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## Principal's Notes

Please join with me in congratulating the Class of 2018! We also salute their families, friends, and all those who have contributed to their success. Through their commitment to academics, the arts, athletics and community service, this class has contributed greatly to our school's overall excellence. The graduation ceremony at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre on May 23rd was a great celebration for our students, parents, faculty/staff!



**DeArmas Graham**

- \*33% of the class had a GPA of 3.5 or higher
- 40% were enrolled in at least one AP or AICE course
- \*45% were enrolled in some type of applied technology or vocationally related course
- \*52% were enrolled in at least one honors level course
- \*Almost \$8.5 million worth of scholarships were awarded
- \*70% of the class are college bound
- \*3 National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists
- \*58% took the standardized SAT or ACT and their average scores exceeded state and national averages
- \*Band, Color Guard, Chorus, Dance, and Drama all earned Superior ratings at District and State MPA
- \*Seniors selected to the All-State Band
- \*Seniors selected to the All-State Chorus for all four years
- \*More than 1,660 AP/AICE tests were administered this year
- \*16 seniors signed letters of intent to continue their sport at the college level
- \* SAHS Football Team -Regional Champion and final four participant
- \* Boys and Girls Basketball were Regional Quarter Finalists
- \* Baseball District Champion and Regional Semi-Finalists
- \* Girls Lacrosse District Champion
- \* Boys Lacrosse District Champion and Regional Semi-Finalists

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## St. Augustine High School

- Principal:** DeArmas Graham, Ed.D.
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## 2018-2019 Orientation Dates

Orientation for the 2018-2019 School Year is as follows:

- **Seniors:** Monday, July 30 @ 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
Last Name (A-M): 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM  
Last Name (N-Z): 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM
- **Juniors:** Monday, July 30 @ 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM  
Last Name (A-M): 1 PM - 2:15 PM  
Last Name (N-Z): 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM
- **Sophomores:** Tuesday, July 31 @ 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
Last Name (A-M): 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM  
Last Name (N-Z): 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM
- **Freshmen:** Monday, August 6th @ 9:00 AM

\*More information will be sent home over the summer about this great event put on by the SAHS Link Crew.

## LINK Crew Freshman Orientation

Freshmen Orientation will be on Monday, August 6 at 9:00 am – 12:00 pm in the SAHS Gymnasium. New students will meet their Link Crew Leaders, get their class schedules, and an overview of what to expect and how to be successful at SAHS. We look forward to welcoming the Class of 2022!

## Principal's Notes

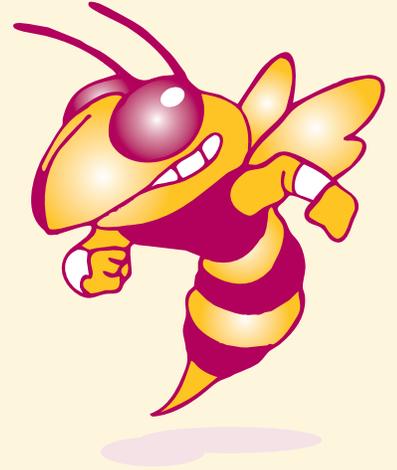
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\*Brian Braddock (Football) & Kelvin Hayes (Baseball) were the St. Johns River Conference Coaches of the Year

This level of success speaks not only to our amazing students and their family support, but to the faculty, staff, coaches, directors, and sponsors who provide the opportunities for our students to highlight their talents.

We wish each of you an enjoyable and safe summer. Thank you for your many contributions to our school's overall excellence. Remember that today, as every day, is a Great Day to be a Yellow Jacket! **Bee Great!**

**Dr. DeArmas Graham**  
Principal



## Save The Date

- **July 30& 31** - Orientation
- **August 1** - New Jacket Family Night
- **August 6** - Freshmen Orientation
- **August 10** - First Day of School!



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## Academies

As the 2017-18 school year comes to a close, we have many accomplishments to celebrate and a new school year to look forward to. Congratulations to the Class of 2018 and those who graduated as Career and Technical Education completers.

**Teaching Academy** - On April 23, 2018, we had 12 Teaching Academy seniors sign the Memorandum of Understanding in front of family and friends at the annual Apple Banquet and later recognized at the School Board meeting on May 8th. We look forward to following these students on their future endeavors and hope they one day return to teach in St. Johns County. Graduates of the St. Johns County Academy of Future Teachers were recognized at graduating through red honor cords.

**Aerospace Academy** - Congratulations to Eric Skinner, Trinity Batie Greene, Joshua Priest, and Noah Law for graduating from the 2018 Northrop Grumman High School Involvement Program (HIP). These four Aerospace Academy students, and now graduates, completed this 15-week internship that assisted them with exploring a future career in aviation, specifically in various engineering disciplines. Thank you to Northrop Grumman for continuing to offer this workforce experience opportunity. Completers of the St. Johns County Aerospace Academy were recognized at graduating through light blue honor cords.

**Academy of Law and Homeland Security** - This summer three of our Academy of Law and Homeland Security students will complete summer internship opportunities. Two have been placed with the St. Johns County Clerk of Courts and one with the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office. A big thank you to our business partners for supporting St. Augustine High School's newest Career Academy and authentic learning experience such as these internship opportunities. Our first four seniors of the Academy of Law and Homeland Security were recognized at graduation through black and blue braided honor cords.

**For more information about our Career Academies and Programs of Choice Contact:**

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St. Augustine High School  
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### Future dates...

- Second Tuesday at 6 PM - June 12th, July 10th, August 14th
- Second Thursday at 9:30 AM - June 14th, July 12th, August 16th

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## St. Johns County Schools Center for the Arts Summer Dates for Band

### Percussion Students:

- Monday and Tuesday, June 11th and 12th - 2pm - 6pm\*
- Tuesday, June 26th - 2pm - 6pm\*
- Friday, July 6th - 2pm - 6pm\*
- Tuesday, July 10th - 2pm - 6pm\*
- Monday, July 23rd - 2pm - 6pm\*

\*Attendance is Encouraged but NOT Required

### SAHS Band Leadership Camp:

- Wednesday, July 25th - 8am - 4pm

### SAHS Band Rookies/ Percussion/ Guard Camp:

- Thursday-Friday, July 26th-27th - 9am - 4pm

### Full Band Camp:

- Monday - Thursday, June 30 - August 2nd - 9am-6pm

### Parent Preview:

Friday, August 3rd- 6pm

For more information contact:

Mr. Wes Peters

St. Augustine High School

Band Director

[www.sahsband.wordpress.com](http://www.sahsband.wordpress.com)



## Chorus

### Christmas In July!

All SJCCA chorus students for the 2018-2019 school year are asked to attend the summer rehearsal, "Christmas in July". The rehearsal will be on Thursday, July 19th from 10:00am – 2:00pm in the SAHS chorus room. Lunch will be provided. If you are in town during that time Mr. Dodd asks that you attend this rehearsal to prepare for the upcoming school year in chorus. Please email Mr. Jeff Dodd, chorus director, and let him know if you are attending the rehearsal or if you are not able to attend. His email address is [jeff.dodd@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:jeff.dodd@stjohns.k12.fl.us).

"Be More Chill" - Student Directed Play  
August 10th and 11th 7 pm

## Dance

### Dance Awards

We celebrated our first ever awards ceremony on May 12th, 2018. All dance students were awarded a Certificate of Completion and a 2018 pin for completing their year in dance. We had three seniors receive Varsity letters for being in the honors-level dance class for 3+ years. These three recipients were Haley Eggers, Vanessa Regan, and Caitlin Theige. There were also specialty awards given out such as 'Outstanding Artist', and 'Most Improved'. Congratulations to all of our SJCCA Dancers for a fantastic season!



### Dance Apparel Fundraiser

We have new SJCCA Dance apparel coming out for the 2018-2019 school year. Orders can be placed online (at <https://sahsdance2018.itemorder.com>) until August 20th. All orders should be completed and delivered to the dance room by September 3rd. Each item will show a new, simplified "SJCCA" logo that was founded by our drama teacher, Michael Beaman. Please consider buying some apparel to show support of the arts (plus, \$2 of every item sold goes right back to the SJCCA Dance Program!).

THANK YOU!

Kaila Schippani - SJCCA Dance Director

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## AICE News

Remember to visit the AICE Website often for MANY updates and announcements! <http://www.sahs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/aice/>.

Congratulations to the AICE Class of 2018!! Believe it or not – AICE exams continued until Monday, June 11th!! Unfortunately, the schedule is set by Cambridge International Examinations, not us – and these exams are taken all over the world at the same time, so there is no way we can avoid this type of scheduling...sorry!! We are SO PROUD of the Class of 2018 and wish everyone well as they head off to college this summer or this fall – or wherever your plans take you now that you've graduated. Good luck - we'll miss you!

During the Spring 2018 exam session, with almost 800 students involved in AICE level courses, the students took more than 3,500 exams!! In almost every case, each subject consisted of two or more "papers" – which are individual tests that make up the overall subject exam. No wonder everyone is tired! Also – THANK YOU to each of our WONDERFUL parent volunteers who helped with proctoring all of these exams, there is no way we could do it without your generous help and willing spirits.

**Spring 2018 exam results will be available for viewing on Thursday, August 14th, 2018** on the CIE (Cambridge International Examinations) website. Each student received an information sheet with the CIE website address, as well as their personal login & password for accessing their scores on the 14th. This information was distributed to ALL students before the Spring Exam Session began. If your student does not know his/her login information, they can check with the teachers to get their results, or they can e-mail Mrs. Bechtle at [Dena.Bechtle@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Dena.Bechtle@stjohns.k12.fl.us) beginning August 6th during the teacher pre-planning week to get their login and password (guidance counselors are not at school over the summer).

The future looks bright for the AICE Program at SAHS! The AICE Class of 2022 brings in over 130 new freshmen this fall! Congratulations to all of the new students – we look forward to seeing everyone at orientation in August! Students please check the SAHS website for summer reading book lists & summer assignments. Be sure to check ALL of the AICE courses for summer assignments – not just the English courses!

Many times there are questions about the requirements for students who are part of the AICE Program. For clarification about course requirements and course progression for AICE, please go to the AICE Website and click on "Tell Me About AICE". Students may use different courses to satisfy the AICE curriculum, so please **look at the information on the website or ask Ms. Bechtle rather than ask another student**. Although there is a typical progression of courses, we do have the flexibility to tailor a student's course selection to play to their strengths. That's the beauty of AICE! So please don't assume that every student takes the same courses, during the same year.

Thank you also to our wonderful AICE BOOSTER CLUB and everyone who worked SO hard on the Annual Silent Auction! Thank you to the SAHS Band Program for allowing us to collaborate with them on this fund-raiser, and to all of those who submitted bids on the donated items. We were able to raise over \$5,000 this year!! That money will certainly come in handy when we want to take college tour trips, teachers need supplies, we host the senior luncheon & provide a senior gift, or students need financial assistance with fees – and much more! THANK YOU!!

And last, but not least...remember that the AICE Advisory Board will get started again in September – so watch for announcements about meeting days & times. New officers will be selected at the first meeting of the year. Have a great summer – and we look forward to seeing everyone in August!!

## Yearbook

Yearbooks will go on sale for the 2018-2019 school year at the limited-time summer price of \$70. Go to [yearbookordercenter.com](http://yearbookordercenter.com), and enter school code 1197.



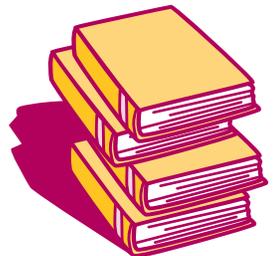
## Summer Reading

AICE Summer Reading Requirements at [www.sahs.com](http://www.sahs.com)  
OPTIONAL Summer Reading  
Join the READING REVOLUTION at SAHS!

Read books from the Florida Teens Read list over the summer and first semester of school. Form a team of four readers to participate in the Battle of the Books – to be held at Nease in January or February. There will be rewards including charms for each book and more! There will also be fun activities for our Jacket readers so stay tuned when you return in the fall.

Books are available at your St. Johns County public libraries and also will be available for check out in our SAHS Media Center.

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## Alumni Association Awards New Scholarships

Two new scholarships were among those awarded by the St. Augustine/Ketterlinus High School Alumni Association to members of the Class of '18.

A \$1,000 annual award was established by the family of L. Curtis Westbrook Jr., a 1956 graduate of Ketterlinus High School. A future Jackets Forever endowment gift of \$40,000 is also planned within the estate of Cynthia Bird, Westbrook's wife. Jackets Forever is the endowment project of the SA/KHS Alumni Association.

A second new scholarship was funded by the SAHS Class of '98. The group celebrated its 20-year reunion by collecting the award, a one-time gift of \$2,200, in an effort led by class member Sarah Sweeny Giuliani.

Following are the Class of '18 scholarship winners:

- **L. Curtis Westbrook Jr. Scholarship Winner:**  
Georgia Kathryn Young plans to major in actuarial science at Florida State University.
- **Class of '98 Scholarship Winner:**  
Valarie Elizabeth Milton plans to earn dual degrees in physics and electrical engineering at Georgia Southern University.
- **Terrell G. Davis Scholarship Winner:**  
Kaylee Alyse Poirier will major in exercise science and physical therapy at the University of Florida.
- **Carol A. Melton Scholarship Winner:**  
Alyssa Nicole Gowens will major in early childhood education in the University of Florida's ProTeach program, which will enable her to earn a master's degree.
- **SA/KHS Alumni Association Scholarship of Merit Winner:**  
Cameron Michael Edwards plans to major in mechanical engineering at the University of Central Florida.

- **SA/KHS Alumni Association Scholarship of Merit Winner:**  
Cynthia Ann Kaman will pursue a degree in biology at Florida State University and then study optometry in graduate school.
- **SA/KHS Alumni Association Scholarship of Merit Winner:**  
Holly Lauryn Dixon plans to complete an associate's degree at St. Johns River State College in one year, then transfer to Florida College or the University of Florida to earn a bachelor's in zoology as well as a business degree.



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## SA/KHS Alumni Association Elects New Officers

New officers will lead the St. Augustine/Ketterlinus High School Alumni Association, following recent board elections.

- **Deborah Adams**, SAHS Class of '89, begins her term as president in June. Adams is an instructional leader/principal of the Florida Virtual School Flex program and was recently recognized with the 2018 Florida Department of Education's Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership. She is also past president of the St. Augustine High School Football Boosters.
- **Douglass Wiles**, SAHS Class of '70, was elected vice president, following two successful years as president. Wiles is also the president of Herbie Wiles Insurance, Inc. and is a lieutenant colonel (retired) in the Florida National Guard.
- **Paula Steele**, former SAHS principal, will serve as secretary. Steele is Director for Leadership and Learning for the St. Johns County School District.
- **Trevor Davis**, Class of '92, will continue as the organization's treasurer. Davis is a CPA/owner in the firm of Davis & Davis, Certified Public Accountants, P.A.
- Board members include Katherine Batenhorst, Joseph Boles, Brad Davis, Deltra Long, and Christopher Way.



### Join THE Alumni Association for THE High School!

If you haven't signed up with the SA/KHS Alumni Association, you're missing out on news about your school and classmates. Go to [mysahs.com](http://mysahs.com) and click, "Get Involved" to sign up for newsletters and more. And be sure to "Like" us on Facebook at [facebook.com/sahsalumniassociation](http://facebook.com/sahsalumniassociation), or follow us on Twitter (@SAHSAlumniAssoc) or Instagram (sahsalums).

## Summer Volleyball

Our summer volleyball camp kicks off this Monday, June 11th. The summer volleyball camp is a six week volleyball camp that combines skill development, team competition, and conditioning. The summer camp will continue through June and will end July 18th.

St. Augustine High School Volleyball Tryouts will take place Monday, July 30th, 31st, and August 1st from 4pm until 6pm at SAHS gym. Please contact Coach Richardson at [hannah.richardson@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:hannah.richardson@stjohns.k12.fl.us) with any questions about St. Augustine High School's Volleyball program.







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Senior Class Sponsors are:  
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Math Teacher and  
Ms. Melody Cashwell,  
Guidance Counselor



## 2018-2019 General Parking for Sale

All Senior Spots for the 2018-2019 School Year are sold out. We have a few general parking spots left for sale for \$75. Payment can be made on [SchoolPay.com](http://SchoolPay.com) to reserve your parking spot. Once you have made payment on SchoolPay, please bring in proof of payment, and the signed application with your 3 proofs of documentation that are needed to finalize your parking application to Earl Brown, Registrar. Check or Cash will not be accepted.



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