



Mark Your Calendar

April 23rd- 27th
Iowa Testing

May 11th
Mid Terms Go Home

May 25th
½ Day School; 12:30
Dismissal

May 28th
Memorial Day
No School

June 1st
½ Day School; 12:30
Dismissal

June 5th
12:30 Dismissal
Spring Revue

June 6th
Awards Banquet, FWC
12:30 Dismissal

June 7th
Hurricane Make Up Day
Extravaganza
12:30 Dismissal

June 8th
No School
Parati

June 11th & 12th
Hurricane Make Up Days
12:30 Dismissal

Our School's Weekly Memory Verse for Week 29:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

Proverbs 3:5-6



A Word from the Principal

Wow, a busy, busy time at the Academy! First Grade Field Trip to the Smith Farm, Third Grade Field Trip to the Natural History Museum in Gainesville, Science Fair for Seventh & Eighth Grade and much more!! St. John's Academy is such a great place to learn.

Just a special thank you to all the parents who help out everyday – with lunch, driving on field trips, teacher appreciation lunch and everything!

St. John's Academy's 8th graders are asked each year to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress testing. Students were tested in February. According to the annual report from the *National Center for Educational Statistics*, reported in the *Florida Roundup*, "Florida is the only state that improved in the National Assessment of Educational Progress math exam and "also just one of nine states showing improvement in the reading exam." NAEP exam results are called the "nation's report card" because they are a common test that can compare student academic performance across the country. "Something very good is happening in Florida, obviously," says Peggy Carr, associate commissioner of assessment at the NCEs. "Florida needs to be commended."

Non Nobis Domine,
Wallis W. Brooks, Principal

Educational Homestay Program Student Host



Would you like to have an experience in a foreign country this summer and not leave home? Would you like to give the gift of Christian hospitality while receiving love and thanks in return? That's what you could be doing if you host a child from China for two weeks this July. Education First is looking for host families for children between the ages of 8 and 13 years old from July 7th to the 23rd. For every family that signs up to host, St. John's Academy will receive \$100! Please contact Beth Masters for more information on this wonderful opportunity.

Thank you!



Thank you Shannon Chambers and Nivee Woodard for the wonderful Faculty Lunch you provided last Friday, April 6th. It was great and we feel appreciated! Also, a **BIG** thank you to Liane Wasson for coordinating all the faculty lunches over the last few years!

Library News

April is National Poetry month and this week the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders studied acrostic poetry. An acrostic poem is a poem in which the first letter of each line spells out a particular word or phrase. The following acrostic poem was written by 5th grader Jack Tittler. Thank you, Jack!

Jesus, the Christ and Messiah
Excellent in all ways.
Sacrificed His life for us.
Unbelievably, died for us.
Sanitized and clean, yet He was crucified.



The 1st grade class enjoyed a visit to the Smith Family Farm courtesy of the Eidman family who won the trip at the Annual Spring Auction! The class was given a hayride through the broccoli field, shown how the broccoli is packed and fed the cows. Thank you to the Smith and Eidman families!



Field Trips



The 3rd grade class visited the Museum of Natural History this week in Gainesville and took an in-depth look at the differences between butterflies and moths in their educational lab. They also enjoyed time wandering through the butterfly rainforest observing butterflies in their natural habitat.

