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Learn the True, Do the Good, Love the Beautiful

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## A Message from Headmaster Johnson

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Dear Parents,

Tradition is a large part of who we are as a nation. I fear that many of the traditions we hold dear are quickly fading. Sadly, many citizens of the United States completely missed the fact that Plymouth, Massachusetts is celebrating the 400-year anniversary of the arrival of the Mayflower. Rich American traditions, such as Thanksgiving, have emerged from that important historical event.

Those Puritans who huddled together on that open-sea voyage in 1620 helped shape our country in remarkable ways. The Mayflower Compact alone stands as one of the earliest documents describing self-government. The historical account of the Pilgrims is such a vital part of our American heritage and should be told and retold to each generation. When I was in grammar school, we would dress like Pilgrims and Native Americans and recount that first Thanksgiving. Of course, the Thanksgiving turkey, gravy, stuffing, etc., along with football, friends, and family have become a tradition in most of our lives today. I believe these traditions are important to remind us of our heritage and to create stronger common bonds.

I am so thankful to be a part of a school that values tradition, especially traditional American virtue. Our curriculum includes the true story of Thanksgiving, along with many other traditions established in American culture. We are proud to provide a traditional classical education. As we draw nearer to Christmas and the end of year 2020, let's reflect on the freedoms we enjoy and the traditions we keep sacred as Americans. I will certainly enjoy some of our favorite traditional Christmas movies! Take time to create your own family traditions and enjoy the season.

Sincerely,

Daniel (Matt) Johnson

Headmaster



## SJCA Spelling Bee

The Spelling Bee Competition is for scholars in grades fourth through eighth. This annual event helps scholars improve spelling, increase vocabulary, learn concepts and develop correct English usage. The Spelling Bee will be held on Friday, December 4 at 8:30 a.m. The SJCA campus remains closed to parents, however, the event will be streamed live through the official SJCA FaceBook page.

## SJCA Community Night

Share the gift of classical education, tell your family and friends about our upcoming Community Nights. SJCA Community Nights are designed especially for the parents of prospective scholars. Headmaster Johnson, Deans O'Neal and Satcher and our enrollment team will be available to answer questions and guide parents through our curriculum and philosophies.

December 8, 2020 5:30 p.m.

January 12, 2021 5:30 p.m.

February 9, 2021 5:30 p.m.

## Lions Helping Lions

The Interact Club would like to ask for your help with donating gift cards to give to some of our SJCA families in need during this Holiday Season. If you would like to help make some of our families holiday season a little brighter by providing meals for them, please donate gifts cards in any amount. Gift cards to Target, Wal-Mart, Publix, Winn-Dixie, etc. are greatly appreciated. We will be collecting them from now until December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please turn in all gift cards to Mrs. Livesay or Mrs. McGinn in the front office. Thank you for your help.

## European Study Abroad Holiday Fundraiser

On Saturday, December 12th from 10-3, Juniors will offer babysitting and gift wrapping services to SJCA families. The cost is \$25 per child for five hours of babysitting. We will also be offering pizza and a drink for \$2.50 a slice. Gift wrapping services will also be available. Donations are appreciated. Reservation slips will be sent in Tuesday folders and need to be returned no later than December 9th. Thank you for supporting our fundraiser efforts.

## 2nd Annual Scholars vs. Staff Flag Football Game

December 4th at 4:30 p.m.

All are welcome to attend.

## Help Wanted

The Middle School boys basketball team needs an assistant coach. If you are interested in serving in this role, please email Mrs. Patterson: [hannah.patterson@stjca.org](mailto:hannah.patterson@stjca.org).

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### House Shirt & Hoodie Pre-Orders

## Last Day to Order Thursday 12/17

Turn cash or check into your House Chancellor to order.

Make checks payable to SJCA

Order Style Options:

Short Sleeve T-Shirt \$20    Long Sleeve T-Shirt \$25    Hoodie \$30

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\*\* Lower school scholars will give their orders and money to their teachers & the teachers will turn the money into the House Chancellors. \*\*

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# SCIENCE CLUB

This club will be a place to expand students' knowledge on miscellaneous science topics by doing experiments and researching the topic of the meeting

## Scholars

1. Must be in biology or above
2. Must pay the \$10 admission fee by the second meeting
3. Must uphold all virtues

The first meeting will be held on 1/12/21 at 3:15 in room 117 in the cafeteria building.

There will be a meeting every Tuesday

If you have questions ask the sponsor of the club Mrs. Weaver in room 117

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