

THE BUZZ

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Principal's Notes

Yellow Jacket Family,

We are off to a great start to our school year thanks to all the work our entire staff has done...TOGETHER! Our students and staff have been working hard to make this a very successful year at "The Hive". Our parent and community support has also been exceptional. I loved interacting and dialoguing with our parents and community through PTO, SAC, and our information nights. I look forward to continuing our work TOGETHER to ensure all students have everything they need to reach their maximum potential.

As you read through this edition of "The Buzz", I encourage you to focus on the new positive elements we are bringing on board for YOUR children, OUR Jackets. Little celebrations like an ice pop during lunch for all students or providing "Jacket Bucks" to reward positive behavior help us to build community and morale while promoting great character.

Our halls are alive before and after school with student focused clubs, athletics, and events. Our stadiums and arts venues are filling up with parents, students, and fans. The BUZZ is stronger than ever at The Hive. Please continue to check our website, emails, and newsletters for updates and information on upcoming events. We utilize many methods to support and engage our students and we want to make sure all students have the option to take advantage of these opportunities. Additionally, don't forget to follow us on Instagram @sahsjackets for updates and highlights of things happening on and around campus.

Thank you for all your work to get the year started on such a positive note – Let's keep the momentum going!

Together,
Travis Brown
Principal

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Travis Brown

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Meet Your Counseling Team

If you need to make an appointment with your counselor use the QR code to complete a request. But remember that there is an open door policy during all three lunches. Students may visit the counseling office to speak with a counselor without an appointment during their assigned lunch period.

Counselors will be visiting classrooms in the coming weeks to discuss graduation requirements, college and career options, GPA calculations, and to conduct student credit checks.

Please ask your student about these visits and help us work together to ensure every Yellow Jacket student graduates!



Ms. Cashwell

Ms. Barber

Ms. Anderson

Ms. Bechtel

Ms. Eakins



Need to make an appointment
with your Counselor?

Mrs. Cashwell – Last names A-G

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Link Crew Updates

Attention all Freshman!!!

Link Crew will be hosting a Freshman Only Tailgate before the Varsity Football Game on September 29th!!! It is a Neon Out game and the first 100 freshman to join the tailgate fun will receive a Neon SAHS T-shirt. We will have food and Drinks sponsored by Young Life and PTO, games like corn hole and spike ball and so much more! We are so excited that our freshman Class of 2027 has done such an amazing job transitioning into high school, you truly embody what it means to be a Yellow Jacket!!!

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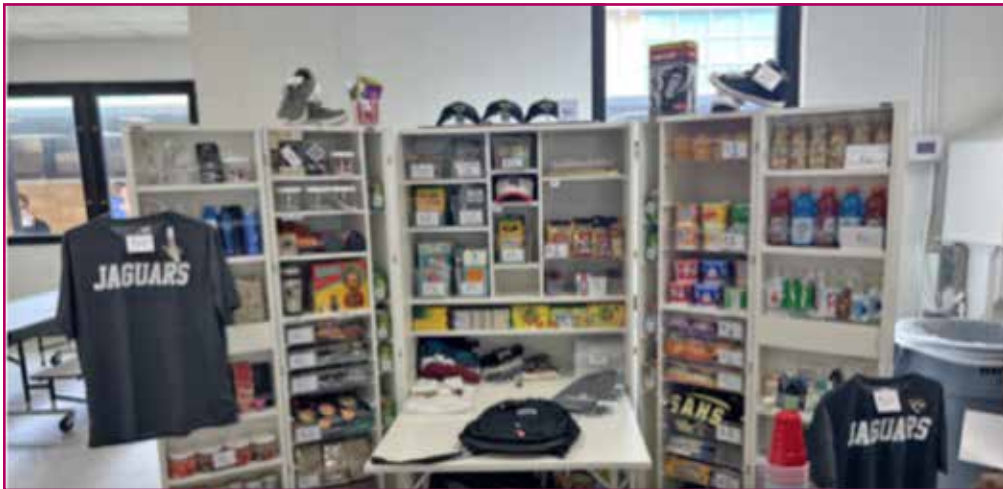
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Jacket Hub

Jacket Hub will make its big debut at the Café in the Hive on Friday September 8th, the students are so excited and there is lots of hype around the Jacket Hub, what is it, when does it open, what can I buy with my jacket bucks, how do I earn bucks to spend? The Jacket Hub and Jacket Bucks are part of an economy society that incentivizes students to do the right thing, follow the rules of their classrooms and our school and it gives students an opportunity to be celebrated for working within the standards of our SJCS D Character Counts initiatives. We want all our students to be able to participate, one easy way is to wear any SAHS gear to school on spirit Fridays through the entire school year. There are many reasons that students can earn these "Bucks" and so many awesome items in our Pop-Up shop students can purchase like candy bars, chips, drinks and other snacks we have backpacks, Jumbo Shrimp gear or students can save to purchase bigger ticket items like gift cards, sneakers, air pods, portable speakers and much more. We could not be more excited to work with our student body to let them know just how proud we are of their continued efforts to be Jacket Strong. Our school culture is successful because of our students, and we want them to know it!!



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Academy of Law and Homeland Security

We are off to a great start for the 2023-24 school year. The academy is currently planning several field studies and has been invited to 3 different criminal justice competitions within The State of Florida. In late October, we will be hosting the Fall Games for the North Florida Criminal Justice Alliance on our campus.

Our Academy continues to grow larger in number of students each year. Our Officers this year are as follows: Chief- Henry Maddox, Asst Chief- Kayla Martinez, Lt- Giselle Borbon, Chaplin- Alexander Harris, Captain- Claire Knoblaux, Corporal- Landon Gwaltney, Clerk- Kora Petty, Inventory Clerk- Makhiya Stanley. The students can be seen around school wearing their matching dark green Polo shirts with our Emblem on them. This year, they have a little extra symbol to them to signify the different grade levels. Guests from the industry are always welcome and continue to speak with our students throughout the school year.

We are proud to announce brand-new Dual Enrollment courses for Juniors and Seniors inside our program. "Introduction to Criminal Justice" and "Police and Society" are taught through St Johns River State College. They are a part of the Law and Homeland Security Career Certificate Program. These courses are taught on our St Augustine High School campus, and students earn college credit with their completion. We are very excited for the possibilities and opportunities for our students this year!



Academy of Aviation and Aerospace

The Academy of Aviation and Aerospace welcomes Captain Charles Boswell as an Aerospace teacher. Capt. Boswell was an airline pilot for 39 years and he is excited about sharing his experiences with the students.

The Academy of Aviation and Aerospace is in its second year of the new Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) curriculum tailored to high school students. We have kicked off the year with topics ranging from UAS operation, materials used to build aircraft, weather, and how it affects pilots in the air. Some of the classes have enjoyed their first experience with a simulator and a drone!

Advanced curriculum will be focused how pilots plan for weather before departure, enroute, and arrival at their airports. Students will learn how to plan flights, read aviation maps, and ensure their aircraft remains in safe, flyable conditions.

Students can then apply what they have learned on one of the virtual trainers in the classroom "hangar." "The Hangar" has various simulation options, including a Gleim Virtual Cockpit that gives students a 120-degree screen view with realistic flight controls for a student to apply practical application to classroom lessons. Students have also used gained knowledge through paper airplane design and testing.

The Aerospace Club had its first meeting on August 28. It was so exciting to see the number of new freshmen that attended. Time was focused on forming a mission statement, assessing the existing equipment, and issues like t-shirts and possible field trips. Please see Schoology for a QR code to join!

Gaetz Aerospace, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University provides high school students with an opportunity to explore aerospace courses with a focus on small Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Private Pilot Ground school, taught by a college professor from ERAU. Both courses provide a direct path to Federal Aviation Administration licensing, as well as additional corporate credentials through the Unmanned Safety Institute. Each course, if successfully completed, awards three college semester hours. These courses can be requested by students beginning in their sophomore year with the possibility of obtaining 17 semester hours with ERAU. Those credit hours can be transferred to any college on an official transcript from ERAU.

Aside from the opportunity to receive college credit from an elite aeronautical university, the hands-on portion of each course includes simulator and unmanned aircraft (drone) flights. As the student progresses through the more advanced courses, the hands-on exercises become more intricate in preparation for real world opportunities. If the student is deemed prepared for the FAA exam, ERAU will pay the \$175 exam fee (UAS pilot or Private Pilot Ground exam). This will put a student ahead of their peers if they choose to continue an aviation career.

The courses utilize multiple modes of instruction; lecture, simulator, hands-on, computer-based training, and team exercises. Do not miss out on the chance to accumulate college credit and a great experience with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University!



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Academy of Future Teachers

St. Augustine High School's Academy of Future Teachers paves the way for future generations. It prepares high schoolers for a career in Education. Starting the 2023-24 school year, our students have a new progression of practicum and internship experience. Freshmen learn an overview of the teaching profession as well as a deep dive into Exceptional Education. They work internally with the St. Augustine High School ESE Department observing and assisting inside classrooms. Sophomores focus on Human Growth and Development and gain field experience at First Coast Technical College's early learning program: Tech Tots. Junior year, our students become immersed in curriculum planning and classroom management. They complete miniature internships inside middle school classrooms at St Johns Technical High School and visit Education Classes at Flagler College. Senior year, our students complete their capstone internship within St Johns County School District. They are assigned a mentor teacher to visit daily, where they learn through on-the-job training in a classroom. Seniors are also preparing for the FCTE Professional Educators Exam and can graduate high school with their certification. This certificate is an essential step towards teaching in the state of Florida. Students in the academy are also exposed to a variety of volunteer work, guest speakers, and more to ensure they are ready for the world after high school. Even if the students do not want to pursue teaching, our program teaches life skills such as public speaking and organization, useful in any career pathway!

SJCCA Updates

We are beyond excited to welcome Ms. Lindsey Tran to our SJCCA family as our new Choral Instructor! We are so happy to have her!

Earlier this fall, SJCCA Theatre Presented Boeing Boeing in our SJCCA Performing Arts Center. We are so proud of the phenomenal work they accomplished with this fantastic farce!

Our SJCCA Ancient City Regiment, Color Guard, and Majorettes have been working hard on our 2023 Field Show, Radioactive. Come check them out at a home football game this fall season!

This fall, SJCCA Musical Theatre, in partnership with SJCCA Dance, will present Disney's NEWSIES. November 9-11 at the SJCCA Performing Arts Center.

Other important dates:

- November 28 – SJCCA Winter Chorus Concert
- November 30 – SJCCA Theatre Presents: The 39 Steps, our Florida State Thespian Competition One-Act
- December 12 – SJCCA Band Winter Concert
- December 19 – SJCCA Guitar Concert

Continue to check SJCCA.org for ticketing information and other updates!

Anthony Romeo-Adcock

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Army Junior ROTC

The Jacket Battalion is off to a running start! We want to take the time to welcome our new Army Instructor, Sergeant Major (Retired) Coy Wyche. He brings a wealth of knowledge and energy to the Cadets of the Yellow Jacket Battalion. SGM Wyche joins us from Englewood High School in Duval County. His concentration will be Leadership, Education, and Training (LET) Level 1 while coaching the Drill Team and Color Guard.

The Corps of Cadets are quickly settling into the year with numerous projects planned. Cadet Battalion Command c/LTC Moria Kimker will deliver her initial guidance to the battalion staff, laying out her expectations and goals for the forthcoming school year. The Jacket Battalion's focus will be on retention and recruitment. This year's other projects are a service-learning Project, community service, athletic competitions, establishing a drone team, and planning our first Cadet Ball. The service-learning project will focus on the US Flag retirement process. This project will create a donation box for residents to drop off their worn-out flags for proper retirement by JROTC Cadets.

New to JROTC this year is the addition of a dual-enrollment program. Instructed by CW5 Chris Braund (SAHS JROTC Senior Army Instructor), this program, sponsored by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, allows JROTC Cadets the opportunity to learn from a college-credentialed professor in their high school environment and earn college elective credits. Currently, the program offers two different courses, SS130: Aviation History in America and SS321: U.S. Military History 1900-Present. The program hopes to expand next school year, allowing qualifying JROTC Cadets to earn up to twelve (12) college credits.

JROTC Athletics are also in full swing. The Raider Team has begun training for the season with their first meet against other JROTC programs in late September. Raider team members prepare for five events: one-rope bridge, tire flip, 5K team run, cross-country rescue, and a Raider fitness challenge. The physically demanding co-curricular team emphasizes clean living, ethical values, goal setting, leadership potential, effective communication, and positive self-motivation.

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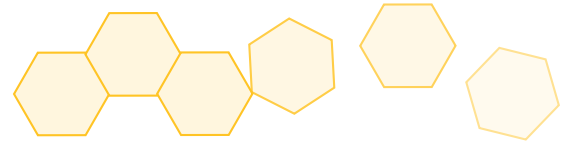
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2023 Fall Schedule

9/21	Wed	Swim	V	AWAY		Tocoi Creek
9/21	Thur	Girls Golf	V	AWAY		Pedr/Creekside
9/21	Thur	Football	JV	AWAY	6:00	Bartram Trail
9/22	Fri	Boys Golf	V	AWAY	4:15	Mandarin
9/22	Fri	Football	V	HOME	7:00	Bartram Trail
9/22-23	Fri/Sat	Swim	V	AWAY		Frank Holloman Invite
9/23	Sat	Cross Country	V	AWAY	5AM	Bartram Trail
9/26	Tues	Volleyball	JV/V	AWAY	6:00/7:00	Matanzas
9/27	Wed	Bowling	V	AWAY		Pine Ridge
9/27	Wed	Swim	V	HOME		St. Joe
9/28	Thur	Volleyball	JV/V	HOME	6:00/7:00	Flagler Palm Coast
9/28	Thur	Football	JV	AWAY	6:00	Matanzas
9/28	Thur	Swim	V	AWAY		Ridgeview/Oakleaf
9/29	Thur	Boys Golf	V	HOME	3:30	Middleburg
9/29	Fri	Football	V	HOME	7:00	Matanzas
9/29	Fri	Cross Country	V	AWAY		Tallahassee
9/30	Sat	Volleyball	V	AWAY	TBA	Top Select
10/2	Mon	Bowling	V	AWAY		Pedro
10/3	Tues	Girls Golf	V	AWAY		Pedro/Matanzas
10/3	Tues	Volleyball	JV/V	HOME	6:00/7:00	Menendez
10/4	Wed	Bowling	V	AWAY		Palatka
10/4	Wed	Volleyball	JV/V	AWAY	6:00/7:00	Flagler Palm Coast
10/5	Thur	Boys Golf	V	AWAY	3:15	Seabreeze/Father Lopez
10/5	Thur	Swim	V	AWAY		Middleburg/Bishop Snyder
10/5	Thur	Football	JV	HOME	6:00	Nease
10/5	Thur	Volleyball	JV/V	HOME	6:00/7:00	Orange Park
10/6	Fri	Boys Golf	V	HOME	4:15	Pedro
10/6	Fri	Football	V	AWAY	7:00	Nease
10/6	Fri	Volleyball	JV	AWAY	TBA	JJVA
10/7	Fri	Volleyball	JV	AWAY	TBA	JJVA
10/7	Sat	Cross Country	V	AWAY	5AM	Middleburg
10/10	Tues	Volleyball	JV/V	AWAY	6:00/7:00	Tocoi Creek
10/11	Wed	Bowling	V	AWAY		Matanzas
10/11	Wed	Volleyball	V	AWAY	6:00/7:00	Nease
10/11	Wed	Swim	V	AWAY		Fleming Island
10/12	Thur	Football	JV	AWAY	6:00	Tocoi Creek
10/12	Thur	Volleyball	JV	HOME	5:30	KIPP
10/13	Fri	Boys Golf	V	AWAY	4:15	Palatka
10/14	Sat	Volleyball	JV	AWAY	TBA	Matanzas
10/14	Sat	Cross Country	V	AWAY	5AM	New World Sports Complex
10/18	Wed	Boys Golf	V	HOME	4:15	Tocoi Creek
10/18	Wed	Bowling	V	AWAY		Pedro
10/19	Thur	Football	JV	HOME	6:00	Creekside
10/20	Fri	Football	V	AWAY	7:00	Gainesville
10/21	Sat	Cross Country	V	AWAY	5AM	Ponte Vedra
10/27	Fri	Football	V	AWAY	7:00	Clay
11/3	Fri	Football	V	HOME	7:00	Palatka

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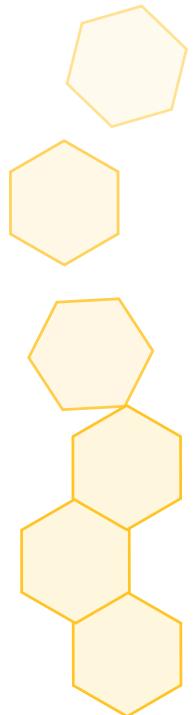
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