



*Building a Culture Where Academic Achievement is Celebrated!*

2600 Mayport Road  
Atlantic Beach, Florida 32233-2998

*Chris Koek, Principal*

April 17, 2023

Dear Parents,

It is a pleasure to welcome our newest Sharks to Mayport Coastal Sciences Middle School! Our academic programs are designed to meet the needs and abilities of all our students at any level, including our gifted and academically talented students with accelerated courses. We realize that middle school is a major transition, and we want to assure you that your child will receive both academic and social support. Teachers, administrators, counselors, and support staff are ready to help with any need that may arise once we start the year. To help ease the transition to the 2023-2024 school year, I have enclosed the following information for your review:

- Shark Bites Transition Camp Sign-Up
- Orientation Dates and Athletics Information
- How to join our PTA
- After School Summer Camp
- Military Family Resources
- Elective Course Descriptions and Interest Survey

Please verify your e-mail and address are up-to-date in FOCUS to receive the most current school communications. If you have any questions or concerns, or if you plan to enroll your child at a different school, please contact the curriculum office at 904-247-5977 or e-mail me at [sullivanj2@duvalschools.org](mailto:sullivanj2@duvalschools.org).

Sincerely,

Jill Jenkins, M.Ed

Assistant Principal of Curriculum



# 6TH GRADE 2023

*Shark  
Bites*

## WHAT:

Transition program to provide tools and support for incoming 6th grade students. **Topics covered include:** conflict resolution, organization/time management skills, adjusting to middle school, and STEM and Coastal Science activities!

## WHEN:

**July 31st to August 4th**

9:00 -1:00pm M-Th

9:00-12:00pm Friday (parent meeting 11am)

## COST: FREE!

Breakfast, Lunch, and Snack provided  
(students may also bring lunch)

## TRANSPORTATION:

Parent/guardian must provide transportation

**REGISTRATION:** Spots are limited!

**[bit.ly/SharkBites23](https://bit.ly/SharkBites23)**



For more information, or assistance with registration please  
contact:

*Jessica Fernandez, Camp Director*  
[fernandezj1@duvalschools.org](mailto:fernandezj1@duvalschools.org)



2023-2024

Orientation

AUGUST				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

Information

<p><b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation</b> Friday August 4<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm- 2:00pm <i>Shark Bites Participants Do Not Need to Attend</i></p>	<p><b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation</b> Thursday August 10<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm- 2:00pm</p>	<p><b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation</b> Friday August 11<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm- 2:00pm</p>
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Link to Mayport [Spirit Store](#)

Link to 2022-2023 [District Calendar](#)

Link to [School Transportation](#) Site

Link to Register for [Sunrise Sharks](#)

Registration for morning extended day will open a few weeks before school starts.

Register for AfterSchool Program During Orientation

Link to [Volunteer Registration](#)

[How to link your student to your Parent Focus Account](#)

\*Student supply lists will be given to students on the first days of school with the course syllabus.



All student athletes must have their online athletic clearance completed before trying out or playing a sport

[Athletic Clearance Link](#)

P.E. Uniforms and P.E. Locker Rentals can be purchased during orientation.

Uniforms: Red T-Shirt/Black Athletic Shorts (Price TBA)

P.E. Locker Rentals: \$5.00

Fall Sports	Winter Sports	Spring Sports
Football Volleyball	Basketball Soccer	Baseball Golf Softball Swimming Track
<b>Cheerleading All Year Sport</b>		

Questions about Athletics?

Email our Athletic Director **Coach Santillan** [santillanj@duvalschools.org](mailto:santillanj@duvalschools.org)





# Mayport Coastal Sciences Middle School PTA

## PTA Sponsored Events:

- Honor Roll Celebrations
- Winter Dance
- Staff Holiday Treats
- Valentine's Grams
- Earth Day Activities
- Bus Driver Recognition
- Spirit Nights
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- 8th Grade Cookout
- Back-To-School Teacher Breakfast



PTA

Look for our table during orientation to join the PTA!

**Questions please contact:**  
**Tracy Machinski, PTA President**  
**[tracy.machinski@yahoo.com](mailto:tracy.machinski@yahoo.com)**

Welcome to the Shark Family!



COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS

# Summer CAMP



<b>COST: FREE</b>		<b>BEGINS: JUNE 12</b>	
	 Mayport CS Middle School		<b>ENDS: JULY 21</b>

## LEARNING ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Applications available in the main office and online (must be downloaded and printed) [duvalschools.org/mayportmiddle](http://duvalschools.org/mayportmiddle)



Questions? Contact Ms. Welch  
[welche@duvalschools.org](mailto:welche@duvalschools.org)



**After School Summer Camp Mon-Fri 8:00am-5:00pm**  
**Academic and Enrichment activities. Field Trips are FREE!**



**We Are Proud to Support our Military Students!**  
**Please visit our website for Military Support Resources by**  
**clicking on the link below**  
**[Military Resources Link](#)**

We look forward to welcoming you to MCSMS!  
For transitional enrollment support, please reach out to our school's

**Military and Family Life Counselor (MFLC)**

Fernette Hoag @ [hoagf@duvalschools.org](mailto:hoagf@duvalschools.org)

or

Principal. Chris Koek, @ [koekc@duvalschools.org](mailto:koekc@duvalschools.org)

**School Military Point of Contact (MPOC)**  
for school transitional planning and support.



**After School Program**  
*Space is Limited Register Early*

**MCSMS**

# After School Program

Monday - Friday  
4PM-7PM

**REGISTER DURING ORIENTATION**

**WHAT WE PROVIDE:**

**FREE!**

- FIELD TRIPS
- ROBOTICS
- C DRONES
- 3-D PRINTING
- SPORTS
- Homework help
- Enrichment program
- Tutoring
- Recreation
- Evening Meal & snack

For More Information contact Ms. Welch  
[welche@duvalschools.org](mailto:welche@duvalschools.org)



## Course Offerings 2023-2024

Our mission is to teach our students to become self-directed researchers, analytical thinkers, problem solvers, prolific readers and writers, and lifelong stewards of the coastal environment. Our methodology is inquiry-based, differentiated, and aligned with preparing our students to enter any high school accelerated program.

**Core Courses:** Student placement in core courses is based on achievement level using state testing scores, Lexile level and math quantile scores. Each student will have a MATH, ELA, SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, AND PE/HEALTH course assigned.

**Elective Course Offerings:** Students and parents can review the elective course offerings below and complete the elective interest survey to indicate your elective preferences. Due to schedule restraints, course availability, and class size, not all elective course preferences can be honored. However, we will try our absolute best. To complete the elective preference survey, click the link below or scan the QR code.

FORM IS DUE BY JUNE 1, 2023



<https://forms.office.com/r/GQEgukkkGvJ>

## Elective Courses: 2023-2024

<b>ART</b>	Students are introduced to the rigor and routine of the art production process including planning, producing, and reflecting on art. With an emphasis on studio arts, students explore a wide range of 2D and 3D media, skills, and techniques, as related to contemporary and historical art perspectives. Projects may include but not be limited to drawing, painting, printmaking, collage, mixed media, pottery, and sculpture. Students develop technical skills, foster their expressive abilities, and employ the use of the elements of art throughout the production process.
<b>BAND</b>	Students will learn to read music and play an instrument; instrument choice will be made with assistance of the Band Director. We offer three levels of band that will meet the needs of all students interested in playing an instrument.
<b>COASTAL SCIENCES</b>	These classes focus heavily on Florida's coastal ecosystems. Students are engaged in hands on exploration, project-based learning, and scientific research. Students gather and analyze data to provide insight to coastal conservation. Students gain experience in salt-water aquatic systems and agriculture production.

<b>COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY</b>	This course introduces concepts associated with computer technology, including web and graphic design, programming, and computer applications. Students will have access to classroom iPads, and hands-on opportunities to explore exciting and innovative software and applications, including mobile app development, virtual reality, and Arduino.
<b>COMMUNITY ARTS</b>	Community Arts is an art program focusing on community service projects throughout the year and the performing arts. The projects are art-based using different mediums, such as acrylic paints, watercolors, oil pastels, markers, etc. Students will also be working on theater and creative movement performances. Students will learn the basics of theater performance, which will encompass working with scripts, movement and performance technique. This class allows students to use their own self-expression in everything they create physically and mentally.
<b>INDOOR/ OUTDOOR SPORTS</b>	This course is designed to provide students with the opportunity to participate in non-traditional forms of physical activity. Students will have the opportunity to participate in outdoor activities such as capture the flag, football, and kickball as students develop a physically active lifestyle.
<b>INTRO AGRISCIENCE</b>	Introduction to agriscience builds agricultural literacy and awareness of the importance of agriculture. Students apply science, math, and technology to study both plant and animal production. This hands-on class utilizes both our indoor and outdoor classrooms and gardens.
<b>JOURNALISM YEARBOOK</b>	Journalism is a year-long course exploring the world of media – print, broadcast, cyber-journalism, as well as photojournalism. Using hands-on strategies, students gain real-world experiences, connections to career possibilities, and opportunities to develop leadership skills. Students will gain experience in writing, graphic design, photography, filming, and advertising through the production of a school newspaper and our school yearbook, <i>Mariner</i> .
<b>EXPLORING MUSIC TECHNOLOGY</b>	Students investigate the fundamental applications, tools, history, and aesthetics of music technology while exploring traditional, current, and emerging technologies, including personal devices; and use them to explore, capture, create, arrange, manipulate, reproduce, and distribute music. Public performances may serve as a resource for specific instructional goals. Students will learn how technology has changed the way music is created.
<b>SPANISH BEGINNING</b>	M/J Spanish Beginning introduces students to the Spanish language and its culture. Students will learn beginning skills in listening and speaking and an introduction to basic skills in reading and writing. Also, culture, connections, comparisons, and communities are included in this <b>one-year</b> course.

Don't Forget to Visit our Website! <http://duvalschools.org/MayportMiddle> and follow us on:



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