

# AICE Freshmen

# NEWS YOU NEED!!

- Online Appointment Request link for School Counselor appointments
- AICE Schoology Group: If you're not getting messages let me know
- Jacket School Counseling Schoology: Same as above

# EVENTS

- AICE Parent Night - Tues. Oct 14 @6pm in SAHS Auditorium
- PSAT - Oct. 22<sup>th</sup> - sign up on SchoolPay if interested (\$22)
- AICE Advisory Board - first meeting Thurs. Sept. 4, 8:45 - room EB242



# AICE Advisory Board Events/Activities

- AICE Advisory Board - weekly meetings
- Fund raisers - emails, texts re: volunteering
- College Tours
- AICE Silent Auction - May
  - Volunteer by getting donations
  - Volunteer by helping to make phone calls
  - Volunteer on the night of the event

# How Can My Counselor Help Me?

- Work together with students, families, teachers and other school staff to help you achieve, including:
  - Academic planning
  - Personal/social challenges
  - Planning future education and career choices
  - Understand the AICE Program/Requirements
  - Turn in Community Service Hours (to Mrs. Nelson)

# How to Contact Your Counselor with Questions?

- Counselor Connect - QR code on main page of SAHS website
  - School Counselor appointment requests. A pass will be sent for you for the day of the appointment.
- Send a Schoology Message
- Send an email ([dawn.eakins@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:dawn.eakins@stjohns.k12.fl.us))
- Stop by!



# Expectations in AICE

## DO

- Expect to struggle!  
(If you're not challenged, you're not growing!!)
- Remain Organized
- Keep up with your work - HAC
- Ask teachers for help
- Use outside tutors
- Reach out to friends
- Try different solutions/study methods, online help

## DON'T

- Dismiss a low grade
- Focus on the exam results
- Get discouraged with a low grade - figure it out!
- Try to “fix” the problem yourself
- Engage in harmful attitudes or blaming others
- Blame the “teaching style”
- DON'T Give Up!

# What Do I Need to Graduate from HS?

- Standard Graduation Path:

- 3 basic requirements:
  - Earn 24 Credits
  - Earn a 2.0 unweighted GPA
  - Pass 2 state assessments (tests)



# Standard (Non-AICE) Graduation Requirements

24 Credits needed to graduate:		4 Math
3 Social Studies	4 English	3 Science
1 Credit of HOPE	1 Credit of Fine or Performing Art	8 Electives • One Virtual (online) Class

## Pass Two Tests

- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade FAST
  - Progress Monitoring exams
- Algebra I EOC (End of Course Exam)
  - Or
- Geometry EOC (End of Course Exam)

# What about Advanced Classes?

- **Weighted GPA** = advanced courses earn ADDITIONAL GPA points
  - Add the “weight” to get the Weighted GPA
- AICE/AP/Dual Enrollment courses = + 1.0 GPA point
  - A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2, F=0
- Honors/Pre-AICE = + .5 GPA point
  - A=4.5, B=3.5, C=2.5, D=1.5, F=0
- GPA is not recalculated/updated until the end of a semester
  - Interim/quarter grades do NOT change your GPA!



# Earning an Unweighted 2.0 GPA

**GPA = Grade Point Average - How do we calculate GPA?**

- Add up the “grade points” you have earned and divide by the number of grades.
- Standard Level Courses earn:
  - A = 4
  - B = 3
  - C = 2
  - D = 1
  - F = 0

# Let's try an example...

Add it up!

- Joe's first semester report card:
  - Biology 1 Hon. C
  - AP Human Geog. B
  - Geometry Hon. B
  - AICE Eng. Gen. Paper B
  - Draw/Paint A
  - Aerospace Tech. 1 A
  - Pre-AICE Span. 1 C

# GPA's are cumulative!

Let's add second semester!

## • First Semester

- |                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| • Biology 1 Hon.        | C |
| • AP Human Geog.        | B |
| • Geometry Hon.         | B |
| • AIICE Eng. Gen. Paper | B |
| • Draw/Paint            | A |
| • Aerospace Tech. 1     | A |
| • Pre-AIICE Span. 1     | C |

## Second Semester

A
A
B
A
A
B
B



What About AICE Students...??

AICE Curriculum  
vs.  
AICE Diploma AWARD

# Graduation Requirements for the AICE Curriculum

- **AICE Curriculum**

- **Complete**\* **Seven** A.I.C.E. level courses with at least one in each academic category

- “Complete” means = **\*1. earn a passing grade, 2. “sit for” (take) the FULL exam**

- Academic Categories:

- Language
  - Math/Science
  - Humanities
  - The “Core”
  - Optional Category - Interdisciplinary Studies

# Graduation Requirements for the AICE Curriculum

- AICE English required all 4 years
- Global Perspectives required 11<sup>th</sup> grade year
- AICE Curriculum Completers = Exempt from HOPE, Fine Arts, American Government, Economics
- Must meet course progression requirements for university entry
  - (i.e., 4 (AICE) English, 2 World Language, 3 Science, 3 Social Studies, 4 Math)



# Staying on the AICE Curriculum

- See AICE Planning Sheet - Course Progression
  - Grades from 1<sup>st</sup> semester = course rec.'s for next year!!
- Once in AICE = Always in AICE???
- Flexible schedule for all students
- AICE Students CAN take Dual Enrollment classes!
  - Minimum 3.0 Unweighted GPA
  - Starts college transcript
  - Be CAREFUL about grades!
- Course Requests = February (based on Teacher Rec's!)

# Staying on Track!

- 1<sup>st</sup> semester grades = next year's course recommendations
- Sophomore year - MUST have AICE Eng. Language and AICE Int'l Hist.
- Junior year - last year for GPA used for college admissions decisions!
- Grades in 9<sup>th</sup> grade = recommendations for 10<sup>th</sup> grade!

# Cambridge A.I.C.E. Diploma Award

*The A.I.C.E. Diploma Award is an internationally recognized AWARD for academic rigor*

- *Must Pass seven (7) A/AS Level Exams*
  - Minimum of 1 exam passed in each category
- Automatically qualified for Florida Academic Bright Futures Scholarship (top level)
  - Must have 100 hours logged
  - GPA and ACT/SAT requirement waived



# AICE Program & AICE Diploma Award (ADIP)

## AICE Program

- Complete \_\_\_\_\_ Courses?
- “Complete” means???
- Do Pre-AICE courses count for the AICE Curriculum graduation rule???

## ADIP

- PASS \_\_\_\_\_ AICE exams
- Turn in \_\_\_\_\_ C.S. Hours
- Pass how many in each subject category?

# Course Planning

## Freshman Year Schedule

- ☒ \_\_\_\_\_ AICE English General Paper
- ☒ \_\_\_\_\_ AP Human Geography
- ☒ \_\_\_\_\_ Math
- \_\_\_\_\_ Algebra 1 Honors OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ Geometry Honors OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ Algebra 2 Honors
- ☒ \_\_\_\_\_ Biology 1 Hon. / Phy Sci Hon
- ☒ \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-AICE World Language 1  
(Spanish)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Academic Elective(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Elective(s) \_\_\_\_\_

## Sophomore Year Schedule

- X \_\_\_\_\_ AICE English Language
- X \_\_\_\_\_ AICE International History
- X \_\_\_\_\_ Math
- \_\_\_\_\_ Algebra 2 Honors OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ AICE Math OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-Calc. OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ Statistics Honors
- X \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-AICE Chemistry
- X \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-AICE World Language 2
- \_\_\_\_\_ Academic Elective(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Elective(s) \_\_\_\_\_

# Subject Categories

## Math & Science

\_\_\_\_\_ Marine Science (AS/AL)

\_\_\_\_\_ Math (AS/AL)

\_\_\_\_\_ Physics (AS/AL)

\_\_\_\_\_ Chemistry (AS/AL)

\_\_\_\_\_ Environmental Management

\_\_\_\_\_ \*Psychology (AS/AL)

## Languages

\_\_\_\_\_ English Language AS

\_\_\_\_\_ Spanish Language AS

## Arts & Humanities

\_\_\_\_\_ English Literature AS

\_\_\_\_\_ English Literature AL

\_\_\_\_\_ US History

\_\_\_\_\_ International History

\_\_\_\_\_ Economics (AS/AL)

\_\_\_\_\_ Drama (AS/AL)

\_\_\_\_\_ \*Psychology (AS/AL)

\_\_\_\_\_ Art & Design (AS/AL) (Art & Design is offered

\_\_\_\_\_ Media Studies

## Core (required)

\_\_\_\_\_ Global Perspectives AS

## Optional Interdisciplinary Cat.

\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_ English General Paper

\_\_\_\_\_ Thinking Skills AL

\_\_\_\_\_ Global Perspective AL



# What is BRIGHT FUTURES?

- A scholarship program that can help pay for you to go to college!
- Start working hard now for a big payoff \$\$\$
- 100+ Hours for top award
- Remember - Earning your ADIP + 100 hours = BRIGHT FUTURES (SAT/ACT score & GPA waived)

# Community Service Hours

- C.S. form and Reflection Log - available in School Counseling, posted to Jacket School Counseling Schoology and AICE Schoology
- Plan/Reflection log required for ALL organizations
  - (school based AND outside of school)
- Signature can be provided directly on Log for School based volunteer hours
- ALL hours completed at an outside organization:
  - Letter from organization on letterhead (in addition to Plan & Reflection Log)
  - Name of Organization
  - Your Name
  - Activity & number of hours volunteered
  - Signature

# Community Service Hours (Cont'd)

- **Paid work hours can be used for Bright Futures!**
  - Must submit a pay stub - see the new CS Forms for rules
- **NEW:** Work and volunteer hours may now be combined!
- Volunteer Service Plan and Reflection form must be turned in with CS form
- Turn in ALL hours/forms **to Ms. Nelson** when you have accrued 25 hours on one form/letter.



# Where can I find Volunteer Opportunities?

- Search online at [www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org)
- District Community Service Website: <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/community-service/>
- Pay attention to announcements for opportunities
- Check with local organizations like food pantries, animal shelters, churches, elderly homes
- Join clubs who provide volunteer opportunities like **AICE Advisory Board!** (and Key Club, Interact, Recycling Club).
- Volunteer at AICE Events to be eligible for the **AICE Scholarship!**

QUESTIONS about Curriculum?  
ADIP? Bright Futures? GPA?

# What do I need to do as a Freshman?

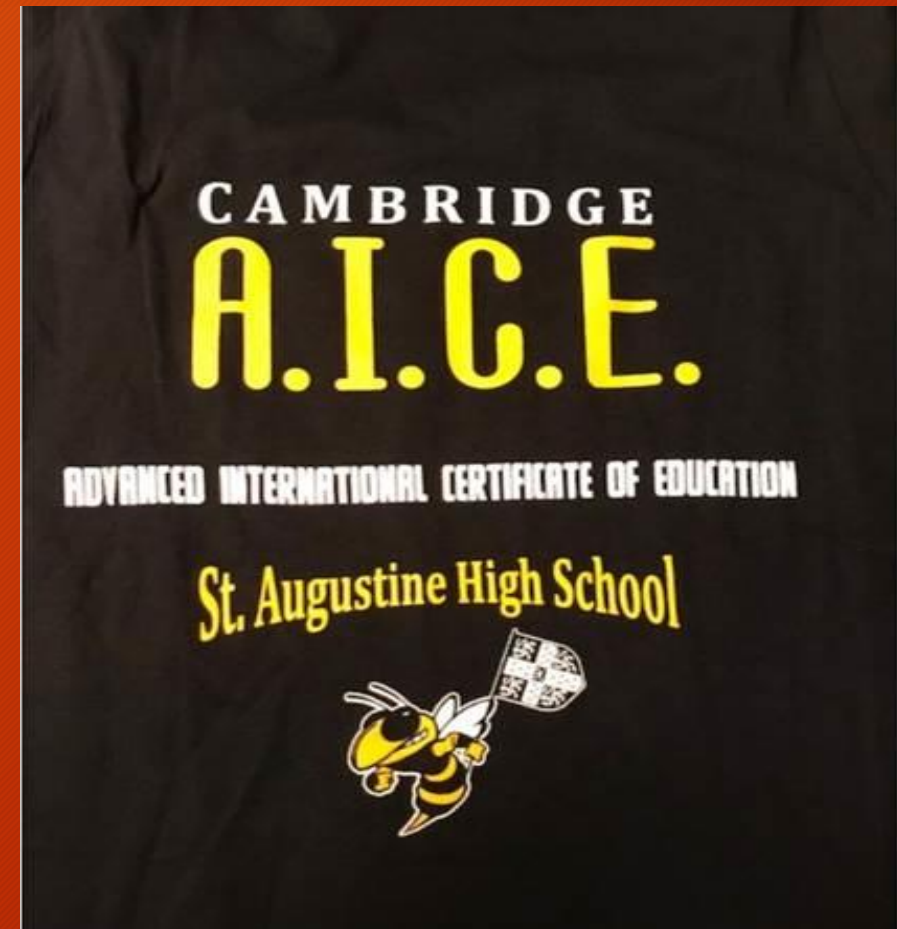
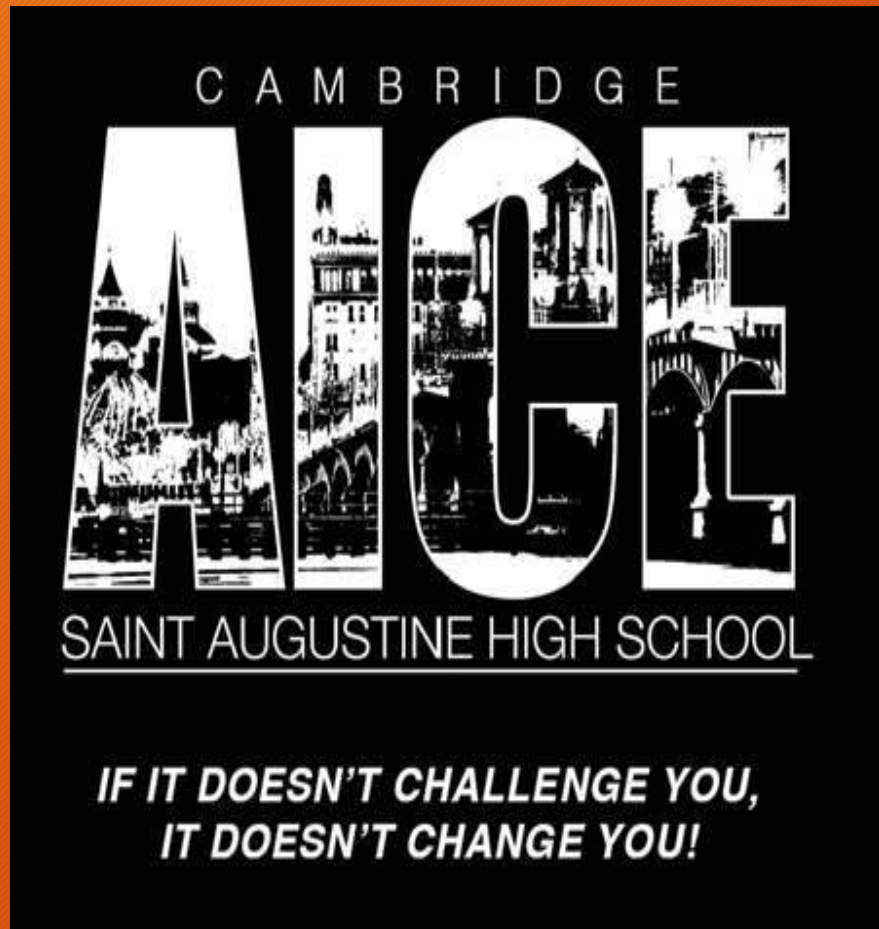
- Get to know your teachers, counselor, and make connections.
- Start thinking about what you want to do after graduation. This will help drive your “path” through high school - which classes to take, which activities to join, etc.
- Get involved at school! Join clubs, sports, community service, social events



# College Information

- Start contacting/researching colleges this summer.
- Watch Facebook, etc. and make sure everything is “clean”
- NCAA - athletes, be familiar with process to assure eligibility. Go to website.
- Go on College Tours
- PSAT in 10<sup>th</sup> grade (AND junior year for scholarship eligibility)
- EVERYONE - take SAT and/or ACT at least ONCE during junior year!!

# T-shirt Design



# T-Shirts & Hoodies





# AICE Handbook 2025

- Scan the QR code to acknowledge you have read and understand the AICE handbook 2025.
- AICE policies and Procedures.
- AICE Handbook can be found on the school website.

# SAHS AICE Handbook Appendix 4: Parent/Student Acknowledgement of Policies and Procedures



# QUESTIONS??

