



Santa Fe College Academy of Science and Technology

Hello SF Saints!

The first nine weeks has concluded and students received their first report card (Q1) on Thursday, October 24th. Please reach out to your student's teachers via email to discuss their academic progress or contact the Academy (academy@sfcollge.edu or 352-395-4444) if you would like to schedule a Parent-Teacher Conference

The district has revised its calendar as a result of the school closure due to Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. The revision has resulted in the use of all three (3) flex days. The Academy will be in session on Friday, December 20th; Monday, January 6th; and Friday, February 14th.

Sincerely,
William McElroy, Principal



Take Stock in Children of Alachua County:

The application window for the Take Stock in Children of Alachua County Scholarship Program is open from November 1st - December 4th. Eligible students must have a 2.5 GPA or higher; be in 6th - 9th grade; attend an Alachua County Public School; and be financially eligible. Eligible students can receive a 2-year Florida Prepaid Scholarship to a state college. Please see the enclosed flyer for more details on the Take Stock in Children of Alachua County Scholarship Program.



Academy PTSO:

The next meeting of the Academy PTSO is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13th @ 7:00pm in the Academy Meeting Room.

The PTSO has scheduled a Fall Gaming Day on Friday, November 22nd from 12:30pm - 2:15pm. Note: Student participation in Fall Gaming Day requires students to have submitted a completed permission slip and participation agreement form.

Donations of time, items, and funds are needed to support PTSO events scheduled for the Fall semester.

Please see the enclosed flyer for more details on the Academy PTSO.



Upcoming Events:

Monday, November 11th
Thursday, November 21st
Monday, November 25th - Tuesday, November 26th
Wednesday, November 27th - Friday, November 29th
Friday, December 20th
Monday, December 23rd - Friday, January 3rd
Monday, January 6th
Monday, January 13th
Tuesday, January 14th
Friday, January 17th
Monday, January 20th

Holiday - Veterans Day
Interim Reports Available in Family Access
Student/Teacher Holidays
Holiday - Thanksgiving
Hurricane Make-Up Day (FLEX DAY #2)
Winter Holidays (10 Weekdays)
Hurricane Make-Up Day (FLEX DAY #1)
End of First Semester
Begin Second Semester
Student Holiday - Teacher Workday
Holiday - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Student Extracurricular Activities:

Is your student currently involved in an extracurricular activity? If so, we ask that you please submit your student's extracurricular schedule. Submission of the schedule will allow the Academy to excuse absences. In addition, Academy faculty and staff enjoy attending events to support our students.

Upcoming Testing:

- B.E.S.T. Algebra I and Geometry Retake
 - Wednesday, December 11th
- Florida Civic Literacy Exam (10th Grade)
 - Wednesday, December 18th
- FAST ELA Reading Progress Monitoring #2
 - Wednesday, January 15th (9th Grade)
 - Thursday, January 16th (10th Grade)

Academy Picture Day:

Academy Picture Day will occur on the morning of Friday, November 22nd. Details concerning the ordering of student pictures will be shared soon.



Academy Donations:

The Academy has established a breakfast/lunch fairy account that is used to cover the meal costs of students with a low or zero account balance. Contributions to the fairy account can be made by cash in an envelope addressed to...

Academy of Science and Technology
c/o Adrian DeBose
Breakfast/Lunch Fairy Account

As we transition into cold and flu season, the Academy is accepting donations of facial tissue and hand sanitizer.

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





THE
**EDUCATION
FOUNDATION**
Supporting Alachua County Public Schools

TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN OF ALACHUA COUNTY Scholarship Program

Helping Break the Cycle of Generational Poverty Through Education Since 1995

What is it?

- Needs based program for **low-income, at-risk students** in middle and high school.
- **Students receive a mentor** to support them all the way through high school graduation and beyond!
- **College Success Coaches** help students through college or career school application process and financial aid.
- **Students receive a 2-year Florida Prepaid Scholarship to a state college!**



INTERESTED?



Requirements

- A 2.5 GPA or higher
- Must be in 6th - 9th grade
- Attend an Alachua County Public School governed by the School Board of Alachua County
- Be Financially Eligible

Applications Open November 1st, 2024

QUESTIONS?

Email Jaqualia Newsome at fndnewsomeja@gm.sbac.edu

Visit our Website at <https://edfoundationac.org/>



PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ORGANIZATION

FALL NEWSLETTER



PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Upcoming

- **November PTSO Meeting**
Nov. 13 at 7PM
- **Fall Game Day**
Nov. 22 (12:30 - 2:15PM)
- **December PTSO Meeting**
Dec. 10 at 6PM
- **Holiday Candy Grams**
Sales: Dec. 9 - 13
Delivery: Dec. 20



PTSO Updates

Nonprofit Status

The PTSO is in the process of creating incorporation documents and bylaws to register as a Florida nonprofit organization and seek 501c3 status. Once in place the PTSO will have greater access to fundraising opportunities.

Executive Board Vacancy

Are you interested in aiding the strategic planning and development of the PTSO? We currently have a vacancy for the office of Secretary. Contact us at sfast.ptso@gmail.com.

Welcome to the PTSO

The Santa Fe Academy of Science and Technology (SFAST) PTSO is where Parents, Teachers, and Students collaborate to support the needs of the school. Our various fundraising and volunteer opportunities pave the way for new and expanded programs, services, and resources that strengthen the high school experience and foster lasting memories.

We are always looking for volunteers for various activities. If you don't have time, donations are always accepted. And for your convenience, up-to-date information is posted on our PTSO Facebook page (keyword: [sfast.ptso](https://www.facebook.com/sfast.ptso)).

Volunteer or Donate

Donations of time, items and funds are needed to support the PTSO events scheduled for the fall semester. Please check out the Sign Up Genius link below to learn how you can participate.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COA49ACA82FABF5C16-52142720-ptso>

Live Link at: www.facebook.com/sfast/ptso

Thank you for supporting the SFAST PTSO. Great things happen when we work together!

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2024-2024 PTSO MEETING SCHEDULE



WED, NOV. 13, 2024 @ 7PM

TUES, FEB. 11, 2024 @ 6PM

TUES, DEC. 10, 2024 @ 6PM

WED, MAR. 12, 2025 @ 7PM

WED, JAN. 15, 2025 @ 7PM

TUES, APR. 14, 2025 @ 6PM

WED, MAY 14, 2025 @ 7PM



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