

# ST. JOHNS TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

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*“Home of the Wolves”*



## Culinary Academy Update

St. Johns Technical High School's Academy of Culinary Arts students, in collaboration with Nease High School's Academy of Hospitality and Tourism, visited the Sawgrass Marriott Resort and Spa in Ponte Vedra Beach. The visit included a behind the scenes tour of the resort's commercial kitchens, the grounds and a presentation from the Marriott team of culinary and hospitality professionals. The students also, participated in a real-world situational role play in which they helped plan an incoming convention group. The visit was topped off with a delicious lunch catered by the Marriott culinary team.



The Culinary students rounded out the week by preparing their delicious creation of pasta e fagioli which was served at the community Souper Bowl, soup tasting event, at Nease High School. The Academy of Culinary Arts, along with 20 other restaurants and businesses, served soup to over 500 people as a fundraiser for Blessings in a Backpack. The proceeds from the event will go to feeding hungry children in our community. The Academy of Culinary Arts students not only prepared the soup but, they also helped the visiting chefs set up and serve soup at the event. The students were also treated to a culinary career presentation by Publix's Cooking School's Director.



ST. JOHNS COUNTY DIGITAL LEARNING INITIATIVE



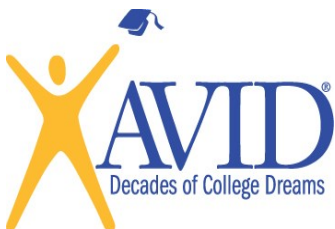
## Parental Involvement Toolkit now available

November is Florida Family Engagement in Education Month. Research shows that, regardless of family income or background, students whose parents and families are engaged in their academic lives are more likely to have the following:

- >Higher grades, test scores and graduation rates;
- >Better school attendance;
- >Increased motivation and self-esteem;
- >Lower rates of suspension;
- >Decreased use of drugs and alcohol; and Fewer instances of violent behavior.

DOE has developed a toolkit to help you work with families and community-based organizations to increase family engagement. It is available at:

<http://www.fldoe.org/schools/family-community/activities-programs/parental-involvement.shtml>



## **SAC Needs YOU!**

Meetings are scheduled **every 3rd Thursday of the month @8:30am in the media center**  
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**Interested in contributing?  
Please contact Juliet Hart  
(Juliet.Hart@stjohns.k12.fl.us)**

### **Parents Mark Your Calendars**

Feb 12	Interims sent home
Feb 15 & 16	Student Holiday
Mar 18	Student Holiday
Mar 21-28	Spring Break
April 5	APEX New Student Open House
April 29	Student Holiday
May 26	Last Day for Students
June 6-16	APEX Summer Camp

#### 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)

### **Tutoring**

After School Tutoring began 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

February	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.

*Yearbooks on sale \$40*

*Senior Ads - \$30 ¼ page - \$60 ½ page - \$100 full page*

### **Out of Zone Waiver Process**

The transfer request process will begin on **February 12, 2016**. You will have until **April 30, 2016** to submit your request. The sooner your application is received, the sooner your child's class schedule for next school year may be completed. . If applicable to your reason for request, please be sure to mention that you are applying for the "grandfathered" condition for your fifth, eighth, or twelfth grade child when completing the Out of Zone Application. Your prompt attention to submitting an application will assist your school in preparing to meet requirements for state and federal funding, class size compliance, and other governmental and administrative applications. The application is available in both an electronic version (available February 12th on our website) and a paper version. Both applications and the directions for the process can be found on our district website at:

<http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/depts/os/schoolserv/transfers>.

### **Would You Like to Volunteer as a Surrogate Parent?**

#### **What is a surrogate parent?**

"...an individual appointed to act in the place of a parent in educational decision-making and in safeguarding a child's rights under the [federal] Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and [state law]."  
§ 39.0016(1)(c), Fla. Stat.

#### **Who needs a surrogate parent?**

A student with a disability or a student who is suspected of having a disability, needs a surrogate parent when the natural parent or guardian is unknown, or the whereabouts of the natural parent or guardian cannot be determined, or the child is a ward of the state or ward of the court under the laws of the State of Florida.

#### **St. Johns County School District is searching for surrogate parents**

If you are interested in learning more about the significant role a surrogate parent plays in the lives of our students, then please join us:

**For more information please call the SJCS Office of Exceptional Student Education (ESE) at 904-547-7712**



### **ESE PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

St Johns County Schools (SJCS), The ARC, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)

and Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) offer

**Topic: TRANSITION PLANNING**

**Date/Time:** 12/1/15 from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

**Location:** Creekside High School – 100 Knights Lane, St. Johns, FL 32259