

COUNSELOR CONNECTION

WHAT'S GOING ON THIS MONTH IN THE COUNSELING OFFICE?

- 9th and 10th grade students are being introduced to Xello through their history classes. Students will complete a "Matchmaker" quiz to identify careers that align with their interests and discuss factors that influence and play a role in choosing a career.
- Counselor in the Courtyard will focus on "Personal Wellness". This event will be held on December 18, during all lunches.
- MY QUEST is scheduled for December 11, during 6th and 7th periods in Media Lab #3. Students may secure passes from their teachers or attend if they have a modified period. No appointment necessary. Students are welcome to seek help with Xello, college applications, Common App, Bright Futures, or scholarships.



School Counselors

9th & 10th Grades:

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Special Projects

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PARENT NIGHT
1/14/2025
6 p.m.

Information about the course registration process for 2025-2026 will be discussed along with other topics.



Tuesday, February 25, 2025
Please note the date change.

All 11th grade students are automatically registered for the test. This test will be paper-based.

11th graders with a 504 plan, ELL plan or IEP may be eligible for accommodations on ACT School Day. Students are not automatically granted accommodations by testing agencies. In order for the school to apply on your student's behalf, please complete the "[Consent to Release Information to ACT](#)" form.

Please email signed forms to Tonya.porter@stjohns.k12.fl.us by January 1, 2025, 11:59 pm. Paper copies will not be accepted. If technology is an issue, notify Tonya Porter before 12/20. **Please note, Winter break begins for students and staff at the end of the school day, December 20 thru January 5.** Please plan accordingly. Deadlines for submissions are established by ACT and we are unable to provide any extensions.

Senior Students

In order for your online course(s) to count in your 7th semester GPA, it/they must be completed & score report received by BTHS by Jan 9th. As a reminder your 7th semester GPA is the last time rank will be calculated. 7th semester determines any honors designations earned by graduates. Any completions after Jan 9th will count in 8th semester GPA. Again, rank/honors designations do not change in the eighth semester.

For Semester Two: Seniors must complete all online courses by May 2, 2025.

FAFSA

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is NOW OPEN for you and your parents to complete! Federal funds are first-come-first-serve. Remember, you need to have a FAFSA on file to receive scholarship money from a college/university.

To apply click [here](#)



www.parchment.com/u/registration/9276/institution

Need a Transcript to complete your SSAR, send to a coach, or a scholarship committee? Order it through Parchment.

Check out your Senior Class page for information-

<https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/seniors/>



Winterfest will be on Wednesday, December 18th during all lunches. It is a free event with lots of activities for all students to enjoy!

THINGS TO KNOW

- Tutoring is available through the following resources:
 - National Honor Society tutoring will resume on February 19, 2025, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 3-4pm in the Media Center.
 - Algebra tutoring in Room N148 all three lunches on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays.
 - Mu Alpha Theta members provide tutoring for various Math subjects. Please see your School Counselor for more information.
 - Varsity Tutors is a free year-round online resource. Access Clever for Varsity Tutors. For more information visit - <https://my.varsitytutors.com/launchpad>
- 9th, 10th and 11th graders will choose their courses for next school year beginning in late January. Students should begin to think about the courses they would like to take.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

JINGLE GRAMS

- 12/9-12/13
- \$1.00 each
- Distributed- 12/17 & 18

WHERE: COURTYARD

When: All Lunches

* JOIN IN ON THE FUN *

SUPPORTING THE NHS SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

BE IN THE KNOW...

Join our Counseling Schoology Group
Code: VXTV-WZ8T-KXHHV

Visit our School Counseling page
<https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/>

For more information, visit the School Counseling webpage on the BTHS website:

<https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/>



FAQS



1. Where can I find information about the SAT or ACT?

Click here for information: <https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/sat-and-act-test-date-and-registration-deadlines>

2. Where can I find how many volunteer/work hours I have completed?

In HAC under the “Registration” tab

3. I made a request for my Counselor to complete a college application “Counselor Form” through Xello. When should I expect it to be completed?

Counselors will ensure that college forms are submitted by the deadline, if requested in a reasonable amount of time. An exact time period is difficult to predict, due to varying amounts of requests at different times of the year.

4. Where and when do I need to order my cap and gown?

Click here for information: <https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/seniors/>

5. I want to take an online course. Where do I sign-up?

SJVS or FLVS are your two online options. Please visit: [FLVS.NET](https://www.flvs.net)

6. I received a “D” in a course. Can I take it over?

Students are permitted to retake for grade improvement or credit recovery most academic courses if they received a “D” or an “F”. Please see your Counselor to discuss your eligibility and options.

7. When are GPA and rank calculated?

GPA and rank are calculated twice per year – at the end of 1st semester and at the end of the school year. The only exception is Senior year. At the conclusion of 1st semester, both GPA and rank will be recalculated for seniors. Rank will not be recalculated again at the end of the year for seniors. Only a senior’s GPA will be recalculated at the end of the school year.

8. My student wants to join a club. Where can I find a list of club options?

Click here: <https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/clubs/>