THE LION LINE

Learn the True, Do the Good, Love the Beautiful

A Message from Headmaster Johnson

Dear SJCA Parents,

I hope you have been enjoying this cooler weather as much as I have! We must admit that living in Northeast Florida is wonderful. I used to call it the best kept secret but have come to realize that the secret is out. Another best kept secret seemed to be the start of St Johns Classical Academy five years ago. As we are all aware, our school is no longer a secret but a highly sought-after school choice option in Clay County and the surrounding area.

Along with a wait list nearly the size of enrollment, SJCA was recently awarded High-Performing Charter School status by the Florida Department of Education. This status allows us to replicate our campus. We applied to Hillsdale College before their required deadline of January 10th, requesting authorization, and are now awaiting their decision.

Additionally, we submitted our application to replicate our campus with the school district. We are hopeful we will receive positive endorsement from them as they are challenged with meeting the demands of student growth in Clay County. There are many factors involved in determining which school year the second campus will open as well as its location. I will keep you updated during the process.

Lion Strong!

Mr. Johnson

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SJCA Trivia Night: March 26, 2022

Plan now to gather your team of up-to eight competitors, and make sure to brush up on your trivia facts. There will be ten rounds of ten questions covering many classical and not-so-classical subjects, food, a 50/50 lottery, bake sale, and prizes. Will your team win first prize and bragging rights? You have to be in it to win it! Save the date now, and keep a sharp eye on PT Board for registration forms and more information.

<u>Coaches Needed</u>

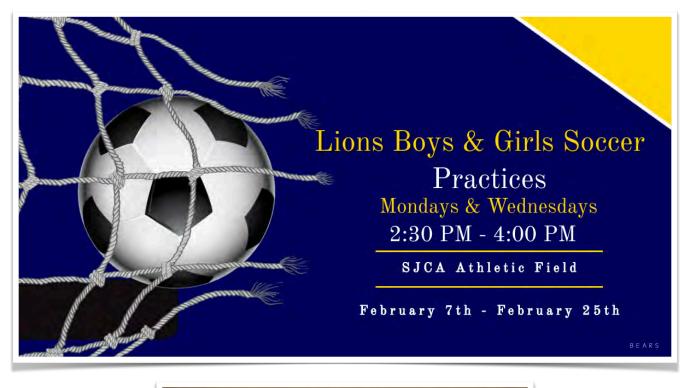
In April, we will be applying for membership into the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA). This is going to open our SJCA scholars up to a wider range of sports, competition. For SJCA to meet the minimum requirements to be an FHSAA school, we will need to have 2 individual sports in two separate seasons with at least one sport being boys and one spot being for girls. We also need to have 2 team sports in two separate seasons with at least one sport being for boys and one sport being for girls. We want to open up sports to both middle school and high school scholars, but we have to have high school sports to be an FHSAA member school. Below, you will find a list of the sports and their season. I have put an * next to the sports that we really want to see in the 2022-2023 school year. I have put a ** next to the sports we currently have for middle school scholars, but we will still need more coaches since we are adding high school athletics. If you are able to volunteer your time, or you know of anyone that would be interested in coaching, please email at kayla.flannagan@stjca.org. Go Lions!

Fall Sports Bowling Cross Country* Football Golf* Swimming* G. Volleyball**

Winter Sports B. Basketball** G. Basketball** B. Soccer** G. Soccer** G. Weightlifting Wrestling* Spring Sports Baseball' Softball' G. Flag Football' B. Lacrosse' G. Lacrosse' B. Tennis' G. Tennis' Track & Field' B. Weightlifting

Lions Athletics **Boys Basketball** Flag Football **Coaches Needed** We will be joining the FHSAA next school year and are looking for coaches to help the athletic department grow. Cheerleaders at the Pep-Rally Please contact Mrs. Flannagan at kayla.flannagan@stjca.org if you would be willing to help with any of the sports listed below. Golf Swimmng and Diving Wrestling Weight Lifting Baseball Softball Lacrosse Tennis Track & Field Girls Flag Football Girls Basketball Boys & GirlsSoccer Practices







School-Wide Communication Policy Update

IMPORTANT MEMO REGARDING EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS, FLYERS, AND REGISTRATION FORMS

In an effort to reduce costs, waste, and teacher time, the Tuesday folders will be used primarily for schoolwork and teacher communication. You will not see reminder flyers for upcoming events. What does this mean for you? You need to read the Lion Line from digital cover to digital cover. All events will be available in the monthly Lion Line. SJCA event flyers and or registration forms will be delivered digitally. If there is a digital form you need help printing, please email the coordinator of that event for assistance.



Headmaster Johnson playing flag football with Mrs. Patterson's 4th grade P.E. Class and Mrs. Flannagan's Upper school P.E. Elective.

Thank you, Lions

Thank you for the gift card donations we received for our Holiday Lions Helping Lions service project. We were able to help many SJCA families during the holiday season and appreciate your support.

Pop It and Drop It for Ronald McDonald House

The Interact Club needs your soda/pop tabs from aluminum cans. Please collect them, and bring them into your teacher. On May 7th, we will give the Lower School class and Upper School seventh period class with the most tabs collected a pizza party. They will be delivered to the Ronald McDonald House in Jacksonville, and they will be recycled for cash to help provide housing for families visiting Jacksonville while their children receive medical care. Last year, RMHC was able to raise over \$5,000 with this project. Thank you for helping us do the good!

Summer Learning Opportunity

High School Great Books Program at Thomas Aquinas College

Click the link below to learn more:

https://www.thomasaquinas.edu/admissions/summerprogram

Senior College Acceptance Announcement



This month, we have more exciting college acceptances to announce. Our seniors have worked hard; receiving their acceptance letters marks the next step in their growth to become intelligent, virtuous American citizens.

SJCA is honored to announce that Hillsdale College accepted a scholar from SJCA's very first graduating class. Acceptance into Hillsdale is difficult and rivals standards set by Ivy League schools. Congratulations are in order to Meghan

Gardiner for working hard to receive such a distinguished honor. Meghan



intends to major in Physics. We are also thrilled to announce that Gianna Glynn has been accepted to the University of Central Florida. Gianna plans to major in Biology Pre-Med.

Parents and scholars, we would love to highlight all our seniors. Please let Ms. Exum or Mrs. Rogish know which college has accepted you.

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Check out our Senior Class on Instagram! STJCAClassof2022



SJCA SAFETY PATROL VALENTINE'S DAY CANDY GRAMS

Parents, Teachers, and Students,

You can treat your child, grandchild, or friend to a special candy gram delivered to their classroom on Monday February 14th, 2022. You may send your money and greeting with you scholar in an envelope by Monday, February 7th, 2022, for delivery of Candy Grams.

Please cut out the completed greeting cards below, put them in an envelope with the appropriate amount of money (cash or check made out to SJCA) and turn them into your homeroom teachers. Cost for Candy Gram = \$1.00 each.



If any questions you can email Nikki Glanville nikglanville@gmail.com

Important Reminder for Sixth Graders

Sixth graders need to have their annual physical and make sure all immunizations are up-to-date before 7th grade; they will not be allowed to begin school without a recent Tdap.



Don't let finances become a discouraging barrier!

Each year, millions of financial aid dollars go unclaimed. This event provides qualified students with assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), **which is the first and most important step in applying for financial aid**. Potential students who intend to enroll in college during the 2022-23 academic year can increase their chances of receiving financial aid by applying early and meeting deadlines.

Join us to receive personalized assistance!

Monday, February 21 Palatka Campus Viking Center 6 - 8 P.M. Tuesday, February 22 Orange Park Campus A Building 6 - 8 P.M.

6-8 P.M.

Thursday, February 24 St. Augustine Campus

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6 - 8 P.M.

Last session begins at 7:30 P.M.

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING

To complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you will need:

Your Social Security Number

Your Driver's License Number

Your Alien Registration Number (if you are not a U.S. citizen)

2020 federal income tax returns, applicable schedules, W-2s, and other records of money earned.

(Note: You may be able to transfer your federal tax return information to your FAFSA using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.)

Students can base their financial information on the previous year's tax return.

Bank statements and records of investments

Records of untaxed income (if applicable)

An FSA ID to sign electronically (Can be completed online during the event)

If you are a dependent student, then you will also need the above information from your parent(s).

Face masks are strongly encouraged.



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