

THE LION LINE

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Highlights of Upcoming Events

Be sure to check the full calendar of events at www.stjca.org.

- February 1st: Mighty Orion Fundraiser
- Jaguar Camp for 5th and 6th grade scholars on February 12th.
- Candy Grams will be sold from February 6th-12th. They will be delivered on February 14th.
- Parents' Night Out on February 14th from 5:30-9:30.
- February 25th: The PSAT 10 will be administered to all tenth graders.
- February 27th: The PSAT 8/9 will be administered to 8th graders who have completed Algebra I and all ninth graders.
- Donut Presales to support SJCA's Band will run from January 27th through February 25th. Donut Delivery Day is February 28th.
- SJCA Board Meeting on February 20th at 6 p.m.
- NHS Formal Reception at Santioni's on February 23rd from 5-7 p.m.
- Upper School House Trivia Intramural on February 25th.
- Sports and Clubs Picture Day on March 6th.

Remembering Wickus

On Friday, January 17th, a tree was planted in remembrance of SJCA 6th grader, Wickus Viljoen. Scholars sang "Happy Birthday" to him on what would have been his twelfth birthday. We are grateful the Florida Forest Service and Clay County Water and Soil Conservation. They came to the Academy to plant the mighty oak tree that will grow in strength over the years to honor our brave, kind boy. Over time, our scholars will find rest and shade under Wickus' tree. A plaque was presented to his family, and, eventually, a permanent plaque will be displayed under the tree in Wickus' honor. Clay Today wrote an article recognizing this event. To read more, please click here: <http://www.claytodayonline.com/stories/st-johns-classical-plants-tree-to-honor>



Accolades and Recognitions

- ◆ On January 25th, eight of our Latin students competed at the Regional Latin Forum at St. Johns Country Day School. SJCA is ecstatic to announce that the Academy had three students place on their academic tests. We are extremely proud of our Latin teachers and dedicated scholars.
 - Cassandra Griffiths- 4th place on Latin Literature
 - Daniel Banks- 5th place on Phrases, Mottoes, Abbreviations, and Quotations
 - Keeven Krause- 5th place on Mythology

- ◆ SJCA was recognized with the FMEA Enrollment Award. SJCA will hold this award for two years. We are so grateful for Mr. Clarke, Ms. Smith, and the scholars for all their hard work.

Special Guests in February

This month, the Academy is honored to host several special guests.

- The Clay County Chamber of Commerce's group, *Leadership Clay*, will visit SJCA as part of their annual Education Day on February 4th.
- BCSI travels to Fleming Island to visit SJCA on February 6th.
- Also on February 6th, Daughters of the American Revolution member, Mrs. Frankie Anderson, presents *Principles of the Constitution* to second graders.
- Dr. Kailes of Pediatric Dentistry will discuss proper dental hygiene with our kindergarten, first, and second grade scholars on February 26th.



Ms. Smith and Wedangelis Feliciano-Berrocales at the Florida Music Educators Association Conference.

Field Trips

- To culminate their reading of the novel, 7th graders will see *Call of the Wild* in theaters on February 21st.
- Third graders will visit St. Augustine on February 25th.
- The NJHS and NHS travel to Busch Gardens on March 20, 2020.

IXL

By Mrs. Ashley O'Neal

SJCA recently purchased a license for IXL for 3rd-10th grade scholars, which is an online progress monitoring tool. We did this for several reasons: Firstly, it is required by Florida Statutes that we continually progress monitor throughout the school year. We are audited by Clay County School District annually, and we are required to submit our data as part of our charter agreement. Secondly, we have started the accreditation process, which also requires progress monitoring data. Thirdly, IXL will be used to “close instructional gaps” tailored to each scholar. Lastly, IXL is a program that will assist scholars in being successful on standardized tests at the end of the year.

SJCA adheres firmly to the BCSI curriculum map and the rich content it provides, thus fulfilling its promise to not “teach to the test.” IXL is simply a tool that will familiarize scholars with EOC and FSA types of questions and provide us with data that will gauge their performance at the end of the year. For example, Singapore Math is extremely advanced, but it does not utilize the same vocabulary, terminology, and questioning strategies found in standardized tests on its worksheets and tests. Rest assured that IXL will not alter or replace instruction practices in the classroom.

Your student will receive a login to use at school and also at home. Please feel free to have your scholar use this resource as much as you prefer. Please do not share with your scholar that they are “test prepping” or “preparing for the FSA”. We do not want our scholars to feel pressured when it comes to end-of-year testing. Our goal at SJCA is to build virtuous and intelligent citizens, which remains our unwavering focus. That said, we want them to feel confident and adequately prepared when they take any assessment at SJCA.

From SJCA's Academic Advisor

Our scholars have had a great start to the second semester. Please remember to help them continue to monitor their grades and assignments. Encourage them to write all assignments and upcoming test and quiz dates in their planners every day. Remind them to check their planner to make sure they have everything they need before they leave school each day. FOCUS is also a great tool to use to keep up with grades and missing assignments. If you need help with logging into your FOCUS account, please contact Mrs. Phillips in the front office. Once you are logged in, you will be able to see your scholar's grades for the quarter. If you click on the Assignments & Grades tab, and then a specific class, you will be able to see all of your scholar's individual grades and any missing assignments that he or she may have. Let's work hard to have a strong finish to the school year!

Thespian Troupe 8981

We are pleased to announce the official start of SJCA's Thespian Troupe. St. Johns Classical Academy is now home to Thespian Troupe 8981. This honor society is specifically for high school scholars. We are eagerly planning our spring theater production and looking forward to inducting our charter members. The Thespians will meet during drama club, with extra practice as needed.

Spring Drama club will be open to 6-10th graders and will continue to meet on Mondays from 3:30-4:40.

Celebration of Hands



In art, kindergarten through fifth grade scholars traced and designed their own handprints. The handprints were then strung together to create thirty foot streamers. Mrs. Rice mailed the streamers to Tallahassee to be displayed on the capitol's rotunda during Children's Week. SJCA is thrilled to be represented during this event.

Fun Run & Color Run

SJCA is excited to host a Lower School Fun Run and an Upper School Color Run, powered by BoosterThon, to raise funds to build an airnasium for the Academy.

Boosterthon is a fun, nine-day program that combines world-class-character content with a highly profitable fundraiser.

Sponsorship opportunities are now available. Fundraising opportunities begin March 10. Volunteer opportunities coming soon.

<http://stjca.org/boosterthon-sponsorship/>

Krispy Kreme

Prepurchase a dozen, fresh Krispy Kreme Donuts or a voucher for a dozen donuts to support SJCA's award-winning band. Presales run from January 27th for delivery to your scholar on 02/28/2020.

An ice cream sundae party will be given to the class with the highest number of donut sales.

<http://stjca.org/band-booster-club/>

Sports

- If you are interested in coaching middle school girls softball, email Mrs. Patterson: hannah.patterson@stjca.org
- Mrs. Patterson is looking for parents to assist with the Jaguar Foundation Camp on February 12th. This event is for fifth and sixth graders.
- Middle school boys baseball is starting and is open to scholars in fifth through eighth grade. Please let Mrs. Patterson know if you are interested in playing.

Teacher of the Year: Jackie Weaver
Support Employee of the Year: Amy Phillips



SJCA is grateful to Mrs. Jackie Weaver and Mrs. Amy Phillips for all they contribute to the Academy. Thank you!

Updated Use of Elevator Procedures

An elevator use form is required in order for a scholar to use the elevator and will be kept on file with SJCA. Forms can be picked up from Mrs. Phillips. Procedures for using the elevator are as follows:

1. Once a completed form is on file, the front desk secretary will provide an elevator badge allowing the scholar to use the elevator. Badges will be picked up at the front desk in the morning and dropped off in the afternoon. No scholars will be allowed on the elevator without the appropriate badge.
2. The scholar's house prefect will assign an ambassador to help only if the scholar requires assistance carrying their belongings. Ambassadors will be required to wear a badge as well. Sixth grade ambassadors will be assigned by their homeroom teacher.
3. Expiration dates will be honored based on the following requirements:
 - a. The health room can provide a one day pass to use the elevator.
 - b. This document signed by a parent will provide a maximum of three days of use.
 - c. If elevator use beyond three days is necessary, the permission slip must be signed by a parent. Additionally, the parent must provide the Academy with a signed doctor's note indicating the length of time the scholar will need to ride the elevator.

SJCA Appreciates Our Families

We'd like to take a moment to thank to everyone who participates in Spirit Nights and other fundraising opportunities at SJCA. Here are some ways we utilized those funds this year:

- \$3,800 was used to purchase 25 Chrome books, a cart for the Chrome books, and cables.
- Over \$4,700 poured into the Academy to support two families who were impacted by cancer.
- A portion of the \$28,500 cost of our fence project was funded through your support.
- Projectors and document cameras have been purchased for classrooms.
- A new shed was purchased, delivered, and installed.
- The K-2nd playground was expanded for scholars to play on, and new bike racks were installed for those scholars who ride their bikes to school.
- Over \$2,200 went towards Christmas gift cards for families in need.

We extend our appreciation and gratitude for your participation and support. We couldn't have done this without you.

Support Your School by Becoming a

Ninja Warrior

Spirit Day

2/6/2020

Come out and

support

St. Johns

Classical Academy

There is no cost for the event and we appreciate all other students, parents and staff who come out to support us!



Come out and try north Florida's only dedicated ninja warrior gym. Great for kids and parents alike.

\$15/hr

CLASSES

SPRING 2020

MEMBER CAMP

PARTIES



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Orange Park, FL 32067
904-400-2400

10% off with
this flyer.
Excludes parties
and gift.

Valentine's Day Parent Night Out Registration

February 14, 2020 5:30pm-9:30pm

Family Name: _____

Participating Children: _____

Please list any allergy information:

Parent Contact information:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact information:

Preregister Price Per Child: \$20

On February 14: \$25

Amount paid: _____

(Cash or Checks-Please make checks payable to STJCA)

****Late fee of \$2 per minute will be charged per child if picked up after 9:40****

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for supporting Safety Patrol

Athens House Presents

Valentine's Day Candy Grams

Send your teachers or friends personalized candy grams! Each candy gram will have Hershey's Hugs & Kisses as well as a personalized message to your valentine on a pink or red heart!



\$1 Each

Pre-Sales: February 6th-12th

Lower School

Please give your teacher the \$1, and they will give you your red or pink heart to write your valentine's message on. Please give the hearts back to your teacher for them to be turned into Mrs. Flannagan.

Upper School

Please purchase your candy grams in Mrs. Flannagan's classroom, Room 211. You can purchase the candy grams before school, after school and between classes. You are responsible being on time to class. Purchasing a candy gram is not an excuse to class.



FUNDRAISING





Lower School Fun Run



THURSDAY
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JAMES BUSS STATE FARM PRESENTS

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