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# THE LION LINE

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Learn the True, Do the Good, Love the Beautiful

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## A Note from Headmaster Johnson

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Dear Parents,

As you prepare to send your scholars back to school, let me encourage you to be of the same mindset. I am a firm believer that a child's primary teacher is his/her parent. We are fortunate to live in a state that values school choice. The question remains, however, does this choice belong to the child or the parent? I believe it is clearly the parents' choice. Although a student may insist on which school they wish to attend, it is ultimately the parents' decision.

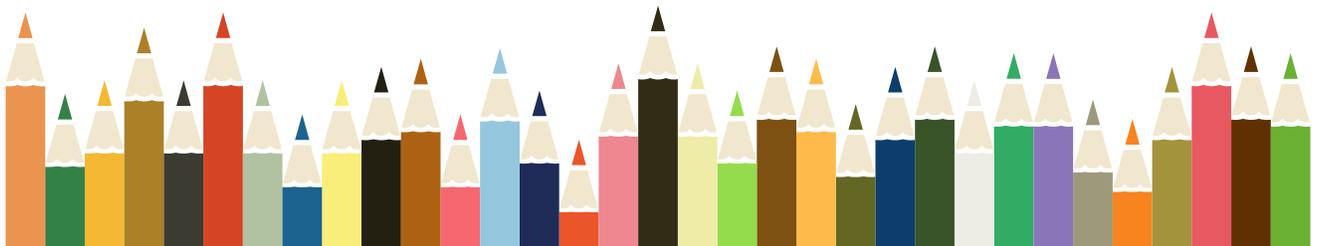
You have chosen to send your children to St. Johns Classical Academy, and we are grateful you did. However, to make this an effective education, we need your participation. I have the pleasure of knowing many of you and understand you are actively involved in your child's education. In partnership with the teachers and in fostering your child's academic journey, I encourage you to learn more about Classical education.

As the new Headmaster, I too have much to learn. To address the gaps in my own education, I have been reading the material necessary to catch up as an educator. Throughout the school year, the faculty will read *Simply Classical: A Beautiful Education for Any Child* for professional development. We encourage you to read this book along with us.

Periodically, we will recommend books that will enhance your understanding of SJCA's mission and curriculum. These readings promote and foster personal growth and aid in the reinforcement of Classical education at home. We look forward to partnering with you in this great endeavor.

Sincerely,

Mr. Johnson



## New Teacher Training



Last month, we introduced you to our new teachers. The new teachers, along with some returning teachers and SJCA substitutes, attended training at our sister school, Jacksonville Classical Academy. This training was conducted by the BCSI Instructional team. We are grateful to Hillsdale College for providing the informative, initial training in Classical educational methodologies to our faculty.

## Ms. Tere Irizarry, First Grade

SJCA would like to welcome Ms. Tere Irizarry to the faculty. Ms. Irizarry is thrilled to join the first-grade team this year. She graduated from Florida State University with a degree in Elementary Education and minors in Spanish and Psychology. She also received her Masters degree in Youth and Family Ministry from Grand Canyon University. Her teaching experience includes VPK, ESE, and second grade. Her passion is to make every child feel known, valued, and supported while providing a safe space to learn and grow. During her free time, Ms. Irizarry can be found with her son at the beach, trying new coffee shops, or traveling for a baseball game. As a Clay County native, she is excited for many years to come as a member of the Lion family.



## Internal Changes

- ◆ Director of Operations: Ms. Lori Meredith
- ◆ SJCA School Secretary: Mrs. Amy Phillips
- ◆ Substitute Teacher: Mrs. Karla Hines
- ◆ Academic Advisor: Mr. Ken Griffin
- ◆ Enrollment Secretary: Mrs. Melinda Mann
- ◆ Administrative Assistant for Human Resources: Mrs. Michelle Rencarge
- ◆ Part-Time Student Services Teacher: Mrs. Angela Livesay
- ◆ School Nurse: Mrs. Dolores Legg, R.N.

## Pardon Our Dust: Construction Updates

The Academy is undergoing renovations this summer. In order to create additional space on our campus, staff and administrators have been relocating their offices to new spaces. We are so grateful to the Lopez family for all of the construction work they've completed thus far. Mr. and Mrs. Lopez have been renovating "the little house" to serve as our Student Services Office, Business Affairs Office, and Front Office. One of the biggest changes we've made so far is to our Front Office space. As reported in the July 2020 edition of *The Lion Line*, Mrs. Rachel Freeman is our new Front Office Secretary. The front office has been relocated from Building 120 to Building 128. This year, all parents will check-in at Building 128 when coming to the Academy instead of Building 120.



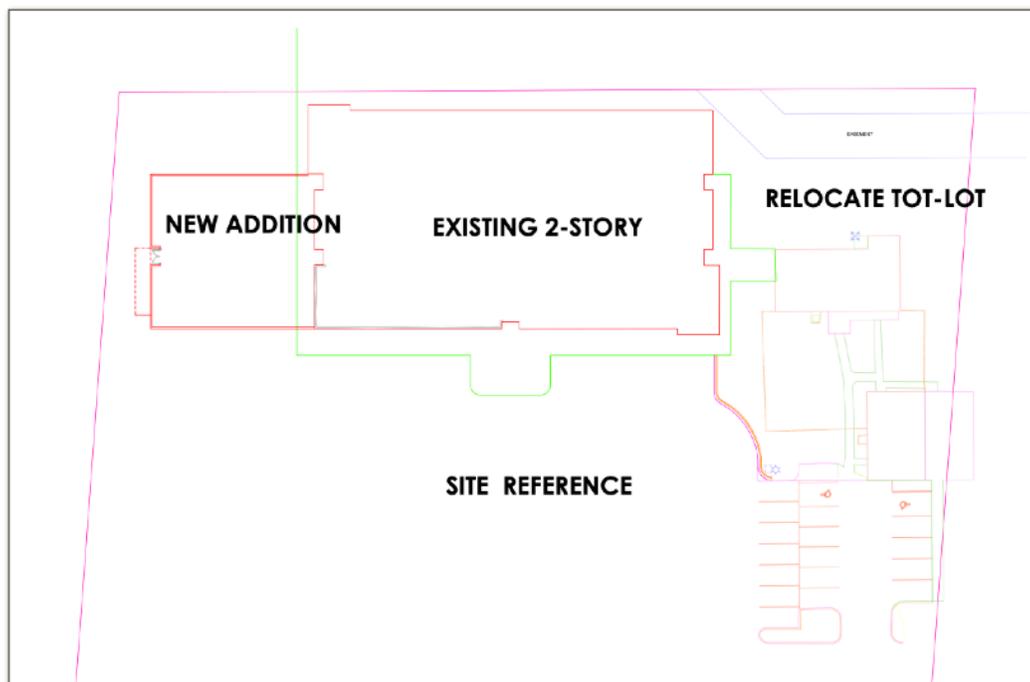
New front office.



Mrs. O'Neal's new office space.

A brand new office space has been created for Mrs. O'Neal in the Academic Building. The drywall was installed last week; it needs to be painted; a door will be hung soon. She is looking forward to its completion.

The Academy has grown substantially since the first year, and we are utilizing every inch of square footage. We have more exciting construction projects that will begin later this school year to increase classroom and office space on campus. We can't wait to share them with you. See the plans below to get a sneak peek of the upcoming construction plans for Building 120.



## Orientation Schedule

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	Date and Time	Location
Kindergarteners in Ms. McClymont's class and Mrs. Jones' class.	Thursday, August 20 8:30-9:30	Please proceed to the cafeteria first for a brief meeting with administration. Following the meeting, you will be dismissed to your scholar's classroom to meet his/ her teacher.
Kindergarteners in Mrs. Romer's class and Ms. Dunning's class.	Thursday, August 20 10:00-11:00	Please proceed to the cafeteria first for a brief meeting with administration. Following the meeting, you will be dismissed to your scholar's classroom to meet his/ her teacher.
All <b>returning</b> Scholars in 1st through 11th grades	Friday, August 21	Online: Information provided during Preplanning.
<b>New</b> Scholars in 1st through 11th grades	Friday, August 21 1st, 2nd, 3rd grade: 8:30-9:15 4th, 5th, 6th grade: 9:30-10:15 7th through 11th grade: 10:30-11:15	Report directly to your scholar's classroom to meet his/ her teacher.

## Student Planners

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Students are required to use the SJCA planners. Please pay for the planners on our school website. They will be distributed to students once they have been purchased. Please pay for your scholar's planner by Friday, August 28th. The link for payment will be live during the week of August 3rd. Please see prices below:

- K-6th grade: \$8
- 7th - 11th grade: \$6

## Upper School Supply Lists

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Teachers return to the Academy on August 11th. We will email Junior High and High School supply lists to families once they are back on campus. Thank you for your patience.