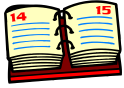




## Mark Your Calendar



**Nov 20-24**  
**Thanksgiving Break**

**Friday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**1/2 Day**  
**12:00-12:30 Dismissal**  
**Christmas Play at**  
**Lewis Auditorium**  
**7:00 pm**

**Friday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**1/2 Day**  
**12:00-12:30 Dismissal**  
**Mid-Terms Go Home**  
**Christmas Break Begins**

**Wednesday, Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**School Resumes**

**Monday, Jan 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**No School**  
**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

**Monday, Jan 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Report Cards Go Home**

**Monday, Feb 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**No School**  
**President's Day**

**Our School's**  
**Weekly Memory Verse**  
**for Week 12:**

"For God so loved the world  
that he gave his one and  
only Son, that whoever  
believes in him shall not  
perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16



## A Word from the Principal

We often hear the story of the first Thanksgiving; however, we rarely hear about their continued fortitude and trust in God. The winter after the first Thanksgiving in 1621-1622 the Pilgrims entered a "starving time." Plymouth was down to a daily ration of only five kernels of corn apiece. Providentially, a ship put into their harbor on its way back to England from Virginia and they were able to trade beaver pelts for much needed corn. The Pilgrims now had food until Spring!

Another year passed and in April of 1623 drought withered their plantings. The leaders declared a day of prayer and fasting. By the time they left the prayer meeting, dark clouds were rolling across the sky. That year the Pilgrims planned a second Thanksgiving. Again the Indians joined them because they, too, recognized the hand of God in ending the drought. Laughter and games surrounded the overflowing tables. At each plate lay five kernels of corn...so no one would forget God's miracles and providential hand.

I am so thankful our St John's Academy students are hearing the truth of our nation's Godly heritage in their history classes. As you set this year's Thanksgiving table, try the Pilgrims' tradition of setting five kernels of corn on each plate. Before enjoying the rest of the feast, share this story with your family and friends, then tell of how God has miraculously provided for you this year as you've trusted in His hand to care for you.

*"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all the great things you have done."* –Psalm 9:1

Non Nobis Domine,

Mrs. Young, Lower School Principal

## 6<sup>TH</sup> Anastasia Mosquito Control Field Trip

Mrs. LeBlanc and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade visited Anastasia Mosquito Control District on November 9th. They visited the new vector disease museum where they learned about the mosquito life cycle, mosquito-borne disease prevention and other insects that cause disease. In addition, they visited the helicopter hangar and research facility.



# CLASSICAL CORNER

An excerpt from another one of my favorite books about Classical Christian education, *Norms and Nobility*, by David Hicks.

“One must ask, if our schools fail to believe in a common American culture and to teach it, what will become of us? This question would certainly perplex the ancient whose language, perhaps wisely, could not distinguish between education and culture. It is, as this book attests, the sacred duty of the school not only to believe in our common inheritance, but to teach the unfolding truth of that inheritance. Respect for truth- not the self (esteem of our students or our regrets about the past or our hopes for the future ) must guide us in the quest for that common inheritance and in our definition of the curriculum.

We are a nation at risk, but not simply because our children cannot read and write, or keep up with the Japanese, or think and talk intelligently about the basic ideas of our intellectual tradition. We are at risk because modern pedagogy has severed the vital link between knowing and doing, because the moral marrow of who we are and of what our purposes are is being schooled out of our children, because we have become uncertain of our norms and have abandoned education’s transcendent and ennobling ends.”

I hope this peaks your interest and you will want to learn more about Classical Christian education; training virtuous scholars!

## SJA celebrating thanksgiving to God

