

## ***Focus Communication***

SchoolMessenger will be replaced by the Focus Communications feature this year that will allow district and school administration and teachers the ability to contact parents via email, phone, text or Focus Community mobile app. Information collected on the student contact update online form located on the Parent portal will ensure our communication to you is prompt and successful. Parents will also be able to view all communication through their Focus parent portal.



## ***EMERGENCY INFORMATION CARD***

Be sure to keep your contact information up-to-date in case of emergencies. You will receive an emergency contact card at the beginning of the year. Make sure your information is correct, including phone numbers and email addresses, and return the card to your child's school.



## ***Let's Work Together to Keep Our Students Safe***

Every student has a right to learn in a safe, healthy, and supportive environment. In Volusia County, we make the safety and well-being of your student, our employees, and all visitors a top priority. As many of you are aware, state law requires an armed, trained, safe school officer on every school campus during the school day. In compliance with state statute, we have partnered with local law enforcement to ensure all of our school campuses have local police officers, sheriff's deputies, or school guardians assigned.

Volusia County Schools is also a part of a statewide initiative called FortifyFL. It's a reporting app that allows anyone to anonymously report a threat involving schools directly to law enforcement and school administrators. You can download the app on your phone or go to the FortifyFL website: [www.getfortifyfl.com](http://www.getfortifyfl.com). Remember, IF YOU SEE OR HEAR SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.

We look forward to working together with you to keep our students and campuses safe. If you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding school safety and security in Volusia County, please contact Captain Todd Smith or the Security Operations Office at 386-734-7190, ext. 20638.



**Captain Todd Smith**