

# THE LION LINE

Learn the True, Do the Good, Love the Beautiful

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## The Joy of Failing

By Clare Williams, M.A.

When I was not yet 16, I was driving down Washtenaw Avenue in Ann Arbor with my dad who was seated in the passenger seat of the blue Mazda. The light turned green. I pressed down on the gas, and somehow managed to swerve right, driving over a curb. I was headed in the wrong direction in the drive-thru lane of a small coffee shop in the middle of a Y-shaped intersection! This fearful event ended in a parking lot right before the drive-thru lane.

Despite my tears, he refused to drive us home. He explained he wanted me to go home in victory, to experience failure and overcome it, and to prove to myself I could fail at a task and try again.

After I stopped crying, I drove home unaware of how this experience would later help me face future overwhelming challenges that awaited me. I now know, that this "failure" coupled with every terrifying oral presentation I stumbled through, every calculus test I failed, and every butchered Spanish pronunciation made me capable of working through obstacles and reaching my goals.

As a third-year fifth grade teacher, I find myself thinking of this memory fondly when I see a student fail. A part of me is excited for students who fail math quizzes: I know this setback will provide them with an opportunity to review their mistakes, find their errors, and correct their misunderstandings. They also gain the opportunity to grow stronger in character while honing their math skills. Similarly, when a student practices tossing her baton and fails to catch it each time, I am excited for this student's growth in perseverance and

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## A Note from the SJCA Board

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**During the season of thankfulness and gratitude**, it is fitting that we should quiet our hearts and steady our minds on remembrances of all that has been bestowed upon us. The past year has brought SJCA a multitude of blessings and the approaching future is no less bright for our endeavor.

Undoubtedly, our crowning feat for the 2018-19 school year was taking our school grade from a C to an A with 35% of our student body being new to SJCA. Not to downplay the importance of this enormous gain, I think we can see the greater blessing in the professional growth of our faculty and their commitment to our mission. This mission uniquely defines SJCA as an exception to all other schools in North Florida. We are engaged in developing the mind and character of our scholars. I like to think of it as minds and hearts, through a classical content-rich curriculum that emphasizes virtuous living, traditional learning and civic responsibility, as modeled by our staff. On an individual basis, there are hundreds of students thriving emotionally and academically, there are literally hundreds of stories each month of our scholars actively demonstrating virtues, and there are hours of reading inspiring literature with understanding and enthusiasm. At home and on campus, our scholars demonstrate continuing depth in their critical thinking skills, character development, and well-rounded insights into the good life.

In recounting our many blessings, we run the risk of blessings being overlooked. To that end, I invite you to reach out to our SJCA family and followers on Facebook and add personal blessings you have found in being a part of the St. Johns Classical Academy experience. Thank you in advance for sharing those moments and for all the moments your family shares in this classical journey to a stronger tomorrow.

God Bless,

Diane Hutchings and the Governing Board of St. Johns Classical Academy

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courage as she refuses to quit, continuing to pursue her goal. When a student repeatedly turns in unfinished homework, I am excited to team up with his/her parents teach time management, responsibility, and independence.

Over the past few years, I have found that every failure, inside and outside of school, has taught me the following virtues: perseverance, honesty, responsibility, courage, and wisdom. Challenges and their sometimes-accompanying failures can increase in gravity as one gets older, making these small struggles all the more imperative to face and overcome. Every single challenge represents a chance for scholars to learn and grow in both character and knowledge. In order for scholars to become good, knowledgeable citizens, it is important that they learn from their failures, embrace them, and move forward ready to face the next one.

## The Ultimate Gift

By Mrs. Ashley O'Neal, Ed.S.

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, SJCA administrators received heartbreaking news about one of our Lion families, the Easons. Chad and Lindsey Eason have one scholar attending SJCA. They are loved and respected in this community. Below you can read Mrs. Eason's account about the day she almost lost her husband to a heart attack and how the quick action of another SJCA family saved hers. This was a very trying time for the Eason family, but we are thrilled to say that Mr. Eason is doing very well.

### Mrs. Eason's Story:

*It was just another Saturday morning. My husband had gone to the gym for a work-out while our kids and I slept in a bit and got ready for my youngest daughter's soccer game. We arrived at the fields around 8:30 am, and Chad joined us shortly after. I could tell he wasn't feeling well, but he kind of blew it off as nothing serious. We all prepared to cheer as the game was getting ready to begin. Little did we know that 20-30 seconds later, our lives would be forever changed.*

*Chad experienced "Sudden Cardiac Death" due to ventricular fibrillation. This basically means, due to wonky electrical impulses, his heart began to flutter rather than pump. After fluttering for too long, it got tired and simply stopped. Because of lack of oxygen to the brain, he experienced multiple seizures while several heroes on the field fought hard for his life through CPR and 6 AED shocks.*

*While much of that morning is a nightmare and blur, a few things stand out clearly in my mind. I remember knowing on some deep level that the only way my husband would survive would be through an act of God. I fell to my knees and cried out to Jesus, again, and again, and again. While I and many others lifted Chad up to the Lord, miracles began to happen.*

*There were a few trained professionals who courageously stepped up to put their hands on Chad and perform CPR. Ryan and Amanda Haynes breathed for Chad and pumped his heart for 11 minutes. Additionally, Amanda had the wherewithal to send someone to get the Soccer Club's AED; she and Ryan used it twice before Engine 22 arrived. Engine 22, the first responders who answered our 911 call, used their training to perform "synchronized shocking." The first five AED shocks had failed, and they were quickly running out of options. For his sixth and final shock, they boldly used two AED's with 770 volz. It worked.*

*I'm immensely happy to say that Chad is doing amazingly well and recovering at home after having spent time in the ICU. He now has a "smart" defibrillator and pacemaker next to his heart to protect from any future episodes, so we can say we have our very own Iron Man. ;-)*

*Miraculously, Chad has life and a fully functioning brain and body because of the acts of heroism from many members of our community and even our beloved SJCA. We are deeply humbled and forever grateful to the Lord for hearing our cries for help and for putting the right people in the right place at the right time. From the bottom of hearts, we thank SJCA families for your prayers and outpouring of love.*

*With a grateful heart,  
Lindsey Eason*

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Ironically, Ryan and Amanda Haynes also have two scholars attending SJCA. They are also held in high regard within our small community. Mrs. Haynes is an ER Nurse, and Mr. Haynes is a firefighter for JFRD. That morning, they just happened to be near the field. Shortly after this life-changing event, we received the following email from Mrs. Haynes.

*Good afternoon Mrs. O'Neal,*

*After this past weekend's events with Mr. Eason, my husband and I have been changed forever. We have both been involved in emergency medicine our entire careers. We have seen and used external defibrillators multiple times, but not in that raw of a setting. Having said that, it is our belief that Mr. Eason's outcome would've been much different had it not been for the use of an AED. I know our school is equipped with one outside of the nurse's office. We would like to purchase and donate a second to have in the other building, as to increase the chance of use and familiarity with the device. Please let me know how to move forward with this if it something you would accept. As always, thank you for all you do.*

*Amanda Haynes*

We are currently working with Mrs. Haynes to have an additional AED unit installed in the multipurpose building. We plan to have Nurse Ellgren and Mrs. Haynes train all SJCA faculty and staff in the appropriate use of the equipment.

Like many others, this story has been at the forefront of my mind for the last couple of weeks. We come to know and love our families throughout the year, and many of our children have become very close. Last weekend, my 4<sup>th</sup> grade daughter had a small party for her tenth birthday. She made her invite list long before this event occurred so I had forgotten who would be attending. I realized a few days before the party that she had invited a student from the Haynes family, as well as the Eason family. What I did *not* realize is that other than the fateful day on the soccer field, the two mothers had not actually met one another.

I watched them hug one another for a long time in my kitchen, as one forever grateful wife gave her utmost thanks to another woman who will forever be changed by a family she did not even know. Moments like this are so special- too special not to share. I hope that SJCA families and scholars can hear this story and remember the importance of Doing the Good on a daily basis.

## The Carline Corner

by Ms. Meredith

Carline has improved greatly since the first day of school. We'd like to say thank you to the amazing gentleman that brings Ms. Cox and me water every day. You are our hero. Thank you to the wonderful parent that gave me the umbrella when I was standing out in the rain. It is in my office, and I would love to personally return it to you and express my appreciation. Finally, thank you to all the parents that turn right every day to go out of their way to help keep our carline moving in the mornings and afternoons.

With your assistance and adherence to our procedures, car line is moving very smoothly. I watch the traffic flow at different times and from different vantage points. The mornings are amazing. Teachers get here early to assist our scholars move safely from the front parking lot to their first class. At 7:15am the back gates are opened, and the traffic moves quickly through the campus. There is rarely any back-up in the carline. Scholars are safely dropped off at the front door where they can reach their class within minutes.

Afternoon car line takes 20 minutes from start to finish. We are noticing that most cars are gone by 3:15 with just a few stragglers. We respectfully request that you are in carline by 3:15 P.M. at the very latest. Please do not line up on the side of Canova Road prior to 3:00 P.M.

### ***There are a few areas that still need to be improved:***

1. We respectfully request that you turn right on Canova. This helps carline flow smoothly. When a person turns left, the ripple effect is felt through the entire carline. If the light is green, and you can turn left without holding up traffic, you are welcome to turn either way.
2. The apartments across the street are private property. The residents have expressed enormous frustration towards the Academy. Please, please, please do not cut through their parking lot for any reason.
3. Do not drop students off on Claude Road. This is dangerous. Use the carline.

We appreciate all the parent who have helped us improve our carline by following the procedures and designated times.

## Spirit Day & Outerwear Dress Code Clarifications

### *Spirit Days*

The Lower School scholars have been doing a phenomenal job adhering to the dress code guidelines for Spirit Days. After the last event, we find it necessary to provide additional clarification to what constitutes as acceptable attire for many of our Upper School Scholars. These guidelines have also been posted on the SJCA Facebook page as well. *As a final reminder, we do not have Dress Down Days this year.*

SJCA Spirit Days will be on the last Friday of the month. Scholars may wear a school spirit t-shirt or school colors with jeans or chinos. Any logo other than the SJCA logo is not permitted, even if it is in school colors. Shorts must be jean or chino and go to the knee. Jeans 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. *Non-SJCA logo jackets, sweatshirts and hoodies are not permitted inside the Academy buildings* at any time. Spirit and Holiday Dress-Up 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/Dress-Up Days is \$2 per scholar and are optional. If your scholar does not choose to participate, he/she must wear normal uniform attire.

### *Winter Gear/Outerwear*

Temperatures are beginning to cool off. Please review the outerwear policy in the Family and Scholar Handbook. Our handbook is on the school's website. If scholars choose to wear cardigans or jackets in the building, they must be the approved Lands' End pieces with the SJCA logo. Once outside the Academy, scholars are permitted to wear non-SJCA coats and jackets. We highly encourage labeling all outerwear items. Our lost and found is already pretty full with missing items.

## \$500 Grant

Ms. Cox wrote a grant to the Clay Education Association and was awarded \$500 to build her classroom library with classical literature. Congratulations, Ms. Cox!

## SJCA Spelling Bee

The first round of competition will begin in 4th, 5th, and 6th grade classrooms. The top three winners in each of those classes will advance to the school-level Spelling Bee, which will be held on December 6th at 8:15 A.M in the Academy's cafeteria. Mrs. Croft, Mrs. Satcher, Ms. Meredith, and Ms. Cosme will judge the SJCA Spelling Bee. The winner of the school-level will then move on to the District Spelling Bee. The ultimate winner will have the opportunity to compete in the national level, Scripps National Spelling Bee. Mrs. Croft is sponsoring this event. If you have any questions, please email her: [maria.croft@stjca.org](mailto:maria.croft@stjca.org)

## A Word of Thanks from Ms. Turner

I will NEVER be able to show how grateful I am for SJCA. From the staff, to the parents, and most importantly, the scholars. The love and support that I have received is more than I ever expected. Everyone has been so kind to donate days to me and donate money to help pay for my treatment. Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart. I also appreciate all the kind notes from the parents and my scholars. I pray that no one has to ever go through this, but it is good to know that we have such an amazing community here at our school offering love and support. Thank you SJCA for helping me get through this tough time. I love you. God bless.

# Spotlight on SJCA Latin Teachers

## Ms. Allison Kane

Allison Kane is a second-year Latin teacher at St. Johns Classical Academy. Raised by a military family, she graduated high school in Pensacola, Florida. She competed with her high school Latin Club, placing at the Regional, State, and National levels. Ms. Kane also participated in the National Latin Exam, National Classical Etymology Exam, and National Roman Civilization Exam, earning awards on all three exams.

Ms. Kane attended the University of Florida. She graduated cum laude with a degree in Classical Studies, specializing in Teaching Latin, and a minor in Education. During her time at the University of Florida she was a member and president of Eta Sigma Phi, the Classics National Honor Society. Ms. Kane volunteered with the Florida Senior Classical League, helping to organize and manage Latin competitions for middle and high school Latin students.

After earning her B.A., Ms. Kane attended graduate school at the University of Florida. She received a Master of Latin degree. She served as a teaching assistant for courses in World Literature, Classical Mythology, and Ancient Egypt. She served as the instructor of record for a section of Latin 1 and Latin 2. Ms. Kane helped to plan and run a graduate student conference on translation, adaptation, and interpretation of ancient texts.

Ms. Kane has been teaching at St. Johns Classical Academy since August 2018. She sponsors the Latin Club, which she will take to competitions later this school year. She is an active member of the American Classical League and the Classical Association of Florida.



# Spotlight on SJCA Latin Teachers

## Mr. Raoul Elola



Mr. Elola is a second-year Latin teacher and first-year French teacher at St Johns Classical Academy. He was born and raised in Burkina Faso (West Africa). He has been married since 2016 to Katrina Elola (Real Estate Investor) who was born and raised in Kansas. Both are expecting a baby boy in January 2020. Mr. Elola began learning Latin at the age of twelve at a seminary school where ecclesiastical Latin was used on a daily basis at church and classical Latin was used in the classroom. After receiving his diploma in Philosophy and French literature from the University of Ouagadougou, he received the award of best writer in French literature. He was accepted to the University of Ouaga II Law School (Burkina Faso), where he earned an academic scholarship to continue law studies at the University Paris I Pantheon-Sorbonne Law School in France. He graduated with his LL.B (Bachelor of Laws Option Private Law) and received an award for being the best academic young student and the 3rd Place Award for the best non-lawyer with pleading skills in French. Mr. Elola serves an inactive member of the Burkina Faso Bar Association since 2014 and an active member of a political party called "Union pour le progres" (Union for Progress and Change)

created in March 2010. He was a participant of the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, which is the flagship program of the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) created by the U.S. government. His passion for travel and desire to pursue a degree from an English-speaking country brought him to the U.S. In 2014, he started to learn English fully at New York University and later at Wichita State University, where he worked as a volunteer French speaker for the Department of Modern Languages. He taught Latin and French to local schools (part time) in Burkina Faso and Paris while attending law school and was an adjunct French instructor at Southwestern College in Winfield, KS (2016-2017). In addition, he worked as a legal assistant in local law firms, specializing in immigration, taxes, and divorces. He enjoys finding uses for Latin in daily life, from its benefits in law school to its role in improving overall language skills. He is a multi-lingual speaker, speaking French, Dioula, Moore, Fula, Gourounsi, Bamana and English. Mr. Elola is a co-author of a manual titled "Passport pour le bac" (a guideline on how to write effective philosophical essays in French), which was published in 2013. Furthermore, he is a recipient of an achievement's recognition award in International Child's Protection to include children's rights in theory and practice from Harvard University (July 2018). Mr. Elola is currently attending law school pursuing his Juris Doctor law degree.

## Lower School Art with Mrs. Rice



### Third Grade

Third graders learned about balance, one of the Principles of Design. We talked about visual weight, symmetry, asymmetry and radial symmetry as well examples of symmetry found in nature. They created these beautiful symmetrical butterfly resist paintings using markers, oil pastels, and watercolors.

### First Grade

In October, first grade learned about the art of ancient Egypt. We talked about the tomb of King Tutankhamun and what archeologists found there. We looked at images of his burial mask and drew these beautiful pictures based on what we saw. We used metallic marker to color the mask. Scholars chose their own complementary color for the backgrounds and they were each framed on black construction paper.



### Second Grade

Second grade learned about one of the elements of art: line. We looked at different examples of how artists use line in art, such as “Mother and Child” by Pablo Picasso. We created these beautiful desert landscapes incorporating the many different line patterns we learned about. Using what was previously learned about color, we used warm colors in the sky and cool colors on the desert floor. For this picture we used pencil, sharpies and water color pencils.



### Fifth Grade

Fifth grade painted these beautiful recreations of “The Creation of Adam” 1508-1512 by Renaissance painter and sculptor Michelangelo. We looked at images from the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel and discussed the process of making a Fresco painting (fresh plaster), how long it took Michelangelo to paint it (four years), and the many hardships he endured while working on the project: the chapel never closed, he worked in extreme heat, he worked on dangerously high scaffolds, looking up or laying down to paint. For this painting, we used graphite pencils to draw and watercolor pencils. Scholars did an excellent job considering how difficult it is to draw hands.





# Fourth and Fifth Grade Scholars

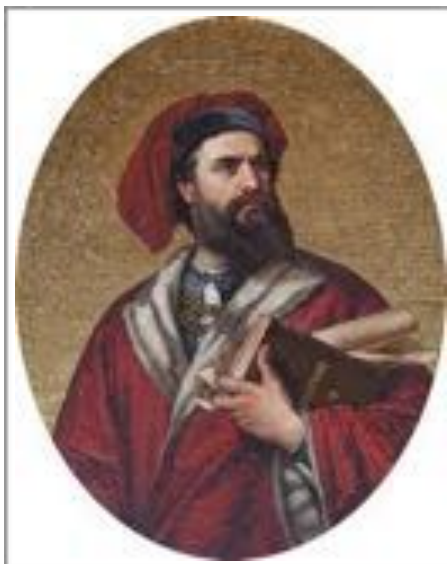
## 4th and 5th Grade Book Club

Mr. Siegers is sponsoring an after-school bookclub open to 4th and 5th grade scholars. For the months of November and December, scholars will read Marco Polo.

Here's how it will work:

1. Interested 4th and 5th graders need to sign-up with Mr. Siegers by November 6th.
2. Scholars will need to purchase their own copy of Marco Polo prior to the first meeting. It can be found on Amazon by clicking [here](#). It may be possible to find it at the library or Chamblin's Book Mine; however, be sure to look for a copy by Manuel Komroff. The ISBN is: 978-1925729528
3. Meetings will be held on Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:00 on the following dates: November 7th, November 14th, November 21st, December 5th, and December 12th.

This month's selection coincides with the Ancient Asia unit that was just completed in 4th grade and that the 5th grade scholars learned last year. In subsequent months, the scholars will collaborate with Mr. Siegers to choose their next selection.



## Recorder Sales

Payment is due to Ms. Smith for recorders by November 1st. You may pay via the PayPal link on the SJCA website: [recorder sale link](#).

4th Graders: If you choose not to purchase from the school website, you may order a **Baroque Soprano Recorder** from a music store, online at Peripole.com, or any other music brand retailer website.

5th Graders: If you choose not to purchase aside from the school website, you may order a **German Soprano Recorder** from a music store, online at Peripole.com, or any other music brand retailer website. Prices may vary with this option.

Prices may vary if you purchase on your own. If you choose to buy privately, please let Ms. Smith know via Remind or email: [brooke.smith@stjca.org](mailto:brooke.smith@stjca.org).

The recorders will be stored in the music classroom to ensure they are not lost.

## Dance Contest at SJCA



Kids Heart Challenge and American Heart Challenge are getting students moving. By kicking off the American Heart Challenge Dance Contest with the American Dance Movement, they are encouraging students of all ages to incorporate dance into their lives.

SJCA has accepted the challenge. Kindergarten through fifth grade scholars learned a choreographed dance in their physical education classes and performed it on October 31st. The video will be entered into the contest, and winners will be announced on November 4th. If SJCA is picked, scholars will win a dance master class taught by celebrity dancers!

## Safety Patrol

**REMEMBER the Fallen. . . HONOR those who Serve. . . TEACH our children the value of Freedom.**

On Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 11:45 AM, St. Johns Classical Academy Safety Patrol will assist Jacksonville Memory Gardens to remember and honor our veterans by laying Remembrance Wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes.



Please help us honor and remember as many fallen heroes as possible by sponsoring Remembrance Wreaths, volunteering on Wreaths Day, and/or inviting your family and friends to attend with you. **We are almost halfway to our goal. Please help us reach it.** Thank you for supporting St. Johns Classical Academy's Safety Patrol and Wreaths Across America!

Click the link to sponsor a wreath: <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/159813/Overview>

## Come Support the Safety Patrol

Join us at the Fleming Island Chick-Fil-A on November 6th from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. to help support the SJCA Safety Patrol. 15% of profits generated will be donated to SJCA to help fund the Safety Patrol's trip to Washington D.C. this summer.

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## This Month: Events and Fundraisers at SJCA

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- *Krispy Kreme Donuts*

October 30th through November 8th: PreSale

November 13th: Krispy Kreme Delivery

\*\*\*Donuts will be sold online for \$10.50 online or \$10.00 at school\*\*\*

- *Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes*

October 30th through November 13th

- *Usborne Book Fair*

November 4th through November 8th in the Computer Lab (located on the 2nd floor)

- *SJCA Student Council Campus Clean-Up*

November 9th from 9 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

- *SJCA Final Visit to the St. Francis Soup Kitchen*

November 9th

- *Collegiate Conversations with SJCA Academy Advisor, Mrs. Angela Livesay*

November 14th at 5:00 P.M.

- *Maple Street Biscuit Company Spirit Night*

November 15th from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

- *Ninth Grade Social*

November 15th from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. at La Napolera on Kingsley Blvd. in Orange Park. This event is open to 9th grade scholars only. Parents are not permitted to attend. Upper School teachers will be on-site to chaperone the event.

- *Field Trip to the University of North Florida: 9th and 10th Graders*

November 18th

- *SJCA Staff vs. Scholars Flag Football Game: Thursday, November 21st @ 4:00*

See page 14 for a full description of this event.

## Collecting Mens' Socks

SJCA is collecting donation of white, mens' socks through November 8th. They will be donated to the St. Francis' Soup Kitchen on November 9th, the Academy's final visit to the soup kitchen.



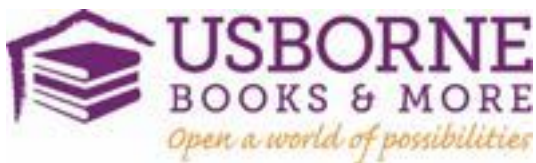
## Canned Food Drive

Let's DO THE GOOD for our less fortunate Clay County families. Interact Club is collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items from October 18th through November 22, 2019. Donations will be delivered to Good Samaritan Anglican Church for their November and December food giveaways.



## Usborne Book Fair

St. Johns Classical Academy's first grade is happy to announce that they will be sponsoring an Usborne Book Fair from November 4th through November 8, 2019. During school hours, scholars will have the



opportunity to browse and make purchases. Parent nights are on Tuesday and Thursday until 5 p.m. Cash and major credit cards will be accepted for payment. Owning quality books is essential for children. Usborne books were designed so that children would really enjoy reading at home. The books have humor, a wealth of information on

all subjects, stunning illustrations, and titles for children of all ages. For your convenience, you may also shop online through Nov. 10th at the following link: <https://u6887.myubam.com/1397563>. Major credit cards and PayPal are accepted. Help support your child's classroom library by purchasing their teacher a gift card. We appreciate your support and know the scholars will enjoy Usborne books.

## Holiday Shopping for SJCA Scholars

Holiday music, shopping, and lots of fun are coming your way! Our school will be hosting a holiday shop from December 9th through December 13th for Grades K-6. Each child will have the opportunity to shop independently for gifts for their entire family during the school day. Our school holiday shop is a fun way for scholars to shop for family members and experience the spirit of giving while learning to earn, budget and save.



## From Nurse Ellgren

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to help with Flu Shots and Health Screenings in October. We couldn't have done it without you. We appreciate everything you do for the Academy.

## Family Pottery Night with Mr. Ross

*We have a kiln and want to use it!*

**Question:** *Who would like to work with clay?*

**Answer:** *Everyone.*

Please join us for the 1<sup>st</sup> SJCA Family Art Night in which we will use CLAY! If you have been to a "Creative Canvas" or a "Painting with a Twist," it is similar, except you will be creating an original work of art using clay. Sorry, but we are not allowed to have that "twist" part at school. Please mark your calendars for December 12th from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. The cost will be \$20 per person for all ages, and space is limited. You will be notified next month when we start taking reservations.

# SJCA Upper School News

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## Flag Football

Scholars have formed flag football teams based on their houses. They have elected captains and had an initial practice. This Friday, November 1st, the house teams are playing one another in a set of two games from 3:00 to 4:30. The overall winner plays in the Staff versus Scholars Game on Thursday, Nov. 21st at 4:00. This will be a memorable event. Faculty, scholars, and parents are invited to attend. Concessions will be sold by the SJCA Band. The final practice for the fall semester will be on Friday, December 6th from 3:00-4:30. Practices will continue in the spring to prepare for the 2020 Inaugural House Cup at the end of the year.

Mrs. Glod is still looking for parents who would like to coach flag football now that the teams are divided into their houses. Please email her if you are interested in volunteering:  
[ellen.glod@stjca.org](mailto:ellen.glod@stjca.org).

## Collegiate Conversations

Calling all 7th through 10th grade parents. Please join us for Collegiate Conversations in the cafeteria on November 14th at 5:00 to learn more about the future high school experience at SJCA. The event will be hosted by the Academy Advisor, Mrs. Angela Livesay. She discuss Dual Enrollment, Advanced Placement, Honors Courses, testing, and scholarships. For questions, please contact Mrs. Livesay via email: [academic.advising@stjca.org](mailto:academic.advising@stjca.org).

## National Honor Society

On October 25th, SJCA inducted its inaugural National Honor Society members. Congratulations to the following scholars: Gabriel Alicea, Jessica Antoine, Isaac Ashton, Wendell Feliciano-Berrocales, Grant Dixon, Ethan Findell, Isabelle Findell, Abigail Galenko, John Gari, Gianna Glynn, Carly Levin, Blake Livesay, Brayden Patterson, Raelyn Rogish, and Lauren Sawyer.

## Student Council News

1. Do the good by sending in your pop tabs! We are now collecting tabs from soda cans, soup cans, etc. for the Ronald McDonald House of Jacksonville. Tabs off cans can be turned into cash to help families that stay at RMH. Drop them off in the front office or the MP office.
2. Help us fill shoe boxes. Operation Christmas Child is an organization that sends shoe boxes full of small gifts to underprivileged children in other countries. Help make someone's Christmas special by sending in small toys, gifts and shoe boxes. Look for more info in your Tuesday Folder soon.
3. Want to surprise your little lion with a little lion? Plush lions wearing a SJCA shirt will be on sale for \$18 from 11/11-12/13. More details to come.



# SJCA Upper School News

## Important Message for Parents of Boys

Please be sure to read the letter from the Director of the Selective Service towards the end of the newsletter. It contains extremely important legal requirement information for all males.

## Upper School Information Station

The Upper School Information Station is now active for Upper School Scholars to reference. This two-month calendar is located at the top of the front stairs. Cell phones are permitted in this area.

We encourage scholars to take pictures of the calendar to keep up-to-date on the happenings within the Upper School.



## Extra Lockers

If your scholar would like an *extra* locker for additional storage space, the Academy is renting them for \$15. Payments can be dropped off to Mrs. Glod. The proceeds will be donated to Wickus' family. If you have any questions, please email her: [ellen.glod@stjca.org](mailto:ellen.glod@stjca.org).

## Remind Codes for the Houses

- Sparta: @b6a84f7
- Athens: @athenshou
- Corinth: @corinth-1
- Delphi: @housedel

## UNF Tour

SJCA's 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade scholars are invited to attend a Field Trip to the University of North Florida on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$25.00 per scholar and will include transportation and lunch. We will be leaving the school at 9:15 and returning at 2:15. If you would like to chaperone this field trip, please contact your student's teacher. Parents must provide their own transportation and turn in \$9.35 for lunch to your student's teacher with the Parent/Guardian Consent form. The campus tour will begin with information from a UNF Admissions Representative and then be led by a currently enrolled student at UNF, ready to share his or her experiences with our scholars. This student will show our scholars the different areas of the campus and its resources. Scholars will also see a typical residence hall room. Our tour will conclude with lunch on campus. This is a wonderful opportunity for SJCA scholars to learn more about what is required to attend college, to tour a college campus, and to ask questions to help them prepare for their futures.



## Parker Rowley Plays the Trumpet for Mrs. Luke's Class

Second grade scholars have been reading The Trumpet of the Swan. Mr. Parker Rowley dropped by their classroom to play *Taps* and *Ancient Echoes*. These musical pieces helped the second grade scholars relate to the story. They enjoyed hearing Parker play for them.

## National Junior Honor Society

*Welcome our new officers to NJHS:*

President - Ragan Dixon

Vice President- Jasmyn Marcum

Secretary - Wedi Feliciano-Berrocales

Treasurer - Tyler Avery

Historian - Charlotte Piner

*Meetings will become more consistent with the officers running them. We have many ideas to start beautifying the campus and making a difference in our community.*

*Thank you parents/guardians for your support!*

## Jostens Rings Tentative Dates

January 28th: Junior Ring Meeting with Scholars

January 28th: Parent Meeting 6:00 to 7:00

February 5th: Order Rings (during lunch)

*\*\*\*Dates are subject to change. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.\*\*\**

## Security Update

By Diane Hutchings, Governing Board President

As unfortunate as the false report was this past week, it certainly served as a reminder of the world we live in as well as an encouragement for the assistance so many stood ready to provide. Thank you to the Clay County School District personnel who alerted us of the threat and partnered with us to ensure security on our campus along with advice on proper protocol. Thank you to the deputies from the Clay County Sheriff's Office for patrolling our school throughout the day.

Until now, our primary source of communication to our SJCA families has been direct email rather than Facebook posts. We are pleased to announce that with the help of the school district, phone messaging will now be implemented to allow for a more robust form of notifying our families. We are committed to be transparent and forthright with the guidance of our law enforcement partners who routinely train for and address these situations on a regular basis. Your scholar's safety is the first priority of everyone you have entrusted with their care.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
			Krispy Kreme PreSales Begin		Fall Box Top Drive Ends Interact Club 3:30-4:15 Philosophy 2:30-3:30 Flag Football 3:00 to 4:30 Latin Club 2:30 to 3:30 Baton Twirling New/Returning: 3:30 to 4:30 Returning: 4:30 to 5:30	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Usborne Book Fair Begins Teams of Tomorrow 3:00-4:15 Music Composition 2:30-3:30 Student Council 2:30-3:00 Drama Club 3:30 to 4:45 Finance Meeting 4:00 Board Meeting 4:30	Individual Picture Retakes Debate 2:30-3:30 Yearbook 3:00-4:00 Chorus 4th-6th 3:30-4:30 BRICKS 4 Kidz 3-4 Boys Basketball Practice 3-4:30 @ SJCA Soccer Practice 2:30-4:00 @ SJCA	Formal Uniform Day CREW 12:30-1:20 Jazz Combo 12:30-1:30 Chick Fil A Night 4-8 PM Early Dismissal 6th-10th: 12:30 K-5th: 1:00	Boys Basketball Practice 4-5 @ YMCA Run/Walk Club 3:00-4:15 Upper School Chorus 3:30-4:30 Drama 3:30-4:45 Soccer Practice 2:30-4:00 @ Plantation Book Club 3:30-4:00 Volunteer Parent Meeting 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Book Fair Ends Macbeth Field Trip in Orlando for 6th-10th Grade Scholars Philosophy 2:30-3:30 Krispy Kreme PreSales End Baton Twirling New/Returning: 3:30 to 4:30 Returning: 4:30 to 5:30	Uniform Try-On and Swap Event 10:00-2:00 Campus Clean-Up 9-12 St. Francis Soup Kitchen
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Veterans Day No School Little Lion Plush Sales Begin	Debate 2:30-3:30 Beg. Band Rehearsal 2:30-3:30 BRICKS 4 Kidz 3-4 NJHS 2:30-3:30 Yearbook 3:00-4:00 Chess Club 3:00-4:00 Boys Basketball Practice 3-4:30 @ SJCA K-3rd Chorus 3:30-4:30 Art Club K-2nd 3:45-4:45 Soccer Practice 2:30-4:00 @ SJCA Community Information Night 5-6	Formal Uniform Day Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Ends Jazz Combo 12:30-1:30 CREW 12:30-1:20 Krispy Kreme Delivery Early Dismissal 6th-10th: 12:30 K-5th: 1:00	Wind Ensemble Rehearsal 2:30-4:00 Run/Walk Club 3:00-4:15 Boys Basketball Practice 4-5 @ YMCA Upper School Chorus 3:30-4:30 Drama 3:30-4:45 Soccer Game @ Episcopal 4:30 Book Club 3:30-4:00 Collegiate Conversations 5:00	Maple Street Biscuit Company Fundraiser 5-8 Philosophy 2:30-3:30 Interact Club 3:30-4:15 Math Club 3:00-3:30 Latin Club 2:30 to 3:30 Baton Twirling New/Returning: 3:30 to 4:30 Returning: 4:30 to 5:30 9th Grade Social @ LaNapolera 6:30-8:30	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Teams of Tomorrow 3:00-4:15 Music Composition 2:30-3:30 UNF College Tour for 9th/10th 9:15 to 2:00 Student Council 2:30-3:00 Drama Club 3:30 to 4:45	Beginning Band Rehearsal 2:30-3:30 Debate 2:30-3:30 Soccer Practice 2:30-4:00 @ SJCA Yearbook 3:00-4:00 Chorus 4th-6th 3:30-4:30 3rd-5th Art Club 3:45 to 4:45 Boys Basketball Game @ YMCA 4:00 BRICKS 4 Kidz 3-4	Formal Uniform Day CREW 12:30-1:20 Jazz Combo 12:30-1:30 Early Dismissal 6th-10th: 12:30 K-5th: 1:00	Wind Ensemble Rehearsal 2:30-4:00 Run/Walk Club 3:00-4:15 Upper School Chorus 3:30-4:30 Second Grade Field Trip Book Club 3:30-4:00 Staff vs. Scholars Flag Football Game 4:00 Drama 3:30-4:45 Boys Basketball Practice 4-5 @ YMCA	\$2 Spirit Day Third Grade Field Trip Philosophy 2:30-3:30 Canned Food Drive Ends Math Club 3:00-3:30 Baton Twirling New/Returning: 3:30 to 4:30 Returning: 4:30 to 5:30		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Thanksgiving Break  No School November 25th- November 29th					

# December 2019

# St. Johns Classical Academy

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Teams of Tomorrow 3:00-4:15 Music Composition 2:30-3:30 Student Council 2:30-3:00 Basketball Game @ Episcopal 6:00 Drama Club 3:30 to 4:45 Finance Meeting 4:00 Board Meeting 4:30	BRICKS 4 Kidz 3-4 Soccer Game @ Christ's Church 5:00 Boys Basketball Practice 3-4:30 @ SJCA <b>Debate 2:30-3:30</b> Yearbook 3:00-4:00 Chorus 4th-6th 3:30-4:30 Art Club K-2nd 3:45-4:45 <b>Community Information Night</b> 5-6	<b>Tjuana Flats Fundraiser 5-8</b> Formal Uniform Day CREW 12:30-1:20 Jazz Combo 12:30-1:30 Early Dismissal 6th-10th: 12:30 K-5th: 1:00	Boys Basketball Practice 4-5 @ YMCA Run/Walk Club 3:00-4:15 Drama 3:30-4:45 Soccer Game @ Episcopal 4:30 <b>Book Club 3:30-4:00</b> Chorus Concert 5:30 Call Time 7:00 Performance	Latin Club 2:30 to 3:30 Flag Football 3:00 to 4:30 Baton Twirling New/Returning: 3:30 to 4:30 Returning: 4:30 to 5:30 <b>Spelling Bee 8:15</b> <b>Interact Club 3:30-4:15</b> <b>Beg. Band &amp; Wind Ensemble at Music Extravaganza at Universal Dec. 6th &amp; Dec. 7th</b>	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>Penguin Patch Holiday Shop Begins</b>	Teams of Tomorrow 3:00-4:15 Soccer Game @ Christ's Church 5:00 Music Composition 2:30-3:30 Drama Club 3:30 to 4:45 Student Council 2:30-3:00	<b>Beg. Band Rehearsal 2:30-3:30</b> BRICKS 4 Kidz 3-4 <b>Debate 2:30-3:30</b> NJHS 2:30-3:30 Yearbook 3:00-4:00 3rd-5th Art Club 3:45-4:45 Boys Basketball Practice 3-4:30 @ SJCA A Christmas Carol Drama Performance 6:00	Formal Uniform Day CREW 12:30-1:20 Basketball Game @ St. Johns COUNTRY DAY @ 5:00 <b>Jazz Combo 12:30-1:30</b> Early Dismissal 6th-10th: 12:30 K-5th: 1:00	<b>Wind Ensemble Rehearsal 2:30-4:00</b> Boys Basketball Practice 4-5 @ YMCA Run/Walk Club 3:00-4:15 <b>Book Club 3:30-4:00</b> <b>Pottery Night with Mr. Ross from 6:00-7:30</b>	\$2 Spirit Day Baton Twirling New/Returning: 3:30 to 4:30 Returning: 4:30 to 5:30 <b>Penguin Patch Holiday Shop Ends</b> Soccer Game @ St. Johns COUNTRY DAY @ 5:00 <b>Little Lion Plush Sales End</b> Beg. Band and Wind Ensemble Holiday Christmas Concert at Cross+Roads Lutheran Church at 7:30	Safety Patrol Wreath Laying 11:45
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	\$2 Ugly Sweater Day  <b>Early Release</b> 6th-10th: 10:45 K-5th: 11:15	\$2 Cowboy Christmas  <b>Early Release</b> 6th-10th: 10:45 K-5th: 11:15	\$2 Pajama Day  <b>Early Release</b> 6th-10th: 10:45 K-5th: 11:15	Christmas Vacation No School Scholars Return: January 7, 2019		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

# Chick-fil-A Night

## Fundraiser For:

SJCA Safety Patrol

Wreaths Across America

## When:

Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup>

4-8pm

## Where:

Chick-fil-A Eagle Harbor

**\*\*Please be sure to bring this flyer or  
Mention Safety Patrol when ordering\*\***





THE DIRECTOR OF SELECTIVE SERVICE  
REGISTRATION, REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE

Copy for  
each guidance  
counselor

September 2008

Dear Principals and Administrators:

School is back in session and before we know it, another year will be upon us. I hope to thank your support in the past. However, I'm asking that before the school year is full, you tell our most-valued staff the student curriculum. Please inform your student body (especially male juniors and seniors) about selective service registration and the serious lifetime consequences of failing to do so.

Our research indicates - that in several states where there is no draft - there is an increase in the number of young men who fail to register. The main reason is because men are not informed that they are required to do so to register within 30 days of their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Registration is not only a legal requirement, but a duty that is a key component of our national defense mission.

To help men register, they are used to go to [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov). They can register at 17 years and 3 months of age and their registration will be full until they reach age 18. Why is this so important? Because every year, tens of thousands of men turn 18 years of age who failed to register. By then, the registration date is permanently closed. That means they are unable to receive federal student loans and grants, are unable to get into federal-funded training and certification programs, are barred from all federal employment, ineligible for many state and local government jobs, and immigrants - documented and undocumented - will have a 3-year delay in processing their citizenship application. I can't stress enough - it's absolutely prime registering at [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov) over a year in advance of their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Your support in getting this message out is **essential**. Here's how you can help:

- Post the educational material about registration that's available at [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov)
- Share this information with your counselors, coaches, and teachers.
- Add "selective service registration" to your graduates' senior catalogs that they use.
- Assign the duty of "selective service system status" to a member of your staff.

I fully expect you to know that while over 90 percent of your register, we continue to receive tens of thousands of requests annually from former students trying to receive the benefits they have lost because they failed to register. Please make sure that every male high school student knows about registration and the potential lifetime of consequences associated with failing to do so.

We wish you a successful school year. With your help, we can ensure that no one fails to register without knowing the consequences that failing to register entails.

Sincerely,

Donald M. Nelson  
Director, U.S. Selective Service System

# Alpha Lion Strength & Conditioning Club



- **Who Can Participate**
  - Upper School Students & Teachers
- **What is the Alpha Lion Strength & Conditioning Club**
  - A fitness club open to students and teachers that focuses on fitness, strength & conditioning
- **When will Alpha Lion Strength & Conditioning Meet**
  - Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays in Mrs. Flannagan's classroom, room 211
    - Monday & Friday 2:30-3:00
    - Wednesdays 12:30-1:00
- **Why Should I Join the Alpha Lion Strength & Conditioning Club**
  - To focus on fitness, strength, conditioning & relieving stress in a judgement-free zone!
- **What Do I Need to Bring:**
  - Water, running shoes
    - Not required: yoga mat, small hand weights if you want to challenge yourself

**See Mrs. Flannagan if you have any questions**



Let's **DO THE GOOD** for our less fortunate Clay County families. Interact Club is collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items from October 18<sup>th</sup>-November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. Donations will be delivered to Good Samaritan Anglican Church for their November and December food giveaways.

Sponsored by SJCA Interact Club



\*\*\*Please send donations with your scholar or drop donations off in the front office.\*\*\*

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Your child is receiving a special gift this holiday season... the joy of giving!  
Our school is providing the chance for your child to shop for their loved ones with the Penguin Patch Holiday Shop!

Your student will learn real life budgeting, decision making skills and independence all while having fun! This is also a great time way for parents to model teamwork and be active at your child's school.

*Date:*

December 9-13, 2019

Start earning your money today!  
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- Wash the dog  
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- **What is National Math Club?**  
A National program that gives students the opportunity to play fun math games in a non-competitive social environment
- **Who can attend National Math Club?**  
Any students in grades 6-8
- **What is the cost of National Math Club?**  
FREE
- **How do you sign up for National Math Club?**  
See Mrs. Flannagan in room 212
- **When does National Math Club meet?**  
The third Friday of each Monday from 3:00-3:30 in room 212  

11/22/19	3/20/20
1/17/20	4/17/20
2/21/20	5/15/20



**First Club Meeting will be Friday November 22, 2019**



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**STARBOARD**  
*Scholarship*

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The Lands' End School Starboard Scholarship acknowledges and rewards students who display exceptional leadership skills. Why "Starboard"? You probably know it means the right side of a ship, but the term is actually derived from "steer board," because early sailing vessels were steered by a paddle on the right side of the stern. The Lands' End Starboard Scholarship recognizes the next generation of young leaders as they steer us into the future.

**HERE'S WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOUR SCHOOL, STUDENTS & PARENTS:**

- Up to 7 students will receive awards of \$10,000.
- Exclusive Preferred Schools are eligible to win a \$5,000 cash donation as well as a \$500 Lands' End Gift Card—ask your Lands' End School representative about how to become an Exclusive Preferred School.
- Non-Exclusive Preferred Schools are eligible to win a \$2,500 cash donation as well as a \$500 Lands' End Gift Card.
- A maximum of 3,000 applications will be accepted from November 1, 2019 through December 13, 2019, or earlier if maximum applications have been received. Schools must be enrolled with Lands' End School by 11/1/2019 to be eligible.

We're excited to share this scholarship opportunity with your students and their families. It's one way for us to give back to our school partners and their communities. Winning schools can use their donation any way they like, perhaps to support educational programs and extracurricular activities or to provide scholarships for their school families.

**FOR COMPLETE DETAILS AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS,  
VISIT [LANDSEND.COM/STARBOARD](http://LANDSEND.COM/STARBOARD)**

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