



October 25, 2024

Volume VI

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday, Oct. 30th
Lower Campus Open
House for K-3
prospective families at
4:00 pm

Friday, Nov. 1st
End of 1st Quarter
1/2 Day

Monday, Nov. 4th
Report cards sent home

**Week of Nov. 4th-
8th**
SJA Spirit Week

Friday, Nov. 8th
16th Annual Golf
Tournament

Monday, Nov. 11th
Veterans Day
No School

Saturday, Nov. 16th
SJA Fun Run
8:30 am

A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As followers of Jesus Christ, the Word of God exhorts us to not give in to the pressures and ways of the world. For adults, this is a hard task and a big challenge. Our students are no different and I argue to say that their challenges, as they seek for their identity and role in this world, are even harder than the challenges an adult faces on a daily basis. They are bombarded every day on all fronts to "be" someone that fits in with the definition which the current generation deems "cool" and culturally correct.

But their identity should be in Jesus Christ, not in the ways of the world. This is a mindset change and a transformation of thought which begins by the content in which they put into their minds. Students at St. John's Academy are given seven hours a day of instruction on subject matter that passes through the lens of a Christian worldview. They are taught to critically think about the information as they are duly given the tools to apply it. So as they mature into adulthood, they will be able to know God's good, pleasing and perfect will for their lives. "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:2

Non Nobis Domine,
Trudy Reinhold
Upper School Principal

REMINDERS:

- SJA does not celebrate Halloween. During the precious seven hours the students are at school, it is a time set apart to purposely fill their minds with the Good, True and Beautiful, so please do not send in any Halloween themed treats over the next few weeks.
- SJA Spirit Week will be November 4th-8th! If you are interested in participating, please visit the front office at either campus to purchase your spirit wear!

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise."
(Psalm 111:10 from NKJV)

WEEKLY MANNER

Do not interrupt when others are speaking.

SOARING EAGLES SPORTS CORNER

On Saturday, the Cross Country Team competed in a large race at Ed Austin Regional Park in Jacksonville, FL where hundreds of students participated. Cross country is a demanding sport, but the team excels by encouraging and supporting each other through the challenges. A memorable moment was when Charlotte Timberlake met her sister Nora at the start of the final stretch, ran alongside her, and urged her to push to the finish line. Another highlight was seeing Coaches Britany Timberlake and Kristy Wilson huddled in prayer with some runners before the race began. (Picture on bottom right)

On Tuesday, the 3rd-5th grade Flag Football Team faced off against Cathedral Parish School. Although the team fell short in the match, they played with remarkable effort and enthusiasm. Their ability to enjoy the competition despite the loss is exactly what the school hopes to see from its students. Coaches Jesse Harrigan and Chris Collins are doing an excellent job developing the young team as they continue to improve their skills.

A FUN NIGHT OF MINI GOLF AND TACOS

SJA is so pleased to announce that the first Mini Golf Tournament was a huge success! Families loved meeting new people outside of school. The challenges included wearing funny glasses, wearing a tutu, and trying to putt a duck and a marshmallow. Everyone enjoyed eating delicious food at Mojo's Tacos.

St. John's Academy raised \$1,115.00! We hope to see everyone at the next Mini Golf Tournament.



STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

Eighteen mph winds this past Saturday did not stop this young man. This junior angler was in full force, supporting awareness around breast cancer at the event "Pink Up The Spots." Thank you, Charles McCloghry, for supporting our event hosted by Boatbroke.com!



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