**Parents and Students-** High School registration is right around the corner. In the next few weeks representatives from the High Schools will be coming to your middle school to talk about Program of Choice Options within our County. There will also be several opportunities around the county for parents to attend as well with their students to help better understand and explore what our High Schools have to offer. This is an exciting time for your child. Below you will find upcoming dates along with additional information which will help you and your child plan appropriately.

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***Upcoming Important Dates***

***World Golf Village Convention Center***

***High School Showcase***

*January 18, 2018*

*3:30-7:00pm*

**St. Johns County Center for the Arts at St. Augustine High School.**

Auditions will be held on Monday, January 29, 2018 at St. Augustine High School.

**Academy Nights will all be held at 6:00 pm on the dates and at the locations listed below.**

\*St. Johns Technical High School Academy Night begins at 5:30 pm. Feb. 6 – Ponte Vedra

& St. Johns Tech\*

Jan. 22 – Bartram Trail Jan. 30 – Allen D. Nease Feb. 5 - Creekside

Jan. 23 – St Augustine Feb. 1 – Pedro Menendez

**Programs of Choice Students**

 MUST apply between online (STUDENT HAC) January 18, 2018 at 8:00 am to February 8, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

***Accelerated Academic Programs*-IB and AICE**

Teacher Recommendations Forms must be submitted to the IB or AICE Coordinators at the schools for which the student is applying by Feb. 8th

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***Programs of Choice Registration Information***

Did you know that over 40% of all high school students in St. Johns County are enrolled in one or more of our Programs of Choice? **Programs of Choice** provide excellent options for the students of St. Johns County.

To help families learn more about the **Programs of Choice,** each high school displays their programs at the St. Johns County School District High School Programs of Choice Showcase.

**This year, the High School Showcase will be held Thursday, January 18, 2018 from 3:30 – 7:00 pm at the World Golf Village Convention Center.**

This event highlights Career Academies and specialized programs available to rising 9th graders;

All high school programs to which current 8th graders can apply for next school year will have booths to share information.

These programs include the Career Academies; Accelerated Programs - International Baccalaureate (IB), and Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE); JROTC – Navy, Army and Air Force; and the St. Johns County Center for the Arts (SJCCA).

Students can apply to any of these programs no matter which school they are zoned to attend, although some program exceptions apply to this process. For example, students will need to apply and audition to be considered for the **St. Johns County Center for the Arts at St. Augustine High School. Auditions will be held on Monday, January 29, 2018 at St. Augustine High School.** For more information about the audition process, go to <http://www.sjcca.org>.

For additional information on program exceptions and considerations, please visit the Career Academy of St. Johns website[: http://academies.stjohns.k12.fl.us/policies-and-procedures/](http://academies.stjohns.k12.fl.us/policies-and-procedures/)

Families must make transportation arrangements for students who attend schools other than their zoned school. Out-of-zone transportation is only provided to students attending St. Johns Technical High School.

If you are unable attend this event, or would like additional information each school offers a video overview, which is available on the Career Academy website; <http://academies.stjohns.k12.fl.us/videos/>

Furthermore, each high school will have an **Academy Night** at their school to allow prospective students to tour the school, visit the classrooms, and hear more in-depth information about the programs from teachers, current students and business partners.

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& St. Johns Tech\*

Students currently in 8 th grade who wish to enroll in one of the Programs of Choice for the first time MUST apply between January 18, 2018 at 8:00 am to February 8, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

\*\*Current SJCSD students must apply on-line through the student’s Home Access Center (HAC) and **directions can be found at** <http://academies.stjohns.k12.fl.us/registration/>

*Home School, Private School or Virtual School students who are interested in enrolling in a Program of Choice at one of the SJCSD high schools next year need to pre-register at the CURRENT zoned school your child would have attended in the SJCSD this school year.*

*After registering as a potential student, the currently zoned school will provide you with a paper application to complete and return. The due date to apply is still February 8 at 5:00 pm. Only students residing in St. Johns County are eligible to apply for any of these programs.*

***IB and AICE*** *have academic eligibility requirements as they are accelerated academic programs*. Teacher Recommendations Forms, found at <http://academies.stjohns.k12.fl.us/registration/>

*Recommendations must be submitted to the IB or AICE Coordinators at the schools for which the student is applying by Feb. 8th*

Each Program of Choice has a limited number of space for new students, so applying does not guarantee acceptance into a program. An automated lottery system is used to select the students who will be accepted.

\*\*All families will receive email notifications by the end of February as to whether their child has been accepted into one or more programs or not for the next school year.

By law, students of active military parents receive additional consideration to Programs of Choice. Active military parents of applicants should go to their child’s current school office before February 8th and show their military card to the office staff to have their military expiration date updated in the student’s eSchool records.

*For questions about the SJCSD Programs of Choice that cannot be found on the website, please contact our office at 904-547-4870.*