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Principal's Notes

Yellow Jacket Family, we are having a great school year and preparing our students for all of their assessments. Student assessments provide both formal and informal information about how and what students are learning. Assessments have a great focus in the classroom than ever before and play a unique role in the learning process. Our teachers at St. Augustine High School are focusing on 4 best practices that help prepare our students for assessments. These are as follows:

- 1. Review and Practice** – Many teachers find that holding review sessions, issuing practice tests, and teaching test-taking skills to be the most effective strategies of assessment preparation. Practice tests are frequently used because well-designed practice tests support learning, serve as a review, and builds students' test-taking skills. Additionally, our teachers have implemented periodic benchmark assessments as a predictor of student performance on state assessments. Teachers have used the results of the benchmark assessments diagnostically to guide their instruction.
- 2. Differentiating Instruction** – Small group instruction, peer tutoring, and web-based programs are some of the most popular strategies teachers use to prepare students with diverse learning needs for testing. Small group instruction enables teachers to focus on the particular needs of the group. Peer tutoring benefits both students because one student gets extra help while the tutor gets to develop skills that reinforce learning. Web-based programs allow teachers to focus on specific content for a group or individuals to help prepare them for assessments.
- 3. Engage and Motivate** – At SAHS, we believe that learning should be rigorous, but FUN. Teachers report that interactive content, such as games and competition, helps engage and motivate students. Additionally, enabling students to monitor their own progress keeps them involved in their learning and makes them feel successful as they watch their individual results improve.
- 4. Partner with Parents** - We believe that it takes a village. Communicating with parents on a regular basis is an integral part of engaging our parents and their child's success in testing. Teachers at SAHS use other tools such as email and websites to communicate with our parents. These tools give parents visibility into their child's progress and convey ways in which they can help their child at home.



DeArmas Graham

Thank you **Mrs. Kathy Weed** (PTO President) and the parents who serve on our PTO HIVE Committee at SAHS! The faculty/staff at SAHS are very appreciative of our PTO HIVE and their continued support for our teachers. SAHS is a Great school because of great teachers, parents, business partners, and volunteers!

Parents, I want to encourage you to continue to check Schoology and HAC.

GO JACKETS! #WIN

Dr. DeArmas Graham

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AICE News

AICE Advisory Board recently hosted our 9th Annual AICE Game Day to welcome members of the AICE Class of 2023! **Thank you to Romano's On the Beach** for generously donating all of the pizza for this event – it was DELICIOUS!! Also thank you to the AICE Advisory Board members and current AICE students who helped and the parents who donated supplies, food, money and even their personal assistance with the games – we couldn't do it without you! We all had a great time – and now the new students will enter their first year of high school already knowing some friendly AICE faces!

Next up is the May/June 2019 AICE Exam Session. Our current AICE students will be sitting for over **3,000 exams** this spring!!! The final **AICE/AP Exam Schedule** is available on the AICE Website (<http://www-sahs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/aice/>) and on the AICE Schoology page. In April, students will receive another "Statement of Entry" (listing the exam(s) they are scheduled to take), an updated hard copy of the full exam schedule, a red pass for entering the building before 8:30am, and their individual login/password information to view their scores online.

- Students can view their scores online on Tuesday, August 13th, 2019.
- So make sure to save that password info. (blue paper).

PARENTS: Please note!!! The **morning exams are scheduled to BEGIN at 8:45am!!** Students are expected to arrive **at the testing location by 8:30AM.** Students should plan enough time to drop off their backpacks at their lockers or a classroom with enough time to arrive 15 minutes early for each exam. **ALSO – a link to volunteer to help with AICE Exams will be emailed out soon,** and will be available on the AICE Website and Schoology page. Please take a look and sign up to help whenever you can – **we need LOTS of help on exam days!**

Students are responsible for knowing when and where they are scheduled to appear for each part of every exam on their schedule. Students have an individual copy of the schedule, it's on the AICE website, Schoology, AICE Bulletin Board in "C" Hall, in Guidance and displayed in all of the AICE/Pre-AICE teachers' rooms – so NO EXCUSES!!!

Please make note – many exam dates are scheduled for AFTER school is out!!

UPCOMING EVENT!!! The AICE Silent Auction!

The "in-person" auction will be held on **Tuesday, May 3rd** from 5 – 8pm in cooperation with the SJCCA Spring Band Concert (concert at 7pm).

Bids can be placed using our online Auction Site starting April 10th at <https://charityauction.bid/SAHSAICE6>.

The bidding will close at 8pm on Wed. May 3rd and items need to be picked up/paid for by no later than 9pm that night.

PREVIEW ITEMS: We have 15 Disney passes!! Plus - *passes to nearby attractions (like Alligator Farm, Wild Adventures, Ripley's, etc.), Spa day, Scenic Cruises, Golf packages, Restaurant Certificates, SAHS Sports Event Season passes – and much more!!*

View details on the AICE Booster Club Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/sahsaiceboosterclub/>.

If you have a business and are interested in making a donation – or know of a business that might be interested, *please contact our AICE Booster Club Auction Coordinator, Sibylle Valvo Schnotalla at smv713@att.net.*

AICE Advisory Board is hosting a Senior Luncheon on Thursday, May 9th in the courtyard by the SJCCA wing during all three lunch periods to honor and celebrate our AICE seniors. These seniors have worked very hard and are completing their last year of this very rigorous curriculum. Many of our seniors have already passed enough AICE Exams and earned their **AICE DIPLOMA AWARD** during the Nov. 2018 exam session and many more will be sitting for enough exams to potentially earn the **AICE DIPLOMA AWARD** during the June 2019 exam session!!! Their efforts are already paying off and I know every student will be doing their best to earn this prestigious award – *and* the top Bright Futures Award that automatically goes with it!!

Lastly - Thank you to all of our great AICE parents for your amazing support! Make sure you **sign up for text message alerts by texting @sahsaice to 81010** and you will receive text message announcements related to the AICE Program at SAHS. If you are not receiving **e-mails** from Ms. Bechtle on a fairly regular basis, please send your e-mail address to Dena.Bechtle@stjohns.k12.fl.us so you can stay up to date.

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Career Academies

Academy of Law and Homeland Security:

Our Academy of Law and Homeland Security students recently attended the Florida Public Service Association State Leadership Conference (see picture). Congratulations to the following students for placing in the various competition categories:

- Prepared Poster Display – 2nd place – Richard Downs
- Prepared Poster Display – 3rd place – Mattie Andrews
- Prepared Marketing Poster – 2nd place – Hannah Beregsasy
- Prepared Bulletin Board Display – 4th place – Skyler Simmonds
- Prepared Bulletin Board Display – 5th place – Richard Downs
- Criminal Justice Exam – 2nd place – Skyler Simmonds
- Criminal Justice Exam – 5th place – Madalyn Moore
- We placed 8th out of 14 chapters.
- We were one of three small chapters competing

In addition, Mason Davis was elected as the State FPSA President and Hannah Beregsasy was elected as the State Sgt. At Arms.

St. Johns County Aerospace Academy:

Students in Dr. Masson's Aerospace courses will be visited by a series of guest speaker throughout April and May. Guests will include: Ryan Lange an Academy alumni and Human Factors major at Embry-Riddle, Mr. Ed Wuellner, the Northeast Florida Regional Airport Director (see picture), Mr. Galin Hernandez, SAAPA member speaking on Aviation Law Enforcement, Mr. Doug Gibson, retired airline pilot and Navy commander, Mr. Davis Thompson, FAA, Captain Florence Sanders, FedEx Captain, and Paul Baran, Northrop Grumman engineer. We are excited to offer these opportunities to our students and cannot thank our business partners enough!

St. Johns County Academy of Future Teachers

The 2019 Apple Banquet will be held on May 9th at the Palencia Club. Academy instructors will begin collecting money to attend on April 10th at the beginning of class. It will be a great evening filled with food, awards, senior recognition, and the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding. Please see Mr. Winter or Ms. Hall for more details.

For more information about our Career Academies please contact:

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Guidance Department News

School Counselor Contact Information and Appointments

Yellow Jacket Families - The SAHS School Counselors work in conjunction with teachers, families, students, and other staff members to maximize student achievement. We serve all students in academic planning, personal/social challenges, and assist them in planning future education and career choices.

Students may set up an appointment request with their counselor on the homepage of the SAHS website <http://www-sahs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>

Parents, please contact Stephanie Fultz to schedule an appointment or request an appointment on the homepage of the SAHS website. We are here to assist students and families!

Counselor	Alpha	Email
Mrs. Melody Cashwell	A-G	Melody.Cashwell@stjohns.k12.fl.us
Mrs. Cammy Barber	H-P	Cammy.Barber@stjohns.k12.fl.us
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Mrs. Karen Evans	Computer Operator	Karen.Evans@stjohns.k12.fl.us
Ms. Heather Naughton	Testing Coordinator	Heather.Naughton@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Communication

In an effort to improve communication with students and parents on the happenings of the SAHS School Counseling office, we have developed an Instagram account to push out information and resources on academics, social/emotional needs, and post-secondary planning. Follow us on Instagram: JacketSchoolCounseling

Attendance and Academic Success

One of the most important factors in helping your student succeed in school is making sure that he/she is attending school regularly. Consistent attendance is directly linked with learning time in the classroom and successful academic performance. If you have concerns about your student's attendance, please

reach out to his/her school counselor or Amy Arnow, our Dean of Attendance.

Graduation

The time is finally coming for our Class of 2019 to graduate from High School. The date is set for May 23rd, 2019. Counselors have been busy verifying students' graduation requirements and current grades to ensure they are satisfying the state requirements to earn a high school diploma in the state of Florida. Communication has been sent out through e-mail and the postal service regarding students who are at risk of not graduating. Please contact your student's school counselor if you have any concerns regarding graduation status.

Home Access Center

Home Access Center is used to view student's grades, transcripts, submit course requests during registration, and monitor attendance. If you do not have your username and password, please select the "Forgot My Username or Password" link and follow the necessary prompts. If you need additional assistance, please contact Karen Evans, Computer Operator, Karen.Evans@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Seniors: Plans after High School?

The SAHS school counseling department is interested in your plans after high school. If you have been accepted into a university, state college, military, and/or trade school, please bring your acceptance

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How to Order Transcripts

To order your transcripts, please go to SAHS Website and click on "order my transcript." You will be prompted to set up an account. Once you have an account, you are able to begin ordering your transcripts for colleges or other organizations. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Karen Evans in the guidance department at 904-547-8517 or Karen.Evans@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Bright Futures Scholarships

In order to apply for Bright Futures Scholarships, seniors must complete the Florida Financial Aid Application online by the end of senior year. (<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/>) Students must meet this deadline in order to be considered for the scholarship. Also, all community service hours should be submitted to your counselor no later than May 10th.

Senior Countdown!

- April 12-24 Exams
 - April 26 Grad Bash
 - May 10 Senior Cookout
 - May 14 Last Day For Seniors
 - May 16 Senior Awards Night (By Invitation)
 - May 21 Graduation Rehearsal @ the AMP 9-11
 - May 23 Graduation at the AMP 7PM (ARRIVE AT 6PM)
- See Mr. Ranick or Ms. Cashwell if you have any questions!



SA/KHS Alumni Association

The SA/KHS Alumni Association is excited about all that we have accomplished this past year! Our committees have worked tirelessly to raise funds to continue to support our alma mater. We will soon be gearing up for our special event to celebrate our 2019 Hall of Fame inductees. The 2019 class of honorees will be recognized at the Hall of Fame Gala on Thursday, October 10, 2019. For more information about the Hall of Fame event or to make a nomination for this great honor, visit www.mysahs.com.

The Hall of Fame event is only one of the ways you could potentially get involved as an alumni and community member of St. Augustine High School. Our board members work day in and day out to find ways to positively impact the lives of the students and faculty of "THE" High School. We are always looking to grow our organization and make improvements to preserve and promote fellowship amongst present and future alumni as well as support and strengthen the school's mission. Volunteers do make a difference and we could use your help with our membership, scholarship, and endowment committees. If you would like to get involved, please contact Debbie Adams at dadams2@att.net.

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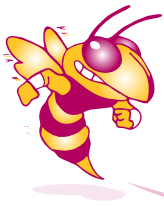
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SAHS ROTC

2018-2019 JROTC Banquet

This year's JROTC Banquet for the 2018-2019 school year was an outstanding event. One could easily see the high level of support provided by the parent booster club and the cadets that volunteered to help make the banquet successful.

The great amount of preparation was evident and it was all worth it in the end. The venue was beautiful, there were beautiful string lights dangling above the tables and each decorated with mason jars filled with colored sand, vases full of roses, and American flags. The food was catered by Carrabbas, and held in a room next to where the guests were seated.

There were seven types of awards presented to our cadets. Our very own Jacket students who demonstrated high level of service, athletics, academic excellence, and achievement. 41 students received a 3.0+ in their academics and were celebrated at this event. The collaboration between 1st Sgt. Brown and Major Reynolds was outstanding and one could see the dedication they have with the course, cadets, and to our Jacket families.

Overall, it was a great night and it gave us the chance to recognize our students and provide us the opportunity to spend time with families and community organizations that support our students and school. All of the success from this year leaves us all with excitement for next year's banquet.

Submitted by: Heather Pagano (Battalion S5/6) and Dean Cortés

Pictures from ROTC Banquet



SJCCA

SAVE the Date!

- April 22-23 Drama Showcase
- April 25 Chorus Concert
- May 3 Band Concert
- May 7 Musical Theatre Showcase
- May 14 Guitar Concert

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The St. Johns County School District Board Policy 2.16 contains the grievance procedure related to harassment and discrimination for employees, students and applicants.

If you believe you have been harassed or discriminated against, contact the School Administration or a member of the Equity Committee: Rhoda Ferrell – Coordinator/Chairperson(547-7602), Scott Sherman (547-7684), Lisa Bell (547-7537), Joann Johnson (547-7682), George Leidigh (547-3869).