

Here we go Rams!!!

Week (o) is in the books, and we are moving right along. I hope you were able to successfully navigate your courses and got a start on the pacing.

Testing will get going again for PM2 (middle and high and those elementary that missed). Please remember that it is required to come in-person for all state testing. So far, I am loving the results both here with SJVS and the insight for my own kids. It is amazing to see our children grow throughout the year. Mrs. Harris is doing an AMAZING job. *Please see slide (2) for dates, times and contact information.*



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Pacing Information

All students should be at roughly **(6%)** complete in all courses by **5pm** this **Friday, January 13, 2023**.

Complete Pacing Charts – [Click Here](#)



Check out our [SJVS Student/Family handbook](#)
This is such a helpful and informative new resource.

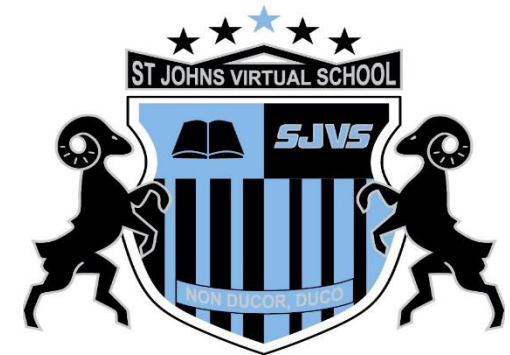
Calendar

- **January 16** – MLK Day (No School Day)
- **January 23** – SAC Meeting
- **January 30** – Middle/High Homeroom

Calendar also on website – [Click Here](#)
(found under SJVS Full-time Families and then Monthly Calendars)

Testing

- Please see the second slide here. Grades 6-10, you will have your second round of testing after starting next Monday.



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PM 2 (FAST and STAR) is continuing into January!



Secondary(6th 10th) will be testing after winter break. 1/9 -1/19

The sign ups are coming out.

6th -10th grade take ELA

6th-7th Math and Pre-Algebra take the FAST Math PM2.

Students taking Algebra in 7th and 8th grade will take the EOC at the end of the year.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1/9 6th-8th Small Group ELA begins at 9:00 Students with Testing accomodations	1/10 6th-8th Grade- ELA 9:00 AM 6th-8th Grade ELA 11:00 AM	1/11 6th-8th Small Group Math begins at 9:00 Students with Testing accomodations	1/12 6th-8th Grade- Math 9:00 AM 6th-8th Grade Math 11:00 AM	1/13
1/16 No School	1/17 9th and 10th Grade- ELA 10:00 AM	1/18 9th-10th Small Group ELA begins at 9:00 Students with Testing accomodations	1/19 Make-Up Testing	1/20



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We will also host a yearbook signing at the end of the school year. Please make sure to order your yearbook today and join your friends. Specific details will come in the Spring.

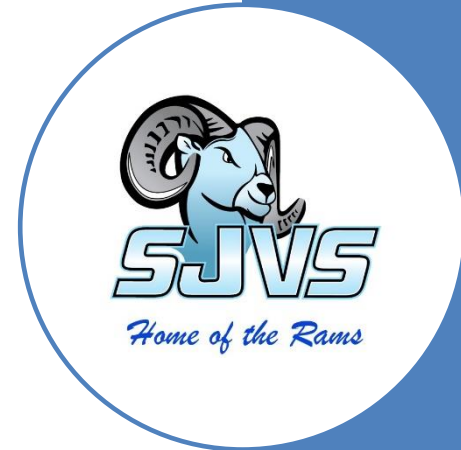
Yearbook Ordering

Looking to purchase the 2022-2023 yearbook? Well, we have you covered. Please see some important information regarding the yearbook.

Grades 5, 8, 12...please see the information below for taking out an ad to highlight your student.

Information:

- ☐ **School Id - 708081**
- ☐ **Register for Picture Day – [Click Here](#)**
- ☐ **Flyer for Yearbook – [Click Here](#)**
- ☐ **Link to Order – [Click Here](#)**
- ☐ **Grades 5, 8, and 12th Ad Information – [Click Here](#)**



January **Help** Sessions focusing on **Math and ELA**

Feeling lost? Stuck? Or just need that extra little bit to get on track?

Then we have some amazing on-campus help sessions coming up for you. Please RSVP for in-person sessions (at least 24 hours ahead of time) if interested to Sara.Thornton@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Virtual sessions are held every **Wednesday**:

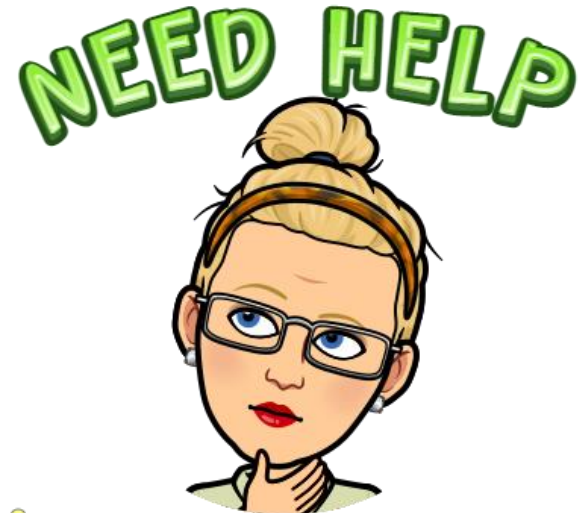
Location: <https://sjcsd-us.zoom.us/my/mrs.thornton>

Date/Time: January **11th** 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
January **18th** 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
January **25th** 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

In-Person sessions are held every **Friday**:

Location: SJVS campus Building 1

Date/Time: January **13th** 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM
January **20th** 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM
January **27th** 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ESSAY AND POSTER CONTEST OUR THEME FOR 2023:

"This is no time for
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The St. Johns Education Association is pleased to present the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., essay and poster contest. We work with the Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration Committee of St. Johns County to celebrate the life and works of this American hero.

Important dates for the essay and poster contest, as well as the awards ceremony, are listed below. Details and rules for the essay and poster contest follow on the next two pages.

Essays and posters due on January 20, 2023 by 6:00 pm to the SJEA office: 1260 N. Ponce De Leon Blvd., Suite F, St. Augustine, 32084. Late essays and posters will not be accepted.

Essay and poster judging will take place January 23 and 24, 2023. SJEA will notify all contest winners.

We will be hosting our annual awards ceremony February 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the St. Augustine High School auditorium.



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Essay Eligibility

There are three categories for essay entries:

Grades 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12

Essay Criteria

- The essay must be typed or handwritten in ink by the student (exception - students with special accommodations).
- A cover sheet containing the name of the participant, complete home address, school, grade, teacher, and telephone number must accompany the essay. Use word count to include the number of words on your cover sheet.
- The writing should be focused, on topic, have a logical, organized pattern; and have ample development of supporting ideas using a mature command of the language for appropriate grade level. The essay must be the student's original work. This is not a biography of Dr. Martin Luther King; the writing should reflect the theme.
- Teachers, please send the top three essays from each class to SJEA by Friday, January 20, 2023. You may send the essays to the SJEA office (address above). SJEA and the MLK Celebration Committee will choose three finalists from all entries to determine the winners in each grade category.

Length of Essay:

- Students in Grades 4 – 5: 200 - 400 words with bibliography (if applicable)
- Students in Grades 6 – 8: 400 - 600 words with bibliography (if applicable)
- Students in Grades 9 – 12: 600 - 800 words with bibliography (if applicable)

Essay Awards

First, second, and third place winners from each grade category will win Barnes and Noble gift cards

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Poster Criteria

The following grade levels are eligible to participate in the poster contest:

Grades K-5; 6-8, and 9-12

- All posters must be about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and reflect this year's theme (see heading)
- All HS/MS poster entries must be original works (original: created directly and personally by an artist; not a copy or imitation)
- All HS /MS entries must submit a poster no larger than 16in x 20in
- Accepted mediums for HS entries include: painting, drawing, printmaking, digital art (using original photos), mixed media (using original materials), and photography.
- All HS/MS entries must be able to submit a digital copy if needed.
- Posters shall be judged at each participating school
- Each participating school will choose four semi-finalists. Semi-finalists' posters must be delivered to the SJEA office by January 20 (address above)
- Each semi-finalist's poster MUST include the student's full name, grade, teacher, and school
- Each semi-finalist will receive a certificate at the awards ceremony. SJEA and the MLK Celebration Committee will award overall winners for first, second, and third place.

Poster Awards

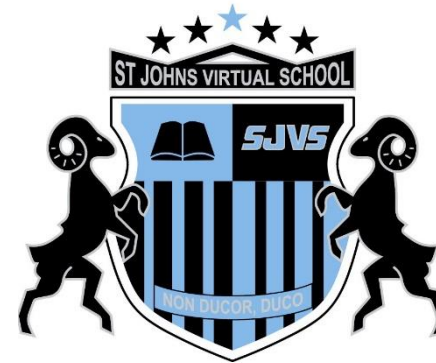
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Questions or Interested? Contact

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November 17, 2022

Join the CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee for its 10th Annual CHARACTER COUNTS! 6K/3K Run/Walk on Saturday, February 4, 2023, at 9 a.m. and help us celebrate "10 Years Running!" The run/walk will begin and end at Palencia Elementary School, located at 355 Palencia Village Drive, St. Augustine.

Walkers and runners will enjoy a course running through the neighborhoods of Kensington and Las Calinas and can choose to participate in the 6K (3.73 miles) or 3K (1.86 miles) distance.

Registration fees are as follows:

6K: \$30 before January 1	\$35 January 1-February 2	\$40 on race day
3K: \$25 before January 1	\$30 January 1-February 2	\$35 on race day

Registration forms and more information are available online at

<https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/StAugustine/CHARACTERCOUNTSInStJohnsCountySixPillars6K3KRunWalk>

Race proceeds support CHARACTER COUNTS! initiatives throughout the St. Johns County School District (SJCS). The run/walk is open to all ages, and the top three winners will be awarded in each of the age categories as well as the overall male and female finishers. A cash donation will be awarded to the top three to five schools with the most registrants. In 2021, these schools were Otis A. Mason Elementary School, Pine Island Academy, Valley Ridge Academy, Ocean Palms Elementary School and Durbin Creek Elementary School. All racers registered by January 6 will receive a t-shirt and other giveaways from area businesses and organizations. At the finish line, each race participant will receive a finisher's medal.

This event is produced by the CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee and is presented by Beaver Toyota with support from businesses and community groups. Action News Jax CBS47/FOX30 is the official media sponsor of this run/walk.

The SJCS, along with area businesses, youth organizations and civic groups, selected the national character education program of CHARACTER COUNTS! as a countywide initiative to instill positive character traits in young people throughout the county. Additionally, the SJCS became the first school district in Florida to implement Pursuing Victory With Honor in all of its athletic programs. Character education is an important part of every School Improvement Plan and a major component of the Student Code of Conduct and the school district's Strategic Plan.

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- I am challenging all SJVS to make a commitment to signing up and under SJVS for either the 6k or 3k.
- Ms. Lippo and Mr. Erskine serve on this committee and will be out there as well to cheer you on.
- Show St. Johns County how much our school is invested in Character Counts.
- **Sign Up Today:** [Click Here](#)



Learn more at: <https://ccstjohns.com/>



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January

SJVS World of Nations Event

Hi Ram Fam!

We are excited to announce our theme for our January SJVS Enrichment Day-- World of Nations! We are emailing out to our SJVS Families to see if you would like to host a table representing a country? We know many St. Johns Virtual School students come from diverse backgrounds or have traveled extensively. Do you have a cultural heritage you want to showcase? or a favorite country that you have visited? We would love to have that country represented at our event.

Here is the form to sign up to represent a country: <https://forms.gle/tAQxMxcH2a1ZtBfs9>

SJVS World of Nations Celebration will be held on Jan 27th, 2023 from 9-11:30am in the FCTC Conference Room in Building C. This form is for those wanting to represent a country. You will be given a table to decorate. You must include at a minimum: (1) a flag of the country, (2) a map of the country, (3) how to say "hello" (or greet someone) in that country, (4) trinkets or pictures of the cultural aspects of that country. Other than that, you can decorate your table as you wish.

Application to represent a country ends on Jan. 6

This form is only for those wishing to represent a country. If you would like to attend the event and NOT to represent a country, the RSVP form for that will be sent out in January. We hope you will come join us as we showcase diversity and unity at SJVS.

