

Parents and students, **Check Out** what you need to know to begin the school year **2021 - 2022...**

- ☑ You can find the **Code of Student Conduct** on the DCPS website: www.duvalschools.org, click on the students and families tab and then click Code of Conduct.
- ☑ You can find information concerning the cost of meals and forms for **free/reduced meals** on the DCPS website: www.duvalschools.org. Click Departments on the main menu then select Food Service. You can also call (904) 732-5145 or email Food Services at foodservice@duvaschools.org.
- ☑ Parents, please familiarize yourself with the **school map** on the school website which contains parent drop-off and pick-up locations, as well as parking areas. The front of the school is for faculty, staff, and visitor parking.
- ☑ **Bus routes** can be found on the DCPS website: www.duvalschools.org under Departments, then select Transportation. Additional inquiries can be made directly to the Transportation Department at (904) 858-6200.
- ☑ Adults who would like to **volunteer** to help at Paxon SAS: Complete volunteer form directly on the DCPS website: www.duvalschools.org. Click Departments on the main menu, select Family and Community Engagement, then select volunteers.
- ☑ Sign up for the **grade portal**, FOCUS: <https://accounts.public.duvalschools.org/enrollment/wizard.aspx>.
- ☑ **Engage in Paxon SAS Communication Platforms:**
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PaxonSAS/>
 - Website: <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/psas>
 - Counseling Blog: <http://paxonguidance.weebly.com/blog>
 - Remind: Join with code @bdg7adg
 - DCPS App: Select Paxon for school specific updates

Paxon Athletics (Cash or Check only) and PTSA will have Paxon paraphernalia available for purchase during Transition 2021 - 2022



Show your Paxon SAS school pride by purchasing Paxon SAS spirit wear in person or in advance in the Paxon SAS PTSA Online Store, <https://paxon-ptsa.square.site/>. Advance orders will be ready for pick up at orientation. All forms of payment are accepted including credit cards.

Paxon SAS PTSA sponsors many programs and events for our teachers, administrators, staff and students throughout the year. Please show your support by joining the Paxon SAS PTSA. Dues (\$7) can be paid online or in person at orientation. Membership cards will be emailed.

Items and designs vary

PSAT fees for 9th grade (\$18) All 9th grade students will take the PSAT in October. Fees will should be paid beginning in August via <https://dcps.schoolcashionline.com>

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All the printed mail-out materials, information sheets, and forms can be located and printed from the Paxon SAS website. Click Orientation on the home page.

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Dr. Royce L. Turner, Principal

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A Message from the Principal....

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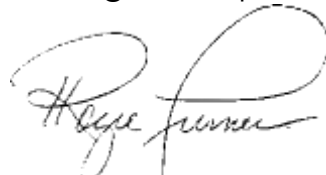
The unbelievable circumstances of the past year have propelled us to this point. We must now prepare to put in the work. The 2020-21 school year witnessed us celebrate more National Merit Finalists, earn recognition as one of the top one percent of all high schools in the nation and accept acknowledgement as a National Magnet School of Distinction. We continue to be an academic force. We now must again find our laser focus on success.

This orientation brochure contains a wealth of information pertaining to the grade level orientation sessions. Please take a moment to review the dates, times, activities, resources and locations we have outlined for your student. We have taken a great deal of time and energy to anticipate the needs of our students during this orientation. However, if there is something that we have overlooked, please call or email the school to inform us so that we might improve our process.

We anticipate we will have representatives from the Public Library, Chartwells Food Services, Paxon Athletics and Paxon PTSA. Additionally, we will have student clubs and organizations, transportation information and Extended Day communication. The goal of our orientation is to have our families leave the school more informed, prepared and excited about the educational journey we are traveling.

Thank you all for continuing to support our school. The entire Paxon community is excited about what lies ahead as the 2021-22 school year is certain to be another success. The strong partnerships we have formed with our parents will continue to grow. I encourage all students to maintain their academic focus during the summer as you complete the summer reading and assignments. Do not neglect to spend quality time with your family and friends. We will continue to strive to meet the highest expectations. See you in the halls.

With Highest Expectations,



Dr. Royce L. Turner
Principal

Distinction



School begins Tuesday, August 10th 8:10 a.m. to 2:55 p.m.
Open House is Monday, August 16th at 6 p.m.

Freshmen Transition starts at 9:00 a.m. in the Paxon SAS Auditorium.

Freshmen will experience a specially designed and informative orientation to the Paxon SAS campus. Students will learn pertinent information for a successful transition to high school life. Some of the topics discussed will include schedules, study guides, school dress code, and behavior policies. There will also be a special parent only session with Dr. Turner. Students will receive their textbooks and can explore the campus. The day will end with lunch for students in the café area with several organizations present to familiarize students and families with the wide range of offerings at Paxon.

Tuesday, July 20 th	Wednesday, July 21 st	Thursday, July 22 nd
AP/Honors Students only (Last Names Adams-Lawrence only) 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	AP/Honors Students only (Last Names Lee-Zilla only) 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	All IB Prep 9th grade only (Last Names Adedokun-Young) 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Freshmen Transition Program

- 1 Opening Session**
- 2 Transition Activities**
- 3 Textbooks and Schedules**

Schedule Information

Schedules are available for viewing in FOCUS under the 2021-2022 school year. Scheduling was completed based upon your submitted course requests. There will be no schedule changes unless there is an error. If you have not submitted your course request form, please do so at <http://paxonguidance.weebly.com/course-catalog-and-registration.html>. We will discuss class schedules and the school's daily schedule in detail during the session.