



# Notebook

March 2022



## DATES AND LINKS

**Skyward Family Access  
Parent Webinar:  
March 10, 6 p.m.**

**School Board Meeting:  
March 15, 6 p.m.,  
School Board Meeting  
Room**

**Free Middle and High  
School Honor Bands  
Concert:  
March 17, 7 p.m.,  
UF Phillips Center**

**Spring Break:  
March 21-25**

**Pupil Holiday/Teacher  
Workday: March 28**

**Report Cards Available  
in Family Access:  
April 5**

***For more information  
about these events, visit  
[www.sbac.edu](http://www.sbac.edu)***

## Welcome to the **ACPS Notebook**

To keep our families, employees and community up-to-date on the latest news from Alachua County Public Schools, we are launching our new e-newsletter, *ACPS Notebook*. Here you'll find information about district-related developments, decisions, dates and other important issues, all sent straight to your email address through our new distribution platform *Peachjar*.

You can also keep up with what's happening in our district through Facebook (@AlachuaCountyPublicSchools), Twitter (@AlachuaSchools), Instagram (@alachua.schools) and LinkedIn or on our website at [www.sbac.edu](http://www.sbac.edu)

## Learn about Skyward Family Access during free online parent workshop



Families can learn how to access report cards and progress reports, school assignments, daily attendance records and plenty of other valuable information about their child's education through their phone, tablet or computer during an upcoming workshop offered by the district's Parent Academy.

The free, online workshop about the Skyward Family Access system will be held Thursday, March 10 at 6 p.m. District staff will walk parents through the Skyward Family Access system and how they can sign up. No registration is needed. The link to the webinar is <https://sbac-edu.zoom.us/j/86786119151>.

## BY THE NUMBERS

39

That's how many ACPS students were recently named National Merit finalists. It's just one less than the district's highest-ever total of 40, which was set back in 2009.

\$10.5 million

That's the total amount of the additional salary package ACPS employees will receive this year following an agreement between the district and the Alachua County Education Association. It's more than double the amount of the previous record of \$4.5 million from the 2019-20 fiscal year.

## Next year's school calendar set *2023 Spring Break to coincide with UF break*

Spring Break for ACPS students will fall on the same week as the University of Florida's Spring Break in 2023 under the district's new 2022-23 school year calendar.

The break will run from March 13-17 next year, about a week earlier than this year's break, which runs from March 21-25. The change comes following numerous requests from parents to align the district's break with UF's.

Under the 2022-23 calendar, school will start for students on Wednesday, August 10. The full calendar can be viewed at [www.sbac.edu/22-23calendar](http://www.sbac.edu/22-23calendar)



## Santa Fe High staffer named district's School-Related Employee of the Year

Julie Rye, a clerical assistant at Santa Fe High School, has been named the district's 2022 School-Related Employee of the Year.

Rye has been with the district for nearly twenty years, seven of them at SFHS. She works in the school's front office and is typically the person who greets students, families and staff first thing in the morning and responds to questions throughout the day. But her contributions to the school are not limited to the front office. She also sponsors a number of student groups and teams, including Student Government and the Junior and Senior classes.



Rye is one of 44 district employees nominated from their schools and worksites, all of whom will be recognized at a special ceremony in May. Rye will now represent Alachua County Public Schools in the Florida School-Related Employee of the Year Recognition Program.