## THE LION LINE

Learn the True, Do the Good, Love the Beautiful

## A Message from Headmaster Johnson

## Dear Parents,

As we enter the final quarter of the school year, allow me to remind you about our school's mission and how what we do influences the world around us. We are building intelligent, virtuous American citizens. What we are doing has meaning; we are making leaders. As a retired U.S. Army Colonel, I can attest from personal experience, that leaders are not born but developed.

Leaders are molded and developed beginning in the home, with help from churches, schools, and other institutions. Our mission at SJCA is to do our part in developing graduates in mind and character; to help make them the leaders our world so desperately needs. This goal is accomplished through the classical, content-rich curriculum provided by Hillsdale College.

We are so blessed to be a Hillsdale College Member School. Through this affiliation, Hillsdale provides training and resources to help us meet our mission on campus, while also providing resources to parents and the community. I invite you to explore the free courses taught by Hillsdale College faculty and patterned after course offerings from their campus in Michigan. These courses will help you, our parents, better understand the subjects taught at on our own campus. These resources will help you develop leaders at home.

Please go to this link to learn more: https://online.hillsdale.edu/

## Hillsdale College's Monthly Speech Digest, Imprimus

Imprimis is the free monthly speech digest of Hillsdale College dedicated to educating citizens and promoting civil and religious liberty by covering cultural, economic, political, and educational issues. The content of Imprimis is drawn from speeches delivered at Hillsdale College events. First published in 1972, Imprimis is one of the most widely circulated opinion publications in the nation with over 5.6 million subscribers.

Past issues are available at: https://imprimis.hillsdale.edu
Click here to activate your free monthly subscription to Imprimis.


## NJHS Carwash

National Junior Honor Society will host a car wash on SJCA's campus on April 30th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to help our members get service hours and to fundraise for the NJHS. Bring your dirty cars to us, and we will get them clean. Donations are also welcomed.

## SJCA First Graduating Class Received Their Caps and Gowns



## Tuesday, April 5th

Wednesday, April 6th
Thursday, April 7th

| 3rd Grade Reading <br> (paper-based) | 3rd Grade Reading <br> (paper-based) | 9th Grade Writing <br> (computer-based) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 80 minutes | 80 minutes | 120 minutes |
| 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade Writing <br> (paper-based) | 8th Grade Writing <br> (computer-based) | 10th Grade Writing <br> (computer-based) |
| 120 minutes | 120 minutes | 120 minutes |
| 7th Grade Writing <br> (computer-based) |  |  |
| 120 minutes |  |  |

* Please ensure scholars are punctual to school, have eaten a nutritious breakfast, and are well-rested on testing days.
* Upper School scholars who are not testing will remain in first period until 10:00.
* On Wednesday, Upper School scholars will resume their normal Wednesday schedule at 10:06.
*The schedule for Tuesday and Thursday will be as follows:
1st period: 10:00-10:30
2nd period: 10:34-11:04
5th period/lunch: (see below)
Scholars with A Lunch: Lunch 11:08-11:33; Class 11:37-12:07
Scholars with B Lunch: Class 11:08-11:33; B Lunch 11:37-12:07
3rd period: 12:11-12:41
4th period: 12:45-1:15
6th period: 1:19-1:49
7th period: 1:53-1:28
Link to FSA practice tests: $\underline{\text { https://fsassessments.org/families.html }}$


## Preparing ESE Scholars for State Testing

These suggestions will work for all scholars, but many ESE scholars become more frustrated with testing because they may have tested poorly in the past. Although we do not "teach to the test," we are a public school; therefore, SJCA is required to participate in FSA testing. Our teachers do a wonderful job in not making the testing season a scary time, but some scholars may still feel anxiety. Classical education offers a well-rounded curriculum that prepares scholars in how to think, rather than what to think, which will benefit them during testing season.

1. If you have a scholar with a diagnosed learning disability or other exceptionality and they have an IEP or 504 plan, please remind them of their accommodations. You will find these in the most recent annual meeting paperwork. If you have questions regarding these, please call the ESE department at 904-458-8240. Most scholars with one of these educational plans will have extended time to finish the test and be tested in a small group.
2. The Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) English/Language Arts (ELA) exam requires scholars to read a passage(s) on their own or with the help of a text-to-speech program if that is an approved accommodation for them. Parents/guardians can help their scholars with their vocabulary development and reading skills before state testing by making it a habit to read with them or encouraging them to read independently daily. Helping your scholar develop a love of reading will improve their vocabulary and increase their general knowledge which will benefit them throughout their life.
3. Taking practice tests can help prepare students for state testing and lessen test anxiety. There are many test-prep books available for purchase as well as free sample tests online. Here is a link to FSA practice tests based on grade level. https://fsassessments.org/resources/practice-tests/paper-based-practice-tests
4. Please let your scholar know that these tests do not predict whether or not they will be successful in school. These tests are just information that we can use to see what areas they may need help in. It is important to encourage your scholar to do their best but do not make a big deal about the tests.
5. Please make sure your scholar gets a good night's sleep the night before their test. Research has shown that using electronics before bed can interfere with sleep. Here is a link to more information regarding this topic. https://www.sleep.org/how-sleep-works/ways-technology-affects-sleep/
6. A good breakfast is essential, especially on testing days. Complex carbohydrates provide energy and protein increases mental clarity and concentration.

If you have any questions regarding your ESE/504 scholar, please do not hesitate to contact the ESE department:

Jan Clifton, Director of ESE Services (jan.clifton@stjca.org)
Sally McGinn, Student Support Facilitator (sally.mcginn@stjca.org)
Angela Livesay, 504 Coordinator and Student Support Facilitator (angela.livesay@stjca.org)

## SCHOLARSTITS OF THE WONTH

## SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES BETWEEN:

April 15th and June 30th, 2022
Below you will find a list of Scholarship Programs that will give out Awards during the 2021-2022 school year.

Intertech Foundation STEM Scholarship \$2,500-1 Award
(Deadline: April 15, 2022)
To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- Have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.3 or higher with an intent to study computer science.
- Be graduating high school in the spring of 2022 and enrolling at or accepted to an accredited college or university within the US by the end of August 2022.

Applications can be found by going to:
https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarships/28484/intertech-foundation$\frac{\text { stem-scholarship }}{\text { stalarships }}$

Global Lift Equipment Scholarship \$500-1 Award
(Deadline: April 15, 2022)
To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- Be currently attending or planning on attending a post-secondary institution in the US by fall 2022.
- Have a GPA of 2.5 or greater.

Applications can be found by going to: https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarships/28169/glo bal-lift-equipment-scholarship

Frances Loretta Memorial Scholarship \$1,000-1 Award (Deadline: April 16, 2022)

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- Be a high school senior who is planning to pursue a career as an art, music, or humanities teacher.
- Be a current high school senior who will be attending college in the fall of 2022.

Applications can be found by going to: https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarships/37965/fran ces-loretta-memorial-scholarship

ASHRAE High School Senior Scholarship \$3,000-4 Awards (Deadline: May 1, 2022)

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- Be a high school senior with a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0
- Be accepted into an engineering, preengineering, or engineering technology program.

Applications can be found by going to: https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarships/277 34/ashrae-high-school-senior-scholarships

Rise Up Baking Scholarship \$1,500-1 Award
(Deadline: May 31, 2022)
To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- Have demonstrated academic excellence through a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Have been accepted in a Baking \& Pastry Arts program at a US-accredited post-secondary institution.

Applications can be found by going to:
https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarships/37266/r ise-up-baking-scholarship

Equal Justice Scholarship
\$1,000-1 Award
(Deadline: May 31, 2022)
To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- Be a current high school senior, college student, or graduate student.
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher and be in good overall academic standing.

Applications can be found by going to:
https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarships/35797/e qual-justice-scholarship

Hospital Safety Awareness Scholarship \$1,000-1 Award (Deadline: May 31, 2022)

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher and be in good overall academic standing.
- Be a current high school senior or college student who is a resident of the United States.

Applications can be found by going to:
https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarships/36976/ hospital-safety-awareness-scholarship

American Ground Water Trust College Scholarship \$2,000-3 Awards
(Deadline: June 30, 2022)
To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- Be a current high school senior or college student who intends to pursue a career in the field of groundwater.

Applications can be found by going to:
https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarships/26
790/american-ground-water-trust-collegescholarships


Blake Livesay '22, Inaugural Senior Class President


Lauren Sawyer '22, Inaugural Senior Class Vice President

## Congrats Seniors!

Success at SJCA is measured as a scholar's growth in maturity, accomplishment, and understanding, which is built over the course of his or her years at the Academy. This growth will finally be demonstrated in his or her character as a St. Johns Classical Academy graduate, a truly impressive young man or woman.

After five exciting years, we finally have our first graduating class of seniors. We are so proud of each of them as they stand out as leaders among our student body. Featured here are our Student Government President and Vice President along with our House Prefects.


Gianna Glynn '22, Prefect, Delphi


Meghan Gardiner '22, Prefect, Sparta


Abby Galenko '22 Prefect, Corinth


Jessica Antoine '22, Prefect, Athens

## SJCA Lions Council

All SJCA parents, staff, and faculty are invited to attend monthly Lions Council meetings.
Please join us for our General Members Meeting in April to hear what your Lions Council has accomplished in its inaugural year and what future projects are in the works. Members will also be voting on elected officers to serve for the upcoming school year in 2022-2023.

Join us in the cafeteria at 6 p.m. to learn about this organization and how to become a member:

- Lions Council General Members Meeting (Elections) - April 4, 2022
- Lions Council Executive Meeting - May 2, 2022
- Lions Council Executive Meeting - June 6, 2022
- Lions Council Executive Meeting - July 11, 2022


## Support

## St. Johns Classical Academy

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Order Breakfast, Lunch, or Dinner in the Dining Room or Drive-Thru \& be sure to mention our school's name when ordering!

## April 25th-29th, 2022

##  <br> COMFORT ITUMS FOR STAFF BATHROOMS



Pictured (L to R): Jennifer Baatstad, Nicole Andrews, Lisa Hong, Leandra Cramer, Nicole Chapman


Save the Date: 8th Grade Field Trip
The 8th grade end-of-year field trip is planned for Thursday, June 2nd. We will go to Canyons Zip Line in Ocala. You will choose one adventure for the day: zipline, horseback riding, or kayaking. More details coming soon.



Father Daughter Dance
Saturday, April 23, 2022
7-9pm
sgCA Cafeteria
(Attire: Semi-formal)
Ticketo- \$25 per family
(Checka payable te SgCA)
Total Included: $\qquad$
Father/Adult: $\qquad$
Daughter 1: $\qquad$ Grade: $\qquad$ Oldest Daughter Teacher $/ 7^{\text {th }}$ period $\qquad$

Daughter 2: $\qquad$ Grade: $\qquad$
Daughter 3: $\qquad$ Grade: $\qquad$
Daughter 4: $\qquad$ Grade: $\qquad$
Thank you for supporting SGCA's National Honor Society


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Daughter 4:
Grade: $\qquad$
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Help Us Fill the 3rd-5th Grade Library
Mrs. Weaver's husband finished building and installing the upper elementary library during Spring Break. It is a beautiful addition to the third grade hallway. The Academy is deeply grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Weaver for their commitment to seeing this project come to fruition.

Library application cards were sent home the week of March 21st. Once Mrs. Weaver receives completed applications, third, fourth, and fifth grade scholars may check out books before school between 7:30 and 7:50.

SJCA teachers and volunteers have worked to organize the books that have been donated thus far; however, we need your help filling the shelves. Please consider purchasing classical books from the lists Mrs. Weaver has compiled-this list aligns with the Hillsdale Kı2 curriculum. Click on the links below to access the lists. Thank you being part of making our dream become a reality.
I) SJCA Library Book Request Spreadsheet
2) SJCA Amazon Wish List


| Event Donations | Spring Events | Concession |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Needed | Trivia | Donations Needed |
| 1) Tug of War Rope | Flag Football | Coke |
| 2) 2 SM, $2 \mathrm{MD}, 2 \mathrm{LG}$ | Basketball | Sprite |
| Football Helmets for | Poetry Recitation | Water |
| Pugil Stick Flight | Ultimate Frisbee | Individually-Wrappe |
| 3) 2 Catchers | Latin Translation Race | Snacks |
| Protecros for Pugil | Spelling Bee | Send all donations to |
| Stick Fight | Tug of War Pugil Stick Fight | 1st Perio |
| Scholars MUST wear solid house colors or a house $t$-shirt Scholars need to sign up for ONE event with their House Chancellor |  |  |
| Pizza MUST be pre-ordered by April 22, 2022. All orders go to 1st Period Teachers |  |  |
|  | April 27, 2022 |  |

# Algebra I and Geometry EOC Review 

## Algebra I

Mondays, Wednesdays \& Fridays
Mondays \& Fridays 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Wednesdays 12:30 p.m. to I:30 p.m.

## Geometry

Tuesdays \& Thursdays 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
In Mrs. Kacsan's classroom
Starting on Monday, April 4th


## 22-23 ATHLETICS <br> informational meeting



If you are interested in trying out for any of the SJCA athletic teams, please join us for a parent informational night. All sports offerings, rules, and procedures will be discussed. Please email Mrs. Flannagan if you have any questions.

Tuesday May 10, 2022 | 6:00 PM SJCA Cafeteria

MRS. flannagan I athletic director
kayla.flannagan@stjca.org

## May Newsletter

The final edition of the Lion Line for the 2021-2022 will be published on May ist. Be sure to read it for information regarding summer learning practice, reading lists, and Lower School supply lists. There will not be a newsletter published in June or July. The back-to-school edition for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year will be emailed to families prior to the first week of school.

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