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A Message from the Headmaster Johnson

Dear Parents,

Our school year is off to a great start! I am so impressed with our teaching staff and scholars. Our first annual golf tournament fundraiser is also off to a good start, with several parents already committed to making this a great event. As mentioned previously, we need an "all in" effort to make this endeavor successful. [Our next golf meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 7th in the cafeteria or on Zoom.](#) We need more parent involvement to promote a surge over the next few weeks before the tournament.

You can help by getting prizes, such as gift cards, gift baskets, or any donations you receive. You can also help us recruit golfers to play in the tournament; a complete foursome is preferred. Finally, you can help by spreading the word about SJCA and by requesting sponsorships from individuals and businesses.

This year, our fundraising effort is to build a gymnasium, which is sorely needed to help provide a true liberal arts education. We want to engage our scholars' minds and hearts, but help them develop physically as well. Florida's climate can be brutal for physical education without a gymnasium. Please help us build a gym for our scholars.

Sincerely,

Mr. Johnson





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School Safety

Two school shootings, Columbine and Parkland, drastically changed the way Floridians view school security. Since that tragic day, many changes have been made in best practices, procedures, and laws in Florida. SJCA’s faculty and staff take the safety of their scholars very seriously. Each year, improvements have been made to our campus to improve both safety and security. Our Safety Team consists of staff members representing teachers, nurses, student services personnel, security, and administration. They have spent many hours training in a variety of areas such as: Threat Assessment & Management, First Aid/CPR/AED, and Stop the Bleed. Our school guardian attends firearms and active shooter trainings throughout the year. Parents and students also play a vital role in school safety by adhering to the procedures in the handbook, following traffic pattern guidelines, and participating in “See Something, Say Something”. The state of Florida utilizes an anonymous reporting tool called FortifyFL. This app is used by students, parents, and staff to report threatening comments and behaviors. The report is immediately sent to Clay County Sheriff’s Office, School PD, and SJCA Administration. As a note of caution, be mindful using this app. False reporting will result in being charged with a felony. We appreciate your cooperation. Together, we can make SJCA the safest school in Clay County. <https://getfortifyfl.com/>

New Kindergarten Teacher Introductions

SJCA welcomes Mrs. Karen McCollum and Mrs. Rachel Bintz to the kindergarten team. The Academy is sincerely grateful to Mrs. Cochran and Mrs. Burris for stepping in to substitute during this transitional period. They have done an excellent job of providing a stable, consistent learning environment for our youngest scholars while they await their new teachers. Both teachers, Mrs. McCollum and Mrs. Bintz, previously interviewed with SJCA administration and were highly desirable candidates. The Academy is extremely fortunate. When administration reached out to both of these ladies, they accepted the positions. Our scholars are going to adore their new teachers and learn so much from them. Please see their biographies for more information. You will note Mrs. McCollum and Mrs. Bintz are experienced educators who feel compelled to teach in a Classical setting. 2020 has been a challenging and uncertain year. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Zimmerman both left the Academy on a positive note and are welcome to return to our faculty when their health improves. They are outstanding educators who will be dearly missed.

Mrs. McCollum Hired for Mrs. Jones' Class

Karen McCollum, a lifelong Floridian, earned her Bachelor of Arts and Master's degree in Elementary Education from the University of North Florida. Mrs. McCollum holds state certifications in Elementary Education, Primary Education, and English for Speakers of Other Languages. She has 21 years of experience in the education field in public schools in Baker and Clay counties. Her experience includes 11 years in the classroom teaching all subjects in various grade levels, four years teaching grades Kindergarten to 5th-grade science in the lab setting, and six years as an elected school board member in Baker County. During her time teaching science, she served as the school robotics coach, taking a team of 4th – 6th graders to robotics competitions each year.



Mrs. McCollum is a strong proponent of the Classical education mission that emphasizes virtuous living, traditional learning, and civic responsibility. She is looking forward to a successful year teaching the content rich-curriculum at SJCA.

She lives in Fleming Island with her husband of 21 years, Michael. They have two children Noah (19) and Ezra (17) as well as two cats, Jackie and Cookie. When Mrs. McCollum is not teaching, she enjoys cooking, boating, bike riding, and spending quality time with her family.

Mrs. Bintz Hired for Mrs. Zimmerman's Class



Hello parents and guardians. I am Rachel Bintz, and I am going to be your child's kindergarten teacher for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. I am so excited to have this opportunity and to be a part of the SJCA family. This will be my 12th year in the classroom and my sixth year teaching kindergarten. I am married to my husband of 12 years, and we have two boys, Logan and Sawyer. My son, Sawyer, is actually in Ms. McClymont's class this year. We are a military family who has been lucky enough to spend most of our tours in Florida. All of my years of teaching have been in Florida as well.

I hope to meet all of you in some way this year. I will be sure to stay in contact with you all and update you on any changes that will be made in the classroom. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I can't wait to get to know your little ones a little better this year. My email address is rachel.bintz@stjca.org if you need to contact me at any time.

Safety Patrol Fundraiser

Safety Patrol will be having a fundraiser to raise money for their DC trip. Order forms will be going home in Tuesday folders next week.

Run Walk Registration

Please click the Google link below to register and access important information regarding SJCA's Run Walk club. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1IgoFoZWSjGefldB4TvHEvNwotgg8HBhzEU6yI7MFVDU/edit?usp=drive_web

Important Information from Mr. Griffin, SJCA's Academic Advisor

Due to COVID last Spring, all EOC's were cancelled and waived for the remaining school year. However, Algebra 1 EOC is still a requirement to graduate. We want to give scholars an opportunity to take the Geometry EOC and Biology EOC from last year, if they like to make it up. We have scheduled three days in November for these make-up tests. Biology EOC is a one-day test, while Algebra 1 and Geometry EOC's are two-day tests.

Below you will see the test days and times:

November 9th	November 17th	November 18th
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIOLOGY EOC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Algebra 1: 7:30 – 9:30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Algebra 1: 7:30 – 9:30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30 – 10:15 (break for lunch) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Geometry: 11:30 – 1:30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Geometry: 10:30 – 12:30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:45 – 11:15: Anyone who needs to finish up after lunch. 		

On Wednesday, October 14, 2020, all 8th and 9th graders will be taking the PSAT 8/9, while all sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT/NMSQT® on campus. These tests measure your scholar's knowledge and skills in reading, writing and math. The questions on the PSAT 8/9 are grade-appropriate for eighth and ninth graders, and the scores ARE NOT sent to colleges.

Taking the **PSAT/NMSQT** can encourage a student to start thinking seriously about life after high school, namely about college and career goals, and the education needed to reach those goals. The PSAT/NMSQT has been redesigned to mirror the redesigned SAT®.

Taking the PSAT/NMSQT provides the following advantages to students:

- It measures the reading, math, and writing skills needed for college (and for success in most jobs and careers in today's world). After the test, a score report will tell students how their skills measure up. Students can use it to find their "skill gaps" and then make plans to fill these gaps before college begins.
- Prepares students for the newly redesigned SAT.
- The Student Search Service® gives PSAT/NMSQT test takers the option to voluntarily place their names and addresses in a pool of college-bound students interested in receiving admission and

financial aid information from certified colleges, universities and scholarship agencies. (This information and opportunity will be sent out via MINT and on test day)

- Provides practice recommendations on Kahn Academy. PSAT/NMSQT gives a code to use on Kahn Academy for free test preparation and support on the SAT.
- Juniors who score well may qualify for National Merit Recognition and Scholarships.

Art Club with Mrs. Rice



Third grade symmetry project in art class.

Art Club will begin in October. Each session (3 classes) will be \$20/student for supplies, payable through the school’s website. Each session will be capped at 20 students, first come, first serve. Please note that if your student is disruptive during Art Club, they will forfeit their remaining classes. Winter and Spring session dates will be announced at a later date. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Rice at shanon.rice@stjca.org. Classes will be on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:45 PM. The schedule will be as follows:

<u>6th Grade</u>	<u>2nd-5th Grade</u>
October 13 th	(1st Grade with approval from Mrs. Rice)
November 10 th	October 27 th
December 8 th	November 24 th
	December 15

Make-Up Spirit Day: Friday, October 2nd

Since the lights literally went out on our Spirit Day last Friday, we’ve decided to give our scholars another chance to fully enjoy Spirit Day this Friday, October 2nd. Enjoy this make-up Spirit Day (the fee for the year is still \$20.00). Thank you for paying in advance for the year; it makes it so much easier for the teachers to collect the money.

Scholars who come to school dressed in spirit wear but have not paid to participate will not be allowed to participate in the next month’s Spirit Day. Additionally, scholars who fail to follow the Spirit Day dress code guidelines, will not be allowed to participate the following month. No refunds will be issued. Spirit Days are optional. If your scholar chooses not to participate, they must wear their everyday uniform. The money raised from Spirit Days will go into the Academy’s General Fund to purchase teacher and scholar resources.

Shirts

- SJCA spirit t-shirt -- Shirts must come from one of our approved vendors. Links to their websites can be found on our website.

- PE shirts
- Upper school house shirts
- SJCA sponsored Club shirts
- SJCA polo shirt

Bottoms

- Jeans or jean shorts to the knee. Jeans may not have any rips, tears, holes, or jeggings.
- Uniform shorts or any khaki or navy-blue shorts to the knees. No athletic shorts unless you are in K-5th and have PE that day.

Shoes

- Scholars may wear their choice of shoes except for flip flops or backless sandals.

Changes to Dismissal

Please use the carline app to change how your child is going home. There is no need for you to contact the teacher; all changes immediately update in the app. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Student Council Meetings

Student Council meetings will be held in Ms. Pelky's classroom every Monday from 2:30 to 3:00.

SJCA Upper School House System



The House System is a traditional feature of many European schools in which the school is divided into subunits called "Houses." Upon entering Upper School, each student is assigned to a house, thus providing a focus for group loyalty and camaraderie. Our House System will split the Upper School

(grades 7-12) into four Houses. Each House will contain an equal number of young men and women from all Upper School grades.

Each year, as part of their graduation process, all students exiting 6th grade will go through a pinning ceremony where their House will be revealed, and they will be presented with a pin to wear each day at school. This year's house pinning ceremony will be held on October 21, 2020.

The purpose of the Houses is to provide a wide array of opportunities for student involvement and participation, as well as for a widely dispersed student government (with leadership and ambassadorship opportunities for those who seek them out). Within their Houses, students will plan and execute school events, foster mentoring relationships between various grades, and develop unique traditions.

Houses will compete for points throughout the year. Students will earn points for academic achievements and character/virtue awards. At the end of the year, the House with the most points will reign victorious with their emblem and colors proudly displayed in the cafeteria.

When students graduate, they will have had several years of planning and executive experience. If and when they choose to attend college, they will have the practical knowledge of how to begin clubs and associations, which is one of the core features of strong citizenship. The House System, then, is an education in civics because of the habits it encourages and forms.

What is CREW?

CREW at SJCA begins Wednesday, September 9th, for Upper School scholars.

CREW is a faith-based extra-curricular activity offered at SJCA for 7th grade and up. It begins right after dismissal in rooms 211 and 206 and ends at approximately 1:15.

CREW is an extra-curricular-

sponsored club that engages young women and men to encourage them to be leaders in their school and community by representing high moral and ethical values.

At CREW your scholar will share and learn in a fun, relaxed environment how to practically apply key core values in their lives, such as:

Accountability – Taking responsibility for actions on and off campus that influence lives of others.

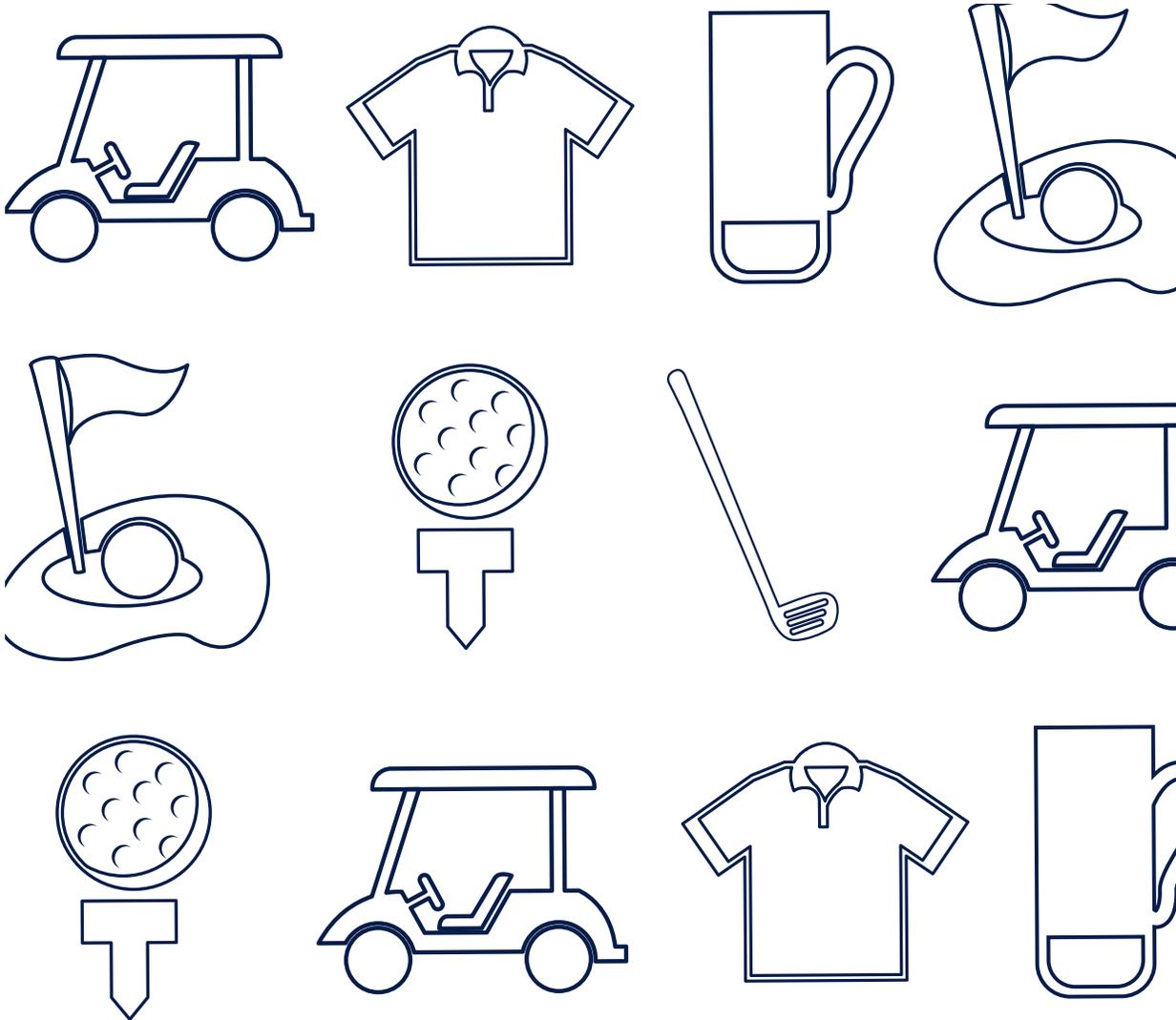
Integrity – Acting with honesty and character without compromising the truth.

Leadership – Leading with courage in order to shape the future.

Relationship – Encouraging relationships with God and others.

Community – Establishing community among the student body.

Join the FB page to keep updated or email outreach@riverchristian.church for any questions.

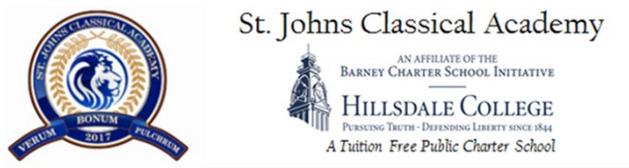


GOLF TOURNAMENT

OCTOBER 23, 2020
FRIDAY
11:30 AM

FLEMING ISLAND GOLF CLUB
2260 TOWN CENTER BLVD

REGISTER NOW AT STJCA.org
SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE



August 3, 2020

Dear Friends,

Perhaps you have heard of Hillsdale College and their curriculum designed to equip human beings for self-government, and perhaps you have wondered how you could get involved with this type of education at the local level. Well, Hillsdale College, through their Barney Charter School initiative (BCSI), has extended this education to public charter schools-and St. Johns Classical Academy is one them.

Please consider partnering with St Johns Classical Academy. Our mission is to develop graduates in mind and character through a classical, content-rich curriculum that emphasizes the principles of virtuous living, traditional learning, and civic responsibility. We are building intelligent, virtuous American citizens.

At present, there are 24 schools in the BCSI network nationwide. In fact, 3 more schools will open for the 2020 school year and 4 more are slated to open in 2021. Many people are taking notice of the value of what we are doing. Governor DeSantis himself has even incorporated curricula from Hillsdale College into the Florida Department of Education's K-12 curriculum.

Additionally, testing data proves that what we are doing works. Currently, 71% of BCSI scholars are scoring the highest mark or beat the district average on state tests. When it comes to college entrance exams, BCSI scholars average 5 points higher than the national average on the ACT and average 150 points higher than the national average on the SAT.

While we receive operating funds from the Florida Education Finance Program, we do not receive the full amount due to district administrative fees. Therefore, to make up for the shortfall, we need donors like you. If you become a sponsor of our school, we have many ways to recognize you personally or your business. Depending on your level of support, you will be recognized in different ways. Please see the attached Levels of Sponsorship for more details.

This year, our goal is to raise \$100k in order to begin construction on a gymnasium for our scholars. Please visit our website for more information about the school at <https://www.stjca.org/>. If you have a specific question, feel free to email me directly at daniel.johnson@stjca.org or dial (904) 458-8240. I hope you will join us in this important life-changing endeavor for our scholars and for the nation.

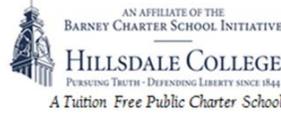
Sincerely,

Daniel (Matt) Johnson
Headmaster, St Johns Classical Academy

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St. Johns Classical Academy



Levels of Sponsorship

NOTE: Sponsorship is on an annual basis. To become a sponsor, please visit the school website at <https://www.stjca.org/> and press the "SJCA Golf Tournament" button. Here is the recognition we offer for each level:

Platinum Sponsor: More than \$5,000 Donation

1. Free table for eight at the annual SJCA Dinner in January (\$800 value)
2. Entry for your golf team (4 players, \$400 value) in the tournament
3. Recognition at every event, including golf tournament and dinner
4. Recognition on school website and parent newsletter
5. Your corporate sign as hole sponsor at golf tournament
6. Your ad/coupon in the golf tournament gift bags (144 golfers)
7. Your corporate banner on the school fence (large banner)

Gold Sponsor: \$2,001 - \$5,000 Donation

1. Free dinner for four at the annual SJCA Dinner in January (\$400 value)
2. Entry for your golf team (4 players, \$400 value) in the tournament
3. Recognition at every event, including golf tournament and dinner
4. Recognition on school website and parent newsletter
5. Your corporate sign as hole sponsor at golf tournament
6. Your ad/coupon in the golf tournament gift bags (144 golfers)
7. Your corporate banner on the school fence (medium banner)

Silver Sponsor: \$1,001 - \$2,000 Donation

1. Free dinner for two at the annual SJCA Dinner in January (\$200 value)
2. Entry for two on your golf team (2 players, \$200 value) in the tournament
3. Recognition at every event, including golf tournament and dinner
4. Recognition on school website and parent newsletter
5. Your corporate sign as hole sponsor at golf tournament
6. Your ad/coupon in the golf tournament gift bags (144 golfers)
7. Your corporate banner on the school fence

Bronze Sponsor: \$250 - \$1,000 Donation

1. Recognition at golf tournament and dinner
2. Recognition on school website and parent newsletter
3. Your corporate sign as hole sponsor at golf tournament
4. Your ad/coupon in the golf tournament gift bags (144 golfers)

Thank you for supporting St Johns Classical Academy and our effort to make great Americans!

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Sponsorship Form

Sponsorship Level (Choose from accompanying list):

- Platinum Sponsor: More than \$5,000
- Gold Sponsor: \$2,001 - \$5,000
- Silver Sponsor: \$1,001 - \$2,000
- Bronze Sponsor: \$250 - \$1,000

Sponsorship Information:

Corporate/Individual Name(s) for Donation Recognition:

Mailing Address:

Sponsor Point of Contact:

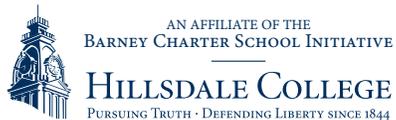
POC Phone Number:

POC Email:

Please visit our school website at

www.stjca.org

or contact Mrs. Lopez at:
(904) 458-8240 ext. 1106 or
email yanzhu.lopez@stjca.org



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1st Annual St. Johns Classical Academy Golf Scramble

Craig Wells, Tournament Chair



Friday, October 23, 2020

1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start

Registration beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Dinner included from Hibernia Pub

Raffle Prizes

- Super Ticket Packages Available
- Longest Drive and Longest Putt Contests
- Closest to the Pin challenges on all Par 3's



HELP US BUILD A GYMNASIUM FOR OUR SCHOLARS!!

Sponsorship Levels

(see sponsor information)

Each level will receive a hole sign in the tournament

Platinum - More than \$5,000

Gold - \$2,001 - \$5,000

Silver - \$1,001 - \$2,000

Bronze - \$250 - \$1,000

Play Golf \$100 Per Person

(\$110 after Oct. 1st)

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams

Format: Captain's Choice Scramble

Play as a team or register as an individual

Contact Tournament Chairman: Craig Wells, craig@paydayhrsolutions.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stjca> ~ Website: STJCA.ORG

Register to play or become a sponsor through the school website at www.stjca.org. To pay by check please contact Mrs. Lopez at:

(904) 458-8240 ext. 1106 or
email yanzhu.lopez@stjca.org

Make checks payable to St. Johns Classical Academy

Name: _____

Business: _____

Contact #: _____

Player #1: _____

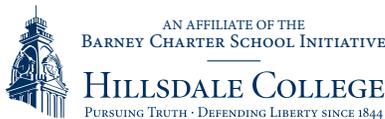
Player #2: _____

Player #3: _____

Player #4: _____

Keep players listed together as a team

Assign player(s) listed to any team available



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