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Principal's Notes

Please join with me in congratulating the **Class of 2019!** We also salute their families, friends, and all those who have contributed to their success. Through their commitment to academics, the arts, athletics and community service, this class has contributed greatly to our school's overall excellence. The **graduation ceremony** at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre on May 23rd was a great celebration for our students, parents, faculty/staff!



DeArmas Graham

- **37%** of the class had a GPA of **3.5 or higher**
- **45%** were enrolled in at least one **AP or AICE course**
- **48%** were enrolled in some type of **applied technology or vocationally related course**
- **55%** were enrolled in at least one **honors level course**
- Almost **\$8.5 million** worth of scholarships were awarded
- **70%** of the class are college bound
- **1** National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists
- **58%** took the standardized SAT or ACT and their average scores exceeded state and national averages
- Band, Color Guard, Chorus, Dance, and Drama all earned **Superior ratings** at District and State MPA
- Seniors selected to the **All-State Band**
- Seniors selected to the **All-State Chorus** for all four years
- More than **1,887 AP/AICE** tests were administered this year
- **13** seniors signed letters of intent to continue their sport at the college level

This level of success speaks not only to our amazing **students** and their family support, but to the faculty, staff, coaches, directors, and sponsors who provide the opportunities for our students to highlight their talents.

We wish each of you an enjoyable and safe summer. Thank you for your many contributions to our school's overall excellence. **Remember that today, as every day, is a Great Day to be a Yellow Jacket! Bee Great!**

Dr. DeArmas Graham, *Principal*

Mission Statement

The St. Johns County School District will inspire in all students good character and a passion for lifelong learning, creating educated and caring contributors to the world.

St. Augustine High School

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Students & Community of
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A I C E News

Congratulations to the AICE Class of 2019!! Believe it or not – AICE exams continued until Friday, June 14th!! Unfortunately, the schedule is set by Cambridge International Examinations, not us – and these exams are taken all over the world at the same time, so there is no way we can avoid this type of scheduling...sorry!! We are SO PROUD of the Class of 2019 and wish everyone well as they head off to college this summer or this fall – or wherever your plans take you now that you've graduated. Good luck - we'll miss you!

During the Spring 2019 exam session, with almost 800 students involved in AICE level courses, the students took more than 3,500 exams!! In every case, each subject consisted of two or more "papers" – which are individual tests that make up the overall subject exam. No wonder everyone is tired! Also – THANK YOU to each of our WONDERFUL parent and alumni volunteers who helped with proctoring all of these exams, there is no way we could do it without your generous help and willing spirits.

Spring 2019 exam results will be available for viewing on Tuesday, August 13th, 2019 on the CIE (Cambridge International Examinations) website. Each student received an information sheet with the CIE website address, as well as their personal login & password for accessing their scores on the 13th. **This information was distributed to ALL students before the Spring Exam Session began.** If your student does not know his/her login information, they can check with the teachers to get their results, or they can e-mail Mrs. Bechtle at Dena.Bechtle@stjohns.k12.fl.us beginning August 5th during the teacher pre-planning week to get their login and password information (School Counselors are not at school over the summer).

The future looks bright for the AICE Program at SAHS! The AICE Class of 2023 brings in over 130 new freshmen this fall! Congratulations to all of the new students – we look forward to seeing everyone at orientation in August! Students please check the SAHS website for summer reading book lists & summer assignments. **Be sure to check ALL of the AICE courses for summer assignments – not just the English courses!**

Many times there are questions about the requirements for students who are part of the AICE Program. For clarification about course requirements and course progression for AICE, please go to the AICE Website and click on "Tell Me About AICE". Students may use different courses to satisfy the AICE curriculum, so please **look at the information on the website or ask Ms. Bechtle rather than ask another student.** Although there is a typical progression of courses, we do have the flexibility to tailor a student's course selection to play to their strengths. That's the beauty of AICE! So please don't assume that every student takes the same courses during the same year. And yes...AICE students can (and do!) take Dual Enrollment courses!!

Thank you also to our wonderful AICE BOOSTER CLUB and everyone who worked SO hard on the Annual Silent Auction! Thank you to the SAHS Band Program for allowing us to collaborate with them on this fund-raiser, and to all of those who submitted bids on the donated items. We were able to raise over \$6,000 this year!! That money will certainly come in

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handy when we want to take college tour trips, teachers need supplies, we host the senior luncheon & provide a senior gift, or students need financial assistance with fees – and much more! THANK YOU!! The first AICE Booster Club meeting of the 2019-20 school year will be in September, so watch for an email with the date, time & location and JOIN US – we need LOTS of parents!!

And last, but not least...remember that the AICE Advisory Board will get started again in September – so watch for announcements about meeting days & times. New officers will be selected at the first meeting of the year. Have a great summer – and we look forward to seeing everyone in August!!

Guidance

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. Visit the Guidance Department via the SAHS Website to schedule an appointment with your counselor. www.sahs-stjohnsk12.fl.us.

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- Marching Band Summer Camp- July 29-August 2.
- Contact Director of Bands, Mr. Peters, at jonathan.peters@stjohns.k12.fl.us for details!



Summer Reading

Summer reading assignment are posted on the school website. Be sure to check it out and return to school prepared!

- www.sahs.stjohns.k12.fl.us

Back To School

Freshmen

Orientation for Freshmen and new students August 8th, 8-12 in the gym. Meet your Link Crew Leaders, tour the school, learn about a typical day in high school and meet new friends. All 9th graders and new students are welcome. Contact Suzanne Stauble at Suzanne.stauble@stjohns.k12.fl.us for more information.

Returning Students

Schedules will be available online in July. If you need a schedule change submit your request online. SAHS will host an OPEN CAMPUS on July 31 from 9-12. Returning students may stop by to pick up their parking passes, get a locker assignment or receive transportation information. (Textbooks and schedules will NOT be dispersed.) **Remember to update your residency before school starts!**

Athletics

Summer Camps and workouts are underway. Visit the Athletics page on the SAHS website www.sahs-stjohnsk12.fl.us for more details!





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- July 8-23 Algebra EOC July 24 & 25.
- Contact Ms. Lee or Ms. Raimann for more information. jill.lee@stjohns.k12.fl.us or parker.raimann@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

New Jacket Night

New parents and students are invited to attend our New Jacket Night Presentation in the auditorium on August 1st at 6pm. Learn about the proud traditions and day to day expectations at St. Augustine High School. Hope to see you there!



Senior Parking Space Painting

Attention Seniors!

If you have paid for Senior Parking and submitted an approved design, parking lot painting dates are August 1 & 2 from 8am to noon. Remember to bring water based paints, a copy of your approved design, brushes, clean up supplies and plenty of water to drink. It gets hot out there. We are looking forward to seeing the creativity from the Senior Class of 2020!

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2019-2020 School Year Calendar

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FIRST SEMESTER

Thursday	August 1, 2019	Optional Teacher Planning Day
Friday	August 2, 2019	Teacher Inservice / Planning Day (DOE Restart Grant adjustment)
Monday – Friday	August 5, 7, 8, 9, 2019	Teacher Pre-Planning
Tuesday	August 6, 2019	Teacher Inservice Day
Monday	August 12, 2019	Students Report to Class
Monday	September 2, 2019	Labor Day – Student/Teacher Holiday
Friday	October 11, 2019	First Quarter Ends
Monday	October 14, 2019	Teacher Planning Day – Students Holiday
Monday	November 11, 2019	Veterans Day – Student/Teacher Holiday
Wednesday – Friday	November 27-29, 2019	Thanksgiving Break – Student/Teacher Holiday
Friday	December 20, 2019	Second Quarter/First Semester Ends *



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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).