

A large, stylized logo for Switzerland Point Middle School (SPMS) is centered in the background. The letters 'S', 'P', and 'M' are rendered in a light gray color with a thick teal outline. The 'S' is at the top, the 'P' is in the middle, and the 'M' is at the bottom. The logo is set against a black circular background that is itself centered on a dark gray gradient background.

SPMS New Parent Orientation

WELCOME TO SWITZERLAND POINT MIDDLE SCHOOL!

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A stylized logo consisting of a dark teal circle containing a grey silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a 'V' shape. The person's head is a rounded rectangle, and their torso is a larger rounded rectangle. The arms are thick lines extending upwards from the shoulders.

SWITZERLAND POINT MIDDLE  
SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER  
STUDENT ORGANIZATION

# Who Are We?

- The Switzerland Point Middle School Parent Teacher Student Organization is a non-profit organization whose mission is to enhance the learning and work experience of the students and staff at SPMS.
- Our membership includes teachers, administration, parent and students, all in one family membership.

# What We Do

- Student Initiatives –
  - Neon Bash – Fall Dance for students
  - Raider Store – Rewards store students who earn virtual bucks for academic and behavioral performance
  - Field Studies Sponsorship – assistance with funding field trips
  - Character Counts Rewards – rewards for students recognized as demonstrating our 6 pillars of character
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Formal funding assistance

# What We Do

- Staff Initiatives

- Classroom grants – teacher members are eligible for up to \$ 100 in a classroom grant for purchasing items that enhance their classroom
- Staff Luncheons & Breakfast – Several times a year a meal is served to our amazing staff at Swiss Point
- Teacher Appreciation – Once a month the PTSO treats our staff to a special treat
- Annual donation to the school for technology or other needs

# How We Pay for Those Initiatives

- **Membership!!!!** - this is our biggest fundraiser. By simply joining PTSO, families helps us reach our goals
- Spirit Wear – the PTSO sells SPMS spirit wear every fall
- Fall/Spring FUNraisers – the PTSO sells a variety of fun items including Nothing Bundt Cakes and Poppin Box
- Business Partners – our area business help SPMS through our Partners in Education program
- Corporate Donation Matches, Amazon Smile, Box Tops, private donations

# How Do I Join?

- A family membership is \$ 20 for the school year. One family membership includes parents and any sibling Swiss Point students
- The membership form can be found at [www.swisspointptso.com](http://www.swisspointptso.com)



# If I Join, Do I Have to Volunteer?

- No, nope, not at all.

The PTSO would love your help if you would like to volunteer but there is absolutely no obligation to volunteer. At the middle school level, there are a lot less hands on activities for parents. While we occasionally need parent volunteers there is no pressure to volunteer. We understand every one is busy balancing work, children and everything else.

# Wait, I Would Like to Volunteer!

- That is great, we always welcome help. Opportunities to volunteer include:
  - Raider Store – Student reward store at school, every other Friday during lunches
  - Neon Bash of dances – we need parents to help run concession, photo booths, etc.
  - Teacher Appreciation – help with setting up or picking up food, etc.
  - Spirit wear – help with selling spirit wear at school events
  - Board positions – we have multiple open positions, please contact

# Follow SPMS PTSO

- Facebook – Swiss Point PTSO

<https://www.facebook.com/SwissPointPTSO/> For up to date happenings LIKE us on Facebook!

- Instagram – <https://www.instagram.com/spmsptso/>

Questions? Contact [spmsptso@hotmail.com](mailto:spmsptso@hotmail.com)

# Switzerland Point Middle School

## Home of the Raiders

- Established in 1991
- Student Population: 1,212
- School Colors: Silver and Black
- Feeder Elementary Schools: Cunningham Creek, Hickory Creek, and Timberlin Creek
- Feeder High School: Bartram Trail
- Mission: Switzerland Point Middle School strives to empower all students with a passion and a curiosity for learning as well as empathy for others. Each student's strengths, talents, and creative abilities will be recognized and nurtured.
- Motto: Raiders are Respectful, Responsible and Safe.



# The Raider Population



- Total number of students=1, 260
- By class:
  - 6<sup>th</sup>: 413
  - 7<sup>th</sup>: 383
  - 8<sup>th</sup>: 464
- Total number of teachers ~ 60

# Switzerland Point Administration



Linda Carnall  
Principal



Earl Brown  
Assistant Principal



Sarah Wiggins  
Assistant Principal

# What Every Raider Family Needs to Know!



# There are plenty of opportunities to Volunteer!

- Proctoring
- PTSO Events
- Field Trips and Chaperoning
- Band and Athletic events





# How do I sign up to Volunteer?

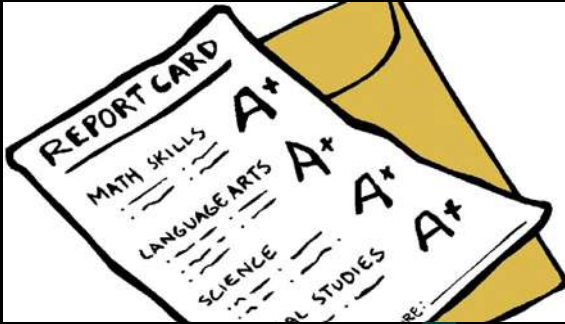
- If you have never volunteered in St. Johns County School District before you must complete the form:  
<http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer>
- You cannot volunteer or even attend a parent conference until your form is cleared in the system. You can check your school access status by contacting Ms. McEnerney at [Stacey.Mcenerney@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Stacey.Mcenerney@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

**VOLUNTEER**



# Home Access Center

- You can use the Home Access Center (HAC) to look at your student's:



Grades-Updated Weekly



Attendance



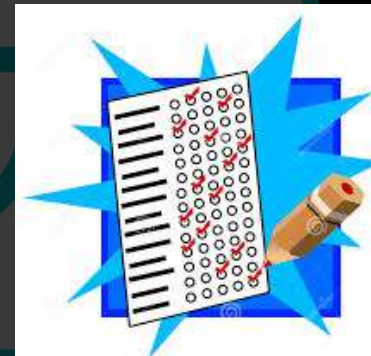
Classwork



Discipline



Class Schedule

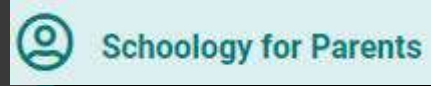


Test Scores

- If you are a returning SJCS D student and need your HAC password please contact Ms. Jackson at 547.8626.
- New students will receive their HAC passwords shortly after registration.

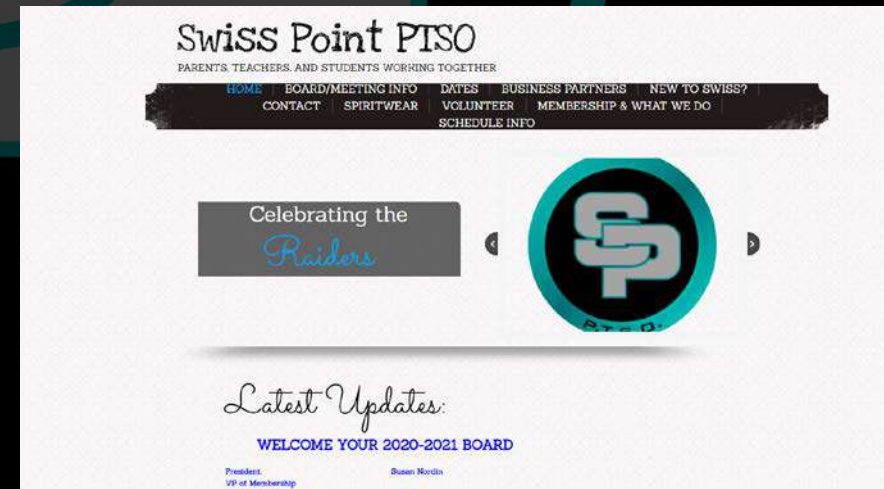
# Schoology

- Parents will have their own login
- Returning SJCS D students' login does not change
- New students will receive their pw the first week of school
- One place for all assignments and resources
- Use the Calendar feature for due dates and to stay organized  
(HAC should still be used for viewing course grades)
- Click on the pictures below to use the resources for assistance:



# Ways to Stay Informed!

- Switzerland Point Middle School Webpage
- The Newsletter
- School Messenger Email and Text Alerts
- PTSO Website
- Click on the pictures below to go to those resources:



# School Calendar and Hours

- First Day of School for Students: August 16
- Last Day of School for Students: June 2
- Warning Bell: 7:20
- Homeroom Begins at 7:25
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade lunch: 10:00-10:30
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade lunch: 10:50-11:20
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade lunch: 11:40-12:10
- School Ends at 1:50 PM M/T/TH/F, 12:50 PM on W

**MASTER CALENDAR**  
2021-2022 School Year  
Board Approved - March 9, 2021

Friday	August 6, 2021	Optional Teacher Planning Day
Monday-Friday	August 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 2021	Teacher pre-planning to include 7.5 hours of teacher inservice
Monday	August 16, 2021	Students Report to Class
Monday	September 6, 2021	Labor Day- Student/Teacher Holiday ✓
Friday	October 15, 2021	First Quarter Ends
Monday	October 18, 2021	Teacher Planning Day-Student Holiday ✓
Thursday	November 11, 2021	Veterans Day - Student/Teacher Holiday ✓
Wednesday - Friday	November 24-26, 2021	Thanksgiving Break - Student/Teacher Holiday✓
Tuesday	December 21, 2021	Second Quarter/First Semester Ends *
Wednesday - Tuesday	Dec. 22, 2021-Jan. 4, 2022	Winter Break - Student/Teacher Holiday
Wednesday	January 5, 2022	Teacher Planning Day-Student Holiday ✓
Thursday	January 6, 2022	Classes Resume for Students - Second Semester begins
Monday	January 17, 2022	Martin Luther King Day - Student/Teacher Holiday ✓
Monday	February 7, 2022	Teacher Inservice Day-Student Holiday ✓
Monday	February 21, 2022	Presidents Day - Student/Teacher Holiday ✓
Thursday	March 10, 2022	Third Quarter Ends
Friday	March 11, 2022	Teacher Planning Day-Student Holiday
Monday-Friday	March 14-18, 2022	Spring Break - Student/Teacher Holiday
Monday	March 21, 2022	Classes Resume for Students
Friday & Monday	April - May, 2022	FSA Testing (Reading, Math & Science)
	April 15 & 18, 2022	Holiday - Student/Teacher Holiday
	May 2-26, 2022	EOCs, AP, IB, District Exams
	May - TBA	Graduations (Schools/Locations TBD)
Monday	May 30, 2022	Memorial Day - Student/Teacher Holiday
Thursday	June 2, 2022	Last Day for Students /Fourth Quarter Ends
Friday	June 3, 2022	Last Day for Teachers - Teacher Planning Day

\*ALL Schools will be dismissed **1 hour** early on Dec 21, 2021 and June 2, 2022

All Schools participate in a weekly early release on Wednesday: Elementary @1:45, Middle @12:50, High @ 2:50

Interims Issued: September 14	Report Cards: October 26
Interims Issued: November 16	Report Cards: January 19
Interims Issued: February 8	Report Cards: March 29
Interims Issued: April 26	Report Cards: June 2* Elementary only

✓ Possible Hurricane Make-Up Days to be determined as needed.

Optional planning day may "Flex" for any Planning Day or Post-Planning day as pre-approved by Principal

Click here to access the [SJCS D Master Calendar](#)

# Attendance Procedures

- A Note is required if your student is:
  - Tardy
  - Needs to be picked up early
  - Returns from being absent
- Notes must contain the student's full legal name.
- Notes need to be turned in to Ms. Jackson in the guidance office or emailed to [Norma.Jackson@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Norma.Jackson@stjohns.k12.fl.us) .

**school note**

DEAR \_\_\_\_\_  
(TEACHER/ADMINISTRATOR)

\_\_\_\_\_ WILL BE:  
(STUDENT NAME)

PICKED UP AT \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM

LATE TO SCHOOL

ABSENT

STAYING AFTER SCHOOL

PICKED UP BY: \_\_\_\_\_

ON \_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_

.....

PLEASE CALL ME WITH ANY QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

# Early Check Out

- Students will only be released to the parent or guardian, or the Emergency Contact listed in eSchool.
- A current Driver's License or state id must be presented in the front office at that time.
- No student may be signed out after 1:35 PM every day except Wednesday. The latest early check out on Wednesday is 12:35 PM.
- Students who check out during the school day due to illness are not eligible to return to school that evening to participate in activities or be a member of the audience.



# Attendance: Sick or Pre-Approved Absences



- Sick

- If your student is sick do not call the front office
- Check Schoology for missed work and check with teachers either by email or Schoology message.
- Students should bring in a note when they return and give it to Ms. Jackson in the guidance office.

- Pre-Approved Absent Request

- If your student will have a planned absence, please complete and return the form found here: <https://www-raider.stjohns.k12.fl.us/parents/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2013/12/PreExcusedAbsenceRequestForm1.pdf>



# Medical Information



- Medical orders must be completed each school year.
  - All medications must be properly labeled in the original containers.
  - The clinic will be open to accept medication and authorizations the following dates and times:
    - August 4 and 5 from 7:30 AM to 2:00 PM
    - August 11 from 1:30 PM-3:00 PM
    - August 12 and 13 from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM
  - Medication Authorization and Medical forms can be found here:  
<https://www-raider.stjohns.k12.fl.us/clinic/>
  - Nurse Kelly can be reached at 547-8628

# Emergency Notification and Police Presence

- What to do in case of an Emergency:
  - You will be notified through the School-Wide Emergency Automated Phone System and by Email.
  - Pay attention to the message and follow the instruction.
  - Emergency numbers are pulled from your student's Eschool information. Make sure you update this information each year.
  - There is a full time St. Johns County Deputy assigned to the school.



# Student Code of Conduct

- Click here to access the [Student Code of Conduct](#)
- You will find information regarding:



SJCSD Guiding Principles



Student Rights and Responsibilities



Attendance



School Health



Discipline

# Character Counts

SPMS recognizes students monthly who are displaying the pillars of character. Students are nominated for this recognition by their teachers.

## THE 6 PILLARS OF CHARACTER



TRUSTWORTHINESS



RESPECT



RESPONSIBILITY



FAIRNESS



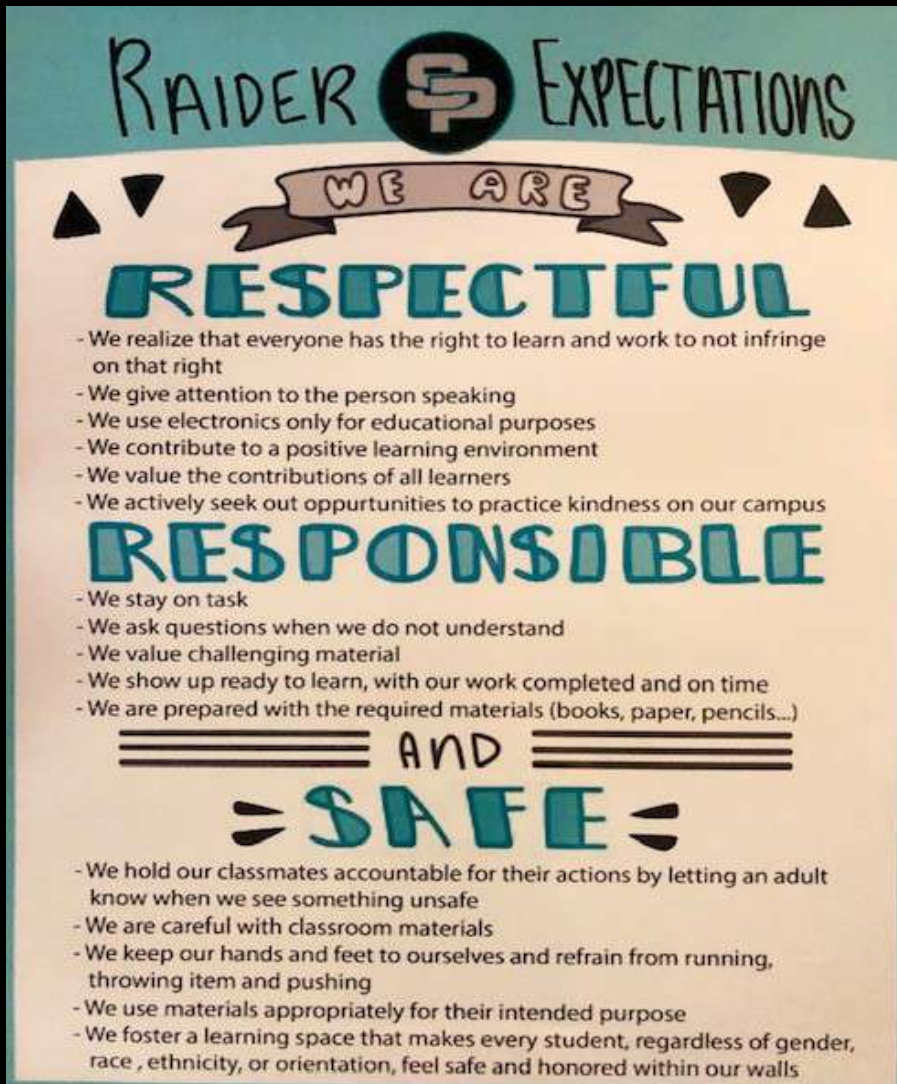
CARING



CITIZENSHIP

# PBIS = Positive Behavior and Interventions Support

A behavior management program that teaches students clear behavior expectations in all school settings AND rewards students for meeting these expectations with **Raider Bucks**.



## Why PBIS? Because it...

- ✓ Teaches positive behaviors.
- ✓ Recognizes and rewards students for meeting expectations.
- ✓ Defines clear expectations and clear consequences.
- ✓ Is school-wide and consistent.
- ✓ Focuses on the positive and prevents future issues.
- ✓ Includes an organized system of disciplinary actions.

Students can spend **Raider Bucks** on rewards including:

- items in the Raider Store
- ice cream/candy
- rewards in teacher Raider Stores
- library lunch tickets
- raffles
- quarterly incentives



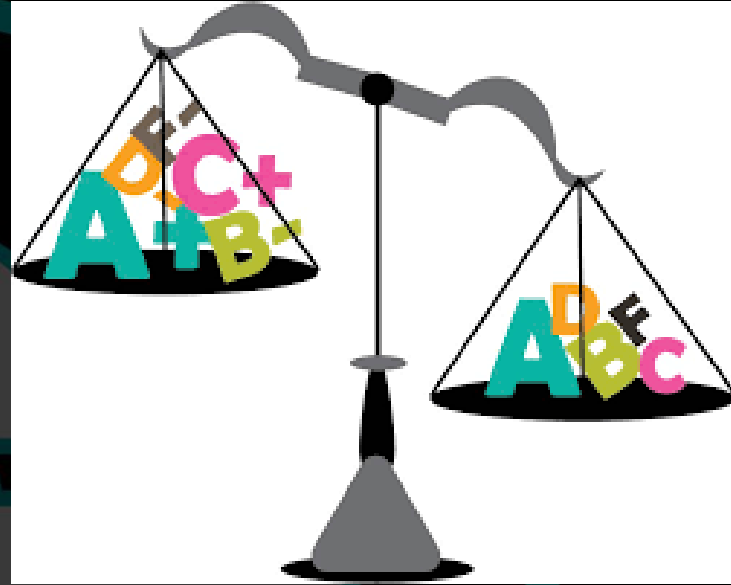
# SPMS Guidance Department

- School Counselors:
  - Ms. Jennifer Tippins: 6<sup>th</sup> grade A-L, 7<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Ms. Caryn Patterson: 6<sup>th</sup> grade M-Z, 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- When can I see my counselor?
  - Before or after school
  - During lunch
  - Per teacher approval during class
  - By appointment or email



# Grading Scales

- A = 100-90
- B= 89-80
- C= 79-70
- D= 69-60
- F= 59-0
- Students must earn at least a 60% for each semester to receive credit.
- Each class semester is worth .5 credit and students receive grades for each semester, except for yearlong EOC courses (Civics, Algebra 1, Geometry, and Biology)
- SJCS policy maintains that each semester is calculated individually, *unless*, a student fails one semester and passes the other. Then the semesters are averaged together. If that average brings the student to a passing grade they will receive full credit for the class



# Promotion Requirements

- Students will take and must pass, with a grade of 60% or higher, Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and PE every year.
- During 7<sup>th</sup> grade year students will take Civics which includes an End of Course state exam that will be 30% of the final grade.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students receive a career and education planning component in their social studies class.
- If students do not pass a class they will have the option of retaking that class during the summer through a virtual learning provider.





# What if my child is struggling with a class?

- Reach out to the teacher for specific information.
- Check HAC/Schoology regularly to ensure they are doing the homework/formative work.
- If they are struggling with summative assessments, check to make sure they are doing the remediation and retake assessments.
- Summative assessments make up 70% of students' grades and formative assessments are 30%. SJCS D policy states that if a student earns less than an 85% on a summative assessment they have the option to retake.
- Students can earn up to an 85% on a retake and students will receive the higher score of the original and retake summative assessment.



# Cafeteria Information



- Lunch procedures will be explained the first week of school
- You can find lunch information on our website here:

**RAIDER ROOST**

- To deposit money into your student's lunch account you will use PayPams. Click here to see the information



# Transportation

- For questions about bus routes and transportation you can call 904.547.7810



# Who does a Parent Contact for help?

- For Student Specific Issues:

- Teachers (Email)
- School Counselor
- Dean
- Administration

(See the SPMS website for contact information)

- To Volunteer:

- PTSO Board Members

