

THE BUZZ

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Principal's Notes

Jacket Families,

The First Semester is almost in the books. Congratulations to all our staff on providing a great academic environment for our students! And Congrats to our amazing Jackets for their superb academic achievement. We are off to a great start! As we roll into the holiday season, I feel compelled to express my gratitude for the outstanding community that we have supporting us at The Hive. It is no surprise that our PTO won Top-5 Community Business Partner in SJCSO. They continuously take time to invest in our teachers and students and bring smiles all around with their gifts. Our teachers love seeing the snack cart winding through the hallways and speed walk to the teachers' lounge when they know a luncheon is being served. We can also thank our PTO for the new Jacket Logo Event Tents that you have no doubt seen at fields under the Friday Night Lights!!

Along with our Academic Successes, I am also thankful to be a part of a community that is dedicated to the whole child. From our Academies to the Arts to the Athletics, we give all students the opportunity to be a part of organizations that help them to grow in character and confidence. I love watching young budding actors and musicians come to life on our stage in front of a packed house or future college athletes dive for a touchdown pass in front of a packed stadium. Seeing these Jackets reminds me of tremendous discipline and dedication these young students put forth when surrounded by a supportive culture that cares about their success. Our school continues to thrive as we 'Do The Work...Together' #DTWT!

As we move into this holiday season, I would like to wish our entire community a most joyous season filled with happiness and cheer. It's been a great end to 2023! Can't wait to experience our successes together in 2024.

Together,
Mr. Brown



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Our own Principal Brown in his stage debut in our recent production of Newsies!

We Love Our Veterans!!!

SAHS celebrated its own Veterans with a luncheon sponsored by Geico Insurance and hosted in our ROTC Bay. Our SAHS Color Guard greeted veterans with well-deserved fanfare. Along with this celebration of our staff who have served, we also had an incredible Veterans Salute hosted by our own Ancient City Regiment! Thank you to all who have served and to those who have stood strong in support of their soldiers!



Counselors' Corner

The SAHS School Counseling Team has been working with students (grades 10-12) to complete annual credit checks. This has been very helpful for students. Each student has had the opportunity to speak with their counselor one-on-one to discuss their academic progress toward graduation. This is a vital step in supporting our students. Parents, please ask your 10-12th graders about their credit checks and if they are on track for on-time graduation.

The School Counseling Team is also making plans for registration for the 2024-25 school year. If you have any questions regarding courses we offer, graduation requirements, or course progressions, please check our Registration Handbook, located on the SAHS webpage. Reach out to your student's counselor with any questions.

SAHS PTO Update!

The SAHS PTO hosted another successful POWER OF AN HOUR event, funding 4 out of 5 projects for a total of \$3,516.82 raised in just one hour! We are so appreciative of the school and community support of this program and encourage everyone to attend our next POWER OF AN HOUR on January 25, 2024 at the Colonial Quarters.

The SAHS PTO was awarded top 5 Business Partners of the year for the St. Johns County School District. We are honored to be a part of such an amazing school and take pride in serving our staff and students each year!

The PTO does not work without the support of our amazing community and business partners. A big shout out to this year's sponsors!

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Tardy Swipe machines are utilized in the building to report students that are tardy to each period. We strive to teach our students that being on time is a sign of respect and ways to show that you are responsible, which are 2 of the pillars of Character Counts. Recently, we were able to utilize them to also provide incentives for our students to celebrate things such as tardy free for Quarter 1, All A's for Quarter 1, Newsies Preview Day, and Honor Roll for Quarter 1.



SJCCA Musical Theatre

SJCCA Musical Theatre and SJCCA Dance combined their artistic talents in the recent production of the Broadway Musical Newsies! The students opened to a packed house on Thursday and continued to astound audiences throughout the weekend. In the audience was one of the Original Broadway Cast of Newsies, Laurie Veldheer. She hung around through Tuesday and joined our student on campus giving valuable coaching and tips in workshops style to these same students.



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The Academy of Law and Homeland Security

The Academy of Law and Homeland Security students have been busy not only in class, but also with outside activities and weekly training meetings. They are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their new Polo Shirts for this year and are ready to show them off, everywhere they go. They enjoyed parking cars for a fundraiser at 2 home varsity home football games, and had several students come out to assist Mr. Westall and Mr. Eakins with this. They are hosting the "Fall Games" here at the school on November 4th for the other schools that go to the Universal Competition in January of 2024. At the Fall Games, they will be serving a hot lunch, prepared on site, and will be participating in several events to hone their skillset for competition. There will also be a Deputy Sheriff from the St Johns County Sheriffs Office here to teach the students how to conduct proper traffic stops.

Next on the agenda for them is the annual St Augustine Christmas Parade, held on December 2nd. This will be our third year participating in this community event and the students are already making plans to decorate the float and gathering candy to give out along the parade route.

We are practicing every week to prepare for our competition at Universal Studios in January of 2024. We compete against other schools in the North Florida Criminal Justice Alliance. The students did very well there last year and are excited about being invited back again. They will compete for 2 and a half days and then will be able to enjoy the parks at Universal Studios for 2 days. What a great trip. The competitions include traffic stops, arrest procedures, incident report writing, public speaking and several others.

In the spring, our annual field trip to the American Police Hall of Fame Museum in Titusville is already being planned. The students

who went last year, requested this to be an annual event as they enjoyed it so much.

In our classes, the 9-11 class started using the simulators and are answering calls for service, dispatching to the field units, and answering calls for service. In the Criminal Justice 3 classes, they just recently went out to the field behind F Building, and did grid searches, looking for evidence in the grass. They were able to hone their search skills and every piece of the evidence was found.

We have had several guest speakers already this year, with more coming throughout the year. Lt Tarbert with the Sheriff's Office brings pizza once a month to the senior classes, and last time, Sheriff Hardwick came with him and talked to the students. We have had guests from the Sheriff's Office, Drug Enforcement Unit/Traffic Unit, The Sheriff's Office Recruiter, and next week we will be having a civilian from the Professional Standards unit coming in. We also get guest speakers from various colleges to come in and talk to our students about their college and career choices. To give them advice to help them along their way.

More field trips are planned throughout the year, including taking students to visit the Sheriff's Office Communication Center, a college visit, and other competitions as we are invited to go and fits in our busy schedule.

All in all, it has been another great start for this year, and our Academy of Law and Homeland Security is going places!





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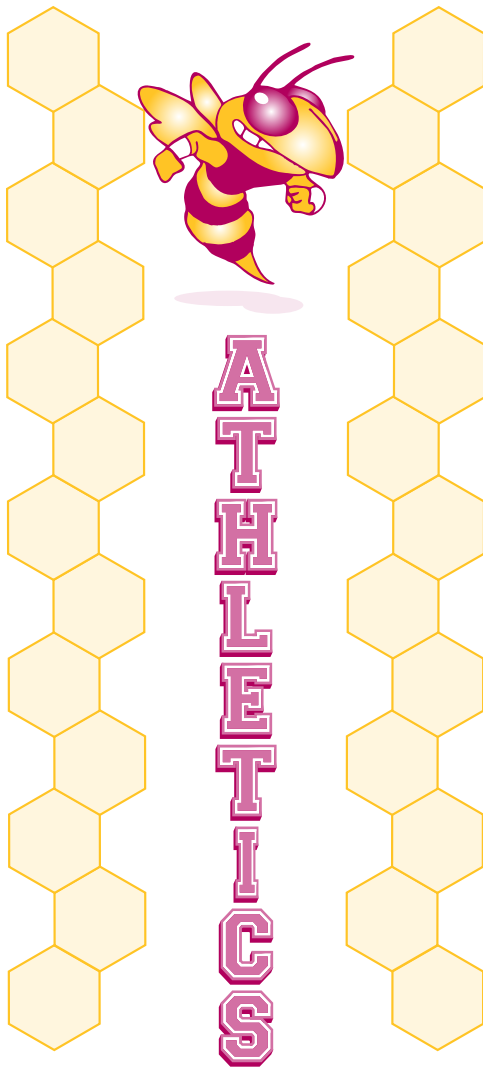
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| Date | Day | Sport | Opponent | JV/V | Time | Location |
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| Nov. 21st | Tuesday | GS | TBA | | TBA | TBA |
| Nov. 21st | Tuesday | GBB | Creekside | JV/V | 6/7:30 | HOME |
| Nov. 22nd | Wed | BBB | St. Joe | V | 7 | HOME |
| Nov. 28th | Tuesday | GS | Ridgview | JV/V | 5:30/7:30 | HOME |
| Nov. 28th | Tuesday | BBB | Palatka | JV/V | 6:00/7:30 | Palatka |
| Nov. 29th | Wed | BBB | Pine Ridge | JV/V | 6:00/7:30 | Pine Ridge |
| Nov. 29th | Wed | GWL | Taylor | V | 3:30 | HOME |
| Nov. 30th | Thurs | GBB | Pedro | JV/V | 6/7:30 | HOME |
| Dec. 1st | Friday | BS | Nease | V | 7:30 | Nease |
| Dec. 1st | Friday | GBB | Nease | JV/V | 6/7:30 | HOME |
| Dec. 1st | Friday | GS | Matanzas | JV/V | 5:30/7:30 | Matanzas |
| Dec. 2nd | Saturday | Cheer | Jacket Spirit Spectacular | V | | HOME |
| Dec. 2nd | Sat | GBB | Forest | V | 2PM | North Marion |
| Dec. 5th | Tuesday | BS | Clay | V | 7:30 | Clay |
| Dec. 5th | Tuesday | BBB | Bartram Trail | JV/V | 6:00/7:30 | HOME |
| Dec. 5th | Tuesday | GS | Clay | JV/V | 5:30/7:30 | HOME |
| Dec. 5th | Tuesday | Cheer | Bartram Trail | V | | Bartram Trail |
| Dec. 6th | Wed | GWL | FSDB | V | 3:30 | HOME |
| Dec. 6th | Wed | GBB | Ridgeview | JV/V | 6/7:30 | Ridgeview |
| Dec. 7th | Thurs | BBB | Crescent City | JV/V | 6/7:30 | HOME |
| Dec. 7th | Thurs | BS | Wolfson | V | 7:30 | HOME |
| Dec. 8th | Friday | BBB | Pedro | JV/V | 6/7:30 | Pedro |
| Dec. 8th | Friday | GS | Pedro | JV/V | 5:30/7:30 | Pedro |
| Dec. 9th | Sat | WR | Ponte Vedra | V | 9AM | Ponte Vedra |
| Dec. 9th | Sat | BS | Duval Charter | V | 1PM | Duval Charter |
| Dec. 12th | Tuesday | BS | Ponte Vedra | V | 7:30 | Ponte Vedra |
| Dec. 12th | Tuesday | GS | West Nassau | V | 7:30 | HOME |
| Dec. 12th | Tuesday | Cheer | County Championship | V | | Pedro |
| Dec. 12th | Tuesday | BBB | Nease | JV/V | 6/7:30 | HOME |
| Dec. 12th | Tuesday | GBB | Bartram Trail | JV/V | 6/7:30 | Bartram Trail |
| Dec. 13th | Wed | GWL | County Championship | V | 2 | HOME |
| Dec. 14th | Thurs | BBB | Matanzas | JV/V | 6/7:30 | Matanzas |



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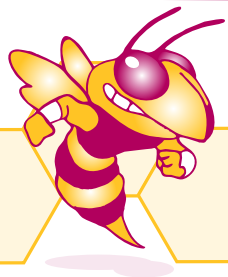
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| Dec. 15th | Friday | BS | Pedro | V | 7:20 | Pedro |
| Dec. 15th | Friday | GBB | Astronaut | V | 6 | New Smyrna |
| Dec. 15th | Friday | GS | Orange Park | JV/V | 5:30/7:30 | Orange Park |
| Dec. 16th | Sat | Cheer | UCA Regionals | V | | Daytona FL |
| Dec. 16th | Sat | BBB | Beachside | JV/V | 2/3:30 | HOME |
| Dec. 16th | Sat | WR | Fleming Island | V | 8AM | Fleming Island |
| Dec. 16th | Sat | GBB | Seabreeze | V | 1:30 | New Smyrna |
| Dec. 18th | Mon | BS | Palatka | V | 7:30 | HOME |
| Dec. 19th | Tuesday | GS | Middleburg | JV/V | 5:30/7:30 | Middleburg |
| Dec. 19th | Tuesday | Cheer | County Championship | V | | Tocoi Creek |
| Dec. 20th | Wed | BS | Bartram Trail | V | 7:30 | Bartram Trail |
| Dec. 21st | Thurs | BBB | Atlantic Coast | JV/V | 6/7:30 | Atlantic Coast |
| Dec. 21st | Thurs | GBB | Columbia | V | 7:00 | Columbia |
| Dec. 21st | Thurs | GS | Palatka | JV/V | 5:30/7:30 | HOME |
| Dec. 27th | Wed | GBB | TBA | V | TBA | Palatka |
| Dec. 27th | Wed | BBB | TBA | V | TBA | Mainland |
| Dec. 28th | Thurs | BBB | TBA | V | TBA | Mainland |
| Dec. 28th | Thurs | GBB | TBA | V | TBA | Palatka |
| Dec. 29th | Friday | BBB | TBA | V | TBA | Mainland |
| Dec. 29th | Friday | GBB | TBA | V | TBA | Palatka |
| Jan. 4th | Thurs | GBB | Terry Parker | JV/V | 6/7:30 | Terry Parker |
| Jan. 4th | Thurs | BBB | Bishop Kenny | JV/V | 5:30/7 | Bishop Kenny |
| Jan. 5th | Friday | BS | Tocoi Creek | V | 5:30 | Tocoi Creek |

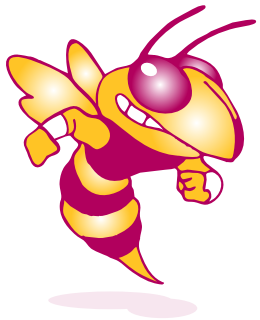
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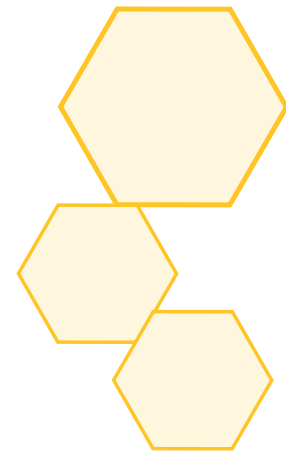
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| Jan. 5th | Friday | BBB | Oakleaf | JV/V | 6/7:30 | HOME |
| Jan. 5th | Friday | GS | St. Joe | V | 7:30 | HOME |
| Jan. 6th | Sat | WR | Fletcher | V | 9AM | Fletcher |
| Jan. 6th | Sat | GBB | North Marion | V | 3 | HOME |
| Jan. 8th | Mon | BS | Flagler Palm Coast | V | 7:30 | HOME |
| Jan. 8th | Mon | GBB | Fleming Island | V | 6/7:30 | Fleming Island |
| Jan. 9th | Tuesday | GS | Bishop Snyder | V | 7:30 | HOME |
| Jan. 10th | Wed | BBB | Creekside | JV/V | 6/7:30 | Creekside |
| Jan. 10th | Wed | WR | Ponte Vedra | V | 5PM | Ponte Vedra |
| Jan. 10th | Wed | BS | Creekside | V | 7:30 | Creekside |
| Jan. 10th | Wed | GWL | Tocoi Creek | V | 3:30 | HOME |
| Jan. 11th | Thurs | GBB | Pedro | JV/V | 6/7:30 | Pedro |
| Jan. 12th | Friday | BBB | Nease | JV/V | 6/7:30 | Nease |
| Jan. 12th | Friday | WR | Ocoee | V | 5PM | Ocoee |
| Jan. 12th | Friday | GS | Mainland | JV/V | 5:30/7:30 | Mainland |
| Jan. 12th | Friday | GBB | Terry Parker | JV/V | 6/7:30 | HOME |
| Jan. 13th | Sat | GBB | TBA | | TBA | University Christian |
| Jan. 16th | Tuesday | BBB | Fletcher | JV/V | 6/7:30 | HOME |
| Jan. 16th | Tuesday | WR | Tocoi Creek | V | 5PM | Tocoi Creek |
| Jan. 16th | Tuesday | BS | Crescent City | V | 7:30 | HOME |
| Jan. 16th | Tuesday | GS | Fleming Island | JV/V | 5:30/7 | Fleming Island |
| Jan. 17th | Wed | Cheer | County Championship | V | | Ponte Vedra |
| Jan. 18th | Thurs | BBB | Crescent City | JV/V | 6/7:30 | Crescent City |
| Jan. 18th | Thurs | BS | Fleming Island | V | 7:30 | HOME |
| Jan. 19th | Friday | BBB | Menendez | JV/V | 6/7:30 | HOME |
| Jan. 19th | Friday | GS | Bartram Trail | JV/V | 5:30/7:30 | Bartram Trail |
| Jan. 20th | Sat | WR | Lyman | V | TBA | Lyman |
| Jan. 23rd | Tuesday | GBB | Columbia | V | 7 | HOME |
| Jan. 25th | Thurs | BBB | Ponte Vedra | JV/V | 6/7:30 | Ponte Vedra |
| Jan. 25th | Thurs | Cheer | FHSAA Regionals | V | | TBA |
| Jan. 26th | Friday | BBB | Global Outreach | JV/V | 6/7:30 | HOME |
| Jan. 27th | Sat | WR | Lake Mary | V | 9AM | Lake Mary |
| Jan. 29th | Mon | GBB | Ed White | V | 6:30 | HOME |
| Jan. 30th | Tuesday | BBB | Oakleaf | JV/V | 6/7:30 | Oakleaf |
| Feb. 1st | Thurs | GBB | Palatka | V | 6:30 | Palatka |
| Feb. 1st | Thurs | BBB | Bartram Trail | JV/V | 6/7:30 | Bartram Trail |
| Feb. 2nd | Thurs | Cheer | FHSAA State | V | | Lakeland |
| Feb. 2nd | Friday | GBB | Ponte Vedra | JV/V | 6/7:30 | HOME |
| Feb. 2nd | Friday | BBB | Riverside | JV/V | 6/7:30 | HOME |
| Feb. 3rd | Sat | WR | Clay | V | 7:30AM | Clay |
| Feb. 9-11 | | Cheer | UCA Nationals | V | | Orlando |



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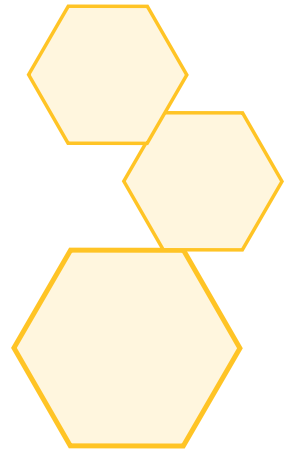
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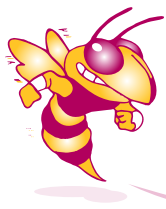


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Congratulations to the SJCCA Band Ancient City Regiment for another outstanding Marching Season. This year, our show titled Radioactive was a big hit both at football games and at competitions and was enjoyed by judges and our competitors equally.

The band attended several Local, District, and Regional Competitions this Fall. We started out the Season at the Toco Creek Competition and finished with a top 10 placement and our highest score in 2 years. We then went to the Orange Park Competition and came in 6th Overall Place and 2nd Place in our Class- surpassing our first competition score by over 5 points. At our District Marching MPA at Bartram Trail, we earned an Overall Excellent Rating with Superior Ratings by our Color Guard and Percussion sections. Our Final Competition was in Jesup, GA at the Deep South Marching Competition where we had our best performance of the season and earned Superior Ratings by our Drum Majors, Percussion Section, and Band as a whole. We also earned Best in Class Awards for our Majorettes, Drum Majors, and Percussion sections. We ended with our highest score of the season with an 86.00- surpassing our best score again by over 13 points.

Mr. Peters
SJCCA Band
Director of Bands



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