
THE LION LINE

Learn the True, Do the Good, Love the Beautiful

A Message from Headmaster Johnson

Dear Parents,

We are ready for another exciting year at SJCA! Our time on campus this summer has been productive and has afforded our staff some needed and well-deserved rest. Nearly all of our faculty and staff attended Hillsdale College in June for rigorous training sessions. They also used this opportunity to team build and sharpen their professionalism as educators. My hope is that you too are energized and ready for the 2022-2023 school year.

Honestly (one of our school virtues, by the way), last year was exhausting and very rewarding. We earned our accreditation from Cognia; we were awarded High Performing Charter School statue; we were granted a 15-year charter from Clay County District Schools; and, among other things, we graduated our first class, the Class of 2022. I am so proud of our graduates and already hear of them "Doing the Good" as "intelligent, virtuous American Citizens."

Speaking of our graduates, I am reminded of our school's mission, "to develop graduates in mind and character." This past year, we added a Virtue Awards ceremony in each quarter. While academics are important, and we are thankful for scholars who work hard and make good grades, our greatest concern is character development. I am so thankful to serve at a school that emphasizes character above all else. Please continue to nurture your children at home, and we will do our part in fostering their academics and inculcating virtue at school.

Lastly, be sure to regularly visit our SJCA Podcast link, which is located on our website as well as here: <https://sjcapodcast.buzzsprout.com>. Through these podcasts, I will provide regular updates about the school and introduce you to teachers, board members, and members of our school community.

And now, fire up the cars for drop off, and let's roll!

Lion Strong!

Mr. Johnson

2022-2023 School Planners

Planners are available for purchase [here](#).

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First Newsletter for the 2022-2023 School Year

This is our first edition of *The Lion Line* for the 2022-2023 school year. Read *The Lion Line* from digital cover to digital cover each month to get all your official SJCA information.

Orientation: Meet-the-Teacher August 2022

| Monday, August 8th | | Tuesday, August 9th | |
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| Kindergarten | 10:00 a.m. | Third Grade | 8:00 a.m. |
| First Grade | 12:00 p.m. | Fourth Grade | 9:30 a.m. |
| Second Grade | 2:00 p.m. | Fifth Grade | 11:00 a.m. |
| | | Sixth-Eighth Grade | 12:30 p.m. |
| | | Ninth-Twelfth Grade | 2:00 p.m. |



Orientation times have been staggered to accommodate parking. Please bring Lower School supplies to Orientation.

School starts on Wednesday, August 10th, and will follow a normal Wednesday schedule. Upper School scholars dismiss at 12:30 p.m.; Lower School scholars dismiss at 1:00 p.m.

Please note, scholars will need to wear their formal uniform on the first day.

SJCA SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST 2022-2023

Kindergarten

- (2) 24-pack Crayola Twistable colored pencils
- (2) 12-pack of Elmers glue sticks
- (2) boxes of Crayola 24-count crayons
- (1) 8-pack of thin black expo markers
- (3) plastic folders with prongs and pockets-one red, one blue, one green
- (1) blunt-end Fiskars scissors
- (1) box of 12 Ticonderoga pencils
- (1) standard, hard-plastic pencil box (no compartments)
- (4) packages of baby wipes
- (2) Clorox wipes (no Lysol wipes due to teacher allergy)
- (4) boxes of tissues
- (3) reams of white copy paper
- (2) containers of Play-doh
- (1) 8.5" x 11" magnetic, dry erase board
- (1) pack of deck of cards
- (1) 12-inch ruler
- GIRLS - quart size zipper Ziploc bags
- BOYS- hand sanitizer

Kindergarten Art with Mrs. Rice

- (1) pack of baby wipes

Kindergarten Music & Piano

- (1) pack of colored printer paper (any color)
- (1) Clorox wipes (no Lysol wipes due to teacher allergy)

First Grade

- (1) 36-count box Crayola colored pencils
- (1) 24-count box Crayola crayons
- (1) pair of Fiskars blunt-end scissors
- (4) thin, fine black EXPO dry-erase markers
- (2) dozen yellow #2 pencils, Ticonderoga brand (sharpened)
- (1) 4-pack red checking pencils, Ticonderoga brand (sharpened)
- (1) green plastic, poly folder with pockets and prongs
- (1) blue plastic, poly folder with pockets and prongs
- (1) red plastic, poly folder with pockets and prongs
- (2) reams of white, copy paper

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- (1) 2-pack Elmers glue sticks
- (1) plastic, pencil box (no locks or metal cases)
- (3) packs of unscented baby wipes
- (2) large containers of Clorox wipes (no Lysol wipes due to teacher allergy)
- (1) 8.5" x 11" magnetic, dry-erase board
- (1) pack of deck of cards,
- (1) 12-inch ruler
- GIRLS - hand sanitizer (minimum 32 ounces)
- BOYS - (1) 3-pack of large tissue boxes

First Grade Art with Mrs. Rice

- (1) roll of paper towels

First Grade Music & Piano

- (1) ream of white, copy paper
- (1) black one-inch 3-ring binder, labeled with scholar's name and grade
- (1) set of wired headphones, labeled with scholar's name and grade

Second Grade

- (4) different-colored, marbled Composition notebooks
- (5) folders with prongs and pockets - red, yellow, green, blue, orange (solid and plastic only, please.)
- (24) Ticonderoga pencils
- (2) red pencils
- (2) packs of Crayola Twistable colored pencils (a large pack will last longer)
- (1) large glue stick
- (1) pair of Fiskars scissors
- (1) Clorox wipes (no Lysol products due to teacher allergy)
- (2) boxes of tissues
- (1) pencil box- (solid color only)
- (2) pink erasers
- (1) package of multicolored printer paper
- (3) reams of white copy paper
- (1) 8.5" x 11" magnetic, dry erase board
- (1) pack of deck of cards
- (1) ruler
- (1) pocket dictionary
- (2) highlighters
- (5) black or colored dry-erase markers
- (1) box of **Crayola** 24-count crayons
- (1) pack of colored dry-erase markers

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(1) whiteboard eraser or a clean sock

BOYS - (1) roll of paper towels

GIRLS – (1) Hand sanitizer

Second Grade Art with Mrs. Rice

(1) box of tissues

Second Grade Music & Piano

(1) large bottle of hand sanitizer

(1) solid color one-inch 3-ring binder, labeled with scholar's name and grade

(1) black one-inch 3-ring binder, labeled with scholar's name and grade

(1) set of wired headphones, labeled with scholar's name and grade

Third Grade

(1) dictionary (Merriam-Webster Edition)

(1) disinfecting wipes

(1) large hand sanitizer

(1) zippered pencil pouch

(1) 12 count color pencils (Crayola Twistables preferred)

(1) scissors

(1) 12-inch, non-flexible ruler (must have cm and inch)

(1) each of addition, subtraction, multiplication, division flash cards (to be kept at home)

(6) glue sticks

(1) pack red pens

(4) yellow highlighters

(4) black dry-erase markers (wide)

(4) fine-tip, black, dry-erase markers

(48) pre-sharpened, yellow, #2 pencils (Ticonderoga preferred)

(2) large pink erasers

(1) pack pencil-top erasers

(4) composition notebooks labeled with names (wide-ruled)

(6) 3-prong plastic folders labeled with names (blue, yellow, green, purple, red, 1 free choice)

(1) pack index cards

(1) ream of copy paper each quarter

(1) pack of wide-ruled notebook paper

(1) soft pack baby wipes for sensitive skin

(2) boxes of facial tissues each quarter (100-count or larger)

GIRLS – band-aids, 2-pack fine point black sharpies

BOYS – (1) Magic Eraser sponge, 2-pack paper towels

**Items may be reused from prior years.

Third Grade Art with Mrs. Rice

(1) ream white printer paper

Third Grade Music & Piano

(1) box of facial tissues

(1) solid color one-inch 3-ring binder, labeled with scholar's name and grade

(1) black one-inch 3-ring binder, labeled with scholar's name and grade

(1) set of wired headphones, labeled with scholar's name and grade

Fourth Grade

(1) 2", 3-ring binder

(5) dividers with pockets: (see below)

(1) blue (math)

(1) red (literature)

(1) orange (writing)

(1) yellow (history)

(1) green (science)

(2) reams of copy paper (Hammermill jam-free is recommended)

(1) zippered pencil pouch (not a hard case)

(4) packs of wide-ruled notebook paper

(3) packs of #2 Ticonderoga pencils

(2) packs thin, dry-erase markers

(1) 12" ruler (wooden is preferrable)

(1) 8.5" x 11" magnetic, dry-erase board

(1) dry erase board eraser

(1) pack of deck of cards

(1) small pack of highlighters

(1) protractor set (includes a protractor and set square)

[https://www.amazon.com/Geometry-](https://www.amazon.com/Geometry-School-Linear-Squares-Protractor/dp/B07D7RMSBZ/ref=sr_1_11?)

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(please get this set – we would like

everyone to have the same kind for ease of use)

red pens (Bic cap pens, no click type)

(1) 4-pack white, Pentel, hi-polymer erasers

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- (4) tissues
- (1) roll of paper towels
- (2) spiral or ring bound 3 x 5 notecards
- (1) pack wide tip Expo markers (primary or black)

GIRLS - dry erase cleaner
BOYS- Clorox wipes

Scholars will not share supplies so feel free to have them labeled.

Fourth Grade Art with Mrs. Rice

Crayola colored pencils, 50 count

Fourth Grade Music & Piano

- (1) box of Crayola Colored pencils, 12 count
- (1) solid color one-inch 3-ring binder, labeled with scholar's name and grade
- (1) black one-inch 3-ring binder, labeled with scholar's name and grade
- (1) set of wired headphones, labeled with scholar's name and grade

Fifth Grade

- (1) 24-pack of pre sharpened Ticonderoga #2 pencils
- (1) pack of Crayola colored pencils
- (1) pack of red pens
- (1) small pack of highlighters
- (2) packs of dry-erase markers (BIC Intensity or EXPO)
- (6) plastic folders with only pockets (no binders)
- (1) plastic red folder with prongs and pockets
- (6) spiral notebooks
- (2) spiral-bound, 3x5 index cards
- (1) pack of college ruled loose leaf notebook paper
- (1) 12-inch ruler
- (2) boxes of tissues
- (1) roll of paper towels
- (1) Lysol/Clorox Wipes Container
- (2) reams of white copy paper
- (1) pencil zipper pouch
- (1) pocket-size dictionary
- (1) pocket-size thesaurus
- (1) pack of Post-It notes
- (1) 8.5" x 11" dry-erase board w/eraser
- BOYS – (1) dry-erase board eraser
- GIRLS – (1) dry-erase board cleaner

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***If you child cannot write in cursive fluently**, then he/she will need to purchase "Learning Cursive: Handwriting Practice for Teens: With Declaration of Independence, United States Constitution and Bill of Rights Copybook" by Trace2Write (This can be purchased on Amazon for \$10.00)

Fifth Grade Art with Mrs. Rice

- (1) 2-pack Pentel High Polymer white erasers
- (1) 3-pack Sharpie Markers, ultra-fine point, black ink

Fifth Grade Music & Piano

- (1) box of Ticonderoga #2 pencils, 12 count
- (1) solid color one-inch 3-ring binder, labeled with scholar's name and grade
- (1) black one-inch 3-ring binder, labeled with scholar's name and grade
- (1) set of wired headphones, labeled with scholar's name and grade

Sixth – Twelfth Grades (Upper School)

- (3) (1½ or 2 inch) binders with pockets
(one of each color - white, black, and blue)
- College ruled loose leaf paper
- Pens/Pencils
- (3) spiral notebooks
- (3) composition books
- (2) containers of Clorox wipes
- (3) packs of printer paper

*Additional materials may be required in some classes. If so, scholars will be notified on the first day of school.

St. Johns Classical Academy 2022-2023 Scholar Calendar

Tuesday, August 2, 2022
 Thursday, August 4, 2022
 Wednesday, August 10, 2022
 Monday, September 5, 2022
 Friday, October 14, 2022
 Monday, October 17, 2022
 Friday, November 11, 2022
 Monday, November 21 thru Friday, November 25, 2022
 Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Thursday, December 22, 2022- January 3, 2023
 Wednesday, January 4, 2023
 Thursday, January 5, 2023
 Monday, January 16, 2023
 Friday, January 27, 2023
 Monday, February 20, 2023
 Friday, March 10, 2023
 Monday, March 13 - March 17, 2023
 Monday, March 20, 2023
 Tuesday, March 21, 2023
 Friday, March 31, 2023
 Friday, April 7, 2023
 Friday, May 26, 2023
 Monday, May 29, 2023

First Day, Teacher
 Inservice Day
 First Day, Students
 Labor Day, Student/Teacher Holiday
 End First Grading Period (47 days)
 Planning Day/Student Holiday
 Veterans' Day, Student/Teacher Holiday
 Thanksgiving, Student/Teacher Holidays
 End Second Grading Period (41 days)
 Christmas/New Year's Break, Student/Teacher Holidays
 Planning Day/Student Holiday
 Students Return to School
 Martin Luther King Day, Student/Teacher Holiday
 3rd Annual Winter Dinner - Early Release Day
 Presidents' Day, Student/Teacher Holiday
 End Third Grading Period (45 days)
 Spring Break, Student/Teacher Holidays
 Planning Day, Student Holiday
 Students Return to School
 Fair Day, Student/Teacher Holiday
 Good Friday, Student/Teacher Holiday
 Last Day, Students (4th Grading Period - 47 days)
 Memorial Day (Observed)

GRADUATION: Friday, May 19, 2023

Early Dismissal Days

Upper School Dismissal: 10:45 a.m.
Lower School Dismissal: 11:15 a.m.
 Friday, September 16, 2022
 December 19, 20 & 21, 2022
 January 27, 2023 (Winter Dinner)
 May 24, 25 & 26, 2023

Report Cards To Parents

Available through the ParentVue Account
 Friday, October 21, 2022
 Tuesday, January 10, 2023
 Friday, March 24, 2023
 Friday, June 2, 2023

School Office Hours (School Days Only)

M T TH F 7:15 a.m. - 3:25 p.m.
 Wednesdays 7:15 a.m. - 1:25 p.m.

Regular Scholar Hours

Upper School
 M T TH F 7:30 a.m. - 2:28 p.m.
 Wednesdays 7:30 a.m. - 12:27 p.m.
Lower School
 M T TH F 8:00 a.m. - 2:55 p.m.
 Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. - 12:55 p.m.



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SJCA Spirit Days will be on the last Friday of the month. Scholars may wear a school spirit t-shirt (graphic tees and logo prominent apparel are not permitted) with jeans or chinos. Shorts must be jean or chino and go to the knee. Jeans and chinos may not have any rips or tears. Gym shorts, including SJCA PE Shorts, are not permitted, except on PE Resource days for Lower School Scholars and during Upper School Scholars PE class period. Scholars may wear their choice of shoes except for flip-flops or crocs. Non-SJCA logo jackets, sweatshirts and hoodies are not permitted inside the Academy buildings. Spirit Days are a school-wide fundraiser. These funds are deposited into the SJCA general account and will be used to purchase items the Academy needs. The cost to participate in Spirit Days is \$2 per scholar and is optional. If your scholar does not choose to participate, he/she must wear normal uniform attire. If you would like to pay for the following spirit days in advance, please send cash or check made payable to SJCA, in the amount of \$20 by August 26th.

2022-2023 Spirit Day Calendar

- Friday, August 26, 2022
- Friday, September 30, 2022
- Friday, October 28, 2022
- Friday, November 18, 2022
- Friday, December 16, 2022
- Friday, January 27, 2023
- Friday, February 24, 2023
- Friday, March 24, 2023
- Friday, April 28, 2023
- Friday, May 26, 2023

Health Room Medications

Returning scholars with a health condition requiring medication to be kept in the health room will need new 2022-2023 paperwork filled out with a signed order from a health care provider. Medications will not be accepted at orientation unless paperwork is complete. Please be sure medications are not expired and labeled with your scholar's name. Prescription drugs must be in original packaging/bottle with the pharmacy label. Any over-the-counter meds must be new in package as well.

If you have any questions about keeping medication in the school health room or which forms need to be filled out, please email us at healthroom@stjca.org or call 904-458-8240.

Scholars with Health Conditions

Our goal is to maintain an optimal learning environment and that starts with physically and mentally healthy scholars. Confidential zoom, phone, or in-person conferences with the school nurse can be requested at any time during the school year to further discuss your child's health condition. Scholars spend a lot of time at our school, and we strive to be prepared for any possible situations or emergencies.

To make an appointment, please email us at healthroom@stjca.org or call 904-458-8240.

Until We Meet Again

We are sincerely grateful to the following teachers for their contributions to St. Johns Classical Academy. Please join us in wishing them the best in their future endeavors.

- Mrs. Bintz
- Mrs. DePeralta
- Ms. Ingoldsby
- Mr. Bett
- Mr. Dinsbeer
- Mrs. Legg
- Mrs. Braly
- Ms. Exum
- Mr. Tippins
- Mrs. Baskett
- Ms. Gillam
- Ms. Turner

Welcome to SJCA



Mrs. Ivonne Addison lives in Clay County with her family. She was born in Puerto Rico and has had the opportunity to live in eight states as a military child, and later, as a military spouse. Ivonne earned her Bachelor of Arts from Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, TN. She began her teaching career after moving to back to Florida with her husband. Ivonne has been an educator for 15 years, with the last nine being in Clay County. Throughout the years, she has taught kindergarten, multi-grade (K-1st), fifth, and sixth grade.

Mrs. Addison and her husband enjoy spending time on the water boating with the family. Their daughter is beginning her sophomore year of college. Their youngest son will be attending SJCA. Mrs. Addison is excited to be joining the third-grade team.



Mrs. Courtney Babcock graduated from the University of North Florida with a bachelor's in Criminal Justice and a minor in Political Science. She was previously employed at the Clay County Sheriff's Office as a Crime Scene Technician until dedicating her time as a mother to her son, Michael. Courtney began working as a substitute teacher at St. John's Classical Academy in February of 2021 and found a genuine passion for teaching middle school. She is now the middle grades science teacher and is excited to use her knowledge and previous experience to teach young minds the importance of science.



Mrs. Stephanie Bywater has been an Occupational Therapist for 13 years. She has worked in many settings including the hospitals, home health, outpatient, Early Steps and the school system. Mrs. Bywater has worked with many physical sensory and neurological diagnosis throughout her career. She and her husband have a 2-year-old daughter and an 8-year-old son who is entering the Third grade at SJCA.



Mrs. Ashleigh Caskey is married to her husband Ty and has two boys who are starting kindergarten and second grade. Mrs. Caskey has a background in child development, specifically in the field of autism where she has worked for the past nine years. Mrs. Caskey has lived most of her life in California and moved to Florida about three years ago. They love living here in Florida and she and her family enjoy going to the beach and exploring parks. Mrs. Caskey's hobbies are playing pickleball with her husband, as well as thrifting to find treasures, and painting and restoring furniture. Mrs. Caskey is excited to start this new school year and feels blessed to begin this new opportunity to teach second grade at SJCA.



Mr. Damon Green grew up in the Jacksonville Beaches area where he attended the Providence School. Following his graduation, he moved to Tallahassee to attend Florida State University where he double majored in Criminology and Classical Civilizations. Coming from a family of educators, education has always played an important role in his life. After spending a year working for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, he has decided to take part in the family legacy of educators. In joining the St Johns Classical Academy staff, he will be teaching Entry Level Latin. Damon has a passion for languages and History as a whole and is excited to share his knowledge with the students!



Mrs. Jennifer Ingram is a Clay County native and has been teaching since 2014. In her career she has received several distinguishing teacher achievements. Her belief is that the classroom should be a happy place for students to learn and work toward succeeding in their goals. When Mrs. Ingram is not in the classroom, she loves to be with her family. She is married to her high school sweetheart, a mother to their 2 beautiful girls that are 14 and 10 and their dog, Prince Charming. Going to the beach, playing board games, and eating Oreos are some of her favorite things to do. Mrs. Ingram is very excited to join the Lion family!



Ms. Donella Johnson is thrilled to be joining the kindergarten teaching team at St. Johns Classical Academy! She became a part of the SJCA family during the 2021-2022 school year as a substitute teacher. Ms. Johnson is passionate about classical education and has over seven years of experience working with children.

Ms. Johnson was raised in Clay County and attended St Johns River State College, where she earned her Associates of Arts degree. She recently graduated from the University of North Florida, Summa Cum Laude, with her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education. Ms. Johnson had the opportunity to teach throughout her college career in both Clay and Duval, completing her student teaching experience at W.E. Cherry Elementary School.

When Ms. Johnson is not teaching, she loves to serve at her church, spend time with her family, travel and explore new places, play with her dog, read books, etc. Ms. Johnson is grateful for the chance to be a part of the Hillsdale mission and is looking forward to helping her kindergarten scholars grow in both mind and character this school year.



Mrs. Lisa Kerr has a true passion working with young learners. She has had many experiences in and out of the classroom since 1996. She is returning to teaching after spending four years home with her twelve-year-old twins, Ethan and Evelyn.

She loves to garden, bake with her children, and go on nature hikes.

Mrs. Kerr believes we are lifelong learners and is very excited to have the opportunity to be a part of the SJCA family.



Mrs. Chrystie Klingbeil is thrilled to finally join the SJCA faculty! She has been an SJCA parent since the beginning and all 3 of her children (5th grade, 2nd grade and Kindergarten) will be attending this year! Mrs. Klingbeil grew up in the suburbs of Cleveland, Ohio and earned her bachelor's degree from Ohio University and then pursued her teaching certification in middle grades language arts and mathematics at Cleveland State University. She became a teacher because of her love for learning and began her teaching career in the junior high school she attended, working alongside many of her previous teachers. She and her husband moved to Florida in 2006. They have been married 17 years.



Ms. Emmie Lo developed a lasting love for the languages and stories of ancient Rome and Greece in early childhood, when her mother tutored her in beginning Latin and she listened to *D'Aulaires Book of Greek Myths* on cassette tape at night before bed. She first explored the teaching side of Latin during high school, when she researched language pedagogy methods and designed her own Latin textbook for her senior thesis. Ms. Lo graduated Magna Cum Laude from Davidson College in North Carolina with a BA in Classical Languages and Literature (i.e., Latin and Ancient Greek). Her senior research focused on longing in Virgil's *Eclogues*. During her time in college, she taught review sessions for Davidson students in beginner Latin courses. In her free time, Ms. Lo enjoys reading fantasy novels, drinking black tea, going on walks, spending time with family and friends, and writing songs and poetry. Ms. Lo is excited to make Fleming Island her home, and she looks forward to sharing the joy and beauty of Latin with her students.



Mrs. Amy Melquist brings a variety of teaching experiences with her as she begins her first year as 5th grade instructor at SJCA. Her experience teaching classical curriculum in a homeschool setting as well as teaching reading and language arts in public school help to give her a broad spectrum of strategies and ideas from which to draw into student learning here. Cultivating a love for learning through curiosity in her classroom is one of her greatest strengths and passions. Having been on the move with her husband, Justin, and his career in the U.S. Navy for over a decade, Mrs. Melquist and family have settled in Fleming Island where they now call home. Family includes husband, three boys who will be attending SJCA this year, and Molly, the family dog. In her spare time, Mrs. Melquist enjoys photography, reading, and cheering her boys on during sports competitions. Some of her favorite books are *The Miraculous Life of Edward Tulane*, *The Chronicles of Narnia* and the Harry Potter series. Mrs. Melquist is very excited about joining the SJCA faculty this year and looks forward to the many learning adventures 5th grade will bring.



Mrs. Lisa Minic joined the St. Johns Classical Academy family during the 2021-2022 school year as a parent and substitute teacher. When she wasn't serving as a substitute, Mrs. Minic could be found volunteering on campus to help administration, teachers, and scholars in any way needed. After eight years of enjoying the flexibility of teaching as a substitute, Mrs. Minic is excited to join the Upper School Mathematics team this school year. She obtained her master's degree from the University of Cincinnati. Mrs. Minic has lived in Fleming Island for three years with her husband and two children. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, traveling, and attending concerts and musicals. Mrs. Minic is looking forward to welcome scholars into her classroom and sharing her enthusiasm for classical education.



Ms. Tere Smith is thrilled to be returning to SJCA to teach Kindergarten. When she's not teaching, she loves to read, explore new cities, try out new hobbies, and spend sunup to sundown at the beach. She is looking forward to a wonderful year of learning.



Mr. Alex Story is a Jacksonville native who will be starting his third year of high school teaching for SJCA this August. Mr. Story graduated from Stanton College Preparatory School in Jacksonville in 2014 before attending the University of Florida where he earned his bachelor's degree in English. Mr. Story has lived in Boulder, Colorado for the last three years where he completed his master's degree in English. Mr. Story's academic interests are not limited to English language and literature, however, and span across many different fields in the humanities from history to philosophy to film. When he is not reading or in a movie theater, Mr. Story enjoys playing lacrosse, working out, and not smiling in pictures.



Mr. Joe Tepas was born in Baltimore, MD but grew up in the Riverside area of Jacksonville. He attended St. Paul's Catholic school and graduated from Bishop Kenny High School in 1995. After high school, Mr. Tepas joined the United States Navy and served aboard the USS Boxer out of 32nd Street Naval Station, San Diego. After completing a western Pacific deployment, Mr. Tepas joined Combat Camera Group Pacific headquartered at Naval Air Station North Island in Coronado, CA. Upon completion of his service, Mr. Tepas returned to Jacksonville and went on to earn a BA and MA in history from the University of North Florida. Mr. Tepas took a job teaching history at The Bolles School in 2008 and taught there until this past school year.



Mrs. Becky Urban earned her degree in K-12 Music Education from Liberty University. She taught elementary music for two years at Trinity Christian Academy in Jacksonville. Mrs. Urban was invited to play for the Lynchburg Symphony Orchestra, co-directed the Liberty University Flute Choir, and several large and small ensembles at the collegiate level. Mrs. Urban has also assisted band directors and college professors for several years, as well as grew up in the marching band. Her main instrument is flute, and she also plays piano. Mrs. Urban is excited to work with the SJCA students to reach their full potential and represent the school well.

Mrs. Urban has been married to her husband, Jim, for 14 years. They have two boys, Joshua and Connor, that attend SJCA.

The Lions Council

St. Johns Classical Academy's mission is to build intelligent, virtuous American citizens. With your commitment you create a community where administrators, faculty and staff can do their best work and provide support for our scholars inside and outside of the classroom by providing the resources they need.

The Lions Council is a 501(c)(3) stewardship organization intended to engage parents in support of the Headmaster, the faculty, and the administration in carrying out the mission of the academy. Its objectives include:

- Educating parents and the community about the academy and the differences between it and ordinary public school
- Encouraging family and friends of St. Johns Classical Academy to show their support through volunteering and donations

Meet like-minded individuals who share your concerns. We all have a common bond. We care about creating the best possible educational experience for our scholars. We are neighbors and peers who share many of the same experiences. We are working with our families and community in order to create a stronger connection to SJCA, our virtues, our mission and our vision. Research shows that building parent and community involvement in education helps to create a great school.

If you are interested in becoming part of The Lions Council please click [here](#).

Have you heard?



Tune in weekly to hear directly from Headmaster Johnson on our brand-new podcast. He discusses a variety of timely topics with different stakeholders. There are currently four podcasts available. Be sure to turn on notifications to listen each week on Spotify, Amazon, or Google Podcasts. This way, you will be alerted each time a new podcast is posted on Tuesdays. We are also working to get the St. Johns Classical Academy Podcast on Apple Podcasts and will let you know once it is available there. In the meantime, you can listen to all of them by simply clicking this link: <https://sjcapodcast.buzzsprout.com>.



Year Book Sale

Back To School Bash Flash Sale

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Reg \$55

\$35

SALE PRICE VALID
8/8 & 8/9

ST. JOHNS CLASSICAL ACADEMY LIONS SWIM MEET SCHEDULE 2022

| Date | Time | Opponent | Location |
|--------------------|----------|--|-----------------------------------|
| August 23, 2022 | 4:00 PM | Middleburg High School Hilliard High School | Eagle Landing Pool |
| September 1, 2022 | 4:30 PM | Fleming Island High School | Eagle Harbor Pool |
| September 6, 2022 | 4:00 PM | Clay County Invitational | Eagle Landing Pool |
| September 7, 2022 | 4:00 PM | St. Josephs Academy | Solomon Calhoun Recreation Center |
| September 13, 2022 | 4:15 PM | Episcopal School of Jacksonville | Episcopal School of Jacksonville |
| September 17, 2022 | 12:00 PM | Orange Park High School | Argyle Pool |
| October 4, 2022 | 5:00 PM | Clay High School Ridgeview High School | Rolling Hills Pool |
| October 5, 2022 | TBD | Bolles High School Providence High School | Bolles High School |
| October 11, 2022 | 5:00 PM | Ridgeview High School | Oakleaf Plantation Pool |
| October 13, 2022 | 4:30 PM | Baldwin High School | Baldwin High School |



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10.17.2022

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2260 Town Center Blvd.



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CHORUS PROGRAM

- ★ Open to scholars in 2nd-5th grade who love to sing!
- ★ No audition or experience required
- ★ Rehearsals on Mondays from dismissal to 4:00 pm
- ★ Directed by Mrs. Crosby & Mrs. Little
- ★ \$30 participation fee/year
- ★ 3 formal concerts along with many other opportunities to represent SJCA in song
- ★ Rehearsals begin Aug. 22nd!

**Registration begins @
Back-to-School Bash!
Aug. 8/9**



REGISTRATION

- ★ Packet available on PT Board under ALL LOWER SCHOOL: Documents tab
- ★ May also request by email
- ★ Bring contract/fee to Rm. 134 during Back-to-School Bash or return to Mrs. Crosby when school begins

**Deadline to register:
THURS, AUG. 18th**

**QUESTIONS OR TO REQUEST PACKET
BY EMAIL:**

CASSIE.CROSBY@STJCA.ORG

SJCA Lady Lions Volleyball


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| 18 AUG | BRADFORD HIGH SCHOOL BRADFORD HIGH SCHOOL 5:30 PM |
| 23 AUG | HILLIARD MIDDLE-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL HILLIARD MIDDLE-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL 5:30 PM |
| 30 AUG | UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN 6:00 PM |
| 07 SEP | EPISCOPAL SCHOOL OF JACKSONVILLE EPISCOPAL SCHOOL OF JACKSONVILLE 5:30 PM |
| 13 SEP | BRADFORD HIGH SCHOOL BRADFORD HIGH SCHOOL 5:30 PM |
| 20 SEP | HILLIARD MIDDLE-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL HILLIARD MIDDLE-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL 5:30 PM |
| 29 SEP | ST. JOSEPHS ACADEMY ST. JOSEPHS ACADEMY 5:30 PM |
| 06 OCT | FLEMING ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL FLEMING ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL 5:30 PM |
| 10 OCT | ORANGE PARK HIGH SCHOOL ORANGE PARK HIGH SCHOOL 5:30 PM |
| 13 OCT | CHRIST CHURCH ACADEMY CHRIST CHURCH ACADEMY 5:30 PM |


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New to SJCA?

Join us for an orientation.

Hosted by Lions Council

 **August 5**

 **6:00 PM**

 **SJCA Cafeteria**

**SJCA
New
Family
Orientation**

**Questions?
Chairman.LionCouncil@stjca.org**



Back to School **PHOTO SESSIONS**

HOSTED BY LIONS ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB

**AUGUST
26TH**
4:30PM-7PM

REGISTER AT
LIONSCOUNCIL.ORG/ATHLETIC-BOOSTER-CLUB

**\$35 PER SCHOLAR
OR
\$75 FOR A FAMILY OF
3 OR MORE**

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ST. JOHNS CLASSICAL ACADEMY

CROSS COUNTRY 2022 SCHEDULE

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AUG

CECIL FIELD SUMMER CLASSIC 2022

NEW WORLD GOLF VILLAGE | 5:30 PM

10

SEP

RIDGEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL "BOB HANS" INVITATIONAL 2022

RIDGEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL | 7:30 AM

24

SEP

KATIE CAPLES INVITATIONAL

BISHOP KENNY HIGH SCHOOL | 8:00 AM

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OCT

NEW WORLD FALL SPECTACULAR

NEW WORLD GOLF VILLAGE | 7:30 AM

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OCT

NORTH FLORIDA JV CHAMPIONSHIPS

BISHOP KENNY HIGH SCHOOL | 7:30 AM



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SJCA Spirit Night @ Skate Station OP Friday, August 19, 2022 5:00-7:30pm

**Don't forget to check-in!
The class with the most
attendees gets a FREE
slice of PIZZA!**

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CHEER SQUAD
2022-2023**



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MARA D.

MAIA J.

BEA C.

CAMERON R.

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St. Johns Classical Academy Virtual Art Shower

August 5th-12th, 2022

7 days ONLY

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According to Hillsdale K12, "art in a Classical school should be built upon the works of great masters; it should train and shape a student's artistic affections and tastes; it should promote reflection and art appreciation; it should provide a strong intellectual and creative foundation; it should develop a cohesive historical framework; it should intersect meaningfully with other disciplines".

Therefore, as one of our major initiatives is to fill our halls with great works that embody these qualities, families will have the opportunity to purchase a piece of art to make a historic contribution to the Academy.

As students pass through the halls, these selections will imprint on their souls and serve as examples of what is beautiful.

To recognize those who make this worthy, long-lasting donation to SJCA, we will install a plaque beneath each piece that will be inscribed with the family's name.

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