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Principal's Notes

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Jacket Families,

As we bring the third quarter to a close here at The Hive, I am so proud of the accomplishments we have made and continue to make in academics, athletics, and the arts! I doubt it's for the popsicles alone, but it certainly is a pleasure to see our students smile and take a little token of appreciation for hitting high marks in academics or simply doing their jobs as model students by showing up on time and focusing on instruction. This monthly tradition of rewarding the good stuff has become a highlight of our day. There is nothing more powerful than the genuine happy smile of a high school student!

I am also excited beyond measure for the growing success of our Jacket Prep tutoring and enrichment program. Students are showing up early and staying late to work with our teachers to make sure they get all the extra help they can to be successful. We have transportation for those who need it as well. We are doing all we can at the school level to make sure we give all students multiple opportunities to show what they know and experience mastery of the standards.

Our students are definitely showing they have mastered the standards too! This is evident in our growing number of seniors that are sporting the #ACCEPTED shirts they are receiving for being accepted into their post-secondary institution of choice! We are so proud of the amazing strides our Jackets have made and will continue to make moving forward. Keep an eye out for our upcoming Jacket 101 Test Prep night that will be coming in late March as we do all we can to help our students move into testing season confident and armed with strategies for success.

It is such a daily honor to get to be called leader of the amazing students, faculty, and community we are at St. Augustine High School. I look forward to even more celebrations as we finish off our first year of successes together.



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.



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From the Desk of the Deans

Cell Phones:

Cell phones are expected to be submitted to the classroom pouches during instructional time. Instructional time is anytime class is in session. Research has shown that students who do not have access to their phone during instructional time have an increase of student engagement in the classroom which leads to better performance. Failure to follow the SAHS Cell Phone policy will result in 1 day of In School Suspension. Thank you for helping us keep students engaged and focused on students being successful.



Jacket Hub:

We are excited to see our Jacket Hub thriving this year at SAHS. Students earn Jacket Bucks for displaying amazing character that support the SJCSD expectation of Character Counts! They exchange

these Jacket Bucks on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. Thank you to the many that continue to sponsor and supply the various offerings of the Jacket Hub. The students really enjoy spending their Jacket money on some items they enjoy!

Attendance:

Reminder to submit any notes for being absent to Ms. Theresa Nelson either electronically via our website or the box outside the dean's office within 48 hours. This is to ensure your absence is excused.

For students that want to leave school early, parents have the option of completing the preapproval for early dismissal form on our website. The deadline to submit this pre-approval for early dismissals is 10:00 AM. After that, you will need to come in and check out your child following standard check-out procedures.



SAHS PTO UPDATE!

Last week the PTO held their 6th Power of an Hour event where

all five presented projects were fully funded for a total of \$4,400+ raised in just 60 minutes!

To date, the PTO had funded over \$10,500 in Teacher Grants, supporting things like new microwaves for the cafeteria, wireless microphones for SJCCA, printer for Homeland Security Academy, Science Department Supplies and student incentives for the Jacket Hub.

PTO is hosting an ACT Practice Exam Fundraiser on Saturday, February 24th from 9am-1pm. Exam will be held online and can be done from home. Cost is \$20. Sign up today! https://www. revolutionprep.com/partners/4444/

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The Yellow Jacket Battalion is tcoming off a tremendous first semester and only accelerating into the second semester. We celebrated many accomplishments during the first two quarters of the 2023-2024 School Year. From our Raider Team's success on the field, our awards and promotion ceremonies, and numerous community service events, the Yellow Jacket Corps of Cadets have embraced being Stronger Together!

Raider season concluded in December, with the Male Raider Team having a strong finish at the program's first-

ever appearance in a Raider State Competition. The Male Team finished fourth in their division and eighth overall. Now, the program has pivoted to Drill and Ceremony Season. Over 50 Cadets tried out for the team for only 30 slots. Precision and attention to detail are what the Drill Team is all about, and they are practicing away for their own State Qualifying meet on March 9, 2024.

We have also conducted two award and promotion ceremonies, regaining the achievements and success of the Cadets. The LET 1 population has had the opportunity to rank up twice, with select LET 1 making the coveted rank of Sergeant and being placed in a squad leader position. Cadets have earned multiple ribbons, certificates, and dog tags. Additionally, we recognized two of our best companies with distinguished awards. Our Alpha Company was awarded the "Most Motived" plaque, and our Charlie







Company was awarded the "Most Disciplined" plaque.

Getting out in the community is what this program is all about. Not every lesson is taught in the classroom. Our Cadets have conducted over 40 community service activities, ranging from the St. Augustine Christmas Parade to book fairs at local elementary schools. The Cadets have had the opportunity to earn roughly 50 community service hours in the first semester alone. That number will only grow as the Cadets are asked to volunteer their time for various organizations nearly every week.

Lastly, the third and fourth quarters are shaping up to be very memorable ones. It is time to celebrate our program's seniors as we close the year. Many are in high leadership positions and look forward to passing the torch on to the next leaders. To ensure our seniors remember their time in the battalion, we are planning our end-of-theyear Cadet Ball (scheduled for 29 March) and our endof-the-year awards and change of command ceremony (scheduled for 2 April), celebrating them. These are sure to be bitter-sweet events, filled with emotional goodbyes and excitement for the future.







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SJCCA Jazz Ambassadors for earning a Straight Superior Rating at the FBA District 21 Jazz Music Performance Assessment! This is the 1st Superior Rating in Jazz at SAHS since 2006!

The Jazz Ambassadors have qualified for State Jazz MPA later this Spring.

Congratulations to the following SJCCA Band students for earning Superior Ratings at the FBA District 21 Solo and Ensemble Music Performance Assessment:

- Ella Black- French Horn Solo- Qualified for State Solo and Ensemble
- Logan Rounds- Alto Sax Solo- Qualified for State Solo and Ensemble
- Max Calvert- Oboe Solo · Connor Stevens-Adriana De Los Santos- Tenor Sax Solo
- Trombone SoloSabrina Jacobson-
- Sabrina Jacobsor Clarinet Solo
- Owen Rieder- Trombone Solo- Qualified for State Solo and Ensemble
- Tenor Sax Solo Ana DeJesus, Sean Griswold, Landon Moros-Childers, Logan Rounds- Sax Quartet-Qualified for State Solo

and Ensemble

Sources of Strength

Sources of Strength is a program our district adopted to implement in high schools (and next year middle schools) to promote hope, health, and strength. It is a suicide prevention program, but with the intention to connect students who are struggling with resources way before they are in crisis. It is a group of students who are trained to be connectors in their community by spreading the hope, health, and strength message. The goal is to share the "Wheel of Strengths" with everyone, so they know that even when things are tough in one area of their life, they have

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other resources to lean into.

Sources of Strength is the only suicide prevention program proven to have actually prevented death by suicide in youth/teens.

Our first campaign is "Getting the Word Out", which will officially begin March 1st. The campaigns are student planned and run, with only guiding support from the Adult Advisors.



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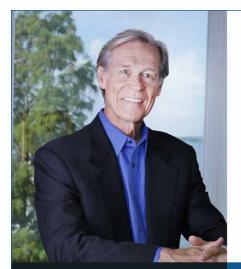
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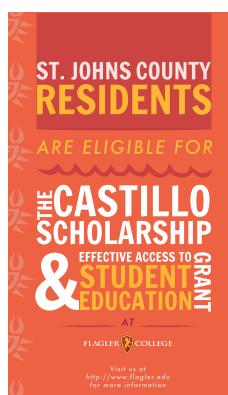


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Mar. 27th	Wed	BVB	Global Outreach Charter	V	6:00	Global Outreach Charter	
Mar. 27th	Wed	TN	Ponte Vedra	V	3:30	HOME	
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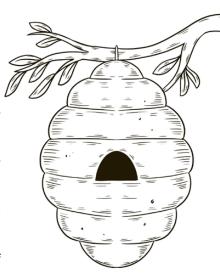
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Link Crew at The Hive

Link Crew has been a significant group of student leaders on our campus this year at SAHS. Link is an important program that teaches students that by working together they can be successful to create a positive experience for freshmen. Our goal is to increase academic success through peer support. Link Crew welcomes freshmen and makes them feel comfortable throughout their first year of high school. Often we see our Link Crew students out in our community volunteering but most days they are peers that are reliable and responsible representations of what a "Yellow Jacket" is!!! As we move closer to the spring, we are excited to introduce Mr. Josh Morton and Ms. Tresca Esguerra as our newest Link Crew Advisors they along with Coach Esquerra and Dean Huber will begin the application process for our new link leaders to prepare for our incoming freshman season and the class of 2028! As a part of the application process, we will be looking for any rising Junior's and Senior's to apply. Qualified applicants will be any student who feels they can impact our newest students. We will be looking for a wide range of skills, talents, and interests in our Link Crew members. This along with a willingness to be kind and trustworthy will help us create a strong team of leaders who will guide our newest St. Augustine students toward an amazing high school



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Jacket Hub/PBI5

Positive Behavior Intervention Systems (PBIS) are a proactive approach to establishing the behavioral supports and social culture needed for all students in a school to achieve social, emotional, and academic success. As a part of St Augustine High's PBIS plan we established the Jacket Hub a "Pop-Up Shop" this school year to create an incentivized token economy inside of our classrooms and hallways. Our initial objective was to give students on our campus access to age-appropriate treats and rewards while improving behavior and overall school climate and building clear expectations. As we have moved through the school year, we have adjusted our objective to include both behavioral expectations and academic expectations. While students work to achieve "Jacket Bucks" money they earn for following rules such as our classroom cell phone policy and being on time to class, they can also earn jacket bucks in the lunchroom by playing classroom question generated trivia, wearing spirit wear on Fridays, or even doing test reviews in class with teachers. We have seen so many ways in classrooms that teachers are rewarding our students and it truly has been an exciting start to this program! Jacket bucks are cashed in bi-monthly in our cafeteria and sometimes for special occasions. This month for example students could spend \$5 bucks to purchase a ticket to our SJCCA Spring Musical "The Dream on Royal Street" during the school day performance or to purchase School Spirit T-shirts generously funded by the TPC. In addition to our Jacket Hub initiative our school administration has had an extreme focus on academic success with a goal of time management. For our students who make the honor roll and have received no tardies they are recognized during lunch periods and weekly announcements. We have even been

known to pass out popsicles by the cooler loads!!! With all of this in effect I would be remiss if I did not mention the significance of receiving grant money and support from the highly respected Players Championship and Character Counts, along with the SAHS PTO and many private donors. If you are interested in volunteering or would be willing to make a donation, please contact Amy Huber amy.huber@stjohns.k12.fl.us or follow the amazon wish list link attached here: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ Is/2WJJG0ERT62BH?ref_=wl_share Academy Publishing School Newsletter Program ²⁰ 800-644-3541

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