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Dear Parents/Caregivers:

It's that time of year again—back to school time! The men and women of the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office hope you and your children have had an enjoyable and safe summer. As your Sheriff, I want to share with you some of the initiatives our office has in place to help ensure that your children have a safe upcoming school year.

The St. Johns County Sheriff's Office and the School District continue to place a high priority on providing a secure environment for our children to learn. We are committed to ensuring that the school experience is safe and that our deputy sheriffs serve as positive role models for your children. In keeping with the solid partnership between the Sheriff's Office and School District, we have assigned a sufficient number of law enforcement deputies to our schools this year.

In addition to supporting the well-being of your children, our deputy sheriffs facilitate several in-school programs, including Safety Programs, Mentoring, Anti-Bullying Initiatives, Drug Prevention, Intervention Programs, and Safe Prom Initiatives. We also provide guidance and education for the safe use of computers and the internet. Technology is a great asset to education and global connectivity, but it can bring challenges for parents and children. Together, we can restrict those who attempt to exploit our children online. The Sheriff's Office will also focus on underage drinking, illegal pill abuse, and those who provide illegal substances to our children. If we can prevent the tragedy of a single student death or disability attributed to underage drinking or drug use, our goal will be accomplished.

As a father, I understand the challenges parents face, and I ask that you continue to be observant and "tuned in" to your child's friends and activities. To stay up-to-date with the current events happening at the Sheriff's Office and within the county, please follow us on our Facebook page, [Facebook.com/stjohnssheriffsoffice](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnssheriffsoffice). Thank you for taking the time to read this message. I look forward to a successful and safe school year for all our students. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if we can assist you in any way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David B. Shoar".

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