

THE LION LINE

Learn the True, Do the Good, Love the Beautiful

A Message from Headmaster Johnson

Dear Parents,

November evokes emotions of gratitude for me. Soon, many of us will gather for a Thanksgiving meal together. That thought alone brings wonderful memories of times with family and friends over the years. Be sure to take time this month to make memories for your family, so that when they are older, they will yearn to return home in thankfulness.

Thankfulness and contentment are virtues I try to practice in my own life. I am so thankful to be at this school and to have the pleasure to interact with scholars and parents. Our faculty and staff are amazing individuals, and I am thankful for them as well. Our inaugural golf tournament turned out so well thanks to Jessica Bork who chaired the tournament, our two wonderful Physical Education teachers, Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Lasher, and many other volunteers.

Finally, I am thankful to live in this great experiment of self-government, the United States of America. Here at SJCA, we teach our scholars, beginning in kindergarten, about the founding of our country because it is important. It is important to learn our history and to understand our Constitution to be truly appreciative of where we live. Veterans Day is certainly a time to remember the service and sacrifices of our nation's military veterans. I hope that you will take time this month to thank a veteran for their service.

With Sincere Thankfulness,

Matt Johnson



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A Message from Diane Hutchings

Greetings to our Lion families.

Despite the chaos brought into our lives by COVID-19, I can honestly say our Lions are persevering courageously through this historic pandemic.

The Governing Board is pleased to announce two new board members, Mr. Carlyle Martin, and Captain Ryman Shoaf. Mr. Martin is a local businessman with a passion for Classical Education in Clay County. He and his wife Gayle reside in Fleming Island, and they have three adult children and two grandchildren. Mr. Martin is one of eight Eagle Scouts in his family! He is a graduate of Jacksonville University, and, as a member of the rowing team at JU, he founded and coached the rowing crew at his children’s school. Mr. Martin is the owner of Martin Properties, specializing in serving the commercial real estate needs of the medical community. His first meeting was Thursday, September 17th.

Capt. Ryman Shoaf is retired from the U.S. Navy and resides with his wife Susan, in Fleming Island. They have two adult children, Erin and Nathan. As a graduate of the Citadel, he entered the Navy and began his career as a pilot serving in eight deployments. His last tour was as the senior officer in charge of the Navy Department for the National War College in Washington D.C. where he taught National Security Strategy and Policy. Capt. Shoaf is passionate about the future of our country and the impact that education has in developing future leaders. Capt. Shoaf’s first meeting was October 15th.

In November, the governing board will visit the Hillsdale College campus for two days for Board Governance training. As we look to the coming Thanksgiving season, on behalf of the governing board, I want to express our sincere thanks to our families for all of the amazing support you have given to St. Johns Classical Academy. To our incredible staff, beginning with Headmaster Johnson, the administrative team, our passionate faculty, our school health room team, and our hardworking maintenance/janitorial team, you are the bedrock for all that is accomplished on our campus.

With Gratitude,
Diane Hutchings

Heartfelt Thank You

SJCA wants to offer a sincere “Thank You” to NYC Meatballs of Oakleaf. The owner, Rocky, selflessly reached out and donated pizza as our upperclassmen gathered to mourn the loss of two of their own. We thank NYC Meatballs for bringing a sense of familiarity and comfort to our scholars during a difficult time.

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Tutoring Partnership with The Bolles School

SJCA is proud to announce a partnership with The Bolles School chapter of Learn to Be, a non-profit organization bringing free, one-on-one, online tutoring to students around the nation. Learn to Be’s goal is to help students from K-12 to succeed in school through free, one-on-one tutoring in all subjects including math, science, reading, and english! Register online [here](#).

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Bee-autiful Day



Second Grade scholars have been learning about Life Cycles in Science. Thank you Mr. Weeks for taking time to present to our scholars, we know you are a busy bee!

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

Due to COVID-19 last Spring, all EOC's were cancelled and waived for the remaining school year. However, the 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'd like to make it up.

November 9: Biology EOC 7:30 - 10:15 / 10:45 - 11:15

November 17 & 18: Algebra 1 EOC 7:30 - 9:30

Geometry EOC 11:30 - 1:30

High School Homecoming Week: November 2nd - 6th

High School Homecoming Week is optional and **open only to scholars in grades 9th-11th**. If your scholar chooses not to participate, they must wear their appropriate SJCA uniform.

11/2 Meme Monday - Dress as your favorite meme or vine. Keep it family friendly!

11/3 Twin Tuesday - Dress the same as your friend or friends!

11/4 Wacky Wednesday - Wear your wackiest **SCHOOL SPIRIT!** (washable face paint/hair color allowed)

11/5 Cartoon Thursday - Dress as your favorite cartoon character. Keep it family friendly!

11/6 Future Friday - Dress like your future career!

11/7 Saturday Night Fever - 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm. Tickets are available during lunch for \$15 each.

Spirit Day: Friday, November 20th

Spirit Days are optional. If your scholar chooses not to participate, they must wear their everyday uniform. The cost is \$2 per scholar or \$20 for the year per scholar. 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](#)), PE shirts, Upper school house shirts, SJCA-sponsored Club shirts and SJCA polo shirts. **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.

Safety Patrol Pinning



On October 27, 2020, members of local law enforcement showed their support in the annual St. Johns Classical Academy Safety Patrol Pinning Ceremony. During the ceremony, Cmdr. Hines and Det. Patterson of the Green Cove Springs Police Department pinned the newly-appointed Safety Patrol Members with their respective badges. We would like to congratulate all the newly appointed 2020-2021 Safety Patrol members.

SJCA's First Annual Golf Tournament



We are pleased to announce that SJCA's First Annual Golf Tournament was a success! The event sold out with 100 players, 24 sponsors, and prize donations from 20 companies. We believe that building on the momentum of 2020, next year's SJCA Golf Tournament will be just as successful. We anticipate selling out next year with a high demand for prime sponsorship opportunities. As always, your support is appreciated, and we look forward to working with you to ensure the success of the Academy's 2021 tournament.

2020 SJCA Golf Tournament Winners

Closest to Pin - JD Wilson & Patrick O'Neal

Putting Contest - George Davis

3rd Place - JD Wilson, Dave Goldner, Chuck Wolf & Kyle Lasher

2nd Place - John Woodman, Tener & Rich

1st Place - Nathan Freeman, Jim Dyal, Ty Caskey & Darryl Anderson

SJCA House Spirit Wear

The House system is a traditional feature of many European schools in which the school is divided into sub units 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. **Pre-order house spirit wear directly through house chancellors by November 19, 2020.**

Short Sleeve Shirt - \$20

Long Sleeve Shirt - \$25

Hooded Sweatshirt - \$30



2020-2021's Teacher & Staff Member of the Year



Administrators, faculty and staff have voted and we are very proud to announce St. Johns Classical Academy's 2020-2021 Teacher and Staff Member of the year awards. Congratulations to Ms. Cox (5th Grade Teacher) and Mr. Lopez (Facility Manager)! These two individuals demonstrate each of SJCA's founding virtues and often serve as a mentor to SJCA scholars, faculty and staff. Please join us in congratulating and thanking Ms. Cox and Mr. Lopez for all they do and for making a difference at SJCA each and every day.

Save the Date: January 29, 2021 6:00 pm

St. Johns Classical Academy's 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. The Academy is excited to bring our mission, founding virtues and curriculum into the spotlight with Classical Collation, a fundraising event, with a faculty & administration reception, silent auction and catered meal. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

Classical Character Parade



On October 30, 2020 scholars participated in SJCA's Classical Character Parade. Scholars were encouraged to come to school dressed in costume representative of SJCA's curriculum. Costume ideas came from all subject areas and were enjoyed by fellow scholars, administration, faculty and staff. Scholars were excited to bring SJCA's curriculum to life!



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