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St. Augustine High School

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# Principal's Notes

Yellow Jacket Community,

The first semester is almost in the books. Congrats to our amazing Jackets for all their superb achievements. This semester has been a great representation of the "Total Yellow Jacket Experience"! Our students have excelled in the classroom, on the stage, on the field, on the courts, and in the community. Congratulations to all our staff on providing a great environment and opportunities for our student to achieve success and reach their goals. And thank you to our parents and community partners for supporting our school and our students. We are off to a great start!

As we move into this holiday season, I would like to wish our entire community a most joyous season filled with happiness and cheer. It's been a great

end to 2024 and we can't wait to experience our successes together in 2025.

Together,

Travis Brown – Principal – St. Augustine High School "S.W.A.R.M. Together!"

## Teachers of the Year





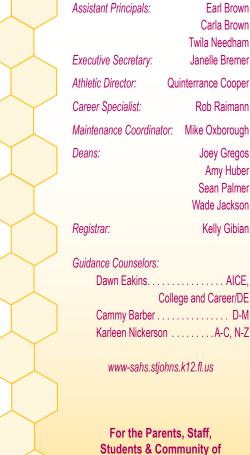
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#### **Vision Statement**

The entire SAHS community works *TOGETHER*, utilizing *QUALITY INSTRUCTION*, and effective *SUPPORT SYSTEMS* to ensure all students reach their full potential while providing the *TOTAL YELLOW JACKET EXPERIENCE*.

#### **Mission Statement**

The entire SAHS community will "S.W.A.R.M. Together" to ensure all students have everything they need to reach their full potential.



## St. Augustine High School

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## **Counselors** Corner

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## The Success of PBIS at SANS: Fostering Positive Behavior and Academic Excellence

#### Written by Amy Huber

At St. Augustine High School (SAHS), we believe that positive behavior and academic success go hand in hand. Through the implementation of the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) system, our school has made tremendous strides in promoting a culture of respect, responsibility, and excellence. One of the standout features of this system is the **Jacket Hub**, a program designed to reward and encourage students for their achievements both in and outside of the classroom. Students are able to earn school money (Jacket Bucks) from staff members when they follow our "S.W.A.R.M. Traditions". These Jacket Bucks are in turn used to purchase a variety of items twice a month from the Hub. Students can also use their earnings to purchase access to Pep Rallies, School Day SJCCA performances and more.

#### PBIS and the Jacket Hub: Building a Total Jacket Experience

The **Jacket Hub** at SAHS focuses on three core principles: promoting good behavior, encouraging academic excellence, and creating the **Total Jacket Experience**. Over the last two years, PBIS on campus has grown into a highly effective **token economy**, where students earn rewards for positive behavior and outstanding academic performance. These tokens reflect the students' efforts and are a tool for reinforcing the values of SJCSD and SAHS.

A key part of the Jacket Hub's success is its strong community backing. **St. Johns Cares, The Players Championship**, and the **SAHS PTO** have all played pivotal roles in supporting this program, providing resources that have allowed us to recognize and reward our students in meaningful ways. Their contributions have been essential in helping us sustain and grow the initiative. We have even been able to add Metro Diner, Leonard's Studios, and Herff Jones to a growing list of local support who have contributed to our program.

#### The Impact of Sponsorship and Continued Growth

As we look to the future, the Jacket Hub and PBIS program are entering **Phase Two**, with exciting plans to expand the scope of our efforts. To continue this growth path, we are seeking additional sponsorship and donations. This support will be crucial in helping us further enhance the student experience at SAHS, ensuring that the Jacket Hub can continue to thrive.

One exciting development in **Phase Two** is the creation of a new space within **The Hive**—a place designed for **collaborative game time, mentorship, and teacher-student reward opportunities**. This space will serve as a hub



where students and staff can connect, fostering a sense of community while providing opportunities for positive reinforcement and team building.

#### Why PBIS Matters

The success of PBIS at SAHS is a testament to the power of positive reinforcement in education. By focusing on good behavior and academic excellence, the Jacket Hub has become more than just a reward system—it is a foundational part of our school's culture. Through community support and a commitment to continuous improvement, we are empowering our students to thrive both academically and personally.

As we continue to build on the successes of the past two years, we invite you to join us in supporting the future of PBIS at SAHS. Whether through sponsorship or donations, your contribution will help ensure that we can continue to grow and provide students with the tools they need to succeed.

#### Ways you can connect, support or give...

We are currently looking for monthly sponsors, an air hockey table, foosball table and one or two standalone arcade games. We are also looking for community volunteers who would like to help a couple times a month at our Jacket Hub shop (1st and 3rd Friday 10:30-1:30 cleared volunteers only) Scan the QR code below.



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## **Cycling Towards Success: How Trikes Support Special Needs Education**

Mrs. Mackenzie Rush is a dedicated special needs teacher with over a decade of experience. Previously, she worked at a state-run group home in New Jersey, where trikes provided mobility and independence for adults with special needs. Now in her second year at St. Augustine High School, Mrs. Rush identified a similar need among her current students and partnered with the HEAL Organization. The HEAL (Helping Enrich Autistic Lives) organization advocates for autism awareness and emphasizes the importance of enhancing the lives of individuals with autism.

As many of her students approach the age when they will begin seeking employment or participating in supported employment programs, the need for reliable and affordable transportation is crucial. Trikes not only offer a cost-effective solution compared to owning and maintaining a car, but they also provide a practical and safe alternative for students who may struggle with the demands of conventional biking and driving.

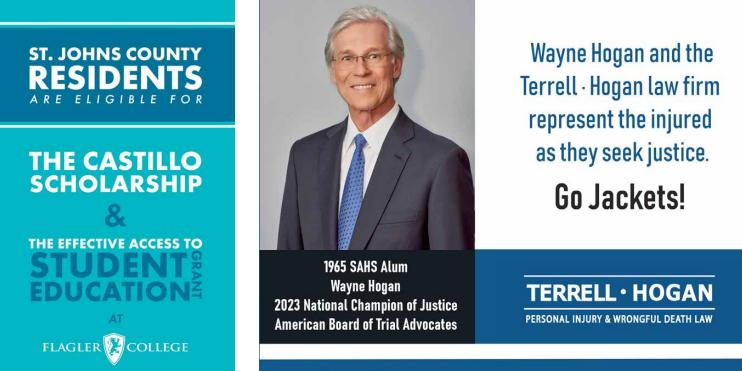


The introduction of trikes into Mrs. Rush's classroom has yielded impressive results. Beyond the practical benefits of transportation, trikes have served as a motivational tool for students. Many who had never ridden a bike before now feel a newfound sense of confidence and independence. This boost in self-esteem translates into a greater willingness to engage in community activities and develop life skills that are vital for their future success.

Mrs. Smith and her team are already planning their next steps. With an iPad grant application underway and a commitment to continuously seek additional funding, they remain dedicated to advocating for their students' needs. Their work underscores a broader message: the pursuit of educational resources is an ongoing endeavor that can profoundly impact students' lives, both within the classroom and beyond.

## St. Augustine High School Alma Mater

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## Academy of Future Teachers

The Academy of Future Teachers is excited to welcome Mr. Timothy Leininger to our team as the new instructor for our first-year students in the "Introduction to the Teaching Profession" course.

We are proud to announce the expansion of our first-year program from one to two course sections, now accommodating approximately 50 students who are embarking on their journey with the Teaching Academy. This growth reflects our ongoing commitment to developing the next generation of educators.

Our longstanding 12th-grade internship program continues to thrive, offering our seniors valuable hands-on experience by working alongside mentor teachers in local elementary and middle schools. These students dedicate approximately six hours per week to their internships, which count towards the completion of their Career Program. We look forward to seeing the positive impact this program has on their future careers in education.

Additionally, our student organization, Florida Future Teachers of America (FFEA), will be competing in three competitions this year. The first is our in-house competition at St. Augustine High School on October 18th. Winners in each category will advance to a regional event on November 15th at The University of North Florida. The final competition will take place at the state conference in Orlando at the end of January. We look forward to seeing the amazing projects our students design and present.



## Academy of Aviation and Aerospace

The Academy of Aviation and Aerospace is pleased to welcome Mr. Scott Norteman as our new secondary education instructor. Mr. Norteman brings extensive experience in aviation maintenance and holds a private pilot's license. He is passionate about helping students explore the diverse career opportunities within the aviation industry and is enthusiastic about imparting his expertise to our future pilots, equipping them with the essential skills to excel in their FAA Ground School Written Exam.

In addition, Mr. Norteman is sponsoring our afterschool Aerospace Club, where students can engage in hands-on learning with flight simulators, model rocket building, 3D printing, and the flying and coding of drones.

We continue to partner with Embry Riddle Aeronautical University to offer 5 dual-enrollment courses in Aeronautical Science, Unmanned Aircrafts, and Private Pilot. These courses count for high school and college credit, offering a savings of up to \$10,000 in college tuition.



## Academy of Law and Homeland Security

The Academy of Law and Homeland is proud to continue its strong partnership with the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office. We are excited to announce the launch of a new internship program, offering our 12thgrade students hands-on experience across various divisions within the SJSO. After completing a series of job interviews, these students will begin their internships, working two days a week starting this September.

We are also entering our second year of hosting Criminal Justice Dual-Enrollment classes in collaboration with St. Johns River State College, right here on our campus. This year, 14 of our students will graduate with a Career Certificate in Homeland Security, in addition to earning nine college credits in Criminal Justice.

Our student organization is eagerly preparing to participate in the Northeast Florida Criminal Justice Alliance competition in Orlando, FL. There, students will showcase their skills in law enforcement, academic challenges, investigations, and more. To celebrate their hard work, they will also enjoy a day at Universal Studios.

In addition to these activities, we remain committed to community involvement through volunteering at local events. We are particularly excited about our upcoming participation in the St. Augustine Christmas Parade.





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#### 2024-2025 Winter Schedule



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Nov. 20	Wed	Boys Basketball	JV/V	HOME	6/7:30	Clay
Nov. 19	Tues	Boys Soccer	JV/V	AWAY	6/7:30	Duval Charter
Nov. 21	Thurs.	Girls Soccer	V	AWAY	6:00	Englewood
Nov. 21	Thurs.	Boys Soccer	V	AWAY	7:30	Englewood
Nov. 21	Thurs.	Girls Basketball	JV/V	HOME	6/7:30PM	Creekside
Nov. 22	Fri	Football	V	TBD	7:00	Playoffs
Nov. 25	Mon.	Girls Basketball	V	AWAY	6PM	Global Outreach
Nov. 26	Tues	Girls Wrestling	V	AWAY	8am	FPC
Nov. 26	Tues	Girls Basketball	JV/V	AWAY	TBD	Episcopal
Nov. 26	Tues	Boys Basketball	JV/V	HOME	6/7:30PM	Crescent City
Nov. 29	Fri	Football	V	TBD	7:00	Playoffs
Dec. 3	Tues	Girls Soccer	JV/V	HOME	6/7:30	Mantanzas
Dec. 3	Tues	Girls Basketball	JV/V	HOME	6/7:30PM	Nease
Dec. 3	Tues	Boys Basketball	JV/V	AWAY	6/7:30PM	Matanzas
Dec.3	Tues	Competitive Cheer	V	AWAY	4:30	Creekside
Dec. 3	Tues	Boys Soccer	V	AWAY	6/7:30	Beachside
Dec. 3 Dec. 4	Wed	Girls Wrestling	V	AWAT	TBD	1
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Dec. 4	Wed. Wed	Girls Weightlifting	JV/V	HOME		
Dec. 4				AWAY	6/7:30PM	Ed White
Dec. 5	Thurs.	Boys Basketball	JV/V	AWAY	6/7:30PM	Palatka
Dec. 6	Fri	Girls Soccer	JV/V	AWAY	6:00	West Nassau
Dec. 6	Fri	Girls Basketball	JV/V	HOME	6/7:30PM	Englewood
Dec. 6	Fri	Wrestling	V	AWAY	TBA	Arlington Optimist @ Sandlewood
Dec. 6	Fri	Boys Soccer	V	HOME	6/7:30	Nease
Dec. 7	Sat.	Girls Wrestling	V	AWAY	8am	Freedom HS
Dec. 9	Mon.	Boys Soccer	V	AWAY	6/7:#0	Crescent City
Dec. 10	Tues	Girls Soccer	JV/V	HOME	6/7:30	Menendez
Dec. 10	Tues	Girls Basketball	JV/V	AWAY	6/7:30PM	Nease
Dec. 10	Tues	Competitive Cheer	V	HOME	4:30	County Competition
Dec. 10	1003			HOME	4.00	County
Dec. 11	Wed.	Girls Weightlifting	V	HOME	3:30PM	Championship
Dec. 11	Wed	Boys Basketball	JV/V	AWAY	6/7:30PM	Global Outreach
Dec. 11	Wed	Wrestling	V	AWAY	5:00PM	New Smyrna Beach
Dec. 12	Thurs.	Girls Soccer	JV/V	AWAY	6/7:30	Clay
Dec. 12	Thurs.	Girls Basketball	JV/V	HOME	6/7:30PM	Raines
Dec. 12	Thurs.	Boys Basketball	JV/V	AWAY	6/7:30PM	Oakleaf
Dec. 12	Thurs.	Boys Soccer	V	HOME	6/7:30	Tocoi Creek
Dec.13	Fri	Girls Basketball	JV/V	HOME	6/7:30PM	Menendez
Dec. 14	Sat.	Wrestling (B/G)	V	HOME	8AM	Ancient City Duals
Dec. 14	Sat.	Competitive Cheer	V	AWAY	TBD	UCA Regionals
Dec. 16	Mon.	Girls Basketball	JV/V	AWAY	6/7:30PM	Fletcher
Dec. 16	Mon.	Boys Basketball	JV/V	HOME	6/7:30PM	Providence
Dec. 17	Tues	Girls Soccer	JV/V	HOME	6/7:30	Middleburg
Dec. 17	Tues	Boys Basketball	JV/V	AWAY	6/7:30PM	Nease
Dec. 17	Tues	Competitive Cheer	V	AWAY	4:30	Beachside
Dec. 17	Tues	Boys Soccer	V	AWAY	6/7:30	Pedro
Dec. 18	Wed.	Girls Weightlifitng	v	HOME	3:30PM	FSDB
Dec.18	Wed.	Girls Basketball	JV/V	HOME	6/7:30PM	Beachside
Dec. 19	Thurs.	Girls Soccer	JV/V	AWAY	6:00	Riverside
Dec. 19	Thurs.	Girls Basketball	<b>V</b>	HOME	6:00	SJCD Schhol
Dec. 20	Fri	Boys Basketball	JV/V	HOME	6/7:30	Menendez
Dec. 20	Fri	Boys Soccer	V	HOME	6/7:30	St. Joe
Dec.20	Fri	Wrestling	V	AWAY	3:00PM	Lyman
Dec. 21	Sat.	Wrestling	V	AWAY	3:00PM	Lyman
Dec. 28	Sat.	Girls Wrestling	V	AWAY	8am	Viera Orange Park
Jan. 3	Fri	Boys Basketball	JV/V	AWAY	TBA	Tournament
	Fri	Wrestling (B/G)	V	AWAY	8:00AM	Winter Springs
Jan. 3	1	Boys Basketball	JV/V	AWAY	TBA	Orange Park Tournament
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Jan.8	Wed.	Girls Basketball	V	HOME	6:30PM	Global Outreach
Jan. 8	Wed.	Wrestling (B/G)	v	HOME	5:00PM	Tocoi/New Symyrna Beach
Jan. 8	Wed	Boys Soccer	V	HOME	6/7:30	Creekside
Jan. 9	Thurs.	Girls Soccer	V	AWAY	6:00	St. Joe
Jan. 9	Thurs.	Girls Basketball	JV/V	HOME	6/7:30PM	Tocoi Creek
Jan. 9	Thurs.	Boys Basketball	JV/V	AWAY	6/7:30PM	Bartram Trail
Jan. 10	Fri	Boys Basketball	JV/V	AWAY	6/7:30PM	Menendez
Jan. 10	Fri	Boys Soccer	V	HOME	6/7:30	Pedro
Jan. 11	Sat.	Girls Soccer	V	HOME	11:00 AM	Bishop Snyder
Jan. 11	Sat	Special Event	n/a	SAHS	n/a	7v7
Jan. 11	Sat.	Girls Basketball	V	AWAY	TBD	Springstead
Jan. 14	Tues	Girls Soccer	V	HOME	6:00	Mainland
Jan. 14	Tues	Girls Basketball	V	HOME	6:30	Fernandina
Jan. 14	Tues	Boys Basketball	JV/V	AWAY	6/7:30PM	Tocoi Creek
Jan. 14	Tues	Boys Soccer	V	AWAY	6/7:30	Flagler Palm Coast
Jan. 15	Wed	Girls Basketball	JV/V	AWAY	6/7:30PM	Creekside
Jan. 15	Wed	Wrestling	V	AWAY	5:00PM	FSDB
Jan. 15	Wed	Competitive Cheer	V	AWAY	4:30	Nease
Jan. 16	Thurs.	Girls Soccer	JV/V	AWAY	6/7:30	Tocoi Creek
Jan. 16	Thurs.	Boys Basketball	JV/V	HOME	6/7:30PM	Ponte Vedra
Jan. 16	Thurs.	Boys Soccer	V	HOME	6/7:30	Bartram Trail
Jan. 17	Fri	Girls Basketball	JV/V	AWAY	6/7:30PM	Menendez
Jan.17	Fri	Boys Basketball	JV/V	HOME	6/7:30PM	Nease
Jan. 17	Fri	Wrestling	V	AWAY	5:00PM	Mandarin
Jan. 17	Fri	Competitive Cheer	V	AWAY	TBD	FHSAA Regionals
Jan. 18	Sat.	Competitive Cheer	V	AWAY	TBD	FHSAA Regionals
Jan. 18	Sat.	Wrestling	V	AWAY	8:00AM	Baker County
Jan. 18	Sat.	Girls Wrestling	V	AWAY	8am	Fletcher
Jan. 21	Tues	Girls Basketball	JV/V	AWAY	6/7:30PM	Tocoi Creek
Jan.21	Tues	Boys Basketball	JV/V	HOME	6/7:30PM	Creekside
Jan. 22	Wed.	Girls Weightlifitng	v	HOME	3:30PM	District Championship
Jan. 22	Wed	Wrestling (B/G)	V	HOME	5:00PM	Nease
Jan. 23	Thurs.	Girls Basketball	JV/V	AWAY	6/7:30PM	Ponte Vedra
Jan.23	Thurs.	Boys Basketball	JV/V	HOME	6/7:30PM	Oakleaf
Jan. 24	Fri	Boys Basketball	JV/V	HOME	6/7:30PM	Orange Park
Jan. 25	Sat.	Girls Wrestling	V	AWAY	9am	Lake Mary
Jan. 28	Tues	Girls Basketball	JV/V	HOME	6/7:30PM	Eastside
Jan. 28	Tues	Boys Basketball	JV/V	AWAY	6/7:30PM	Fletcher
Jan. 29	Wed.	Boys Basketball	JV/V	HOME	6/7:30PM	Bishop Kenny
Jan. 30	Thurs.	Girls Basketball	JV/V	HOME	6/7:30PM	Orange Park
Jan. 31	Fri	Girls Basketball	JV/V	AWAY	6:00	SJCD Schhol
Jan. 31	Fri	Boys Basketball	JV/V	HOME	6/7:30PM	Palatka
Jan. 31	Fri	Competitive Cheer	V	AWAY	TBD	FHSAA State
Jan. 1	Sat.	Competitive Cheer	V	AWAY	TBD	FHSAA State
Feb .5	Wed	Girls Wrestling	V	AWAY	TBD	Nease
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Feb.7-10	Fri - Mon	Competitive Cheer	V	AWAY	TBD	UCA Nationals

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## **SAHS PTO Update!**

The SAHS PTO hosted another successful **POWER OF AN HOUR** event, funding all of 5 of the presented projects for a total of \$8,516.64 raised in just one hour! We are so appreciative of the school and community support of this program and encourage everyone to attend our next **POWER OF AN HOUR** on January 21, 2025 at the Colonial Quarters.

The holidays are a busy time and the PTO is seeking volunteers to assist with various hospitality and staff appreciation events, as well as donations to make these events successful. Please contact us at thehivepto@gmail.com or feel free to Venmo a contribution to @TheHivePto.

**THANK YOU!** The SAHS PTO still has several business sponsorship opportunities. If you'd like to partner with us, please visit our website at www. thehivepto.com or email us at thehivepto@gmail.com.

The PTO does not work without the support of our amazing community and business partners. A big shout out to this year's sponsors!



Mark your calendars for upcoming meetings! Dec 2 - Jan 27 - Feb 24



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