Week three was super fun for me. I had the honor to go to Tallahassee and meet with legislatures for our area. What an experience that was and a great way to highlight our program and bring up concerns for not only our district and state but specific to virtual learning.

February is upon us (WHAT????). Keep the momentum going each week, we are so proud of the hard work and dedication displayed this school year. Please note that for a makeup day for the hurricane earlier in the year, school will be in on February 6 (originally a teacher planning day).

Homerooms for secondary will see a change starting tomorrow. Instead of the teachers offering for students to stay and watch the character videos, they will be emailing them out to each of those on their roster. We hope this brings on more students and families watching these. Ms. Mac will also be available later on in the day/week if questions arise.

Please sign up for the **Character Counts Race**, scheduled for this Saturday, February 4, 2023 **(more information on slide 4)**

# https://stjohnsvirtual.com/

## Calendar

- **January 30** – Middle/High Homeroom

- **February 6** – Normal school day

- **February 13** – Secondary Homeroom

- **February 14** – Last day to purchase Yearbook

- **February 20** – Presidents Day (No school)

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

## Testing

- TBD

## Pacing Information

All students should be at roughly **(22%)** complete in all courses by **5pm** this **Friday, February 3, 2023**.

**Complete Pacing Charts – Click Here**

Check out our SJVS Student/Family handbook
This is such a helpful and informative new resource.

# RAM FAM

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
## Deadline to purchase is February 14, 2023

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

# February **Help** Sessions 6th-12th Grade focusing on **Math and ELA**

**Virtual sessions** are held every **Wednesday**:
Location: https://sjcsd-us.zoom.us/my/**mrs.thornton**

Date/Time:  February 1st     10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
            February 8th     10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
            February 15th    10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
            February 22nd    10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
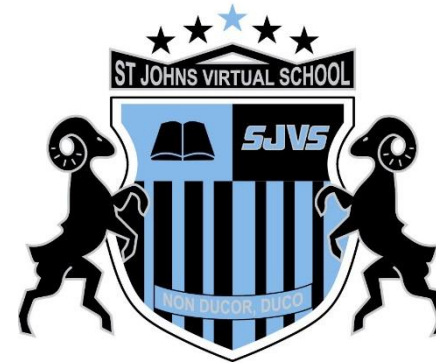
**In-Person sessions** are held every **Friday**:
Location: SJVS campus Building 1

Date/Time:  February 3rd  11:30 AM to 1:30 PM
            February 10th 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM
            February 17th 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM
            February 24th 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

## Media Release

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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 (SJCSD). 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 SJCSD, 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 SJCSD 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/

## RESPECT

Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule · Be tolerant and accepting of differences · Use good manners, not bad language · Be considerate of the feelings of others · Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone · Deal peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements

### THE 6 PILLARS OF CHARACTER

TRUSTWORTHINESS

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

FAIRNESS

CARING

CITIZENSHIP

# January