

# ANCIENT CITY CHRONICLES

CONNECTING STUDENTS AND FAMILIES WITHIN THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE GEO-ZONE



St. Johns County  
School District

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School District**  
**Accountability & Intervention  
Services**

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## Mission

*The St. Johns County School District will inspire good character and a passion for lifelong learning in all students, creating educated and caring contributors to the world.*

## Vision

*All students will choose a learning path that leads to a well-rounded graduate who demonstrates good character and leadership.*

## City of St. Augustine Geo-zone Schools

**John A. Crookshank  
Elementary School**

*Bethany Mitidieri, Principal*

**R. B. Hunt Elementary School**

*Amanda Garman, Principal*

**Ketterlinus Elementary School**

*Kathy Tucker, Principal*

**Osceola Elementary School**

*Rebecca Keffer, Principal*

**The Webster School**

*Bethany Groves, Principal*

**R.J. Murray Middle School**

*Travis Brown, Principal*

**Sebastian Middle School**

*Kirstie Gabaldon, Principal*

**St. Augustine High School**

*DeArmas Graham, Principal*



## A Message from Mr. King

Dear Parents and Students:

Although the start of the 2021-22 school year has not been without uncertainty, I hope your nightly dinner conversations are featuring more “cherries” than “pits” as we conclude our first quarter. Amidst staffing shortages and student quarantines, our schools are persevering to engage our students with creative and meaningful learning opportunities. Read on for examples of this in each of the schools in your family’s geozone. The goal of this newsletter is to share information and build relationships across our community, as we have much to learn from and contribute to each other, as parents, as teachers, and as citizens.

I want to bring your attention to a new resource in your community at both Webster Elementary School and South Woods Elementary School, the Flagler Health+ In-School Wellness Kiosk. Visits with a doctor at this telehealth kiosk are provided FREE of charge to anyone in our community, regardless of your affiliation with Webster or South Woods. As Community Partnership Schools, this service is being offered at Webster and South Woods as a way to strengthen the health and wellness of our community as a whole. Read on for more information in this newsletter about how to make an appointment for yourself or your family members.

Finally, parent engagement with your child’s learning is key to the academic success of every child. Research shows that the most accurate predictors of student achievement in school are not family income or social status, but the extent to which parents and guardians create a home environment that encourages learning, communicate high yet reasonable expectations for your child’s achievement, and become involved in your child’s education at school. This involvement can take many forms, from volunteering in the classroom to setting aside time each day to read together or just talk about what your child learned that day. Read on for ways to become involved in your child’s education, and be sure to mark your calendars to join us for upcoming parent workshops on conscious discipline, which is being used in classrooms across our district with great success, as well as technology training for parents to successfully use HAC and Schoology.

As the year continues, I encourage you as parents and guardians to stay involved and stay positive, embracing changes as teachable moments in adaptability and resilience. If our department can better support you or your child, please reach out to me or to our Title I Parent and Community Liaison, Susan Connor at Susan.Connor@stjohns.k12.fl.us. Thank you for partnering with us to educate your children.

Sincerely,

Wayne King

Associate Superintendent, Accountability & Intervention Services



## Save the Dates!

Nov 9 ..... PTO Meeting (5pm)  
& Spirit Night @ Zaxby's, 1107  
N. Ponce de Leon Blvd  
Dec 17 ..... Cougars with  
Character Quarter 2 Celebration



## Students Compete in Summer Reading Olympics

During the break, students at John A. Crookshank Elementary participated in Summer Reading Olympics. Students were challenged to read every day, just as our Olympic athletes work hard every day, to reach their goals. We are excited to announce that our students read over 49,000 pages during the summer break. In addition to receiving medals for their accomplishments in our Summer Reading Olympics, Omnia Global Partners donated and delivered 8 new beach cruiser bikes, matching helmets, and bike locks to the student/s in each grade level that read the most for our students to "Cruise into Summer!" Congratulations to Isaiah Owens, Myles Erwin, Luke Glidewell, Jordan Amador, Charlie Farrow, Serena Heilman, Cole Goll, Ella Grady and to all of our Cougars who participated in this exciting event! And thank you to Nina and her team for a wonderful donation to our hard-working students. Go Cougars!

## Parent Involvement Opportunities

**School Advisory Council (SAC)** – Chaired by 3rd Grade Teacher Alexandria Robinson, the CES SAC meets monthly at 4:00pm on the following Thursdays: 11/18, 12/16, 1/27, 2/24, 3/31, 4/89, 5/26. SAC meetings are being held virtually at this time and all parents and guardians are invited to participate. Please email Alexandria. Robinson@stjohns.k12.fl.us for the link to join the meeting.

**Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)** – The PTO works to enhance the educational experience at Crookshank Elementary School by sponsoring events, hosting fundraisers, and finding fun and creative ways to support our teachers and students! The PTO meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:00pm in the CES Media Center. We would love your help! Please contact PTO President Liz Beute at lizbeute@yahoo.com for more information and to get involved!



## R. B. Hunt Elementary School

### Islanders SHINE Brightly

The 2021-2022 school year is off to a strong start at R.B. Hunt. Two teams of teachers participated in professional development over the summer to learn how to implement PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports) and Capturing Kids Hearts.

With input from stakeholders, we identified our values. At R.B. Hunt, students "SHINE" brightly by making



**Safe Choices,**  
**Having Respect,**  
**Including Others,**  
**Noticing Feelings, and**  
**Engaging in School.**

We aligned those values to rules and procedures

in each area of the building from the bus to the cafeteria. Time has been allotted to learn and practice these routines. Next steps include utilizing Live School software

to reward students for "Shining Brightly."

This year, our teams are focusing on increasing positive behavior and preventing issues. Capturing Kids Hearts gives faculty, staff, and students those tools to build relationships, manage behavior and work together to strengthen our school through questioning techniques and social contracts. Culture and climate have already improved with early implementation of these new programs.

Part of our success can be attributed to the collaboration and buy-in from everyone on our faculty. For example, our art teacher, Agatha Christine, created an Instagram account called "brightly.shine.artists." We invite you to check out the amazing artwork from the talented students at Hunt as well as see the photos of how teachers and support personnel have integrated SHINE all over the school. Life is good under the lighthouse! As we say on the intercom each morning before instruction begins, "Shine Brightly Islanders."

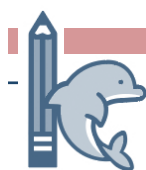


## Parent Involvement Opportunities

**School Advisory Council (SAC)** – Co-chaired by 2nd Grade Teacher Meghan Saxon and 5th Grade Teacher Beth Cleary, the RBH SAC meets at 3:00pm on the first Tuesday of each month. SAC meetings are being held virtually at this time and all parents and guardians are invited to participate. Please email Beth. Cleary@stjohns.k12.fl.us for the link to join the meeting.

**Parent Teacher Advisory Organization (PTAO)** – The PTAO meets monthly at 8:45am on Thursdays; check the weekly *Hunt's Catch-Up* for upcoming dates. Please contact PTAO President Kishna Patel at rbhvolunteers@gmail.com for more information and to get involved!

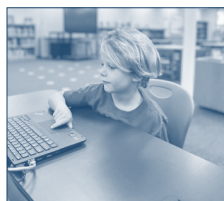




## "Readers are Leaders" is our Motto

With "Readers are Leaders" as one of our favorite mottos, our KES staff is in full swing, encouraging and inspiring our students to participate in our Accelerated Reader (AR) program. AR is a part of our school-wide reading initiative for 1st - 5th grade students and aims to challenge and inspire students to become lifelong readers through practice based on their current reading level. Our students showcase their reading retention and comprehension skills by taking online quizzes after completing each book. Quiz results track student progress toward their personal goals. AR also provides information to teachers on their students' reading habits and tracks mastery of focus skills to help accelerate students' independent reading skills. In addition, these tests help identify students who may need additional reading assistance.

At KES, parents are encouraged to get involved by following their child's progress and encouraging them to take their tests from home. Our media specialist uses the data from AR to help students find books within their interest and reading level. Our resource teachers also use AR reports to work with unmotivated learners to inspire them to work on reaching their goals and building their confidence. Finally, we hold school-wide challenges to encourage students to reach their individual quarterly goals. Students receive "Brag Tags" and are rewarded with shopping in our AR shop. To show her enthusiastic support for AR, our principal, Kathy Tucker, occasionally awards mystery prizes to the students. By creating a culture of reading through AR, KES lives up to its "Readers are Leaders" motto!



## Parent Involvement Opportunities

**Student Advisory Council (SAC)** is co-chaired by 2nd Grade Teacher Bethany Hilbert and Catherine Williamson, our Varying Exceptionalities Teacher. KES SAC meets on the third Tuesdays of the month at 7:50 a.m. While SAC meetings are in person, a virtual option is offered as well. All parents and guardians are invited to participate! If you would like to be a part of this team or need more information, please contact Bethany Hilbert at [Bethany.Hilbert@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Bethany.Hilbert@stjohns.k12.fl.us).

**Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)** – The PTO supports KES in a variety of important ways. PTO meetings are on the first Tuesdays of the month at 8:00 a.m. Please contact Leah Beck at [leahbeckrealtor@yahoo.com](mailto:leahbeckrealtor@yahoo.com) for more information and to get involved!

## Save the Dates

Nov 17 ..... WordMasters Challenge

# Osceola Elementary School



## Learning Continues After School at the Boys & Girls Club

We are excited to continue our community partnership with THE PLAYERS Championship Boys and Girls Club in St. Augustine. Over the last few years, students in

our school have had the privilege to engage with leaders at the Boys and Girls Club, which provides enrichment and tutoring opportunities for our students after school every day of the week and during the summer.

While at the Club, students are provided with a hot meal, relationship building opportunities, fun activities and tutoring in both math and reading. Through this work, our students have continued to show great progress even in the midst of a pandemic. Social and emotional learning is also supported as students develop strong relationships outside of school with many adults they come to love and trust. Boys and Girls Club staff will even come to the school and mentor children during the school day.

The Boys and Girls Club has consistently collaborated with our teachers and staff to ensure the Club has a full understanding of each child's needs and applied this as they have worked to develop programs that support our students. In turn, we learn more about our students and how they are progressing. This experience is enhanced by OES staff who choose to work a few additional hours every day at the Boys and Girls Club providing critically needed academic services to our students. It takes a village to raise and educate a child, and Osceola is so thankful to have the Boys and Girls Club as part of our village!



## Parent Involvement Opportunities

**School Advisory Council (SAC)** – Chaired by Front Desk Receptionist Sheila Lawshe, the OES SAC meets at 5:30pm on the first Tuesday of each month (except January). SAC meetings are held both virtually and in person and all parents and guardians are invited to participate. Please email [Sheila.Lawshe@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Sheila.Lawshe@stjohns.k12.fl.us) or check the OES website for the link to join the meeting.

**Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)** – The PTO meets monthly immediately following the SAC meetings. Please contact PTO President Shelley Erb at [erbsshelly@yahoo.com](mailto:erbsshelly@yahoo.com) for more information and to get involved!

## Save the Dates!

Oct 29-Nov 5 Book Fair  
Nov 18 ..... Thanksgiving Luncheon for PreK, K, 2nd and 5th (tent)



## Opening Our Doors to Support Our Community

So many amazing things are happening at Webster! Our newly remodeled Media Center includes a Computer Lab, a Makerspace, and a welcoming environment for all ages to read, study, and connect. Our Flager Health+ Kiosk is now open and available to serve patients free of charge, no insurance or deductible required. To help our community access these services, Webster is opening our building every first and third Tuesday of each month. From 5:30 – 7:00pm, we will offer dinner, a workshop, and open access to the computer lab, media center, makerspace, and health kiosk. Everything from homework help for students of any age to internet and computer availability, book check-outs, and space for children to read and play is available.



In November, workshops will center on literacy, encouraging all students to fall in love with reading and grow into grade level reading skills. In honor of December holidays, we will present a fun evening of celebrating the gifts that all our students have to share with our community.

After-School Tutoring has also begun to continue supporting the academic growth achieved last year, raising our school grade to a B! Students also are involved in clubs and service groups including Safety Patrols, Achievers with Dreams, and the Principal Advisory Committee. Field studies so far this year included a 3rd grade trip to see the Jacksonville Symphony perform and a PBIS Rewards Field Day and a Cook-Out at Treaty Park.

## Parent Involvement Opportunities

**School Advisory Council (SAC)** – Co-chaired by Interventionist Tina Motley and 1st grade teacher April Barger, the Webster SAC meets at 5:30pm on the third Thursday of every month. SAC meetings are being held both in person and virtually, and all parents and guardians are invited to participate. Please email Tina.Motley@stjohns.k12.fl.us for the link to join the meeting.

**Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)** – The PTO meets monthly immediately following the SAC meetings. Please contact PTO President and Reading Interventionist teacher Lindsay Watters at thewebsterschoolpto@gmail.com for more information and to get involved!

## Save the Dates!

Nov 5 ..... PTO Fall Festival, 5:30-7:00pm  
 Nov 2 & 16..... WE CAN: Literacy, 5:30-7:00pm  
 Dec 7..... WE CAN: Holiday Celebration



## R. J. Murray Middle School

## Showcasing STEAM Across Disciplines

Learning across all disciplines happens every day at RJMMS. Highlights of our multi-disciplinary approach to learning include the following:

- **SJCCA:** Our St. Johns County Center for the Arts (SJCCA) faculty and students performed “9/11: Remembered”. This moving performance was highlighted by two local news stations and received praise from first responders in attendance.
- **SJCCA:** The next major project for our SJCCA students will be to perform a Broadway-style production of “The Lion King” at the St. Augustine Amphitheater. Tickets will go on sale soon.
- **Dance:** Our dance department performed sold-out shows at Flagler College Lewis Auditorium in historic downtown St. Augustine. These shows showcased our students performing in a wide variety of dance disciplines and included original choreography from our top-notch dance instructors as well as student-choreographed pieces.
- **National History Day:** RJMMS was proud to participate in the St. Johns County History Fair. Students picked a historical topic of interest and conducted research using primary and secondary sources.
- **International Science and Engineering Fair:** Students selected topics to conduct scientific research and presented their conclusions. These projects provided the flexibility to investigate and solve problems in a real-world setting.
- **S.T.E.M. Elective:** RJMMS is offering a STEM elective for the first time this year. Student in the class have already programed drones, investigated and solved agricultural problems, and been joined by guest lecturers from NASA and prestigious universities.



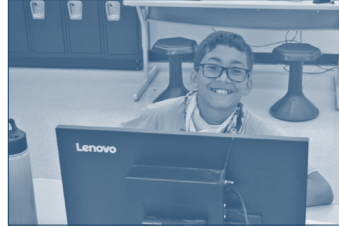
- **Bulldog B.Y.T.E.:** B.Y.T.E. stands for “Building Your Technology Expertise”. This is a “one of a kind” free after-school S.T.E.M. program that meets every day from 2:00 – 4:00pm. Students create and build projects, attend field trips, hear from guest speakers, and earn valuable digital tools.
- **Experiential Learning in the Classroom:** Our Digital Music students received lessons from guest D.J.’s to learn about mixing and spinning modern music.

## Parent Involvement Opportunities

**School Advisory Council (SAC)** – Chaired by 8th Grade U.S. History and STEM Elective teacher Justin Matthews, the MMS SAC meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 4:00pm. SAC meetings are being held in person and virtually and all parents and guardians are invited to participate. Please email Justin.Matthews@stjohns.k12.fl.us for the link to join the meeting.

**Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)** – The PTO meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 3:30pm, in person or virtually. Please contact the PTO at murraymspto@gmail.com for more information and to get involved!





## Rising 6th Graders Dive into STEM!

This summer's Dive into STEM! Camp for rising 6th graders was a great success. Thanks to financial support from the school district and local business Vested Metals, we were able to offer this camp free of charge to any family with a rising 6th grader registered at SMS. Students engaged in learning about TinkerCAD, manipulated natural Indigo dye to learn about oxidization, used critical thinking skills to create a safe landing for an 'alien being' (a marshmallow!) falling from a great height, worked in our greenhouse, and more! Post-camp evaluations from students said it best:

- "I liked the camp because I did something I had never tried before and it was fun!"
- "I am looking forward to trying out my electives in 6th grade."

Project-based learning is an authentic way for our students not only to learn specific standards but also develop important skills such as teamwork, collaboration, and listening. Deeper understanding of content requires application of knowledge by students and we strive to provide these experiences for our students throughout our school. Thanks to our wonderful PTO, we are excited to bring Infini-D Programs to our math and science classrooms as part of this core belief. This engaging program creates standards-based scenarios in a cinematic and group atmosphere where students must solve problems. For example, on a space mission to stop pirates, students must navigate the best route around asteroids using the Pythagorean Theorem. Who says learning can't be fun?!

## Parent Involvement Opportunities

**School Advisory Council (SAC)** – Chaired by 8th Grade ELA Teacher Marilee Churchill, the SMS SAC meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:15pm. SAC meetings are being held virtually at this time and all parents and guardians are invited to participate. Please email [Marilee.Churchill@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Marilee.Churchill@stjohns.k12.fl.us) for the link to join the meeting.

**Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)** – The PTO meets monthly on Tuesdays at 6:00pm via Zoom. dates this fall include 11/30. There is no membership fee to join PTO at SMS. Please contact PTO President Jen Farrow at [ptosebastian@gmail.com](mailto:ptosebastian@gmail.com) for more information and to get involved!

## Save the Dates!

Nov 30 – PTO Meeting, 6:00pm via Zoom

# St. Augustine High School



## Aerospace Academy

St. Augustine High School Aerospace Academy offers students the opportunity to explore two exciting learning pathways. Students enrolled in the Aerospace academy will take entry level aerospace technologies and engineering courses and then may progress to dual enrollment courses.

SAHS has partnered with the finest aviation and aeronautical university in the world, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, to provide students with a concurrent enrollment model that offers:

- Dual enrollment courses
- Weighted high school credit
- FAA-approved training



Mr. Campos and a student show a project constructed with a 3D printer

Classes are taught by Embry-Riddle professors at St. Augustine High School. Students have the opportunity to:

- Save up to \$10,000 in tuition at ERAU
- Earn free college credit up to 12 credits
- Learn flying techniques using flight simulators

In addition to coursework, students may participate in the SAHS Aerospace club. This club allows for like-minded students to participate in hands-on activities that enrich their learning.

Mr. Campos and students build a rocket launch project.

## Parent Involvement Opportunities

**School Advisory Council (SAC)** – Chaired by Math Teacher Bradley Sohn, the SAHS SAC meets on the second Monday of each month at 5:00pm in person in the SAHS Media Center. All parents and guardians are always invited to participate. Please email [Bradley.Sohn@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Bradley.Sohn@stjohns.k12.fl.us) with any questions or for more information.

**Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)** – The PTO meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:00pm both in person in the SAHS Media Center and via Zoom. All parents are invited to join the SAHS PTO by sending an email with your name and your student's name and grade to [TheHivePTO@gmail.com](mailto:TheHivePTO@gmail.com). There is no fee to join the PTO at SAHS.





# District News and Events

## Parents As Partners Workshop Series

Parents and guardians are invited to join us for these FREE events sponsored by the SJCS District Department of Accountability & Intervention Services. Attendance is limited so mark your calendars and RSVP today to guarantee your spot! Workshops in 2021 will be held virtually via Zoom; we are hoping to hold workshops planned for 2022 in person.

### Technology 101: Digital Literacy for Parents

Date: Monday, November 15, 2021

Time: 7:00-7:45pm

Location: Virtually via Zoom

RSVP: Susan.Connor@stjohns.k12.fl.us by 11/12/21

*With paper report cards a thing of the past, parents must learn how to navigate the technology tools and programs being used by the district for progress monitoring and reporting, as well as digital learning resources available to students for use in the classroom and at home. This session will provide an overview of Home Access Center (HAC), Schoology (used in grades 6-12), online textbooks and other digital learning tools available to students. Whether you are new to these tools or an old pro, you will pick up tips to help your child track his or her academic progress.*



### Conscious Discipline: A More Positive & Peaceful Approach to Parenting!

Date: Thursday, January 27, 2022

Time: 5:30-7:00pm

Location: FCTC Building C, 2980 Collins Avenue, St. Augustine, FL 32084

Dinner and Childcare (ages 3-10) provided!

RSVP: Susan.Connor@stjohns.k12.fl.us by 1/21/22

## Early Childhood Services Family Engagement Opportunities

After going virtual last year, the ECS Department is pleased to announce opportunities to bring our Head Start and PreK families back together for learning and camaraderie! Please mark your calendars for the following:

### Monday FunDay

Dates: Beginning Monday, November 8 and continuing every Monday that school is in session

Time: 5:30-6:30pm

Location: First Coast Technical College, Building E, 2980 Collins Avenue, St. Augustine

RSVP: Susan.Connor@stjohns.k12.fl.us by the Friday before you plan to attend  
*All Head Start families are invited to join us for dinner and a fun learning activity for children and adults on topics such as books and reading, cooking, science, and yoga.*

### PreK Parent Café

Dates: Thursday, November 4 and Thursday, December 2

Time: 12:00-1:00pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom

*All PreK parents (including Head Start) are invited to join us to learn from our ECS teachers about Conscious Discipline and other programs being used inside the classroom that can also be used successfully at home. Our goal is to return to hosting an in-person Parent Café monthly at each school starting in 2022.*

## Child Tax Credit

In 2021, the federal Child Tax Credit increased to \$300 per month per child under age 6 and \$250 for each child age 6 to 17. If you did not file taxes in the last two years and you are not yet receiving monthly Child Tax Credit payments, you can apply online at [www.childtaxcredit.gov](http://www.childtaxcredit.gov).

Here's what parents need to apply:

- A reliable mailing address
- An email address
- Your children's Social Security Numbers
- Your Social Security Number (or ITIN)
- Your bank account information (if you want to receive your payments by direct deposit)

**Eligibility:** Most families, even those with little to no income, can receive the full amount. If you are a single parent making less than \$112,500 or a married couple making less than \$150,000—and have children under age 18 who will live with you for more than half of 2021—you are likely eligible for the full benefit. These benefits do not affect your eligibility for other federal benefits like SNAP. Babies born anytime in 2020 also qualify for a full year's worth of benefits.

The deadline to apply for the Child Tax Credit is **November 15, 2021.**

## ESOL/ELL Volunteer Mentors Needed

Did you know the St. Johns County School District currently enrolls over 500 students who speak over 60 different languages as their primary language? Every school in our district includes English Language Learner (ELL) students, many of whom have just moved to St. Johns County from their native countries. If you speak a language other than English OR if you just want to help support an immigrant student as they assimilate to this country, we invite you to join us as a volunteer mentor! Mentors typically meet with students during their lunch period once a week, and a commitment of at least one semester is preferred. Mentor training and activities will also be provided. Students at all grade levels benefit from having a mentor, so we will work with you to pair you with the right student. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact ESOL/ELL School Counselor Ellen Dail at [Ellen.Dail@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Ellen.Dail@stjohns.k12.fl.us) or (904) 547-8927. Gracias! Спасибо!





# Partner Spotlights

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**Flagler Health+**  
CARE CONNECT

Flagler Health+ has partnered with our school district to provide a medical telehealth kiosk at The Webster School and South Woods Elementary School to serve all members of our community FREE of charge. This kiosk is part of an initiative through Care Connect+, a community alliance that connects people in need with available services in a coordinated way. In addition to medical and dental care, services include access to local food banks, homeless prevention services, and assistance with prescriptions, rent, utilities, transportation and much more. To sign up for services through Care Connect+, please visit [www.careconnectplus.com](http://www.careconnectplus.com) or call (904) 819-3070. To make a FREE appointment at the telehealth kiosk at Webster or South Woods, you may also contact Wellness Coordinator Brigid Barrett directly at [Brigid.Barrett@flaglerhealth.org](mailto:Brigid.Barrett@flaglerhealth.org) or (904) 417-5144. Flagler Health+ looks forward to meeting your family's medical needs!

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our education foundation

Formerly known as the St. Johns Education Foundation, INK! is a 501-c-3 nonprofit organization which directly benefits educators and students within the St. Johns County School District. Since 1994, the mission of INK! has been to provide innovative programs and classroom resources to promote the academic success of students in our district. Over 90% of all revenue generated by INK! is returned to our schools. To learn more about INK!, please visit [www.ink-stjohns.org](http://www.ink-stjohns.org).



## Family Digital Literacy Program

INK! was one of only 6 grantees in the state of Florida to receive funding to assist families with understanding and using the technology tools provided by the school district to help our students succeed in the classroom. INK! staff will work with

individual families on getting access to and using Schoology, Home Access Center, online textbooks and other digital learning tools. A limited number of computers and internet hot spots will be distributed to aid families who do not currently have one or both of those items for their students to use in the home. For more information, please call INK! Digital Literacy Specialist Nena Barrett at (904) 530-0830 or email [lla.Barrett@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:lla.Barrett@stjohns.k12.fl.us).

Founded in 2008, Hugs Across the County is an all-volunteer 501-c-3 nonprofit whose mission is to raise awareness about student poverty right here in our own community. Hugs raises funds and provides food, clothing, and books directly to students, as well as volunteers and mentors through a middle school Girls Empowerment Program. Hugs welcomes new volunteers and donations of all kinds; sign up for their newsletter at [www.stjohnshugs.org](http://www.stjohnshugs.org) to learn more about specific needs and volunteer opportunities.



## Thanks for your Support!

Many thanks to the following businesses who have donated coupons and/or goods and services to support parent and family engagement efforts like "Dads Take Your Child to School Day" on September 22, 2021 or to support student learning with rewards and incentives.



- 171 San Marco Avenue
- 2435 SR 207
- 890 Santa Maria Blvd



- 117 King Street

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- 1835 US Highway 1 South



- 1752 US Highway 1 South
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## Help for the Holidays!

### 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Murray Middle School

MMS is pleased to invite all families in the district to sign up to receive a FREE family style meal on Thanksgiving Day! Meals will be available for pick-up curbside starting at 10:00am on Thursday, November 25. Families must RSVP by November 5 at <https://tinyurl.com/rjmmsthanksgiving2021>. MMS also welcomes donations to sponsor a family this Thanksgiving! \$50 feeds a family of 4 but donations of any amount are welcomed. Make checks payable to "RJ Murray Middle School" and mail to 150 N. Holmes Blvd, St. Augustine, FL 32084. For more information, please contact MMS Guidance Counselor Carly Gordon at (904) 547-8476 or [carly.gordon@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:carly.gordon@stjohns.k12.fl.us).

### Catholic Charities Hope for the Holidays Program

Families in need of Christmas assistance are invited to apply through the Catholic Charities Hope for the Holidays program. Applications are accepted Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-12pm and 1-3pm at the Catholic Charities office, 525 S.R. 16, Suite 112, St. Augustine, FL 32084. Please bring a Photo ID, proof of St. Johns County residency, original social security cards for parent(s) and children, original birth certificates for children, and a list of gift ideas for all family members. For more information, please call (904) 829-6300.



## SJCSD Master Calendar 2021-22



Nov 11 ..... Veterans Day: Student/Teacher Holiday  
Nov 24-26 ..... Thanksgiving Holiday  
Dec 21..... 2nd Quarter Ends  
Dec 22-Jan 4 ..... Winter Break  
Jan 5 ..... Teacher Planning Day/Student Holiday  
Jan 6 ..... Classes Resume for Students  
Jan 17 ..... MLK Day: Student/Teacher Holiday  
Jan 19 ..... 2nd Quarter Report Cards Issued  
Feb 7..... Teacher Inservice Day/Student Holiday  
Feb 21..... Presidents Day: Student/Teacher Holiday  
Mar 10..... 3rd Quarter Ends  
Mar 11 ..... Teacher Planning Day/Student Holiday  
Mar 14-18..... Spring Break  
Mar 29..... 3rd Quarter Report Cards Issued  
Apr 15, 18 ..... Student/Teacher Holiday  
May 30..... Memorial Day: Student/Teacher Holiday  
Jun 2 ..... Last Day for Students  
Jun 3 ..... Last Day for Teachers