



Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, Sept 20th
Fingerprinting 8:30am
By RSVP Only

Tuesday, Sept 26th
School Pictures
Wildwood Campus

Tuesday, Sept 26th
SJA Expansion Report
Colonial Church,
6:30pm

Tuesday, Oct 3rd
School Pictures
Tree Blvd Campus

Friday, Oct 6th
Mid-Terms Go Home

Monday, Oct 9th
Columbus Day
No School

Tuesday, Oct 17th
Fingerprinting 1:00pm
By RSVP Only

Our School's Weekly Memory Verse for Week 3:

"Thou shalt not kill.
Thou shalt not commit
adultery. Thou shalt
not steal. Thou shalt
not bear false witness
against thy neighbor.
Thou shalt not covet."

(Exodus 20:13-17
from the KJV)



A Word from the Principal

The spacious halls at 1765 Tree Blvd are humming with joyful voices and are full of movement with bustling feet. The upper school grades, 6th- 10th, are living what seems like a dream and all of reality at the same time. In this new school year, our gratitude to the Lord is two-fold. We are now in our new building after waiting expectantly all last year. We are so grateful!

We are also grateful this year because after waiting 13 years, St. John's Academy has invited the Rhetoric stage back with the addition of our 10th grade. It is the completion of our trivium and the culmination of learning in the Classical Trivium. In the grammar stage, students memorized and ordered facts and information. The logic stage taught them how to process the information and understand the fundamentals of a well-constructed and valid argument. And finally in the Rhetoric stage, the students are maturing into young men and women who are taught to articulate and effectively communicate these arguments with others. It is a process of maturity and we are grateful to have the Trivium complete once again. There is so much to be grateful for and we are so excited about this 2023-2024 school year!

Non Nobis Domine,

Trudy Reinhold, Upper School Principal

SJA Expansion Report Rebuilding the Ancient Ruins

Tuesday, September 26th
6:30 p.m.

Colonial Church

550 FL-207, St. Aug, FL 32084
Come and hear about our progress
and future plans. We would love
100% family participation at this
meeting. We want our families to
catch the vision as we grow. If you
will need childcare, please email
Mrs. Coad at
ccoad@stjohnsacademy.com



Reminders!



A few reminders:

***Morning drop off for K-5 begins at 8 am and 6-10 at 8:15 am.** Please do not leave your child outside the classroom door before this time.

*Kindergarten through 2nd grade pick up time begins at 2:45 p.m.

*3rd through 6th grade pick up begins at 3 p.m.

*7th through 10th grade pick up begins at 3:30 p.m.

*Families with students in more than one group, please wait until the latest pick up time.

***Please do not get out of your car in the pick up line or walk in the driveway.** If you need to get out, please park and walk up.

*Please watch your speed and be mindful of those walking.

***Check your handbooks regarding the uniform policy, especially shoes and haircuts.**

CLASSICAL CORNER

From the Archives

St. John's Academy Newsletter Spring 1999

An excerpt of an article from the ACCS newsletter *Classics*, "The Return To Classical Standards"

The process of education is larger than we are, and it transcends the generations currently alive. We do not set the pace according to the whims of the sullen kid muttering in the back row. The pace is being called by Homer and Jeremiah, Virgil and Athanasius, Shakespeare and Bunyan, Van Til and Lewis.

Will modern kids put up with this? Will their parents? Of course, they will- they will embrace the opportunity to work with educators who have the courage of their convictions. If we recognize the opportunity we have, our schools are going to see remarkable growth. If we seek growth through compromising standards, we may still grow, but the same way a cancer does. But if we stand firm, we will see great blessing. As C.S. Lewis put it in his essay "The Weight of Glory," "The only people who achieve much are those who want knowledge so badly that they seek it while conditions are still unfavorable. Favorable conditions never come." Those who recognize this make their favorable conditions.

It is possible to raise the standard – we achieve just that at St. John's Academy every day. It requires sacrifice, steadfastness and strength in the light of criticism. As we stand together in this common goal, it is my prayer that we continue to succeed and grow, and in doing so, bring glory and honor to our Lord.

Non Nobis Domine,

Wallis W. Brooks, Head of School

AROUND SJA THIS WEEK

