

# ST. JOHNS TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

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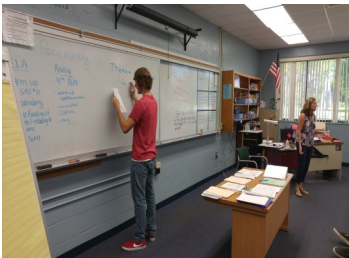
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*“Home of the Wolves”*



Welcome to the 2015-16 school year. We are so excited to have each of you join our Wolves family. We have quite a few initiatives which have proven to produce positive results in academic achievement. Please read to find the details of our new programs, community events and student procedures.

First, we want to encourage you to attend our school-wide events such as open house, School Advisory Council meetings, award ceremonies and the annual silent auction. We also encourage you to attend individual parent/teacher meetings. This is how we get to build our community of learners.

Second, feel free to contact me or any other staff member with questions or concerns. We strive to keep our students safe, college ready and equipped with the tools to venture into the careers of their choice.

In addition, this year, SJT will implement the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program. The AVID model teaches educators to use proven practices in order to prepare students for success in high school, college, and a career, especially students traditionally underrepresented in higher education.

Our school-wide mission this year in AVID is to have all students take both two and three column notes and/or Cornell Notes. Additionally, we are requesting that middle school students have Trapper Keepers for organization and nightly written parent communication concerning homework. If you have questions, please feel free to contact our school at 904 547-8500. St. Johns Technical High School students deserve the best and every opportunity to achieve at a higher scholastic level. With that in mind, SJT offers college level courses (on our campus) to students with a 3.0 or higher. This good news is another example of the many positive things happening at SJT.

Our first Open House will be on September 3rd at 5:30pm. You will have an opportunity to meet briefly with teachers and set up future conferences if necessary. Please mark your calendars and plan to spend the evening with us.

In closing, I want to thank you, parents and guardians, for sending us such awesome students.

*Cynthia A. Williams, Principal*

**St. Johns Technical High School, 6-12**

*The Digital Pilot High School!*

**(904) 547-8493**

**OPEN HOUSE**

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3,  
2015**

**5:30 P.M.**

### Parents Mark Your Calendars

Aug 31 6th Grade Vision/Hearing testing  
Sept 2 Digital Citizenship  
Sept 3 Open House (8th Grade Gradventure and DC Trip meeting as well) 5:30  
Sept 9 College Fair at PMHS  
JR and SR Meetings 5th Period H103  
Sept 11 Interim Reports Issued  
Sept 16 After School Tutoring Begins  
Sept 17 SAC Meeting 8:30 am in Media Center  
Sept 22 Picture Day

### Tutoring

After School Tutoring will begin on Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup>. Tutoring will run from 2:45 to 3:45 each Wednesday. Tutoring is mandatory for all middle school students.

#### Dates

September	16 & 23rd
October	7th, 14th & 21st
November	4th & 18th
December	2nd & 9th
January	6th, 13th & 20th
February	3rd, 10th & 17th
March	2nd, 9th & 16th
April	6th & 13th

### FSA Testing information and practice

Families are encouraged to take advantage of the information and resources available on the Florida Standards Assessments portal ([www.FSAssessments.org](http://www.FSAssessments.org)) and the FDOE website ([www.fldoe.org](http://www.fldoe.org)). More resources will be made available throughout the 2015–2016 school year, so parents and students should check these websites regularly for updates.

### **Battle of the Books**

Soon SJTHS will be kicking off its **Battle of the Books Club!** This reading club is for students who wish to participate in the St. Johns school district's annual **Battle of the Books**. Each year the SSYRA and Florida Teens Read committees choose fifteen books for the battle. There is a middle school battle, which uses Sunshine State Young Readers Award (SSYRA) books and a high school battle which uses Florida Teens Read books. Each year the books chosen cover a wide range of genres and include both fiction and non-fiction. Students are not required to read all of the fifteen books. With up to five members on a team, the responsibility of reading the books can be split among all team members. The final battle against other schools in St. Johns school district will take place in the spring. Families are invited to attend the final battle.

Please encourage your child to consider taking part in the Battle of the Books. This club will be a wonderful way for students who enjoy reading to share their love of books with other like-minded kids, take part in discussions, a friendly competition and all under the leadership of two very enthusiastic teachers who love reading as well!

### Parents

#### **VERY IMPORTANT!!**

You need to be an approved volunteer to chaperone a field trip or go down the hall for a conference with your child's teacher. **This is very important.** Please take the time to fill out your school access form. You may go on to the St. Johns County web page to get your school access form.

[www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/depts/cr/volunteer](http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/depts/cr/volunteer)

### **CHARACTER COUNTS!**

# **B6**



**All Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors interested in becoming a B6 leader should turn in their applications to Mrs. Gamble or Ms. Young by Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Pick up an application today in Mrs. Gamble's office or the front office. "Be the change that you wish to see in the world." – Mahatma Gandhi**

### A way to Help SJTHS with your Target Red Card

1. Link your RED CARD you our school by logging in online and enrolling in Take Charge of Education. (our school is listed under First Coast High School but the address is correct, we are trying to get the listing changed)
2. Shop at Target and pay with your RED CARD (if you don't already have one you should get it , it saves you 5% every time you check out) target will then donate 1% of all purchases to our school. Nothing more for you to do it's that simple.