

# Villages at OakLeak Plantation

NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2018

## Back to School!!!

It's that time of year again and we can hear the school bells ringing! It can be hard to adjust from the dog days of summer to the busy and fast pace of the school year. Here are eight tips to get back into the school mode and start this year off right!



### **Tip #1: Have the Proper School Supplies that you need for your classes!**

Getting folders and binder with patterns and designs to make note taking more fun. During the first day of class most teachers will tell you everything they require for their courses. Make sure that you get the specified supplies so that you are able to keep up with the class work and stay organized.

### **Tip #2: Get an Agenda!**

During the school year is such a busy time! Between taking test, doing homework, attending activities, and school events it can be really hard to keep track of everything. By keeping an updated agenda, you can better manage your time and know what you have to accomplish. Having an agenda will definitely help you with time management. Time management is key to being successful and staying on top of everything you need to do!

### **Tip #3: Know your Course Syllabus**

Knowing your class schedule is so important for being successful in the course your taking. Teachers will typical hand out your syllabus in class or post it online. Keep it in a safe and convenient place so you can frequently view. Knowing when you have papers and projects due is so important for passing the course and keeping up your grades. Having the syllabus will allow you to plan ahead and give yourself proper time to complete every assignment and get great grades!

### **Tip #4: Do Not Procrastinate**

This is something that we have all been guilty of in the past and have learned the stressful repercussions. A habit is created in three weeks so if you study for every course your taking daily in 21 days that will be a new habit for

## Reminders

- \* Please remember to please cleanup after your pets. Pet stations are provided throughout the community for your convenience.
- \* Just a reminder to change your AC filters once a month!!!! Changing your filters will prevent excessive dust and will keep your AC running efficiently.
- \* Save time and pay your rent online!!!!

you. Dedicating a little bit of time every day to the courses you are taking is definitely going to positively impact your grades and make you a better student!

**Tip #5: Know what is Expected of You**

It is very important to know what your teachers are expecting from you. Pay attention to what the teacher is saying about the workload of the class and what they are hoping for you to get out of it. Teachers are supposed to want you to succeed so most likely they will provide you with what you need to do to thrive. Knowing their expectations and achieving them will help your year start smoothly. Always remember that communicating with your teachers is key for understanding their expectations.

**Tip #6: Get Involved**

Getting involved with your school community is great because you can pursue your interest and meet peers who have the same and similar interest as you. Many studies have shown that students who are involved in sports and school activities are able to achieve higher GPA's. If you enjoy playing sports try out for the school team. If you are a musician or actor then join your school band or theatre company and share your talent with your fellow peers. Join clubs that you are interested in and attend all the meetings. If your school doesn't have the sports you play, a club you want to join, or a musical or theatre program then talk to your school administrators and see if you are able to start your own! It is amazing to have something that you are passionate about and enjoy doing so never be afraid to pursue your interests.

**Tip #7: Learn What Type of Learner You Are**

Everyone is individual and so is the way you learn! There are three main types of learning styles which are auditory, visual, and kinesthetic. Knowing what type of learner you are is going to help you be a better student and have better studying habits. When you are able to determine the type of learning style that is best for you, you will find better results when you are studying and it will result in higher test scores! I highly encourage you to do some research and determine the type of learner you are so you can personalize your studying.

**Tip #8: List of academic goals**

Write out a list of goals that you want to achieve for the upcoming school year! Do you want to make the lead role in the play, get that varsity spot on the basket-ball team, improve your grades, You can reach all the goals you set for this year! When you write down every goal you are able to plan and realize what you need to do to prepare for them. Having that list can be a driving and motivating force to help you work to achieve those goals.

Every new school year is an opportunity for a fresh start, new friends, and to make it count. You have the potential to make this year one of the best ones yet!

## Nothing to do??? Join the fun!!

**FRI, AUG 10, 2018 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

### **Music in the Courtyard**

200 First Street with Southern Grounds THE GATHERING PLACE IN BEACHES TOWN CENTER! LIVE MUSIC EVERY FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT FROM 6 PM TO 9 PM. ENJOY LOCAL MUSIC WITH A CUP OF COFFEE OR A GLASS OF WINE AND A BITE TO EAT UNDER PALM TREES RUSTLING IN THE OCEAN BREEZES...SOUTHERN GROUNDS OFFERS WINE, BEER, COFFEES OF ALL KINDS, SMALL BITES AND DESSERT! THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR LOCALLY OWNED COURTYARD SHOPPES! THEY MAKE THIS WONDERFUL VENUE POSSIBLE!

**SAT, AUG 18, 2018 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

### **Flat Track Celebration!**

Come to the dealership celebrate the Indian Motorcycle Racing season! ~ More details to come! Holeshot Powersports  
6945 US HWY 17  
Fleming Island, FL 32003

**WED, AUG 22, 2018 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

### **Artist Harry McCormick Exhibition Opening Reception**

**Price:** Free join us on Friday July 27th as we celebrate the life and work of renowned artist Harry McCormick with a cocktail reception and art show. RSVP by calling the gallery at 904-398-2890 or by email to [info@thevaultat1930.com](mailto:info@thevaultat1930.com)

The Vault at  
1930 Art Gallery  
Jacksonville, Fl.

# CAPRESE PASTA SALAD



Caprese Pasta Salad All the flavors of a traditional caprese salad brought together in a hearty pasta salad!

Prep Time 10 minutes

Cook Time 11 minutes

Total Time 21 minutes

## **Ingredients**

16 ounce box of pasta

1 pint cherry tomatoes

8 ounce mozzarella cheese ball (not shredded)

1/4 cup store-bought pesto

1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil

2 tbsp balsamic vinegar

1 tsp garlic powder

1 tsp salt

1 tsp black pepper

1 tbsp fresh chopped basil for garnish

## **Instructions**

1. Fill a large pot with water and 1 tbsp of salt and boil your pasta according to the package directions.
2. While the pasta is cooking, slice your tomatoes into 1/4 inch slices and cut your mozzarella into 1/2 inch cubes. These sizes are just my preference so if you like them smaller or bigger, go for it!
3. Once your pasta is done, drain it and rinse it with cold water. You do NOT want your mozzarella to get melty.
4. Add your cooled pasta to a mixing bowl along with the tomatoes, mozzarella, pesto, balsamic, olive oil, salt, pepper, and garlic powder.
5. Toss together and either serve at room temperature or refrigerated

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