

## THE TORCH

| 9-28 | Day B in the Related Arts Schedule                                  |
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| 9-29 | Day C in the Related Arts Schedule                                  |
| 9-30 | Early Release Day – Dismissal starts at 1:45.                       |
|      | Day D in the Related Arts Schedule                                  |
| 10-1 | Day E in the Related Arts Schedule                                  |
| 10-2 | Wear Your Favorite Animal Color. Day F in the Related Arts Schedule |
|      | 9-29<br>9-30<br>10-1  |

Hello Warrior families! Our students have been "Shining their Light" with the I-Ready testing. This will continue until October 9<sup>th</sup>. This provides us valuable information on the needs for each student and sets their individual learning path for success.

We would like all parents to become familiar with the Schoology platform. Teachers have their classroom calendar and weekly newsletters available for parents to stay informed about the events and learning that take place. Teachers may also be placing additional resources there for helping your child in their learning progression.

We would like to thank the distance learning parents for their patience with Schoology. This is a widely used platform, and unfortunately at times the connection may not be the best, especially at times when other time zones are logging in. We will work together in ensuring that your child does not miss the lessons needed for their success. The district will soon migrate to Zoom for all conferencing purposes. We are anticipating this will be better for those connection concerns. Once again, thanks for your patience. School Photos for Distance Learners: Photo opportunities for distance learners will be available starting in mid-to-late October directly through Leonard's Studios. An announcement and link to schedule the photos will be announced soon. Students who take photos through Leonard's at their studios will be included in the yearbook for our school.

FREE breakfast and lunch for ALL students until December 18<sup>th</sup>. This program is available for students in the county. The café opens at 8am for breakfast. All students are entitled to a breakfast even if they arrive to school late. For additional information please visit: https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/food/2020/09/0 9/usda-meal-service-waiver/ We encourage families to take advantage of this opportunity from the USDA. Please contact the café manager, Jill Franzoi 904-547-8739 or jill.franzoi@stjohns.k12.fl.us with any questions or for DL pick up times/location.

The **Parent Handbook** has been provided and is available on the school website. Please review it for the procedures at WCE.

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The October School Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting is at 3:30 pm on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, via Zoom conferencing. The meeting ID is: Meeting ID: 917 9118 4601 and the Passcode is: Dp65qE. SAC is a diverse group of stakeholders of a school, established through Florida law, with the shared goal of increasing student achievement in a safe learning environment. SAC consists of the principal and an appropriately balanced number of teachers, staff, parents, and community members. If you are interested, please join a meeting and learn more about how you can be involved with this integral team. <u>https://wwwwce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/sac/</u>

The first two weeks of October are Disability History and Awareness Weeks. Section 1003.4205, Florida Statutes, entitled Disability History and Awareness Instruction, was signed into law in 2008. It requires school districts to designate the first two weeks of October as Disability History and Awareness Weeks and also promotes providing instruction for students in all public schools to expand student knowledge, understanding, and awareness of individuals with disabilities, disability history, and the disability rights movement.

## Spotlight on Second Grade:

Our Second Grade students are off to a great start this year! We are learning to lead using the acronym LIGHT: Leadership, Integrity, Growth-Mindset, Heart and Together. September marks Celebrate Freedom Month, and we have been learning about United States Patriots, Symbols, Monuments and all the things that make the United States of American a great country. We truly appreciate the partnership with our parents who are remembering to support student's safety and learning, both in the brick and mortar environment and as distance learners. Thank you for all you do. GO WARRIORS!