

THE LION LINE

From the Desk of Headmaster Johnson

Dear Lion Parents,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends! It's hard to believe that we are now in the busy month of December. I hope you enjoy this holiday season with all of its activities. I am so looking forward to our Christmas concerts as well as our athletic events. We have certainly become a very active school with something for every scholar.

We are now rolling out Blackboard for better communication with our parents and scholars. I believe you will find this extremely helpful. We have had a team of school staff and parents working on better ways to communicate all of our activities. Be sure to follow the Blackboard instructions in this newsletter so that you don't miss a thing.

Finally, I just want you to know that I am so thankful for our scholars and their families. You have trusted us to educate your kids, and we do not take it lightly. I undoubtedly believe that our curriculum is superior to the education in the schools around us. We have an attitude of continual improvement though. We are adding much to our high school with athletics and fine arts. I hope you will see that our scholars receive a great education and a full high school experience. Thank you for your patience as we strive to reform education in America.

Merry Christmas!

Mr. Johnson



REMINDER!
Early Dismissal
 Upper School Dismissal: 10:45 a.m.
 Lower School Dismissal: 11:15 a.m.
 12/19, 12/20, 12/21
(No Lunch Served These Days)



12/22/22 - 01/03/23
Winter Break
REMINDER

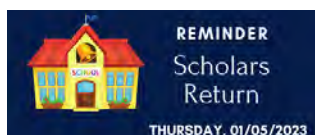


REMINDER
Teacher Planning Day
NO SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY, 01/04/2023

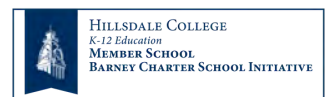


Breaking News

Keep an eye out for notifications as we begin to roll out SJCA's new communication platform!



REMINDER
Scholars Return
THURSDAY, 01/05/2023



HILLSDALE COLLEGE
 K-12 Education
 MEMBER SCHOOL
 BARNEY CHARTER SCHOOL INITIATIVE

Looking Ahead

11/28-12/09 K-6 Holiday Shop Shopping During P.E. Class (Shop closed on Wednesdays)	12/02 Jingle Jam Fundraiser 3:30 p.m.	12/05 Lions Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	12/06 Jazzmatazz! Lion Cub Chorale Concert 6:00 p.m.	12/08-09 "Much Ado About Nothing" Production 6:00 p.m.	12/12 Winter Cabaret Musical Theatre 6:00 p.m.
12/14 2nd Annual "Traditions of Christmas" Concert (K-3) 6:00 p.m.	12/15 Board of Directors Meeting 4:30p.m. Room134	12/15 Winter Band Concert 6:00 p.m.	12/16 Spirit Day \$2	12/19-21 Early Dismissal Days Upper School: 10:45 a.m. Lower School: 11:15 a.m.	12/19 Ugly Sweater Day \$2 (Not included in prepayments)
12/20 Country Christmas Day \$2 (Not included in prepayments)	12/21 Pajama Day \$2 (Not included in prepayments)	12/22-01/03 Winter Break (No School)	01/04 Teacher Planning Day (No School)	01/05 Scholars Return	01/05 Community Information Night 5:30 p.m.
01/09 Lions Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	01/16 MLK Day (No School)	01/27 Spirit Day \$2	01/27 Early Dismissal Day Upper School: 10:45 a.m. Lower School: 11:15 a.m.	01/27 3rd Annual Winter Dinner 6:00 p.m.	01/30-02/10 Valentine's Candy Gram Fundraiser

TRANSITIO

6th Grade Transitional Hike

Cumberland Island, GA
Friday, February 24, 2023

Headmaster Johnson will lead our 6th Grade Scholars on their Transito trip to Cumberland Island, GA. This adventure will include a ten-mile hike full of memorable events and lessons learned along the way. "Transito" is Latin for transition, symbolic of their transition from lower school to upper school.

It is very important ALL 6th-grade scholars attend this trip. The cost for the trip is \$90.00 per scholar. This will cover the expense of buses and the ferry ride from St. Mary's, GA, to the island and back.

Payment is due by February 1, 2023

Register and Pay: <https://www.stjca.org/transito>

Schedule:

6:00 a.m. Scholars arrive at SJCA
6:30 a.m. Buses depart SJCA for St. Marys, GA
8:30 a.m. Ferry to Cumberland Island
4:00 p.m. Ferry back to St. Marys, GA
6:30 p.m. Buses Arrive back at SJCA

National School Lunch Program



We are pleased to announce that we are in the process of applying to the National School Lunch Program. We anticipate that the program will go into effect in January 2023. Applications for Free or Reduced Price Lunch will be made available as the date draws nearer. More information will be forthcoming, including the release date for Free or Reduced Price Lunch applications.

PSAT Scores Available Now

If scholars wish to access their PSAT scores, they should create a Collegeboard account to access their individual scores. If your scholar provided an email address in their test booklet, an email with directions was sent to that email address. Once scholars access their scores, they may go to Khan Academy and add the access code provided by Collegeboard to receive individualized practice to better their scores the next time they take the PSAT/SAT.

Email questions to: kayla.flannagan@stjca.org.



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October Safety Patrol of the Month

Each month the safety patrol sergeants and lieutenants choose a fourth-grader and a fifth or sixth-grader for going above and beyond their safety patrol duties. For the month of October, Ceiley Hancock-Williams and Jaco Grobler were chosen.





Join us for a night of fellowship and fundraising
Friday, January 27, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

Held in St. Johns Classical Academy's cafeteria, the evening will feature a guest speaker on classical education, a three-course dinner, and a silent auction.



Cost:
\$100 per person
\$175 per couple (2 tickets)
\$700 for a table of 8

Lions Helping Lions

The SJCA Interact Club is collecting **gift cards** to give to some of our **SJCA families in need**. If you would like to make some of our scholars' holiday season a little brighter and help provide meals for them, please donate gift cards to the Interact Club. The gift cards can be any amount. Gift cards to Target, Wal-Mart, Publix, Winn-Dixie, etc. are greatly appreciated. We will be collecting the gift cards from now until December 14th.



Please turn in all gift cards to the front office or to Mrs. Livesay or Mrs. McGinn. Thank you for your help! If your family needs support, please let us know. **For more information, please contact Mrs. Livesay (angela.livesay@stjca.org) or Mrs. McGinn (sally.mcginn@stjca.org). **

Candy Gram Sales

 <p>HO, HO, HO-PE YOU HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!</p> <p>To: _____ Teacher: _____ Grade: _____ Message: _____ From: _____</p>	 <p>FA LA LA Llama Merry Christmas!</p> <p>To: _____ Teacher: _____ Grade: _____ Message: _____ From: _____</p>	<p>There's gnome one like you!</p>  <p>Merry Christmas</p> <p>To: _____ Teacher: _____ Grade: _____ Message: _____ From: _____</p>
 <p>HAVE A Magical HOLIDAY! Merry Christmas!</p> <p>To: _____ Teacher: _____ Grade: _____ Message: _____ From: _____</p>	 <p>THERE'S "SNOW" LIKE YOU! Merry Christmas!</p> <p>To: _____ Teacher: _____ Grade: _____ Message: _____ From: _____</p>	 <p>YOU ARE A "BEAR-Y" SWEET FRIEND! Happy Holidays!</p> <p>To: _____ Teacher: _____ Grade: _____ Message: _____ From: _____</p>

Scholar: _____ Teacher: _____ Total Amount \$ _____

Return this form with \$1.00 per gram to school by **Monday, December 12th**. Grams will be delivered **Friday, December 16th**. Thank you for supporting Safety Patrol.



ST. JOHNS CLASSICAL ACADEMY
**HOLIDAY
 FUN-draisers**

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MONDAY
 12/19/2022

**UGLY
 SWEATER
 DAY**



COST TO PARTICIPATE \$2



TUESDAY
 12/20/2022

**COUNTRY
 CHRISTMAS
 DAY**



COST TO PARTICIPATE \$2



WEDNESDAY
 12/21/2022

**PAJAMA
 DAY**



COST TO PARTICIPATE \$2



**ST. JOHNS CLASSICAL ACADEMY
 IS HOSTING
 A RECYCLED SHOE DRIVE**

FOR GENTLY WORN SHOES IN ALL SIZES!

BY RECYCLING, YOU ARE:

- HELPING 70% OF THE WORLD WHERE SHOES ARE A LUXURY ITEM
- HALTING 24% OF PREVENTABLE SOIL INFECTIONS TRANSMITTED DUE TO IMPROPER FOOTWEAR
- REDUCING OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT
- EARNING 50¢ FOR EVERY POUND OF SHOES RECYCLED FOR OUR SCHOOL



SAVING OUR PLANET ONE SOLE AT A TIME
**RECYCLE SHOE
 project**

**CONTACT US TO
 SEE HOW YOU CAN HELP!!**



DID YOU KNOW ? ? ?

The Academic Varsity Quiz Bowl
 Team won
FIRST PLACE
 at the weekly competition (11/01/22)
 against 6 other Clay County teams.

December 2022

SJCA

Lions Athletics

The winter sports season is well underway! Congratulations to all of the athletes that made the team and thank you to all of our coaches who volunteer their time to help our Athletic Programs succeed.



Cheerleading

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Boys Soccer

December Schedule

12/6 Away vs SJA 6:00 PM

12/9 Home vs GOCA 5:30 PM

12/12 Away vs Trinity 5:30 PM

Girls Soccer

December Schedule

12/6 Away vs SJA 6:00 PM

12/9 Home vs GOCA 5:30 PM

12/12 Away vs Trinity 5:30 PM



Wrestling

December Schedule

12/2 Blue & Gold Match 5:00 PM

12/17 Yulee Duals 9:30 AM



Boys Basketball

December Schedule

- 12/8 Home vs CCA 7:20 PM
- 12/12 Home vs Kipp 7:00 PM
- 12/15 Home vs FCCA 6:30 PM
- 12/19 Home vs Hilliard 7:00 PM
- 12/20 Away vs Kipp at 7:00 PM
- 12/22 Home vs MHS 7:00 PM



December Schedule

- 12/1 Home vs UC 5:30 PM
- 12/2 Home vs GOCA 6:00 PM
- 12/6 Away @ FIHS 6:30 PM
- 12/12 Home vs Kipp 5:30 PM
- 12/14 Away vs FIHS 6:30 PM
- 12/16 Home vs CHS 5:30 PM
- 12/19 Home vs Hilliard 5:30 PM
- 12/20 Away vs Kipp 5:30 PM
- 12/22 Home vs MHS 5:30 PM



Girls Basketball



Future Athletic Events

February 24, 2023
 Family Food Truck Night
 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact kayla.flannagan@stjca.org

Worth the wait. #StJohnsClassicalAcademy

SJCA NEEDS YOU!

**We are looking for the next leaders of
the Lions Council!**


Executive positions open for 2023-2024 school year include:

**CHAIRMAN
FINANCE DIRECTOR
COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR
SECRETARY**

Upcoming deadlines:
February '23 - Call for Nominations
April '23 - Elections

JOIN OUR TEAM

To learn more, please contact Jennifer Baatstad
at secretary.lioncouncil@stjca.org



Junior High School Volleyball Coach

SCJA's Athletic Program is looking to grow again next year. We are in need of a junior high school volleyball coach for the 2023-2024 season. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Kayla Flannagan at kayla.flannagan@stjca.org or by phone at (904) 458-8240 ext 1235.

St. Johns Classical Academy Fine Arts Dept. Fall Semester 2022 Calendar

Jazzmatazz! Concert (LS Chorus)	Dec. 6th
Much Ado About Nothing (US Drama)	Dec. 8th/9th
Winter Cabaret (US Musical Theatre I)	Dec. 12th
Traditions of Christmas (LS Grades K-3)	Dec. 14th
Christmas Band Concert (US Beginning, Symphonic, & Jazz)	Dec. 15th
Winter Choral Concert (US Chorus)	Dec. 16th

Performances begin at 6 PM; doors open at 5:30PM. US/LS refers to upper school or lower school. For information about SJCA's Art, Drama, & Music classes and extracurricular offerings, please contact our Fine Arts faculty by email.

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Upper School Musical Theatre

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Madeline.Little@stjca.org
Lower School Piano/Chorus
Upper School Musical Theatre



Brooke.Smith@stjca.org
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Shanon.Rice@stjca.org
Lower School Art

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Wade.Ross@stjca.org
Upper School Art

SJCA
Fine Arts Dept.

Second Annual
Traditions of
Christmas
Concert


We invite you to join us for an evening of beautiful music of the season, ranging from traditional carols to nostalgic surprises!

Featuring Kinder-3rd Grade Scholars
Wednesday, December 14th
6:00 PM
First Baptist Church-Orange Park
1140 Kingsley Ave.

Questions: Cassie.Crosby@stjca.org

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WINTER CABARET
BROADWAY

STARRING
The Scholars of Musical Theatre I

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12TH
SHOWTIME: 6 PM ★ SJCA CAFETORIUM

Please join us for a musical revue as our upper school musical theatre scholars take us on a journey through the history of American theatre.

Doors open for general admission at 5:30 PM

Questions:
Cassie.Crosby@stjca.org
Madeline.Little@stjca.org

SJCA Fine Arts Dept.

LION CUB CHORALE | GRAMMAR SCHOOL CHORUS PROGRAM

TUE, DEC. 6TH

JAZZMATAZZ!
CONCERT

6 PM IN THE SJCA CAFETORIUM



JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF AMERICAN JAZZ HISTORY THROUGH SONG!
DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM FOR FREE GENERAL ADMISSION
QUESTIONS: CASSIE.CROSBY@STJCA.ORG

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St. Johns Classical Academy presents...

An Evening of Christmas Music

FEATURING THE BEGINNING, INTERMEDIATE, & SYMPHONIC BANDS

THURS, DEC. 15TH | 6PM
SJCA CAFETORIUM



DOORS OPEN FOR FREE GENERAL ADMISSION AT 5:30 PM
QUESTIONS: BECKY.URBAN@STJCA.ORG

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SJCA FINE ARTS

St. Johns Classical Academy presents...

A Winter Choral Concert

Featuring
Upper School Chorus

Friday, December 16th | 6:00 PM
SJCA Cafetorium
Doors open for free general admission at 5:30 PM



SJCA Fine Arts Dept.

Questions: Brooke.Smith@stjca.org



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2023

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Algebra 1 & Geometry EOC Make Ups

Between November 28th and December 16th, there will be EOC make-ups in Mrs. Cosme's classroom, Room 201, from 12:30-3:00. A letter will be going home to each scholar that needs to make up any assessments. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Flannagan at kayla.flannagan@stjca.org

*Make-Up Testing Dates:
November 30th, December 7th, & December 14th*

Please remember, to graduate from a public high school in the state of Florida, all scholars are required to pass the ELA FSA and either the Algebra 1 EOC or Geometry EOC.




Support the Student Government and do your Christmas shopping! This 16" Leo Lion comes with an SJCA shirt or you can add Christmas pj's or even a cap & gown! Thank you for supporting Student Government!

<https://strykercustomdesigns.com/shop/ols/products/leo-the-lion-stuffed-animal--please-read-description>

The advertisement features a central image of a 16-inch stuffed lion wearing a white t-shirt with the SJCA logo. Above the lion is the SJCA crest, which includes the text "ST. JOHNS CLASSICAL ACADEMY", "BONUM 2017", and "VERUM PULCHRA". The background is a dark blue field with white stars and snowflakes. The text "SJCA PLUSH LION SALE" is prominently displayed above the lion. The price "\$25" is shown in large white font on both the left and right sides of the central image. Below the lion, the text "SURPRISE YOUR LITTLE LION WITH LION PRIDE" is written in white capital letters. The entire advertisement is set against a light blue background with hanging snowflakes and a white wooden plank floor at the bottom.


FEB	11th	February ACT Deadline to Register: January 6, 2023
APR	15th	April ACT Deadline to Register: March 10, 2023
JUN	10th	June ACT Deadline to Register: May 5, 2023
JUL	15th	July ACT Deadline to Register: June 16, 2023

MAR	11th	March SAT Deadline to Sign-Up: February 10, 2023 Scores Available: March 24, 2023
MAY	6th	May SAT Deadline to Sign-Up: April 7, 2023 Scores Available: May 19, 2023
JUN	3rd	June SAT Deadline to Register: May 4, 2023 Scores Available: June 16, 2023

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Google Classroom Code: labz47d

GOOGLE CLASSROOM



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

SJCA Turkey Feather Competition

Over \$2500 raised for Fine Arts

1st place - Addison's class \$283.80

Winner of the Pizza Party

6th grade- Patterson/Wilkes \$204.23

Winner of free Spirit day

Creativity Contest Teacher Winners

1st Place - Willoughby
\$100 gift card winner



3rd Place - Ingram
\$20 gift card winner



2nd place - O'Neill \$30 gift card winner



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