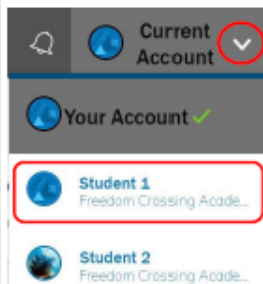
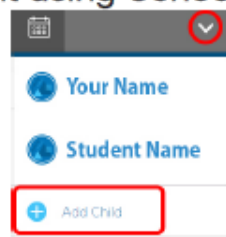
Note: Parent Access Codes can be found on your student's
Registration page on HAC (HAC instructions on the back of this page).

8. Fill out the form with your personal information.
9. Click Register to complete.

When you use a Parent Access Code to create an account,
you are automatically associated with that student.

If you have more than one St John's County student using Schoolology

You can add additional students to your account using
the Add Child option when you click on the account
drop-down arrow at the top-right of your screen.



To Toggle Between Accounts

Click on the account drop-down in the upper-right hand corner of
your screen. Then click on the account that you would like to access.

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How to Access the Family Portal



The Family Portal provides a central location for your student's assessment results.

The Family Portal can be used to

- access your student's results for FAST Progress Monitoring testing.
- access prior statewide assessment results.
- print score reports.

How can I access the Family Portal?

- At the Florida Statewide Assessments Portal:
<https://flfast.org>
- Or at the direct link:
<https://fl-familyportal.cambiumast.com/>

What information do I need to log in to the Family Portal?

- Your student's unique 6-digit access code (found in HAC under the Registration tab).
- Your student's date of birth.
- Your student's first name as it appears on their official school record.

What information can I find on the Family Portal?

- Your student's results from Fall 2020 through present
- Your student's Individual Student Reports with interpretative guides.
- Glossary
- FAQs
- Performance Levels

Where do I get the Access Code?

The code can be found in the Home Access Center (HAC) under the Registration tab. The code will be located on the right side of the page under Additional Information.

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Suspicious Activity Reporting App

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

Submit A
Tip Online

Download On The
App Store

Get It On
Google Play



Important Notice

Florida Statute 943.082 states that if, following an investigation, it is determined that a person knowingly submitted a false tip through FortifyFL, the Internet protocol (IP) address of the device on which the tip was submitted will be provided to law enforcement agencies for further investigation, and the reporting party may be subject to criminal penalties under s. 837.05. In all other circumstances, unless the reporting party has chosen to disclose his or her identity, the report will remain anonymous.

