



Message from the Principal...

Eagles,

This month we are reminded of all that we are thankful for in our lives. Our students are most likely thankful to have completed the first quarter of the year. For many, the first quarter was a successful one academically and socially. If the first quarter was not as successful as you planned, make certain you are taking advantage of all of the resources available to you at Paxon. Remember, many teachers offer tutoring in addition to the Learning Lab, which provides student tutoring before school, during lunch and after school. Our School Counselors stand ready to assist with your academic planning and organization. Please utilize this resource.

For our seniors, this is the time of year that college applications are being submitted. Make certain that if you need recommendation letters, that you provide the Recommender ample time to complete them. It is not too late to sit for the SAT, ACT or CLT for another score. Take advantage of the suite of resources provided to students through College Board as a result of sitting for the PSAT. Please make certain to share your scores with me as you encounter me in the halls.

The second quarter is filled with many holidays and breaks. It is important that you manage your time and efforts. More importantly, it is important that as a Paxon School for Advanced Studies student, you are seeking knowledge and not a grade. Those who focus on simply acquiring an "A" versus acquiring knowledge, miss the mark. We are preparing students to take on this world and that requires understanding the content. I am asking my parents to reinforce this message.

The campus continues to receive safety additions. We have several new gates/fencing around the campus. The new intake area will soon be completed, and we will share more details and directions at that point. Please make certain to pick up your student by 3:15 PM. Students not picked up by this time will be asked to report to the Enrichment Program and may be accessed a fee.

We are excited to share that thanks to the referendum, Paxon will be the recipient of a new turf field! We are scheduled to commence construction in February of 2024. Thank you to the taxpayers of Duval County for supporting our public schools.

Paxon is thankful for the hard work and dedication of those who show up every day to provide our students with the best experience. We ask that you consider helping us show thanks to our faculty and staff by **donating gift cards in increments of \$10-\$25**. These gift cards will be distributed during our holiday luncheon in December. We would like to ensure all employees receive a gift card. If you wish to give, please send your donation to the main office in a sealed envelope addressed to Dr. Allen. Please include parent name, student name, and a contact email address so that we can confirm receipt of your gift. We ask that you submit your donations by December

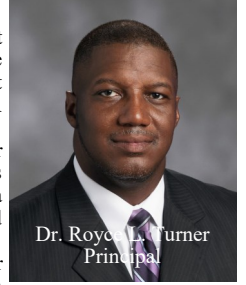
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Thank you to our award winning PTSA for another great month. The PTSA sponsored our Senior Breakfast for the Class of 2024. The PTSA continues to offer school spirit merchandise. You can find more information in the PTSA section of this letter.

Congratulations to our School Advisory Council for getting off to a great start this year. The SAC meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 4 PM in the Media Center conference room. This past month the SAC hosted the area SAC meeting.

Congratulations to Ms. Miller on being named our school Employee of the Year. Congratulations to our Paxon Choir and Paxon JROTC Color Guard on being featured at the opening night of the Jacksonville Icemen hockey game. Congratulations to Adriann McIntosh on winning the NAACP Freedom Fund Award.

There are so many people and situations to give thanks for in life. I am thankful for my students, my teachers, my staff, my administrators and my supportive families. We all realize that life is not perfect but moving through it surrounded by you all makes me very thankful. Let's not ever lose sight of that. With Highest Expectations!



Dr. Royce Turner
Principal

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November 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	WEEKEND
		1A Weightlifting @ Wolfson 5:00pm Slow Pitch Softball @ Baldwin 5:30pm	2B Quarter 1 Honor Roll Celebration IB Evening Info Session (rising 9th graders) 6:30pm to 8:30pm	3A	4 SAT @ Paxon
6B Slow Pitch Softball Terry Parker @ Home 5:30pm	7A Financial Aid Night 6:00pm G. Soccer @ Englewood 5:30pm	8B IB Day Tour 8:30am Weightlifting Baldwin @ Home 5:00pm Slow Pitch Softball @ Fletcher 5:30pm	9A G. Soccer Hilliard @ Home 6:00pm B. Soccer Hilliard @ H 7:20pm	10 Veterans Day No School	11
13B Slow Pitch Softball @ ED. White 5:30pm G. Soccer Ridgeview @ Home 5:30pm/7:00pm	14A SAC Meeting 4:00pm B. Soccer Wolfson @ Home 5:30pm	15B In Ranks Inspection Slow Pitch Softball Westside @ Home 5:30pm	16A Weightlifting @ Sandalwood 5:00pm G. Soccer @ Terry Parker 5:30pm B. Soccer @ Terry Parker 7:20pm	17B 8th Grade Tour Wrestling Preseason Classic @ Stanton 5:00pm	18
20A Slow Pitch Softball Sandalwood @ Home 5:30pm G. Soccer @ Wolfson 5:30pm/7:20pm	21B Slow Pitch Softball Englewood @ Home 5:30pm GBB@ Jackson JV 5:30pm V 7:00pm BBB @ Ponte Vedra JV 5:30pm V 7:00pm G. soccer W. Nassau @ Home 6:00pm B. Soccer W. Nassau @ Home 7:20pm	22 Thanksgiving Break	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Tournament @ Jackson
27A GBB@ Fleming Island JV 5:30pm V 7:00pm	28B GBB @ Nease TBD B. Basketball Nease @ Home JV 5:30 V 7:00pm GBB Middleburg @ Home B. Soccer @ Middleburg 5:30pm	29A Early Dismissal 1:10pm	30B Weightlifting @ Mandarin 5:00pm GBB Oakleaf @ H JV 5:30pm V 7:00pm BBB@ Englewood JV 5:30pm V 7:00pm G. Soccer @ ED. White 5:30pm B. Soccer @ ED. White 7:20pm		Notes: B- BOYS G- GIRLS

PTSA Happenings

Our PTSA actively works to provide engaging programs, resources, and support to our entire school community. Help support our efforts by becoming a **Paxon Eagle Business Partner!** To learn more about the different levels, and advantages to your business, scan the QR code or visit: <https://paxon.memberhub.com/store/items/725431>



Reflections is a nationwide arts appreciation and recognition program. Students can submit original artwork in one of 6 areas for the theme "I am hopeful because...". Don't miss your chance to show us, and possibly beyond, your artistic side! Deadline for entries is Tuesday, Nov. 21st. For more information, please email celitawilson@gmail.com

Become a Paxon PTSA member for the 2023-24 school year! Your membership helps support our programs throughout the year. You'll receive our e-Newsletters with important info, as well as member benefits to several local businesses. Scan the QR code or visit <https://paxon.memberhub.com/store>



Parents, if you experience any difficulty with transportation to our programs, please contact the school for assistance.

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