

# THE BUZZ

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## Principal's Notes

Yellow Jacket Community,

I am so proud of our students, staff, families, and community organizations for closing out an incredible school year.

We started the year with a theme of working **TOGETHER**. I believe this entire school year was a testament to the power of working as a team to ensure all our students could reach their maximum potential. We currently project to show improvement in every state tested subject area and I am sure our AICE/AP scores will be great as well!!!! We worked hard as a team to focus on character and creating a positive academic environment for all students. I believe this has been reflected through what we saw throughout school every day and also through the learning gains our students have shown in their assessment data. Perhaps most importantly, we did all of this as a team, while having FUN!



Travis Brown

Our summer will continue to be filled with collaboration and innovation as we look to next year and reflect over our accomplishments and refine the areas of need to bring an even stronger 2024-2025 school year. We look forward to your feedback and ideas as well. Please don't hesitate to email your thoughts or suggestions to me at [travis.brown@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:travis.brown@stjohns.k12.fl.us).

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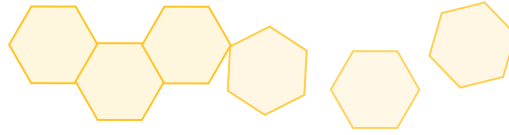
*The St. Johns County School District will inspire in all students good character and a passion for lifelong learning, creating educated and caring contributors to the world.*

# Words of Wisdom from our Valedictorian and Salutatorians



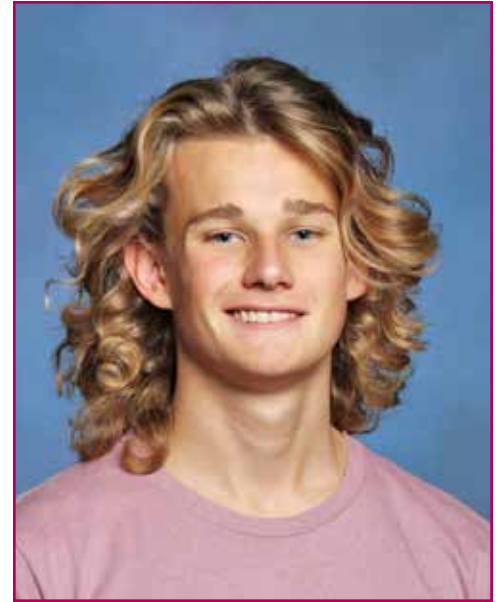
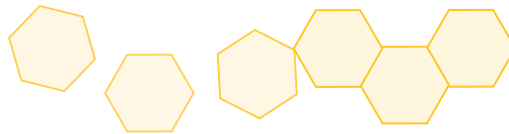
### Abbie Nickel-Valedictorian 2024

"Try not to stress too much. For so long I obsessed over getting exemplary grades, doing anything to ensure perfection, but I quickly learned this lifestyle is not practical. Rather than letting my fear of failure haunt me, I forced myself to remember life goes on even if you do not do as well as you hoped. And if you do still find yourself distraught over your impending calculus test, walk on the beach. You will feel exponentially better."



### Ruben Anderson--Salutatorian 2024

"Get out there and start doing, make a change, improve things. That's going to look different for everyone but as long as we're trying, with an altruistic attitude and a desire to do, we can be the generation that creates a future to look forward to."



### Alejandra Jaramillo-Salutatorian 2024

I've had the privilege of having several outstanding teachers throughout my life, particularly in the last four years. All of which have my deepest admiration and respect for their dedication to a career that is so often disregarded and undervalued. To those teachers that I know I won't forget anytime soon, thank you for your honesty, respect, and guidance.

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## Words of Wisdom from our Valedictorian and Salutatorians

### Tristan Langhorne- Salutatorian 2024

“While the future lies just before us, it is foggy with uncertainty. But as scary as that uncertainty may be, I have confidence that the class of 2024 is well-prepared and will continue to show exemplary perseverance in the face of any challenges. Thank you all for contributing to an unforgettable high school experience that we will cherish for the rest of our lives.”



### Hazel Jones—Class President 2024

This really clicked something for me: life is all about perspective. We each live our lives based on our own perspectives and beliefs, meaning how we live is based on our own thoughts and emotions. That being said, our perceptions control our ability to love the life we have been given, and as Bob Marley once said, “Love the life you live, live the life you love”.

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## Farewell to Some Amazing Educators

Thank you to these amazing servant leaders that will be saying goodbye to St. Augustine High School as they graduate to their own next phase of life, retirement.

We celebrate you all for a job well done:

- Amy Arnow
- Dena Bechtle (school counselor)
- Rebecca Bradshaw
- Trey Brewer
- Laurie Morrison (school nurse)
- Becci Smith
- Frances Wood

# Farewell!



## The Jacket Hub

We want to give a huge thank you to our entire staff. The success of PBIS and what we have been able to accomplish throughout the school year with positive reinforcement and good student feedback has been nothing short of phenomenal! The Jacket Hub cost on average about \$2500 per month. We are looking for sponsors or any support connections you may have. If you would like to sponsor, please reach out via email to: Amy.Huber@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

We extend a HUGE THANK YOU to our major sponsors of the Hub for 2023-24 school year, they include:

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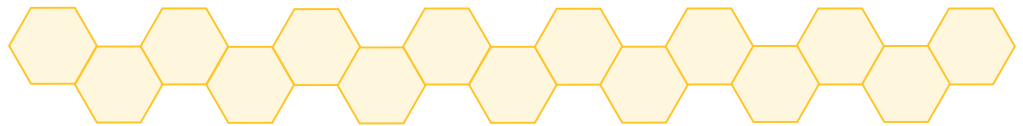
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## Great Year for our Graduating Seniors

Recently SAHS celebrated the class of 2024 at our annual Senior Awards Night. We recognized 181 students who have achieved academic successes (including four yellow jackets who have earned their AA degree through SJRSC), students who have enlisted in the US Military, students who were selected for department awards, and students who were awarded post-secondary scholarships. Over the course of the night we awarded more than **\$3,524,950** in scholarship money. We are so proud of the class of 2024 and look forward to how well they will represent the Yellow Jacket Nation in the future.

**Make sure you visit the Saint Augustine High School Webpage for your AICE/Honors Summer Reading requirements!! Get started now!!**

### Rising 9th Grade SUMMER Readings

- AICE General Paper
- 9th Grade HONORS English

### Rising 10th Grade SUMMER Readings

- 10th Grade HONORS English
- AICE English Language AS
- AICE English Language AS – Data Sheet

### Rising 11th Grade SUMMER Readings

- AICE General Paper
- AICE AS Lit
- AICE AS Lit – Data Sheet

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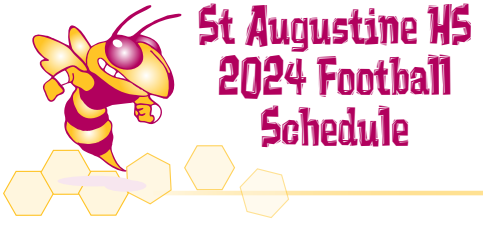
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SEPTEMBER 12	AT BOLLES
SEPTEMBER 19	AT TBA
SEPTEMBER 26	CREEKSIDE
OCTOBER 3	BYE
OCTOBER 10	AT PONTE VEDRA
OCTOBER 19	NEASE

ALL JV GAMES ARE 6PM KICK OFF

**VARSITY**

AUGUST 16	AT PONTE VEDRA
AUGUST 23	AT PALATKA
AUGUST 30	AT MENENDEZ
SEPTEMBER 6	BOLLES
SEPTEMBER 13	RIVERSIDE
SEPTEMBER 20	NEASE
SEPTEMBER 27	AT COLUMBIA
OCTOBER 4	BYE
OCTOBER 11	CLAY
OCTOBER 18	AT BARTRAM TRAIL
OCTOBER 27	RIDGEVIEW
NOVEMBER 1	AT MANDARIN

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# 2024-2025 School Year Calendar

Board Approved 3-13-2023

Monday	August 5, 2024	Optional Teacher Planning Day
Tuesday - Friday	August 6, 7, 8, 9, 2024	Teacher Pre-Planning
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 12, 2024</b>	<b>Students Report to Class</b>
Monday	September 2, 2024	Labor Day- Student/Teacher Holiday ✓
Friday	September 20, 2024	Teacher Inservice Day- Student Holiday✓
Friday	October 11, 2024	First Quarter Ends
Monday	October 14, 2024	Teacher Planning Day-Student Holiday ✓
Monday	November 11, 2024	Veterans Day - Student/Teacher Holiday ✓
Monday - Friday	November 25-29, 2024	Thanksgiving Break - Student/Teacher Holiday *
Friday	December 20, 2024	Second Quarter/First Semester Ends *
Monday - Thursday	Dec. 23, 2024-Jan. 2, 2025	Winter Break - Student/Teacher Holiday
Friday	January 3, 2025	Teacher Planning Day-Student Holiday ✓
Monday	January 6, 2025	Classes Resume for Students/Second Semester Begins
Monday	January 20, 2025	Martin Luther King Jr Day - Student/Teacher Holiday ✓
Friday	February 14, 2025	Teacher Inservice Day - Student Holiday ✓
Monday	February 17, 2025	Presidents' Day - Student/Teacher Holiday ✓
Thursday	March 13, 2025	Third Quarter Ends
Friday	March 14, 2025	Teacher Planning Day-Student Holiday
Monday-Friday	March 17-21, 2025	Spring Break - Student/Teacher Holiday
Monday	March 24, 2025	Classes Resume for Students
Monday - Friday	March 31 - April 11, 2025	B.E.S.T. Writing Assessment - Grades 4-10
Friday	April 18, 2025	Student/Teacher Holiday
Thursday - Thursday	May 1-May 29, 2025	FAST Testing (Reading, Math & Science) Grades 3-10
Thursday - Thursday	May 1-29, 2025	EOCs, AP, IB, District Exams
Monday	May 26, 2025	Memorial Day - Student/Teacher Holiday
Friday	May 30, 2025	Last Day for Students*Fourth Quarter Ends
Monday	June 2, 2025	Last Day for Teachers - Teacher Planning Day
	May - TBA	Graduations (Schools/Locations TBD)

**\*ALL Schools** will be dismissed **1 hour** early on Dec 20, 2024 and May 30, 2025

**All Schools** participate in a weekly early release on Wednesday: Elementary @1:45, Middle @12:50, High @ 2:50

Interims Issued: September 11, 2024	Report Cards: October 24, 2024
Interims Issued: November 14, 2024	Report Cards: January 16, 2025
Interims Issued: February 11, 2025	Report Cards: March 27, 2025
Interims Issued: April 23, 2025	Report Cards: May 30, 2025 - * Elementary only

✓ Denotes hurricane make-up days

Optional planning day may “Flex” for any Planning Day or Post Planning day as pre-approved by Principal  
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### Pillars of the Month

August - All Pillars October - Responsibility December - All Pillars February - Caring April - All Pillars  
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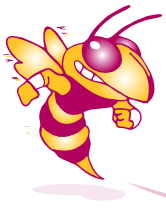


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