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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 Message from Headmaster Johnson

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Dear Lion Parents,

I want to thank you for stepping up, joining Lions Council, and helping the school meet its mission of building intelligent, virtuous American citizens. We are living in a volatile time for our country. There are stresses with foreign policy, the economy, and social unrest. Now, more than ever, our nation needs leaders—now and in the future. Our only hope as a nation is to build virtuous leaders who will pursue the guiding principles laid out by our founders. We need you to partner with us to better meet our mission.

Our nation needs strong families who are willing to sacrifice the mundane for what is best for their children. I love our scholars and families. I am so thankful to serve at a school where parents care for their children and go out of their way to make sound school choice options. I am a school choice proponent, having personally experienced public, homeschool, and now Classical education. I won't question a parent's decision about the schooling of their children—I only ask that you consider the incredible value our school offers your child— all the way through to graduation.

Our nation was founded on faith and virtue, a place where all people can "pursue happiness." A sound liberal arts education fosters the mind, body, and soul of its scholars. At St. Johns Classical Academy, our mission is to develop graduates in mind and character. We are not only giving them great knowledge, but the ability to reason and make good decisions for a lifetime. Please help us meet this intent by continually cultivating virtue at home. Let's build leaders together.

Lion Strong!

Mr. Johnson

## Hillsdale College's Monthly Speech Digest, *Imprimis*

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After raising over \$250 for the American Heart Association, Evan in Mrs. Luke's second-grade class earned the title of "Coach for the Day."



Mrs. Mickle's kindergarten class learned about bones in the human body. To sit correctly and write beautifully, SJCA scholars learn straighten their spine by "stacking their blocks." Mrs. Mickle presented scholars with a visual representation of the human spine as she stacked 33 blocks to teach about the three sections comprising the spine.

## The Song of the City

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By Mrs. Angie Casteel, Upper School English Teacher

Last semester, ninth graders studied Logic, which is reasoned argumentation. This semester, they are studying Rhetoric, which is the art of persuasion. Together these arts have been called “the song of the city,” a metaphor that resonates with me. We are self-governing citizens of varying nature, experience, and education, living in community. As we reason through the politics of living in this community, we must have lively debate, asking questions and engaging in discussion about our knowledge and experience. This is seeking truth; this is “learn the true” in action.

First, ninth graders have learned about the three rhetorical appeals: *ethos* (the credibility established by the speaker), *logos* (the reasoning of the argument), and *pathos* (the emotion stirred in the audience). They’ve been interested to learn that, though all three appeals should be present, the speaker’s *ethos* is not simply one third of a good persuasive argument; rather it is almost the whole of persuasion. The speaker establishes her *ethos* by demonstrating goodwill towards her audience, moral virtue in her actions and ideas, and practical wisdom through her experience.

I gave the ninth graders an assignment: Choose a particular situation and try to persuade someone through *ethos* alone, simply by establishing your own credibility. One situation was “Convince your grandmother to loan you \$100 without telling her the reason you need the money.” Another was “You are late for a curfew because you helped a friend with an embarrassing matter. When you meet your parents at the door, convince them that their trust in you should not be rattled even though you can’t explain the situation.” For this assignment, scholars couldn’t give a logical argument or stir emotion in the other person. All they could do was extend goodwill, present moral virtue, and show practical wisdom. It was hard. They wanted to give excuses. They found it was difficult to demonstrate moral virtue if you haven’t shown virtue in the past. They found that ninth graders with little life experience can’t show much practical wisdom. But extending goodwill was particularly difficult. In his *Rhetoric*, Aristotle spends a lot of time discussing goodwill; it is what makes our audience let down its guard and begin to trust us. Extending goodwill forces us to step into the other person’s shoes, consider things from his perspective, and affirm our recognition of his position. For the angry parents scenario, scholars had to recognize the root of the parents’ anger—love—which made for some thoughtful rhetoric.

As I listened to them deliver their mini speeches, trying desperately to demonstrate *ethos*, I thought about how difficult this is for all of us yet how important it is to our living in community. We must seek truth and argue for it; however, we must extend goodwill, be people of virtue who can demonstrate virtue, and speak with practical wisdom about our experiences. *Ethos* is essential to our song.



## Cheerleading

The SJCA Roaring Lions took 1st Place in their first competition of the season with 0 deductions in their performance!



## Girls Basketball



Girls Basketball had a great first season!



## Boys Basketball

The SJCA boys basketball team placed 2nd in their conference!



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# SJCA Lions Athletics

## Home Games

In an effort to help our amazing custodial staff, during any athletic event, use the restrooms in the Athletic Building.

## Coaches Needed

We will be joining the FHSAA next school year and are in need of coaches to help the athletic department grow. Please contact Mrs. Flannagan at [kayla.flannagan@stjca.org](mailto:kayla.flannagan@stjca.org) if you would be willing to help with any of the sports listed below.

Softball

Tennis

Track & Field

## Boys & Girls Soccer



## Flag Football




Both SJCA flag football teams have winning records!



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**Lions Boys Soccer**  
Practices  
Tuesdays & Wednesdays  
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

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**SJCA Athletic Field**

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BEARS



**Lady Lions Soccer**  
Practices  
Mondays & Wednesdays  
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

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**SJCA Athletic Field**

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Wednesday Study Hall  
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

BEARS

# SCHOLARSHIPS OF THE MONTH

## SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES BETWEEN: MARCH 12th and MAY 31st, 2022

Below you will find a list of Scholarship Programs that will give out Awards during the 2021–2022 school year.

**BMW Engineering Scholarship**  
**\$1,500 - 1 Award**  
**(Deadline: March 21, 2022)**

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- Rank in the 90th percentile in both math and critical reading on SAT or composite ACT scores.
- Pursue an engineering or related science degree through an ABET accredited program.

Applications can be found by going to:  
<https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarships/27650/bmw-engineering-scholarship>

**Abbott Painters Scholarship Program**  
**\$500 - 1 Award**  
**(Deadline: April 30, 2022)**

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- Be attending college or university on a full-time or part-time basis no later than September 2022.
- Have achieved a GPA of 2.75 or greater during their last academic year.

Applications can be found by going to:  
<https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarships/37543/abbott-painters-scholarship-program>

**NIADA Foundation Scholarship**  
**\$3,500 – 5 Awards**  
**(Deadline: March 12, 2022)**

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- Be classified as a high school senior during the current school year.
- Have maintained an outstanding academic achievement record as reflected by an official high school transcript and have a desire to work in the Automotive Industry.

Applications can be found by going to:  
<https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarships/26493/niada-foundation-scholarship>

**Got a Spine Scholarship**  
**\$500 - 1 Award**  
**(Deadline: May 2, 2021)**

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- Be attending college or university no later than October of 2022 and have achieved a GPA of 2.5 or greater during their last academic year.

Applications can be found by going to:  
<https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarships/28302/got-a-spine-scholarship>

**Careers that Care Scholarship**  
**\$750 – 2 Awards**  
**(Deadline: April 18, 2022)**

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- Be a low-income high school senior or undergraduate student.
- Be planning to pursue a career in healthcare, social work, government, education or a related field.

Applications can be found by going to:  
<https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarships/37545/careers-that-care-scholarship>

**Hospital Safety Awareness Scholarship**  
**\$1,000 - 1 Award**  
**(Deadline: May 31, 2022)**

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher and be in good overall academic standing.
- Be a current high school senior or college student who is a resident of the United States.

Applications can be found by going to:  
<https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarships/36976/hospital-safety-awareness-scholarship>

**American Culinary Federation Scholarships**  
**\$2,500 - 10 Awards**  
**(Deadline: April 30, 2022)**

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- Be an exemplary student and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher.
- Be currently accepted to the institution with a culinary, pastry or food service-related major.

Applications can be found by going to:  
<https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarships/33356/american-culinary-federation-scholarships>

**Mensa US Scholarship**  
**\$2,500 - 178 Awards**  
**(Deadline: January 15, 2022)**

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- Be enrolled in a degree program in an accredited U.S. institution of higher learning during the academic year following the application date.
- Submit an application and essay explaining his or her career, academic, and/or vocational goals.

Applications can be found by going to:  
<https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarships/31553/mensa-us-scholarship>

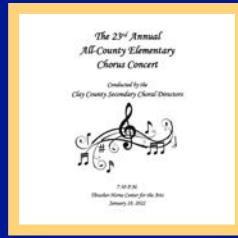


## March College Checklist

- Make sure testing companies have sent your most recent scores (SAT/ACT) directly to the colleges to which you are applying.
- If needed, register for future SATs or ACTs.
- Begin to organize decision and financial aid forms. The earlier you submit financial aid forms, the better the opportunities.
- **You will need to complete a FAFSA form to be eligible for any student aid. Apply Here:** <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- Complete any additional forms from colleges or interviews and be sure to regularly keep up to date with your acceptance status once submitted.

**Be sure to monitor your application status often.**

**Some colleges may require additional documentation or want to set up an interview.**



## SJCA Participates in District Honors Chorus for the First Time



In January, seven scholars from Lion Cub Chorale, the lower school chorus program, were honored as our very first representatives in the Clay All-County Elementary Chorus. In just four rehearsals, and with over 140 talented upper elementary singers from across the county, the Chorus collaborated in an outstanding concert at the Thrasher-Horne Center for the Performing Arts, directed by several of the secondary level choral faculty from Clay County District Schools. Our young ladies conducted themselves to the highest



standard of scholarship, musicianship, and virtue, and the efforts of our mission were evident to all through their conduct. Their attentive demeanor and immersion in the music during rehearsal were complimented by one of the guest directors. They truly modeled what it means to “love the beautiful.” Brava, Lions!

Pictured: Mrs. Crosby, Arella Alvarado, Venelly Leon-Aponte, MariaRenee Brannon, Maya Pires, Aneliz Torres-Velazquez, Dahlia Corrales, & Mrs. Little  
 Not Pictured: Lija Sidrys

### SJCA Academic Team Coming Fall 2022

#### *Informational Meetings: March 4th and 7th*

Do you remember everything? Are you an “expert” in a specific subject? Or do you just enjoy competing against others in trivia? Are you willing to learn a new subject for your team?

SJCA is starting an Academic Team to compete next fall against area high schools. Informational/interest meetings for the Academy’s new Academic Team will be held on Friday, March 4th and Monday, March 7th at 3:20 p.m. in room 148. The team is open to all junior and senior high students for the 2022 fall competition season. Mrs. McCue is the sponsor. If you have any questions or cannot attend either of these meeting times, please stop by her room and inquire about joining the Academic Team.







St. Johns Classical Academy's  
Lions Council presents...

# Ice Cream Social Spirit Day @ Maggie D's!

Wednesday, March 9th

1pm-5pm

20% of all proceeds  
benefit the school



## First Annual SJCA Shines! Talented Scholar Extravaganza

Scholars in grades K-12 have the opportunity to inspire others to "love the beautiful" by sharing their unique talents through this special event, while also supporting the performing arts at SJCA.

- Scholars wishing to participate must submit a registration form and \$12 fee no later than Wednesday, April 6th via PT Board.
- Participants will perform their talent act during a "Round One" assembly for peers and a panel of performing arts faculty judges. Parents of performing scholars are invited to attend.
- The top-scoring acts from the K-5 and 6-12 categories will advance to "Round Two" evening shows, and will perform for a panel of SJCA celebrity judges.
- All first round participants will receive feedback from faculty judges to help develop their craft, whether it be for the second round, next year's audition, or a personal practice goal.

-Official rules, registration form, & fee payment on PT Board-

act  
SING  
TUMBLE  
TWIRL  
Dance  
COMEDY  
MAGIC  
POETRY  
INSTRUMENTS

### Round One Assemblies @ 8:15 AM

K-2: April 18th      3-5: April 19  
6-8: April 21      9-12: April 22

### Round Two Shows @ 6:00 PM

Lower School (K-5): April 22nd  
Upper School (6-12): May 6th



Faculty Contact: [Cassie.Crosby@stjca.org](mailto:Cassie.Crosby@stjca.org)  
Lower School Fine Arts Chair

Proceeds benefit the SJCA Fine Arts Booster Club  
Cathy Barnes, Chair: [LEABC@stjca.org](mailto:LEABC@stjca.org)

**Disclaimer:** In the event scholar response is greater than time allows for a first round age category, we reserve the right to have performing arts faculty pre-screen acts. Parents will be notified if this becomes necessary.



ST. JOHNS CLASSICAL ACADEMY'S  
INAUGURAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Bake Sale

50/50 Drawing

Additional refreshments will be available for sale

\$10 per person  
Max of 8 people per team

TRIVIA NIGHT

Register Here



When:

Saturday, March 26  
Doors open @ 5:30  
Trivia begins @ 6:10

Where:

School Cafetorium

YOUR PIE Pizza will be available for pre-order, order & wait on-site, and by-the-slice

Send Cash or Check Payments to  
Katy McCue @ SJCA 114 Canova Rd  
Fleming Island, FL 32003



CASH PRIZES AND BRAGGING RIGHTS AWAIT OUR WINNERS!

10 Rounds of 10 Questions

Categories include History, Science, Art, Mathematics, Literature, Sports, Pop Culture, Music, Television, and Movies





### Pop It and Drop It for Ronald McDonald House

The Interact Club needs your Soda/Pop tabs off of your aluminum cans. Please collect them and bring them into your teacher. The Lower School class and Upper School seventh-period class with the most tabs will win a pizza party on May 7th. The tabs will be delivered to the Ronald McDonald House (RMHC) 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!

### SJCA Has Received Cognia Accreditation

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

## St. Johns Classical Academy

has met the criteria for educational quality established by the Cognia Global Commission and is hereby presented this

## Certificate of Accreditation

by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement, the Northwest Accreditation Commission, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement.



*Mark A. Elgart*

Mark A. Elgart, Ed.D.  
President and CEO, Cognia

VALID THROUGH 6/30/2027



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### Summer Learning Opportunity for Current 10th and 11th Graders

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The Foundation for Teaching Economics (FTE) is offering full scholarships to current tenth and eleventh students enrolled in Hillsdale K-12 schools for its summer learning program. This week-long event is offered every week throughout the summer and is located on numerous university campuses throughout the United States. This is an incredible opportunity because the normal travel and tuition costs will be covered by an FTE donor who has a vested interest in the Barney Schools. SJCA strongly encourages our tenth and eleventh-grade scholars to apply and partake in this summer-learning experience. The priority application deadline is March 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have a current tenth or eleventh grader, please take some time to review [FTE's website](#) together. The links below provide additional information.

- [About the FTE Summer Program](#)
- [2022 Program sites, dates, and application information](#)
- [FTE Faculty information](#) (Please note Roger Butters is an Associate Professor at Hillsdale College.)

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