# THE LION LINE

Learn the True, Do the Good, Love the Beautiful

#### A Message from Headmaster Johnson

Dear Parents,

I sincerely hope that you had a restful summer and are energized for this new school year. On campus, there is a sense of excitement as we prepare to receive our teachers for planning week and our scholars on August 10th. We have had a busy summer as the addition to our academic building was completed, and we transitioned from Focus to Synergy, the school district's new student information system. So far, all is going well, and we are looking forward to a smooth start of the school year.

As we enter this new school year, let's all be reminded of our school's mission which 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." Our mission statement is important because it keeps us all pointed in the right direction. In a time of uncertainty, it is refreshing to be a part of an organization with a clear mission and purpose. We are all in this together, and you will soon see that with the forming of the Lions Council. There is a place of service for everyone.

Finally, I want to thank you for trusting us with the education of your child. I am a big proponent of school choice and am truly honored that you chose to send your child to our school. I believe SJCA is an excellent school choice due to its solid curriculum. In fact, compared to most, it is a true curriculum because it leads to good character. Martin Luther King Jr. remarked, "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education." Amen, Dr. King! It sounds very much like our school's mission statement.

I'll see you soon in car line!

Daniel M. Johnson

Headmaster

### Reminder for 6th Grade Families

Sixth grade is now part of the Upper School; therefore, they will attend school from 7:30 to 2:30 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. On Wednesdays, sixth graders will dismiss at 12:30 with the other Upper School scholars. This time change is new this year, so please make a note of it.

### Back-to-School Supply Lists

Lower School supply lists were published in the June edition of *The Lion Line*. Please <u>click here</u> to access the K-5 lists. Middle School and High School scholars will receive their supply lists and syllabi on August 10th.

Back-to-School Orientation

- + Kindergarten: 8:00 a.m.
- + First Grade: 9:00 a.m.
- + Second Grade: 10:00 a.m.
- + Third Grade: 11:00 a.m.
- + Fourth Grade: 12:00 p.m.
- + Fifth Grade 1:00 p.m.
- \* Sixth-Eighth Grade: 2:00 p.m.
- \* Ninth-Twelfth Grade: 3:00 p.m.

### Hillsdale College's Monthly Speech Digest, Imprimus

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# Wednesdays are Early Dismissals Days

Each Wednesday, SJCA dismisses at 12:30 for Upper School scholars and 1:00 for Lower School scholars. Our teachers use this time for professional development activities. Our first early dismissal is the second day of school, Wednesday, August 12th. Please set a reminder to pick up your scholars early each Wednesday at their allocated dismissal time.

# K-5 School Supply Drop Off: August 6th

We encourage you to bring scholars' school supplies to Orientation on August 6th. This will alleviate what they have to carry into the building from carline on the first day of school; it assists us in maintaining the traffic flow in the carline and surrounding roads, and most importantly, it gives teachers ample time to organize supplies prior to the first day of school. The first day of school is very busy, so we appreciate your assistance in helping scholars, teachers, and school get off to a great start.

# Avoid Lost & Found: Label Everything

Please label scholars' water bottles, uniform items, backpacks, and lunchboxes. We are able to return items to scholars when we know whom they belong to. We have water bottle filling stations, so each scholar should have a reusable water bottle that is brought to school daily.

## **Planners and Tuesday Folders**

All scholars are required to use SJCA issued student planners. Additionally, scholars in kindergarten through fifth grade will need a Tuesday folder. Parents, please pay for these items by <u>clicking here</u>. Once payment is received, Mrs. Phillips will issue planners and Tuesday folders. The cost for 6th-12th grade planners are \$8 and K-5th planners are \$10.

#### Thank you, Mr. Griffin

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Our Academic Advisor, Mr. Ken Griffin, has accepted a position with the Tim Tebow Foundation. Mr. Griffin has been an incredible asset to SJCA, and we sincerely appreciate the work he has done with our scholars. He is an amazing role model, and we wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors. Mr. Griffin's last day will be August 13th. Scholars will be provided the time to say goodbye during the first week of school.

#### 2021-2022 Lower School Faculty

Kindergarten	Second Grade	Fifth Grade
Ms. McClymont, Grade Chair	Mrs. Luke, Grade Chair	Mrs. Scherer, Grade Chair
Mrs. Bintz	Mrs. Loeser	Mrs. Bett
Mrs. Mickle	Ms. Melson	Mrs. Willoughby
Mrs. O'Neill	Mrs. McCue	<u>Fine Arts</u>
Mrs. Romer	Mrs. Rabino	Mrs. Crosby, K-5th Music
<u>First Grade</u>	<u>Third Grade</u>	Mrs. Little, K-2nd, 4th Piano
Mrs. Heaton, Grade Chair	Mrs. Weaver, Grade Chair	Mrs. Rice, K-5th Art
Mrs. Burris	Mr. Bett	Ms. Smith, 3rd Grade Piano
Ms. Butler	Ms. Ingoldsby	<u>P.E.</u>
Mrs. Hines	Mrs. Legg	Mrs. Patterson, Athletic
Mrs. Stuart	Fourth Grade	Director & Department Chair
	Mrs. Croft, Grade Chair	
	Mrs. Hancock	
	Mr. Wirkus	

#### 2021-2022 Upper School Faculty

<u>English</u>	<b>Mathematics</b>	Latin
Ms. Cosme, Department Chair	Mrs. Kascan, Department Chair	Ms. Gillam, Department Chair
Mrs. Casteel	Mr. Cribbs	Mr. Dinsbeer
Mrs. Glod	Mrs. Flannagan	Mr. Pierce
Mrs. Kiep	Mrs. Kiep	<u>Fine Arts</u>
<u>History</u>	<u>Science</u>	Mr. Tippins, Department Chair
Mrs. Burgess, Department	Ms. Turner, Department Chair	Ms. Smith
Chair	Mr. Boulding	Mr. Ross
Mrs. DePeralta	Mr. Coleman	<u>P.E.</u>
Mr. Horne		Mrs. Lasher
Mr. Shoaf		Mrs. Flannagan

#### 2021-2022 Scholar Support Services

Mrs. Clifton, Support Services Coordinator	Mrs. Livesay, Support Services Facilitator	Mrs. Eunice Glynn, OT Mrs. Freeman, ESE Secretary
Mrs. McGinn, Support Services	Mrs. Sherri Glynn, MTSS	inis. meenan, Lob secretary
Facilitator	Mrs. Braly, Speech	

#### Ms. Sabrina Exum, SJCA's New Academic Advisor



Ms. Exum will be our new Academic Advisor for our 2021-2022 school year. She is a Clay County native and has two Bachelors degrees from the University of Central Florida, one in Psychology and the other in Communication Sciences and Disorders. Currently, Ms. Exum is in graduate school at Florida State University working towards an Education Specialist (Ed.S) degree in Counseling and Human Systems. This will be her fourth year at St. Johns Classical Academy. During her time here, she has taught both 5th grade and 3rd grade. In her free time, she enjoys volunteering and is a member of the

Junior League of Jacksonville, which is a nonprofit women's organization whose mission is to promote voluntarism and the improvement of the communities around the greater Jacksonville area. She is also a huge dog lover and cooking show enthusiast.

#### K-5th Grade Music Announcement from Mrs. Crosby and Mrs. Little

Exciting news! We are thrilled to share that we are expanding our music program this year. Along with our outstanding music teachers from last year, we have added two additional music teachers to our faculty: Mrs. Crosby and Mrs. Little. Mrs. Crosby will be the lower school Music Specialist, teaching K-5 general music classes, and Mrs. Little will be our Piano Specialist, teaching group piano classes.

St. Johns Classical Academy is proud to announce that students in grades K-4 will receive piano instruction in a group setting as part of their resource rotation. Instruction will take place in our new digital piano lab. This is an incredible opportunity, especially at this age level, and we feel very strongly that our scholars will benefit from this initiative.

Mrs. Little, Mrs. Crosby, and Ms. Smith, who will also be instructing a section of group piano, will be planning and teaching as a team. This will allow the music curriculum to be covered in the richest way possible. Scholars will be immersed in the beautiful world of music history, theory, and performance through an abundance of methods from multiple music teachers who share a passion for music and have varied musical experiences from which to teach.

Another remarkable element of our music program expansion will teach and incorporate ukulele instruction. Mrs. Crosby will be teaching scholars in grades 3-5 to play ukulele and incorporating this new musical skill into our curriculum. Ukulele is very accessible to small hands, which allows scholars to begin accompanying themselves while singing very early. Scholars will be able to apply their knowledge of theory in a practical way, cementing the learning to memory. The technique learned is transferable to guitar and the orchestral strings, should the scholar decide to pursue another instrument.

Additionally, in general music class, scholars will be introduced to the fine art of drama through musical theatre. These musicals will be learned and rehearsed during music class, exposing scholars to choral singing, dialogue and basic acting skills, and choreography. Musical titles and grade levels will be chosen according to alignment with curriculum content. All scholars in the selected grade level will have the experience of participation. Performances will be held for parents. More information will come as we plan further.

Affording children opportunities to perform is something that Mrs. Crosby and Mrs. Little both feel is very important to a Classical education. There will be many new opportunities in the coming year for each scholar to perform with their grade level as we add new concerts, piano recitals, musicals, and performances at Curriculum Showcases. We will communicate dates as early as possible so that you may plan to support your child in his or her musical endeavors.

Mrs. Crosby will be the director of the lower school chorus program this year as Ms. Smith turns her expertise to the upper school chorus program. Lion Cub Chorale will be open to all scholars in grades 3-5. A registration packet will come home in Tuesday folders detailing a few changes and the addition of some exciting events such as participation in the Clay Elementary Music Festival and the opportunity to represent SJCA in the Clay All-County Elementary Honors Chorus.

We hope you are as excited for your children to take part in these new musical opportunities as we are!

# **New Teacher Introductions**

#### Mrs. Cassie Lewis Crosby, K-5 Music Teacher

Mrs. Crosby's formal music education began at the age of four with piano lessons and children's choir. These experiences were the beginning of a lifelong journey composed of band, chorus, musical theatre, and dance, which eventually revealed the calling to share her passion for music by becoming a music educator. While studying oboe as her primary instrument, Mrs. Crosby earned a Bachelors of Music Education degree from Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky.

Mrs. Crosby's teaching career brought her to Clay County, where she accrued 14 years experience teaching general, choral, musical theatre, and instrumental

music at three elementary schools. She has served on committees for many district-wide musical events and facilitated professional development for fellow music educators. She is honored to have been recognized as Teacher of the Year at her previous school, as well as selected as a Clay County District Finalist. Her favorite part about teaching elementary music is watching her pupils progress year after year as musicians, but also as they grow into confident, responsible young citizens.

Mrs. Crosby plays oboe and serves as a conductor and board member for the Clay County Community Band. She enjoys attending concerts and musicals throughout the community whenever possible. In her spare time, she enjoys adventures with her husband and son, reads avidly, and creates vinyl crafts. Mrs. Crosby is very grateful for the opportunity to become part of the SJCA family and the Hillsdale K-12 mission to restore classical education in America.

#### Mrs. Samantha Mickle, Kindergarten Teacher



Samantha Mickle came to St. Johns Classical Academy as a parent in 2017, the year the Academy opened. She has two children. Her oldest is in seventh grade; her youngest child is in 3rd grade; they both attend SJCA. Mrs. Mickle has an Early Childhood degree and a passion to see our scholars succeed. Mrs. Mickle has five years of previous teaching experience. During the past three years, she has been employed at SJCA as a regular substitute and long-term substitute. In her time off, she enjoys spending time with her family and finding pleasure in the small moments in life. She feels gratified by serving at church and the community. Mrs. Mickle is looking forward to all the wonderful accomplishments that will be made as the class explores and masters the kindergarten curriculum.



#### Mrs. Stephanie Burris, First Grade Teacher



Stephanie Burris is elated to join the first-grade team of teachers this school year. Mrs. Burris became a part of the St. Johns Classical Academy family during the 2020-2021 school year as a parent and substitute teacher. She served as a long-term sub for the school during the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester and could be found in many of our classrooms throughout the year. Mrs. Burris was born and raised in Fleming Island, FL and graduated from Florida State University with a Bachelor of Science. Mrs. Burris currently resides in the Fleming Island area with her husband and two children. She loves to spend time with her family and

friends, go on hikes, watch football, do projects, travel, and try new restaurants. Mrs. Burris is excited to meet her scholars and parents, and share her love for learning and Classical education.

#### Amy Butler, First Grade Teacher



Ms. Butler is a graduate from Florida State University with a Bachelor of Science in Social Science Education and a Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction. In the 2020-2021 school year she completed her first year of teaching at Tallahassee Classical School, where she taught first grade. In this first year, she witnessed the inspiring effects of a purposeful curriculum that seeks to educate the whole student in goodness, truth, and beauty. She is excited to share the timeless and meaningful values of Classical education with the students and families of SJCA. Her hobbies include kayaking, camping, hiking, and reading.

#### Mrs. Katy McCue, Second Grade Teacher



Mrs. Katy McCue comes to St. Johns Classical Academy from Central Illinois, where she has lived for the last 21 years with her husband, Dan, and five children, four of whom are now adults. This fall, her youngest child, Julia, will be attending SJCA as a freshman. The McCue family was looking for a warmer climate and a rigorous education for Julia. Already familiar with Hillsdale College, Mrs. McCue discovered Hillsdale K12 as she researched schools for Julia in Florida. Classical education resonated with her, matching her teaching philosophy, style, and desire for Julia's high school experience.

Katy received her Bachelor's of Science degree in Secondary Education English from the University of Illinois in 1990. She taught English at Downers Grove South High School before starting her family. Blessed to be an at-home mom for many years, she homeschooled her children and started Katy's Custom Sewing and Alterations, a cottage business she has operated for twenty-five years. She has taught all subjects at the fourth and fifth grade levels, and worked as an ELA teacher for seventh, eighth, and ninth grade. Recently, Mrs. McCue has been homeschooling Julia and tutoring numerous students. Besides sewing for others, she enjoys quilting, knitting, reading historical fiction and biographies, playing with her four grandsons, and serving in children's ministry at church. Dan, Katy, Julia and their dog, Violet, are looking forward to moving to Florida. Mrs. McCue is overjoyed to be joining the staff and teaching second grade at St. Johns Classical Academy.

#### Ms. Julia Ingoldsby, Third Grade Teacher



Julia Ingoldsby received a B.A in English at The Master's University. She is deeply grateful for the Liberal Arts education that she obtained and for the opportunity she had to study abroad in both Israel and Italy. Throughout her time in college, she developed a passion for lifelong learning that she desires to instill in others. After graduating, she taught literature and writing for three years to eighth and ninth grade students, and also gained experience by tutoring scholars between first and twelfth grade. She looks forward to engaging third grade scholars at Saint Johns Classical Academy by offering her passion for classical learning and helping the scholars develop a curiosity for knowledge. In her free time, Ms. Ingoldsby enjoys

serving her church, spending time with family, reading, cooking, and traveling. She anticipates an exciting year of learning and growing alongside her third grade scholars.

#### Mrs. Delores Legg, Third Grade Teacher



Dolores Legg was born and raised in southern California. She is married with three girls. Her youngest is a sophomore at SJCA this year. As a military spouse, she opened her home to provide childcare to military kids. It was then that her passion for working with children began. Moving from Oceanside, CA to Okinawa, Japan did not hinder her desire to work with children and she reopened her home for childcare at Camp Foster in Okinawa. She enjoyed soaking in the cultural experiences and island life and sharing these experiences with the children in her care. In 2005, her family moved to Fleming Island, FL, and her husband retired from the United States Marine Corps after twenty-two years of service. After years spent taking courses whenever she could, she seized the opportunity to obtain an Associate of Science in

Nursing from St. Johns River College. After passing her registered nurse state licensing exam, she completed her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Jacksonville University. She volunteered at The Way Free Medical Clinic for several years in addition to working full time in skilled nursing and as a nursing clinical instructor. Dolores took a break from nursing to homeschool using Classical education curriculum when her middle child started seventh grade. In 2016, she moved back to Japan as a DOD spouse and was attached to Naval Air Facility Atsugi Japan. Once settled, she started volunteering as a RN through the American Red Cross. She volunteered as the elementary school nurse and became a First Aid, CPR, AED, and Babysitter trainer through the American Red Cross. The next school year, she was approached by the school principal to transition into teaching. She taught first grade and loved it. In her off time, she taught English and American culture at a Japanese after-school program and to a couple of senior groups at the local Japanese community center. Her family moved back to Florida in June of 2020, and she started working as a school nurse at SJCA. In her free time Dolores enjoys hiking, traveling, cooking, and crafting. She is excited about transitioning back into teaching and watching those moments of awe on a student's face when knowledge clicks and a true love for learning develops.

#### Mr. James Wirkus, Fourth Grade Teacher



James Wirkus comes to SJCA from Park City, Utah, where he was teaching fifth grade at Hillside Elementary School in Salt Lake City. Mr. Wirkus has 20 years teaching experience in both the private and public sectors ranging from teaching NJROTC, mathematics, computer science, and science in middle and high school to fifth and sixth grade in elementary environments. Mr. Wirkus believes the purpose of teaching is to help students bring the world into focus by helping them develop a strong world view based on the foundational strengths of truth and virtue.

He also served as the Global Impact Director at Mountain Life Church in Park City, Utah—a volunteer position he held for ten years. He oversaw the development and

execution of Christian community development projects in five countries around the globe.

Before jumping into teaching, Mr. Wirkus served in the United States Marine Corps for 23 years in both the enlisted and officer ranks retiring as a Major. Mr. Wirkus describes his military career as "colorful" as he repaired helicopters and associated ground support equipment, held company level commands, and was frequently deployed in his capacity as a logistics problem solver.

Mr. Wirkus holds a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree and a Master's of Business Administration (MBA) degree from National University in San Diego, California. He holds teaching certificates in both Utah (Grades 1-8) and Florida (K-6) with endorsements in elementary mathematics and educational technology.

Mr. Wirkus loves sports—especially baseball (Go Padres!), golf, and snowboarding. He loves spending time with his wife of 38 years ,Cathy, and their dog, Mija. Their daughter, Sonya, is beginning her senior year at Hillsdale College majoring in biochemistry and classical education.

#### Mrs. Christy Willoughby, Fifth Grade Teacher



Mrs. Willoughby is excited to be joining the fifth grade team at SJCA this fall. She is a native Floridian. She was born and raised in Daytona Beach, where she earned her Associate in Arts Degree from Daytona State College. She went back to college later in life and earned a Bachelor of Arts from Saint Leo University where she graduated Magna Cum Laude. Her previous experience includes 20 years as a parent volunteer as well as ten years as Children's Director at First Baptist High Springs. She taught three years as an early elementary teacher in a private school, eight years in the public-school system, and three years in homeschool.

With her husband, Lonnie, they have a blended family of six boys ranging from five years old to 29 years old. Two of their sons are currently serving in the military, one in the Marines and the other in the Airforce. Their youngest son, Luke, will be attending kindergarten at SJCA, and their son, Ethan will be a senior in the fall. Being the mom to six boys, two of which are still home, keeps her very busy, but in her free time, she enjoys spending time at the beach and the mountains, reading and journaling, and serving in the children's ministry at her church.

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Teaching is her passion and she believes that all students are unique learners; with a safe, stimulating educational environment, they will grow academically, emotionally, and socially. She feels it is important for students to know they are loved, encouraged, and believed in. She has the highest expectations for each of her students. She wants them to learn from an early age that anything is possible with perseverance and hard work.

#### Mrs. Madeline Little, Lower School Piano Teacher



Mrs. Little has over fifteen years of experience in music and over nine years of experience with children and students. Her primary instrument is piano, which she began in the first grade. Her K-12 academic education was classically based, and, after receiving her Associate of Arts degree from St. Johns River State College, Mrs. Little attended the School of Music at Liberty University in Virginia. This experience provided opportunities to enhance her piano skills, perform in ensembles, and grow as a teacher. Mrs. Little recently graduated with her B.M. in Choral Music Education. Along with attending classes for her degree, Mrs. Little also thoroughly enjoyed growing her knowledge of music in world cultures.

Mrs. Little grew up in Clay County, and she had the wonderful opportunity to complete her student teaching at Swimming Pen Elementary and Lakeside Junior High. She has also been a substitute teacher for St. Johns Classical Academy. This upcoming year, Mrs. Little will be the part-time, K-4 piano specialist for group piano classes.

Mrs. Little also enjoys teaching at her private piano studio. She believes in the importance of learning to read music, being challenged, and growing in musical skills and understanding. When she is not teaching, Mrs. Little enjoys spending time with her husband, going to Disney World, and eating ice cream.

#### Mr. Johnathan Pierce, Latin Teacher



Johnathan Pierce was born and raised in Pensacola, FL, where he graduated from Escambia High School in 2015. Mr. Pierce first took Latin in high school and immediately loved it, studying it all four years. He was an active member in Florida Junior Classical League and he competed at many conventions in the Grammar category. Along with JCL, Mr. Pierce partook yearly in the National Latin Exam, on which he scored gold medals each year. His love for Latin continued into undergraduate study where he majored in both Latin and Greek at Florida State University. Throughout college, Mr. Pierce was active in Florida Senior Classical League, volunteering at local chapters and at Regional and State Conventions, while holding many offices. Also, active in his chapter of the Classics Honor Society, Eta Sigma Phi, Mr. Pierce began

tutoring undergraduate Latin and Greek students. After graduating FSU in 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts, Mr. Pierce attended University of Georgia where he earned his Master of Arts in 2021. In graduate school, Mr. Pierce had the opportunity to learn teaching methods for elementary Latin courses, and even had the opportunity to teach both beginning and intermediate Latin courses. For his Master's project, Mr. Pierce created a Greek and Latin reader (textbook/commentary) for intermediate students to strengthen their reading comprehension by reading selections of poetry about the mythological figure Medea throughout different periods of Classical literature. Currently, Mr. Pierce holds membership in the American Classical League, Classical Association of Florida, and the Classical Association of the Midwest and South. On an interesting note, Mr. Pierce attended high school with Ms. Kane, SJCA's former, beloved Latin teacher, who now lives overseas with her husband.

#### Mr. Harrison Dinsbeer, Latin Teacher

Salvete! Mr. Dinsbeer will teach Latin I and II and serve as Chancellor of Sparta's House. He graduated from Davidson College in May of 2021 with a B.A. in Classical Languages and Literature (i.e., Latin and Greek). For the curious, his undergraduate research focused on Ovid, Vergil, and the Septuagint, which is a Greek translation of the Old Testament. Mr. Dinsbeer hopes to present the Latin language to SJCA students in all its delectable beauty; by teaching the language, he wants to give them the opportunity to love it as much as he does.



# Ms. Mary Caroline Gillam, Latin Teacher

Ms. Gillam is a Bolles graduate. She attended Davidson College in North Carolina. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Classical Studies. During her time in college, Ms. Gillam had the opportunity to spend a year in Athens, where she furthered her Classical Studies through art history, Greek language, and topography courses that were taught on site in museums and sites around the city of Athens. Ms. Gillam was a field school student on the Athienou Archaeologoical Project. Additionally, she is a member Eta Sigma Phi National Latin Honor Society. This year, she will also serve as the Latin Department Chair for St. Johns Classical Academy.

# Mr. Scott Boulding, Upper School Science Teacher



Mr. Boulding joins the faculty of St. Johns Classical Academy as the physics teacher. He has taught physics for several years at the high school level in both Pasco and Pinellas County at levels of difficulty including conceptual, honors, and advanced placement. Prior to his public-school teaching experience, Mr. Boulding taught mathematics and the sciences to adults at proprietary career schools that prepared students for careers in health care. Though he holds Florida certifications in Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and Middle Grades General Science, physics is his true passion, and he firmly

believes that "teachers who make physics boring are guilty of an academic felony." Mr. Boulding holds memberships in the National Science Teachers Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the American Association of Physics Teachers.

Mr. Boulding graduated summa cum laude in 1986 from Upsala College, a small, private, liberal arts college in East Orange, New Jersey, where he was born and raised. During his time at Upsala, he earned all the highest academic honors the school had to offer and was the salutatorian of his graduating class. He was so well respected by the faculty of Upsala College that they invited him back to serve as an adjunct instructor in 1988, where he taught a course in Sensation and Perception despite having only a bachelor's degree. Mr. Boulding also holds a Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) in secondary science, with a major focus in physics, from the University of South Florida, which he earned in 2017. Between

1986 and 2017, Mr. Boulding indulged his great love of learning by exploring a wide range of academic interests at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. These experiences included: post-graduate training in psychology and medicine and further undergraduate training in mathematics, the natural sciences, and literature. The latter is his second great passion and, as an unmatriculated student at St. Petersburg College, Mr. Boulding won the Karen L. Pelz Memorial Writing Contest, taking first place in the Literary Criticism category and receiving the overall first place prize.

In his spare time, Mr. Boulding is a voracious and omnivorous reader, with a special love of the great works of the Western literary canon. He is always happy to engage you in lively conversation about great literature, especially if the talk turns toward the works of Charles Dickens – a particular favorite of his. Mr. Boulding also loves great cinema, and is especially passionate about the films of Ingmar Bergman, Akira Kurosawa, and Stanley Kubrick. It goes without saying that Turner Classic Movies is his favorite television station. When he is not reading great books or watching great films, you can find Mr. Boulding swimming, beachcombing, listening to music (especially classical music, opera, and classic rock), doing crossword puzzles, or visiting Florida's historical and natural places.

#### Mr. Brandon Cribbs, Algebra and Geometry Teacher



Mr.Cribbs grew up in Saint Augustine, Florida. He was educated at a Classical school during his middle school years. He graduated from Pedro Menendez High School and attended the University of North Florida where he received his Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics with a minor in History. He also earned a Masters of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, where he studied Koine Greek and Biblical Hebrew.

He has taught mainly at the high school level and has taught courses from Algebra 1 to Algebra II. Some of these courses include, Math for College Readiness, Advanced Math Topics, and Math for Liberal Arts. His love for math has always been how things works and not just saying "because it is math".

He is very passionate about fitness and about helping others. He serves his church on a regular basis, and he thinks that serving is something that does not make one weak, but rather it takes true strength to humble oneself and serve others before serving themselves.

#### Leah Braly, Speech and Language Pathologist



Leah Braly is thrilled to be joining STJCA as a Speech and Language Pathologist. She is a graduate of the Medical University of South Carolina earning her Master's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders. Over the last 11 years, she's worked in a variety of pediatric settings. In her free time, she enjoys photography and spending time with her husband and their three children.

#### **Eunice Glynn, Occupational Therapist**

Eunice Glynn will be the new Occupational Therapist at St Johns Classical Academy. She has been a therapist for over 20 years and has had the pleasure of working with many different cultures, religions, and people of varying backgrounds. As an Occupational Therapist, her role is to promote functional independence and assist children in reaching their maximum potential by targeting the obstacles that impede their function. She was born in Central America but moved to the United States at an early age. She grew up in South Florida and moved to North Florida two and a half years ago. She earned an Occupational Therapy degree at New York University. The experience of living in a big city taught her resilience, courage, and respect towards what life brings. She has been with her husband for 20 years and has a 14 year old. Her is also filled with the chaos of eight fur babies give on a daily basis. In her spare time, she loves the arts, Yoga, healthy living, and making an impact on the community. She is looking forward to working in the school system again, as the move to North Florida placed her in the medical sector. She truly believes the paths of our lives lead us to where we are bound to be, and this path has led her to be part of our school.

PLAN AHEAD FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR		)21 CHOOL ONTEST
	THE LAWYERS AND JUDGES of the Unite Court, Middle District of Florida, through the Bench Bar Fund and the Jacksonville Chapter Association,	Middle District
	INVITE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN CRADES 10-12 in Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Duval, Flagler, Hamilton, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Suwance, and Union Counties,	
	<b>TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ESSAY CONTES</b> 230th anniversary of the ratification of the Bil United States Constitution.	
KEY DATES	FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN CASH PRIZE	s
AUGUST 13, 2021 Essay prompt and rules available at www.flmd.uscourts.gov SEPTEMBER 17, 2021 Essay submission deadline	First Place Second Place Third Place Fourth through Tenth Places, each Classroom Grants for Teachers	\$2,000.00* \$1,000.00 \$500.00 \$50.00 \$500.00*
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NOVEMBER 19, 2021 Recognition ceremony for all winners at the Bryan Simpson United States Courthouse	*The first place winner also will have an opportunity for a day. **Eligibility requirements & restrictions apply.	to shadow a Federal Judg

#### SJCA Art Shower

St. Johns Classical Academy Friday, August 6, 2021 7:30 - 9:30 PM \$25 per person

According to Hillsdale K12, "art in a Classical school should be built upon the works of great masters; it should train and shape a student's artistic affections and tastes; it should promote reflection and art appreciation; it should provide a strong intellectual and creative foundation; it should develop a cohesive historical framework; it should intersect meaningfully with other disciplines". Therefore, as we move into our fifth year, one of our major initiatives it to fill our halls with great works that embody these qualities. Please join us on Friday, August 6th at our Art Shower. Families will have the opportunity to purchase a piece of art to make a historic contribution to the Academy. As students pass through the halls, these selections will imprint on their souls and serve as examples of what is beautiful. To recognize those who make this worthy, long-lasting donation to SJCA, we will install a plaque beneath each piece that will be inscribed with the family's name. You may also consider gathering another friend to make a joint contribution. This will be an elegant evening, when families, faculty, and staff can fellowship and spend time together as school body. Please purchase tickets by clicking here.

#### SJCA Sports Announcements

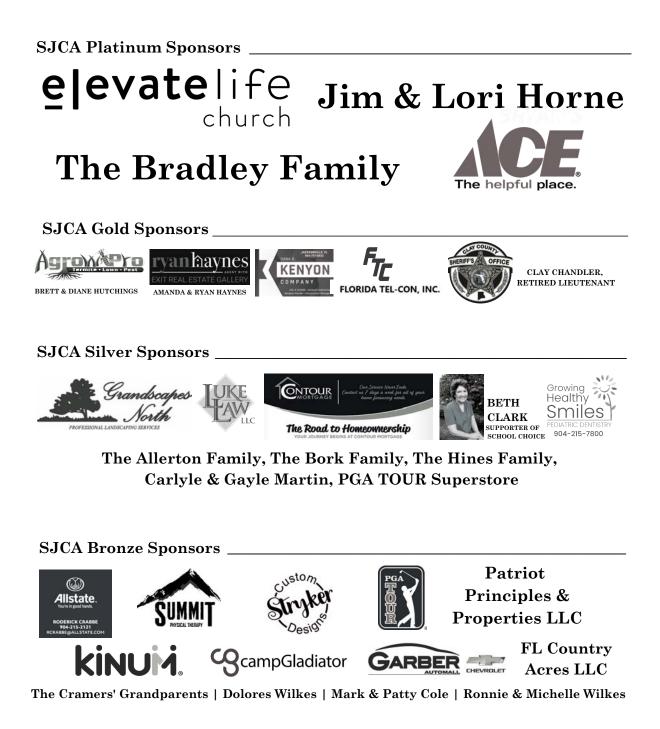
\* We are looking for a boys lacrosse coach. Please contact Coach Patterson if you are interested.

- \* Unfortunately, our golf team will be put on hold until we find a course that can accommodate our needs. Check *The Lion Line* for more updates coming soon.
- \* Boys Flag football (4th-8th grade) and Girls Volleyball (6th-9th grade) tryouts are coming soon. Check your email this week for updates.

#### Walkers & Bikers

If your scholar will be a walker or bike rider this year, you will need to sign a release and have it notarized. Parents must fill out a new form every school year. The release forms will be available at Orientation on August 6th. Mrs. Mann will be on campus to notarize the forms on Friday. Beginning Tuesday, August 3rd, the release forms will also be available on PT Board. After August 6th, parents can either make an appointment with Mrs. Mann to have the releases notarized, or they can be notarized using an external notary.





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