

Academy News

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BUSINESS TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

MR. DAVISON

Hello, I am Tim Davidson, VyStar Academy Business teacher for over 10 years. The school year has begun, and we are off to fast start. In our Legal Aspects of Business course, we are busy learning the origins of our American Legal System. We have explored the legal contributions of ancient civilizations like Greece, The Roman Empire, and England. Ext few weeks, we will use this information to examine the Constitution of the United States. The kids are doing a great job diving into all the material. Lots of interesting activities ahead for these classes.

VyStar Credit Union, operated by our student interns is up and running. Our mission is to help teach your child basic financial responsibilities. Student Interns open new savings and checking account for other students and present financial literacy topics to classes all over the school. If we can help your child start their financial journey, ask them to stop by the credit union on campus any day during 4th period.

BUSINESS

Entrepreneurial and Small Business classes are brainstorming problems with current products or services that they can begin solve by their development of a new potential businesses for their inCubator projects.

Spirit box is booming! Some of our business ownership class students are running this vending machine as a real business. Putting their skills, they learned in previous academy classes to work.

DIGITAL DESIGN

Students in the advanced digital design classes are putting their skills to use as members of our yearbook class. These students are working hard on the design for our yearbook cover and will soon be diving deep into yearbook content. We cannot wait for the yearbook reveal. Please buy your book early and save only \$60 www.YearbookOrderCenter.com school code is 15273

Beginning digital design students worked on creating a new FBLA logo. They are also finishing their unit regarding learning about the financial components of digital design/marketing jobs.



Did you know our PMHS chapter of FBLA was recognized nationally as a Bronze Champion Chapter last year? FBLA is the largest business career and technical student organization in the world. It prepares its members to become community-minded business leaders. All students are welcome to join.

Our first meeting is Tuesday, 9/12 at 4:00 in room 960. The deadline to sign up for FBLA is Friday, 10/13. Dues are \$37, which include national, state, district, and school dues. Please see Mr. Hendricks in room 960 for more details about FBLA.



ARCHITECTURAL DRAWING



This academy's career and technical student organization is SkillsUSA. This club empowers students to become skilled professionals, career-ready leaders, and responsible community members. Student can compete at local, state, and regional levels. Students will be entered to and verified in the Skills USA website after dues are paid. Dues can be paid on school pay by going to <https://schoolpay.com/pay/for/Skills-USA/SdQYE0x>.

Students are gearing up for joining ACE mentor program. This program excites students about careers in architecture, engineering, construction management and related skilled trades. The program extends over 15 to 20 before/after school sessions. Students are paired with industry mentors for work on design projects. If you would like more information email: Howard.Nunamaker@stjohns.k12.fl.us



The drafting 3 students are looking for some teachers, staff members or volunteers who are looking for Architecture plans drawn of their dream house to participate in their project. This allows students to learn using real-world concepts and planning.

CONSTRUCTION

Mr Armstrong's students are learning about various construction power/hand tools. We will begin building some needed shop accessories such as sawhorses, two work benches, and some wall cabinets in the coming weeks as students learn to apply their new learned skills. The wall cabinets will be built using reclaimed materials from some old student desks that were going to be discarded.



If you or someone you know would like to donate tools or Home Depot/Lowes gift cards, please reach out to Mr. Armstrong at Steven.Armstrong@stjohns.k12.fl.us



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We are excited to be well underway in the new school year and are excited for what this year has in store for our students. Our Health Science 1 students are working on building a foundation by learning about medical terminology. The Health Science 2 students are currently looking at the history and trends of healthcare and are working on their medical innovations project. This project gives our students the opportunity to present their innovations in a country wide competition where they present to the business leaders of St. Johns County. These students also will have the opportunity to compete with his project in the HOSA competition this year.



The students are excited for the opportunity to organize and participate in blood drives at part of the HOSA Club for this school year. On Wednesday, September 6th we have representatives coming in to work with our students to help them organize the operations of their first blood drive on Friday, September 22.

HOSA will be holding their first meeting of the year, Wednesday, September 6th at 8:30am in Ms. Willis' room. Our monthly focus for September is Suicide Prevention. We will be working to organize this year's activities including: the Pedro Pantry, blood drives, community service activities, college visits, and month focuses. We would like to thank Blue Wave Nutrition for donating teas for our meeting!



Pedro Partners

Thank you for your partnerships with our students. These businesses provide industry mentors, guest speakers, job shadowing, internships, and supply donations to our students.

If you or a business you know would like the rewarding experience of helping our students, who will be the future industry leaders, please reach out to our career specialist: Kristina Bransford at Kristina.Bransford@stjohns.k12.fl.us or call at 904-547-8681.

