

**North Shore Elementary Weekly Update**  
**Week of 11/3/25**

*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>





## Upcoming November events

### *Weekly observances*

- **National School Psychology Week** is Nov. 3-7. The event celebrates the school psychologists and the crucial role they play in schools and communities. This year's theme, "Finding Your Path," reflects the ways school psychologists help students, families, and school communities set and achieve their goals.
- **American Education Week** is Nov. 17-21. The week is dedicated to celebrating public education and honoring the work of everyone in schools, from teachers and administrators to support staff and substitute educators.

### *Special days*

- **National STEM/STEAM Day** is Nov. 8. The event promotes the importance of science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics.
- **Veterans Day** is observed on Nov. 11. The holiday commemorates the service of all military veterans. Pinellas County Schools recognizes and celebrates the contributions of veterans. Schools throughout the district will learn about veterans and pay tribute to them.
- **The Great American Teach-In** is scheduled for Nov. 12. This day provides community members with opportunities to visit schools and share their careers, hobbies, and interests. Learn more at [www.pcsb.org/gati](http://www.pcsb.org/gati).
- **World Kindness Day** is celebrated on Nov. 13. The day encourages good deeds and simple acts of kindness to help create a kinder world.
- **Education Support Professionals Day** is observed on Nov. 19. The day, during American Education Week, honors support employees who ensure our students arrive at school safely and that our schools and facilities operate smoothly.
- **National Parent Involvement Day** is observed on Nov. 20. The event, celebrated during American Education Week, highlights the significant contributions that parents and caregivers make to ensure student success.
- **Substitute Educators Day** is Nov. 21. The event, during American Education Week, shows appreciation for substitute teachers who play a vital role in maintaining the continuity of a quality education.

| Date               | Time           | Activity                                                        |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11/10 – 11/19      |                | Thanksgiving Food Drive                                         |
| Week 11/10 – 11/14 |                | Bookfair                                                        |
| 11/11              | 9:00am         | Veterans Day – 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade performance                |
| 11/12              | 3:15pm         | PTA Board Meeting                                               |
| 11/12              | 5:00pm         | 5:00pm – 5:30pm PTA General meeting<br>5:30 – 7:00pm STEM Night |
| 11/13              |                | Mid report period                                               |
| 11/18              |                | Gratitude Lunch (K, 3, 1)                                       |
| 11/19              | 8:00 – 8:15am  | Walk to School Community Event                                  |
| 11/19              | 10:00 & 1:45pm | School tours                                                    |
| 11/20              |                | Gratitude Lunch (2, 4, 5)                                       |
| 11/21              | 8:15am         | All Pro Families                                                |
| 11/24 – 11/28      |                | Thanksgiving Break                                              |
| 11/27              | 7:45am         | Coffee Pot, Turkey Trot                                         |

**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)

## Thanksgiving Food Drive



When: November 3rd- November 19th

Why: To support our community 😊

How: Bring canned, bottled, or boxed food items to school (**NO GLASS please**)

Who: Items will be donated to the Salvation Army

**Items needed:**

Bottled water

Boxed breakfast items

Boxed desserts

Canned fruit

Canned gravy

Canned juices

Canned meats

Cereals

Condiments

Instant and canned soups

Jellies

Kid's [gummies](#)

Mac & Cheese

Pasta

Peanut butter

Powdered drinks

Ramen noodles

Rice & beans

Salad dressing

\*\*\*PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES\*\*\*

THANK [YOU NORTH SHORE FAMILIES](#) FOR HELPING OUR COMMUNITY!! 😊

## 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



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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| 1. Must live in <b>Pinellas County</b><br>2. Child must be <b>under 13 years old</b><br><b>on Christmas Day</b><br>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)<br><br><b>All approvals completed - Dec. 5, 2025</b><br><br><b>Confirmation emails sent - Dec. 12, 2025</b>                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>DISTRIBUTION DATES</b><br><b>December 19, 2025: 10 AM – 4 PM</b><br><b>December 20, 2025: 8 AM – 6 PM</b><br>Location: Sent after approval<br>* If you cannot attend these dates,<br>please register with another program.* | <b>After Nov. 10<sup>th</sup></b> families will be asked to:<br>1. select a pickup date and time<br>2. enter the bike lottery (optional)<br><br><div> <b>BONUS BIKE LOTTERY</b> <br/>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

An illustration of a person walking on a winding road. The person is depicted in a stylized, blocky manner with a purple head and torso 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 icon of a person walking is visible in the bottom left corner of the illustration area.

# **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\\_4XEDzu4GSNDqDoEOO4necxURDFQV0ZYNDAA2R0g3VEhURVo4VTJMVVREy4u&route=shorturl](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](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!

|                                                             |                                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| \$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!*