
THE LION LINE

Learn the True, Do the Good, Love the Beautiful

A Message from Headmaster Johnson

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another great year at St Johns Classical Academy! We are off to a "roaring" start and are really enjoying our scholars. Many comments have been made about how pleasant our scholars are and the joy they bring. Good parenting makes all the difference when it comes to our scholars' attitudes and attributes, and you influence their lives more than anyone else. Thank you for doing the tough job of parenting every day. What you are doing at the dinner table is helping us meet our school's mission, which is to cultivate virtuous American citizens. In fact, it really ties into our virtue of the month.

Each month we will highlight one of our virtues. This month, our virtue is citizenship. A classical education seeks to cultivate good citizens. It holds that man is by nature a political animal, so the fulfillment of that nature depends on understanding and participating in one's own political community. Together, we will mold our scholars to be citizens of virtue.

Be sure to attend the Lions Council General Membership Meeting on September 9th. You will be impressed with our executive council's committees' hard work. Our goal is to involve all parents in supporting our school's mission. Recently, the Lions Council assisted us by organizing the Art Shower, selling 40 pieces of art. We are excited to see our hallways lined with beautiful art for our scholars to enjoy.

Finally, our fundraising efforts are coming to fruition. We are planning to break ground on a new gymnasium in June 2023. This, however, is not time to ease off the fundraising efforts. We must continue to raise funds for the gym as well as other projects. If you haven't registered your foursome for the golf tournament on October 18th, visit our website and lock it in now. Thank you for being an important part in providing a full classical education to our scholars.

Lion Strong!

Mr. Johnson

Hillsdale College's Monthly Speech Digest, *Imprimis*

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Past issues are available at: <https://imprimis.hillsdale.edu>

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The logo for Imprimis, featuring the word "Imprimis" in a white, serif font on a dark blue rectangular background.

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Order Breakfast, Lunch, or Dinner in
Drive-Thru to support our school!

August 30th-September 3rd

Lower School Morning Carline

- ◆ Now that back-to-school school routines and procedures are established and effective, the gate to carline will shut at 7:55 in accordance with the Family and Scholar Handbook. Arrive on campus no later than 7:55 to avoid having to park and walk your scholar to the Reception Building for sign-in. We highly recommend you avoid coming on campus at the last minute. Traffic jams will no longer warrant an excused tardy.
- ◆ Administration has observed there is a large gap in traffic flow on Canova Road from 7:30 to 7:45; therefore, this is the ideal time to utilize carline to drop off your scholars.

A Message from the Lion Council

The Lion Council is ready for a wonderful inaugural year. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

We invite you to join us at our bi-annual members meeting on September 9th at 6pm in the school cafeteria. This will be our 2021-2022 membership kickoff event where we will highlight what your Lion Council has been building and our vision for the future. Annual membership dues are \$20.00, and online payment is available on the Parent Information Portal or in person that evening. Additionally, you are welcome to attend any of our monthly executive council meetings.

Thanks to all who have joined our Parent Information Portal. If you haven't already, please understand all school-related information is moving to this platform. Don't miss a thing. Sign up today. To get started, click the large gold banner on the SJCA website. For questions or technical support, contact communications.lioncouncil@stjca.org

If you have an interest in volunteering at SJCA, please join us on September 2nd at 6pm in the school cafeteria. We will be going over policies, presenting opportunities, and performing background screenings. The fee is \$40 for the year, which includes a t-shirt and Lion Council membership. Please bring a photocopy of your driver's license and check if possible. E-payment will be available if necessary.

Upper School Chess Club

Mrs. Casteel is sponsoring a chess club for upper school, grades 6-12. The group will meet Wednesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 in Mrs. Casteel's room where more seasoned student players will teach fundamentals and basic strategies to novice players. Novice players will then watch seasoned players as they strategize through games. In the spring, Mrs. Casteel plans to search out or set up a few competitions. If your scholar is interested, please have him/her sign up in Mrs. Casteel's room (236).

PT Board Instructions

1. Go to: <https://sjcalionscouncil.ptboard.com>
2. In the upper right hand corner, choose “Sign Up” and then create an account
3. If a code is requested, use 3R7QN9
4. From the Home page, on the left hand side menu, go to “Class & Group”
5. Under “Classes”:
 6. Be sure to join (green tab on right) the “all grade” class for each of you scholars (this will give you any grade level information that is being sent out)
 7. Be sure to join (green tab on right) the appropriate school level
 1. Lower School (K-5th)
 2. Middle School (6th-8th)
 3. High School (9th-12th)
8. Under “Groups”:
 1. Join (green tab on right) any group in which your scholar(s) participates - join (green tab on right) any parent group that interests you
 2. Note: Groups may be joined and unjoined throughout the year!
9. Now you are ready to explore the rest of the SJCA Parent Informational Portal. If you need more assistance with the portal, please contact Leandra Cramer at: communications.lioncouncil@stjca.org

Accreditation Update

Accreditation is defined as, “a voluntary method of quality assurance developed more than 100 years ago by American universities and secondary schools and designed primarily to distinguish institutions adhering to a set of educational standards and policies” (Cognia, 2020, p. 1). SJCA is seeking to become accredited through Cognia. We are hosting the Engagement Review from November 1st-3rd, which will be conducted remotely; therefore, interviews with stakeholders will be done online.

The accreditation process allows us to demonstrate our commitment to school improvement. Cognia will analyze every facet of our organization over the coming months to determine how well SJCA meets the needs of our scholars. According to Cognia, “accreditation isn’t about passing a one-time inspection—it helps education providers meet improvement goals and sustain commitments to better learner outcomes” (Cognia, n.d.).

References

Cognia. (n.d.). *Accreditation & certification*. <https://www.cognia.org/services/accreditation-certification/>

Cognia. (2020). *Policies and procedures*.

PT Board Menu Page Information

- ✦ For example, if you have scholars in 3rd, 5th, 8th, and 10th grades, join *ALL Third Grade*, *ALL Fifth Grade*, *ALL Eighth Grade*, *All Tenth Grade*—and *Lower School*, *Middle School*, and *High School*.
- ✦ *Home* shows school-wide, class, and group announcements; volunteer signups; upcoming school, class, and events.
- ✦ *Announcements* communicates school-wide, class, and group announcements.
- ✦ *Volunteer Signups* houses school-wide, class, and group sign-ups.
- ✦ *Calendar* shows school-wide, class, and group events.
- ✦ *Forms and Payments* lists order forms.
- ✦ We are not utilizing *Student Directory*.
- ✦ *Docs & Photos* contains general information such as car line procedures, arrival and dismissal procedures, uniform requirements, etc.
- ✦ *Class & Group* lists all the classes and groups—including the classes and groups you have joined.
- ✦ *Lions Council* provides structural information and contacts for committee chairmen.
- ✦ *The Lion Line* has a page connecting you to the most recent *Lion Line* and a page connecting previous editions of *The Lion Line*.
- ✦ *Lunch Menu/Orders* links to your lunch account. The ability to create a lunch account is also housed here.
- ✦ *SJCA Website* links to the Academy's website.
- ✦ *Ways to Support SJCA* provides links and information to ongoing school-wide support efforts such as: AmazonSmile, Old Tom Hot Sauce, Box Tops for Education, etc.
- ✦ *SJCA Sponsors* provides a link to the wonderfully helpful people and organizations who have supported our school and its mission.
- ✦ A note about PT Board:
 - ✦ All school events, Spirit Nights, class and grade-level events, club activities, etc. are maintained on the SJCA Parent Information Portal (via PTBoard).

4-H CLUB

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CLASSICAL ACADEMY

4-H empowers young people to be true leaders. True leaders are young people who have confidence; know how to work well with others; can endure through challenges; and will stick with a job until it gets done. 4-H believes true leaders aren't born: they're grown. The 4-H program's hands-on approach provides young people with guidance, tools, and encouragement, and then places them in the driver's seat to make great things happen.

4-H programs are grounded in the belief that kids learn best by doing. Scholars will complete hands-on projects in areas like science, health, agriculture and citizenship. Scholars will receive guidance from adult mentors in a positive environment and be encouraged to take on proactive leadership roles. Scholars can concentrate on one focus area or they can try a variety of programs throughout their 4-H experience.

If you are interested in 4-H, please use the [link to sign up](#).

SEE YOU THERE!

2nd Tuesday of Each Month

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

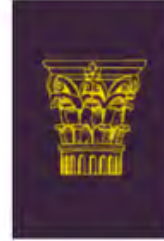
SJCA Cafeteria

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Upper School House System



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.

Each August, 7th graders will go through a pinning ceremony where their House will be revealed, and they will be presented with a pin to wear each day at school. This year's house pinning ceremony was held on Friday August 20, 2021.

The purpose of the Houses System is to provide a wide array of opportunities for student involvement and participation, as well as for a widely dispersed student government (with leadership and ambassadorship opportunities for those who seek them out). Within their Houses, students will plan and execute school events, foster mentoring relationships between various grades, and develop unique traditions.

Houses will compete for points throughout the year. Students will earn points for academic achievements and character/virtue awards in the classroom and on the athletic field. In addition to academic achievement and virtuous achievements, the Lion Olympics will be held semiannually. The Lion Olympics is a series of academic and athletic competitions held during the school day where students can participate and help their house win the Lion Olympic Cup! At the end of the year, the House with the most points will be presented with the Lion Cup and will reign victorious with their emblem and colors proudly displayed in the cafeteria.

When students graduate, they will have had several years of planning and executive experience. If and when they choose to attend college, they will have the practical knowledge of how to begin clubs and associations, which is one of the core features of strong citizenship. The House System, then, is an education in civics because of the habits it encourages and forms.

Important Dates for Juniors and Seniors: September

- ✦ September 24th @ 5:00 p.m.: Senior Pinning Ceremony and Parents of Seniors Informational Night
- ✦ September 28th @ 8:00 a.m.: Rhodes Presentation to Seniors on Graduation Packages and Class Rings (scholars only)
- ✦ September 28th @ 8:30 a.m.: Rhodes Presentation to Juniors on Class Rings (scholars only)

What Counts, What Doesn't? **Florida Bright Futures Scholarship**

In order to qualify for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarships, service hours are required. However, there are rules for what hours count and what hours won't. Below are some general guidelines of what hours do not count for these scholarships.

- Court mandated community service.
- An activity for which a student benefited financially or materially for the community service work.
- All forms of duty within the family. The student's family to include: parents (including step), siblings (including step), any of their grandchildren (including step) and any of their spouses, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.
- Volunteer work for the purpose of promoting a particular religious or political point of view or person cannot count as volunteer hours in this program. For example, if your church youth group helps with the Special Olympics, these hours would count, but NOT time spent distributing flyers advertising a church revival.
- Some common activities which do not count include: altar server, Vacation Bible School, babysitting, working in church nursery, church choir, and clerical work for religious or political organizations.
- An activity where there is no leader or responsible adult on site to evaluate and confirm student performance (i.e., fostering an animal in your home).
- Donations, such as Locks of Love or giving blood.
- Student may not receive academic credit for service work performed.
- An activity performed by a student prior to becoming a high school student or after the student's graduation date. *A student is considered a high school student the summer prior to his/her 9th grade year.*
- Participation on a sports team or a performance of any kind.

To learn more about these scholarships, visit www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org.

For volunteer forms or to submit volunteer hours, please see Mrs. Rogish.

Classical Literature Character Parade

SJCA is proud to announce the 2nd Annual Classical Literature Character Parade, which will be held on October 29th. Encourage your scholars to dress up as one of the literary characters from the Hillsdale K-12 Curriculum Scope & Sequence, which is located on the Academy's [website](#). Teachers and administration are available to answer questions regarding which characters are acceptable for this event. The normal October Spirit Day will be held on October 22nd.



Run/Walk Club

Run/Walk Club will begin Thursday, October 7. Registration and information for this year can be found on the Parent Information Portal via PTBoard.

NJHS

NJHS will start meeting on September 14, 2021. Meetings will be the second Tuesday of each month. We look forward to seeing all the members

**JAMMING
STARTS
AUGUST
30TH
GRADES 7-12**

Room 233 in
Mr. Tippin's
Band Room



**MONDAYS from 3:30-4:30PM
\$10.00 FEE**

Seventh-twelfth grade scholars are welcome.

Sponsors: Mr. Tippins and Mrs. DePeralta

“In all this world, there is nothing so beautiful as a happy child.” -L. Frank Baum



First graders in Mrs. Hines' class celebrate as their classmate, Claire, catches her first football at recess.

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*All skill levels for ages 5 & up.
 Classes on Wednesday
 Wednesdays - 1pm-2:15pm
 Cost is \$60 for 6-7week session
 First class is free!
 1st class is Sept 1st*

**Have questions?
 Please call June at
 352-514-1362 or email
 jjbug@hotmail.com**



SEPTEMBER 2021

SJCA Lions Athletics

CHEERLEADING



Coach Tanya and the 21-22 roaring lions cheer team!

VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Lions Volleyball Team is getting ready for their first game on September 7th!



Coach Dease and the lady lions!

FLAG FOOTBALL

Coach Jeremy and his son, Jackson, after the first practice!



COMING SOON...

- 6th-9th Grade Boy's Lacrosse
- 6th-9th Grade Boy's Basketball
- 6th-9th Grade Cross Country
- 4th-8th Grade Track
- Baton
- In need of a Wrestling Coach



Callie Hammond (9th grade)

Science Club

A place to expand students' knowledge on miscellaneous science topics by doing experiments and researching the topic of the meeting.

Join Now

You must be in biology or above, and have passing grades.

Meets every Monday
After lower school dismissal
At Mrs. Weaver's room

Warning


If you don't attend at least two meetings per month without excuse you will be removed from the club.

Admission Fee

\$20

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