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Principal's Notes



Dr. DeArmas Graham

Yellow Jacket Family, we are off to a Great start of the 2020 year! Our goal at SAHS is to have educators who are consistently positive and are sensitive to the needs of students. We want to take action and promote a growth mindset. In every classroom, our teachers will have the learning intentions that set the tone for the lesson. Effective teachers start with a standard, break the learning into lesson-sized chunks, and then phrase these chunks so that students will be able to understand them. Each one of these chunked phrases—a daily statement of what a student is expected to learn in a given lesson is a *learning intention*.

Learning intentions can focus on knowledge, skills, or concepts. Effective teachers know where their students are in the learning cycle and design their instruction to foster learning. It is essential for students to know what they're expected to learn each day and there should be ways to determine if that learning has occurred. The first 10 minutes of class is "bell work." Bell work should be an opportunity to cultivate and activate prior knowledge through written work as classroom discourse. The point is to get learners ready to learn the new content by giving their brains something to connect to, or layer onto, their new skill or understanding.

Direct instruction has a solid track record for promoting acquisition, consolidation, and transfer of learning through intentional lesson design that uses an explicit approach. These elements of instruction include clear statements about the learning intention and success criteria, teacher modeling and think-alouds, guided instruction through scaffolding, checks for understanding, closure, and independent learning. These practices form a solid set of practices for making skills and concepts clear to learners. We also want students to share facts and information, speculate or find out about something, and think imaginatively. We encouraged students to discuss and talk about the content in class. Teachers who create space for students to pose questions, wrestle with complex issues, clarify thinking, speculate, probe, disagree, resolve problems, and reach consensus are employing a dialogic approach to instruction.

Parents, I would like to congratulate our 2019-2020 Rookie Teacher of the Year (Ms. Alex McKean) and our 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year (Ms. Christine Mars)! We are so proud of their hard work and dedication to our students at SAHS.

Attention Seniors!!! Grad Bash and your senior activities are in the near future! Continue to work hard and finish strong!!!

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We're coming into the busiest time of the year for AICE students! There are many activities on the horizon.

JUNE 2020 AICE EXAM SESSION!

Students and teachers are gearing up for the June 2020 AICE Exam Session. Our current SAHS students will be sitting for over **2,500 AICE/AP exams** this spring!!! **The PRELIMINARY AICE/AP Exam Schedule** was emailed out in November, it is available on the AICE Website (<http://www-sahs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/aice/>) & on the AICE Schoology page. In addition, teachers will have the Exam Schedule displayed in their rooms; it will be posted on the AICE Bulletin Board in "C" Hall, and in the School Counseling office.

PARENTS – please watch for an email soon with a link to the "Sign-Up Genius" for helping with AICE Exams. We'll need LOTS of help this spring!

Individual "Candidate Statements of Entry" and parent letters were distributed at the end of January to EVERY student taking an AICE exam this spring. This is the student's personal exam schedule with the dates and times for each Cambridge exam they are taking. **Students are responsible for knowing when and where each part (Paper) is scheduled, for every exam on their schedule.**

BE AWARE...each morning AICE Exam **STARTS at 8:45am** (some lab exams start even earlier!), so **students who have morning exams and normally ride the bus will need to make sure they have alternate transportation on those exam days!!** AICE Exams also extend **BEYOND THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR**. Please make sure you check your student's exam schedule and plan to be in town!!

Any parent who hasn't seen the Statement of Entry or the letter – please ask your student about it. **Letters need to be signed by a parent and returned to Ms. Bechtle BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7th!!!**

AICE ACTIVITIES

March will bring our Annual **AICE Game Day** to welcome the new members of the AICE Program – the Class of 2024! Watch for

e-mails from Mrs. Bechtle for details on helping with this event and information about more upcoming events like fundraisers, senior luncheon, and much more.

Anyone interested in helping with these events – or if you have ideas for something you'd like to suggest – please join us for the **AICE Advisory Board meetings every Thursday morning at 8:30 in room C302**. All AICE students and parents are welcome and encouraged to come!!

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- www.facebook.com/sahsaiceboosterclub

UPCOMING EVENT!!! The AICE Silent Auction!

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

Bids will be placed using our online Auction Site, so watch for more info to come.

PREVIEW ITEMS: *We have SEVERAL 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!!

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.

Your donation will help to fund the college tours, provide AICE Exam and marketing supplies, teacher supplies, help allow students with financial hardships to retake AICE exams, or help pay for SAT/ACT fees, etc.

AICE Booster Club meetings are held monthly - Please join us!!

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the previous REMIND.COM text list, so if you've joined before you need to sign up with the new groups. Emails have been sent out with the information to join the text group for each "Class Of" - so please sign up soon!

Stay Informed!!

1. Use the [AICE Website](http://www-sahs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/aice/) at <http://www-sahs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/aice/>
2. AICE [Schoology](#) account (all AICE students are automatically joined to this account)
3. AICE [text Remind](#) Look for the email with sign-up info. for each grade level, or contact Ms. Bechtle for the information again.
4. If you're not receiving emails from Ms. Bechtle, please email her at Dena.Bechtle@stjohns.k12.fl.us to be added to the list.

Now STUDY HARD & "AICE" THOSE EXAMS!!!

School Counseling and Guidance

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 regarding academic planning, personal/social challenges, and assist them in planning future education and career choices.

Students may visit the school counselors during lunch or set up an appointment request on the homepage of the SAHS website <http://www-sahs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>.

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

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SJCCA News

From the Band/Orchestra/ Winter Guard:

Students in our SAHS Band will be participating in the Florida Bandmasters Association District 21 Solo and Ensemble Music Performance on Friday and Saturday, February 7th and 8th @ Creekside. Many of these students will be attempting to qualify for the FBA State Solo and Ensemble MPA.



Our Jazz Ambassadors Jazz Ensemble will be participating in the FBA District 21 Jazz MPA @ Creekside on February 6th.

Our Color Guard and Winter Guard Students will be participating in both solos and as a large performance ensemble at the FBA District 21 Auxiliary MPA on Saturday, February 8th also @ Creekside.

The Jazz Ambassadors will be giving their annual performance for the St. Augustine Jazz Society on Sunday, February 23rd at the Royal St. Augustine Golf Clubhouse.

The Symphonic Winds will have their Music Performance Assessments for FBA District 21 February 27-29th at Flagler Palm Coast High School

Our SAHS String Orchestra will have their Music Performance Assessment on March 31st at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts.

Lastly, don't forget about our SJCCA Auditions on Friday, January 31st. If you need more information, please contact Mr. Peters- Band and Orchestra Director at Jonathan.Peters@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

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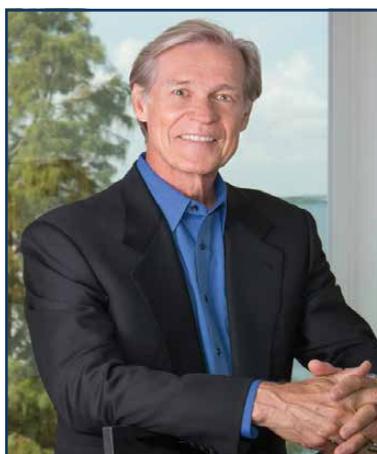
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The Theater students had a blast in NYC attending 5 shows on and off Broadway, taking classes from fight choreographers, and having two talk backs with the casts of Jagged Little Pill and The Play That Goes Wrong. We also got to tour through Central Park, Rockefeller Plaza and the Top of the Rock and the West Village area (Mr. Beaman's old stomping grounds when he was working in NYC).



The Theater program will present the romantic comedy **ALMOST MAINE** on February 14th and 15th at 7 pm in the Black Box. This light-hearted romantic comedy features 19 students and is directed by senior Chloe Williams. Tickets cost \$10 for general admission. Don't miss this fun show.



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SJCCA Dance

SJCCA Dance Students Hit Los Angeles, CA!

This January, our dancers had the opportunity to travel to L.A. for 4 days. These dancers took

classes and trained at the famous Edge Performing Arts Center, Disneyland, and Millennium Dance Complex. They also performed a hip hop dance, "Fired Up" for a public crowd on the Santa Monica Pier. This was a once in a lifetime opportunity and we had an absolute blast.

For more information about our dance program contact:

Kaila Schippani
 St. Augustine High School
 SJCCA Dance Director

www.msschippanidance.weebly.com



The Swarm

This year several students wanted to initiate a positive school wide movement to increase school moral and spirit. Students have been SWARMING together to support the many different athletic and extra-curricular activities that SAHS offers! Everyone is welcome to join the SWARM and attend any of our buzzing events. Check the Jacket news to see what's happening! Big THANK YOU to our 2019-20 #UNSTOPPABLE SWARM Donors!



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Seniors in Danger of NOT Meeting Graduation Requirements

Senior warning letters will go out the end of January to notify you if your student is failing a course, is not meeting the GPA requirement, has not passed the Alg. 1 EOC or 10th Grade FSA ELA, or is missing other required credits. Seniors in danger of not graduating will also be invited to conference with his/her counselor.



#ACCEPTED

Some seniors have good news in hand already while others are still waiting to hear where they will be accepted. Remind your student to stop by to see their school counselor with their college decision letter and get their free #ACCEPTED t-shirt!

How to Order Transcripts

To order your transcripts, please go to SAHS Website and click on transcript request link. 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 school counseling department at 904-547-8517 or Karen.Evans@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Financial Aid and Scholarships for Seniors
Seniors, if you need financial aid to help you pay for college, you will need to fill out The Free Application for Federal Student Aid form (FAFSA) and the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA). FFAA is the application for Bright Futures and other Florida Aid. For national, state, and local scholarship opportunities, please review the virtual scholarship bulletin. <http://www-sahs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/scholarships/>.

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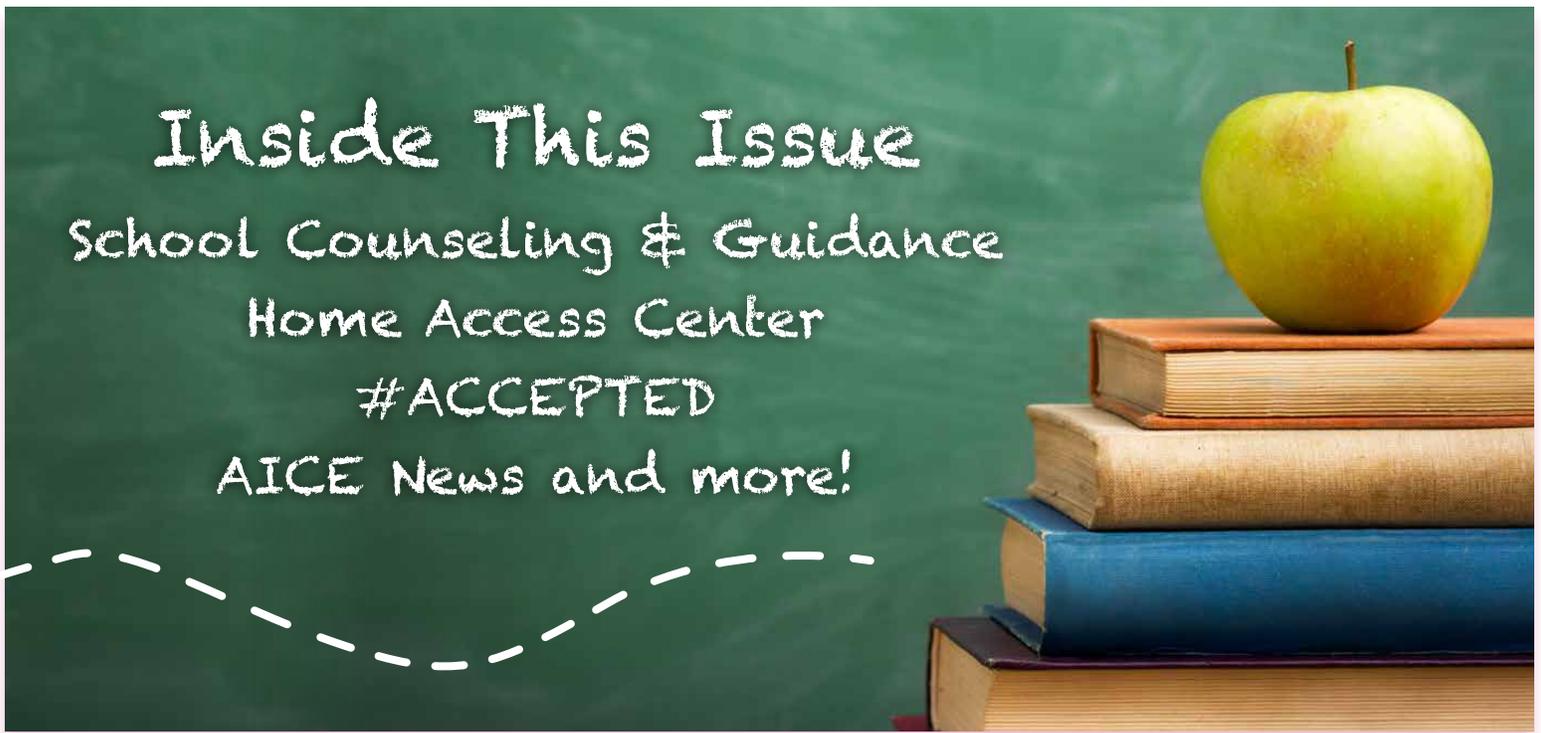
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