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SEAHAWK NEWS NETWORK

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF SOUTH WALTON HIGH SCHOOL

WELCOME TO THE HAWKS NEST!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

12/25/2025 *Merry Christmas*

12/27/2025 - 4:30pm

- Boys Varsity Basketball vs St. Pius X @ Freeport

12/29-30/2025 - TBD

- Boys Basketball @ Hilton Classic

12/29-30/2025 - TBD

- Girls Basketball @ Freeport Christmas Classic

1/1/2026 *Happy*New*Year*

1/2-3/2026 - TBD

- Girls Varsity Soccer @ Panama City

1/2-3/2026

- Wrestling @ Braves Invitational

1/6/2026 - 5pm & 7pm

- Boys JV & Varsity Soccer @ Arnold

1/6/2026 - 5pm & 6:30pm

- Girls JV & Varsity Basketball @ Niceville

1/6/2026 - 5:30pm & 7pm

- Boys JV & Varsity Basketball @ Choctaw

1/7/2026 - 5:30pm & 7:30pm

- Girls JV & Varsity Soccer vs Choctaw @ SWHS

1/8/2026

- Wrestling @ District Duals

1/8/2026 - 3:30pm & 5:30pm

- Girls JV & Varsity Bball vs Freeport @ SWHS

1/8/2026 - 4:30pm & 7pm

- Boys JV & Varsity Bball vs Freeport @ SWHS

1/9-10/2026 - TBD

- Boys Freshman & JV Bball @ Rocky Bayou

1/9/2026 - 1pm

- Boys Varsity Soccer vs Episcopal @ SWHS

1/9/2026 - 4pm & 6pm (EST)

- Girls JV & Varsity Soccer @ Chiles

1/10/2026 - 1pm

- Boys Varsity Soccer vs Santa Fe @ SWHS

Welcome to South Walton!



Weekly Reminders

- **12/22/2025 - 1/6/2025 - Winter Break - NO SCHOOL**
- **1/7/2025 - Students Return to School**
- **Absences:** To report your student's absence, please email attendance.swhs@walton.k12.fl.us
- School begins at 7:45am and ends at 2:50pm. Students will not be permitted to enter the building before 7:30am.
- Parent pick-ups are not permitted after 2:30pm.
- Please make sure your student is adhering to the dress code laid out in the student handbook. The SWHS dress code will be strictly enforced.
- Parking at the Coastal Library for pick up or drop off is **NOT** permitted.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We hope you have a relaxing holiday filled with laughter, love and time spent with those most important to you! See you in the new year!



Spring Tryouts

Baseball - Jan 12

Tennis - Jan 12

Softball - Jan 19

Lacrosse - Jan 19

Track - Jan 19

Flag Football - Jan 26

Beach VB - Feb 2

Submit all paperwork on www.athleticclearance.com

LUNCH MENU

JANUARY 5 - 9, 2026



Monday: NO SCHOOL

Tuesday: NO SCHOOL

Wednesday: Manager's Choice, Fresh Fruit, Chilled Fruit, or 100% Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk

Thursday: Savory Dill Chicken Bites, Southern Dill Chicken Sandwich, Waffle Fries, Coleslaw, Mac N Cheese, Fresh Fruit, Chilled Fruit, or Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk

Friday: Pizza, Bacon Swill Burger, French Fries, Baby Carrots,, Fresh Fruit, Chilled Fruit, or Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk

Weekly Bell Schedule

January 5 - 9, 2026

Monday - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday - NO SCHOOL

Wednesday - Regular Schedule

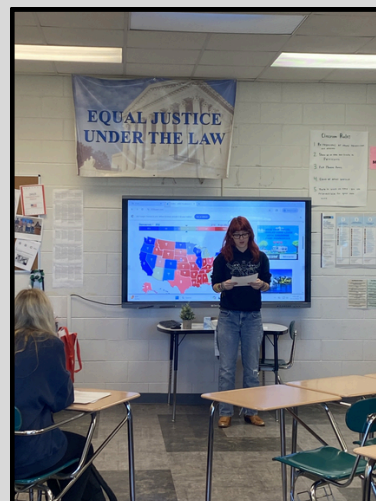
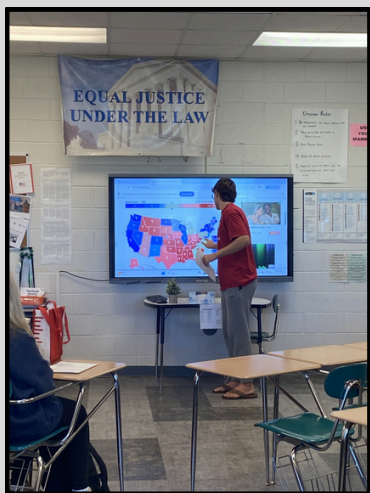
Thursday - Regular Schedule

Friday - Regular Schedule



This Week in Pictures

AP Government students capped off their Elections Project with an Electoral College vote by our swing states. Congratulations Ella Feagans on winning the 2025 AP Government Presidential Election!



Club Information

Jan 5 - 9, 2026

Monday.

No School

Tuesday.

No School

Wednesday.

Garden Club

Mu Alpha Theta

Anchor Club

Spirit Club

Magazine Club

ESports

Thursday.

Winter Guard

Beta Club

Mock Trial

National Art Honor Society

Friday.

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No
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THE ST. JOE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC.

Annual scholarship for high school seniors
attending a public or charter school residing in Bay County and Walton County

Recognizing EXTRAORDINARY STUDENTS with a
STRONG SENSE OF LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Awarding multiple levels of scholarship awards with a single named recipient
of the highest "No Ordinary JOE" scholarship award for each County

\$ 500 3 Winners from each High School (Public & Charter)
(Based on School Nominations)

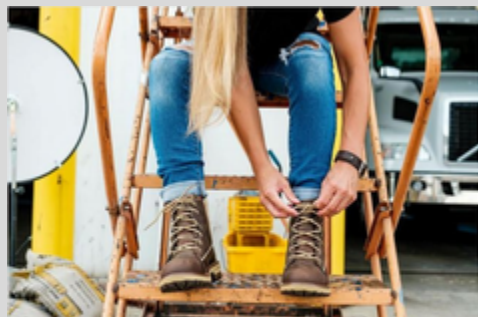
\$2,500 1 Winner from each High School
(Based on Application & Essay)

\$10,000 1 No Ordinary JOE Winner per County
(Based on Interview)

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 12	Sign Up for Nomination Deadline
Dec / Jan	Nomination Committee Meetings
Jan. 9	Nominations Due to STJCF
Feb. 6	Applications Due from Nominees (By 5:00 PM)
Mar. 6	School Winners / Finalists Announced (Bay)
Mar. 13	School Winners / Finalists Announced (Walton)
Apr. 6-17	Finalist Interviews
Apr. TBD	No Ordinary JOE County Winners Announced

No Ordinary JOE
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THE "NO SWEAT" SCHOLARSHIP - \$2,500

ENTER TO WIN \$2,500

The Cirkled In Scholarship

- No income or GPA requirements and no long essay.
- \$2,500 award – you can use it immediately after receiving it.
- Use for any educational need.

How to Apply

- Create a FREE account on www.cirkledin.com.
- Click the "Apply Now" button.

Apply by December 31st
(Notification by February 15th, 2026)

Cirkled In is the award-winning, secure platform for students to create a holistic portfolio showcasing their skills and achievements. Then search colleges, find internships and seek scholarship and prepare for post secondary life.

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Arts for Life! annually awards \$1,000 scholarships to 25 graduating high school seniors in Florida who demonstrate excellence in one of the following art forms:

- creative writing
- dance
- drama
- music
- visual art

Application Period:

The 2025-26 application period deadline is
February 9, 2026.

Eligibility:

High school students who are graduating from a public, private, or virtual school or a home education program in Florida during the current academic year.

To Apply:

Visit Homepage - [Arts for Life Award](#)

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EARLY ACTION DEADLINES

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FAMU	Apply by: Nov 1	Materials: Nov 15	Decision: Dec 12	STARS	SEND OFFICIAL TEST SCORES
UF	Apply by: Nov 1	Materials: Nov 15	Decision: Dec 12	STARS	SEND OFFICIAL TEST SCORES
USF	Apply by: Nov 1	Materials: Nov 15	Decision: Dec 12	STARS	SEND OFFICIAL TEST SCORES

Step 1: Log in to your Common App for each college & follow the steps.
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 Step 3: Log in to your Common App for each college & follow the steps.
 Step 4: Check your email for directions from each college to set up each portal. You will need to enter your test scores for UF, FSU, FAU in each respective portal.
 Step 5: Complete & save STARS or SPARK ACT. Send official transcripts (PDFs) to each college.
 Step 6: Check each portal to ensure each item has been received.

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PERSEVERANCE Teacher Resource

GRADES 9-12

WHAT IS PERSEVERANCE?
 Continuing to try even when things are hard.

PURPOSE
 These interactive activities will help your students learn more about perseverance by identifying their struggles, personal goals and strategies they can implement to manage setbacks and challenges. Share the suggested introduction with your students, choose one or more of the activities below, and conclude with the suggested wrap-up. Feel free to modify or extend activities based on the needs of your students.

BENCHMARKS
 HE.912.2.2.4 Implement strategies and monitor progress in achieving a personal goal.
 HE.912.2.2.7 Evaluate strategies that assist with managing challenges or setbacks. Clarification: Time management, setting boundaries, setting realistic goals and self-care.

Suggested Introduction:
 "Today, we are going to explore ways we can use perseverance to manage setbacks and conquer our personal goals. Perseverance involves being a hard worker who is task-oriented and undeterred by obstacles. As all of you navigate through life, you will always face obstacles. You may not make the sports team you tried out for, you may lose contact with a close friend or you may not get into the college you applied for. Hardships are inevitable, but how you choose to face these hardships and come out on the other end is what will allow you to succeed."

Activities to Build Perseverance:
 1. Vision Boards for the Future
 Encourage students to visualize their future and the goals they want to achieve. Provide magazines, colored paper and markers for students to draw images and write words that represent their academic, personal and career aspirations. Encourage students to include strategies that will assist them with managing challenges or setbacks (e.g., time management, setting and understanding the necessary boundaries, identifying a support system). After students create their vision board, allow time for students to explain how each element of their vision board connects to their short-term and long-term goals and share a summary of their strategies to prepare for challenges. Be sure to revisit the vision boards often and check in frequently with students to discuss challenges and victories along the way.

PERSEVERANCE Teacher Resource

GRADES 9-12

Activities to Build Perseverance (Continued):
 2. "Fail Forward"
 Help students view failure as a learning experience and a stepping stone to success. Have students research someone who achieved success after many failures (e.g., Thomas Edison, Helen Keller, Louis Zamperini). Students will present the failures that person faced and how he or she used those setbacks as motivation to continue. Next, ask students to reflect on a time they experienced failure and how they can "fail forward" by learning from the experience. Encourage students to identify the strategies that were used to overcome their challenges, such as time management and setting realistic goals, or to reflect on how these strategies could have helped. This activity helps students reframe failure as a natural part of the learning process and encourages perseverance instead of giving up.

3. Perseverance Through Art or Music
 Have students create a piece of art, compose a piece of music or write a poem that represents perseverance. Once completed, have students present their work and explain how it reflects perseverance.

Suggested Wrap-Up:
 "You've been learning about perseverance the last several years. As you move beyond high school, how can you apply these strategies to the future to your everyday life? Remember, we will always face challenges, but how we choose to respond is what makes us successful. If you are ever unsure what to do, remember you can always ask for help from a parent, teacher or friend."

2025 – 2026 ACT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
September 6, 2025	August 1	August 19
October 18, 2025	September 12	September 30
December 13, 2025	November 7	November 24
February 14, 2026	January 9	January 23
April 11, 2026	March 6	March 24
June 13, 2026	May 8	May 29
July 15, 2026	June 5	June 24

2025 - 2026 ACT Workshop Schedule					
Test Dates		Workshop Location	Days, Dates	Times	Wksp Reg. Deadline
September 6th ACT	#1	Gulf Breeze	Saturday, Aug. 16 Sunday, August 17 Saturday, Aug. 30 Sunday, August 31	9:00 to 12:00 1:00 to 4:00 9:00 to 12:00 1:00 to 4:00	Monday, August 4th
October 27th ACT	#2	Gulf Breeze	Saturday, October 4 Sunday, October 5 Saturday, October 11 Sunday, October 12	9:00 to 12:00 1:00 to 4:00 9:00 to 12:00 1:00 to 4:00	Monday, September 22nd
December 13th ACT	#3	Gulf Breeze	Saturday, November 15 Sunday, November 16 Saturday, December 6 Sunday, December 7	9:00 to 12:00 1:00 to 4:00 9:00 to 12:00 1:00 to 4:00	Wednesday, November 5th
February 14th ACT	#4	Gulf Breeze	Saturday, January 31 Sunday, February 1 Saturday, February 7 Sunday, February 8	9:00 to 12:00 1:00 to 4:00 9:00 to 12:00 1:00 to 4:00	Friday, January 16th
April 11th ACT	#5	Gulf Breeze	Saturday, March 28 Saturday, March 28 Friday, April 3 Saturday, April 4	9:00 to 12:00 1:00 to 4:00 9:00 to 12:00 1:00 to 4:00	Thursday, March 12th (Lunch from 12 to 1:00 which I will provide)
June 13th ACT	#6	Gulf Breeze	Tuesday, June 2 Wednesday, June 3 Tuesday, June 9 Wednesday, June 10	9:00 to 12:00 9:00 to 12:00 9:00 to 12:00 9:00 to 12:00	Thursday, May 14th
July 11th ACT	#7	Gulf Breeze	Monday, July 6 Tuesday, July 7 Wednesday, July 8 Thursday, July 9	9:00 to 12:00 9:00 to 12:00 9:00 to 12:00 9:00 to 12:00	Friday, June 19th

SAT Test Dates August 2025 – June 2026

(These test dates and deadlines apply to all students, US and International, taking the SAT)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
August 23, 2025	August 8, 2025	August 12, 2025
September 13, 2025	August 29, 2025	September 2, 2025
October 4, 2025	September 19, 2025	September 23, 2025
November 8, 2025	October 24, 2025	October 28, 2025
December 6, 2025	November 21, 2025	November 25, 2025
March 14, 2026	February 27, 2026	March 3, 2026
May 2, 2026	April 17, 2026	April 21, 2026
June 6, 2026	May 22, 2026	May 26, 2026





CLOTHING DRIVE FOR KIDS

South Walton High School
Florida Public Service Association

JANUARY 7, 2026 -
JANUARY 16, 2026
***COLLECT IN YOUR FLIGHT
ROOM***

**THE FLIGHT OR TEAM
WITH THE MOST
DONATIONS WILL
WIN DONUTS!!!**

What we Need:

- Coats/jackets
- Shirts
- Pants
- Dresses
- Onesies
- Backpacks
- Travel Sized hygiene products
- Toothbrushes and tooth paste
- Hair brushes and combs
- Old Duffle bags
- Diapers

*****CLOTHES MUST
BE CLEAN*****

Donate gently used or new clothing to the Children's Advocacy Center

YEARBOOK RECOGNITION ADS ARE NOW FOR SALE!

South Walton High School

Dear Senior Parent or Student,
Yearbook Recognition Ads are the perfect way to commemorate achievements and celebrate milestones of your Senior. In addition, revenues from Recognition Ads help our school create a better yearbook. To purchase your ad online, follow the instructions listed below. Jostens is responsible for our school's yearbook ad sales. Please do not contact or send materials to the school. Please also consider our school's ad content guidelines below during the creation of your ad online. All orders must be placed by 02/12/2026. This is a hard deadline set by Jostens and will not be extended.

DEADLINE: 02/12/2026

ORDER BY 02/12/2026	
COLOR AD	
Full Page	\$390.00
1/2 Page	\$200.00
1/4 Page	\$110.00
1/8 Page	\$65.00

Terms, service fees, and shipping fees will be added, if applicable. Jostens payment plan available; minimum purchase requirements and eligibility restrictions apply.

3 EASY STEPS TO CREATE A YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD!

Step 1
Choose your ad size and layout
(Options may vary by school.)

Step 2
Add your photos

Step 3
Enter your text

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the guidelines for recognition ad content?
Schools may review and edit ads per their guidelines. Jostens retains the right to remove any explicit text, graphic photos or copyright-protected imagery or photos.

School Ad Content Guidelines
Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines. Please make sure all submitted materials are appropriate for school publication.

How are the ad prices determined and what is the money used for?
Recognition ad prices are determined by our school. Revenue from recognition ads helps the school create a better, more affordable yearbook.

How is the ad deadline determined?
The ad deadline is set by our school based on the production schedule for the yearbook.

Can I create my student's ad on my mobile device?
Yes, yearbook ads can be created online from both desktop and mobile devices.

(800) 358-0800
jostensadservice.com/student



Be sure to order your
yearbook by
March 13, 2026,
to ensure you receive a copy!

<http://www.jostensyearbooks.com>

SEAHAWKS AVE. SPONSORSHIP BANNER

SUPPORT SOUTH WALTON BY SHOWCASING YOUR LEGACY
We're proud to offer students, families, alumni, community members and local businesses a unique opportunity to sponsor a custom Seahawks Avenue Banner displayed on campus street lights throughout the 2025-2026 school year!

These banners will serve as a bold display of community support and Seahawk pride—visible to thousands of students, families, athletes, and visitors all year long.

Limited space available!
Link to order form!
<https://forms.office.com/r/sjFHWb6UbP>

Please Email:
matthew.mccown@walton.k12.fl.us with questions

PLEASE SCAN QR CODE TO FILL OUT ORDER FORM




Support Our Seahawks: Sponsor a Custom Banner on Seahawks Avenue! We're proud to offer students, families, alumni, local businesses, and community members a unique opportunity to sponsor a custom Seahawks Avenue Banner, prominently displayed on campus street lights throughout the 2025–2026 school year.

Your sponsorship contribution of \$1,000 directly supports the South Walton Athletic Department, with all proceeds funding initiatives that benefit every Seahawk student-athlete.

Contributions will be used to:

- Enhance athletic facilities across campus
- Provide essential resources and equipment for all sports programs
- Support student-athlete health, performance, and development

This is more than a banner—it's a visible symbol of your commitment to our student-athletes and the future of South Walton Athletics. Join us in building a stronger, healthier, and more competitive athletic community.

Seahawks Avenue Banner Sponsorship – Key Details

-  Location: Banners will be displayed on Seahawks Avenue, the road off of J.D. Miller near South Walton High School.
-  Display Duration: Entire 2025–2026 school year
-  Cost: \$1,000 per banner
-  Order Requirement: Must fill out an official order form to reserve your banner
-  Eligibility: Open to students, families, alumni, local businesses, and community members
-  Purpose: All proceeds benefit the South Walton Athletic Department
-  Contact: For questions, email matthew.mccown@walton.k12.fl.us

SWHS Tip Off Club

2025-26 Sponsorship & Season Ticket Info

	Diamond \$2,000+	Gold \$1,000+	Silver \$500+
Sponsorships	• 4 Boys Season Tickets • 2 Girls Season Tickets • Full scoreboard logo display at girls and boys home games • Social Media Spotlight • 4 Tip Off Club Cups	• 4 Boys Season Tickets • Half scoreboard logo display at boys home games • Social Media Spotlight • 4 Tip Off Club Cups	• 4 Boys Season Tickets • Social Media Spotlight • 4 Tip Off Club Cups
Season Tickets	Family \$250+ • 4 Boys Season Tickets • 2 Tip Off Club Cups	Couples \$150+ • 2 Boys Season Tickets • 2 Tip Off Club Cups	Single \$75+ • 1 Boys Season Ticket • 1 Tip Off Club Cup

SWHS Boy's Basketball Team

Questions?
Email:
team@swhsbasketball.com

SWHS Tip Off Club is a 501(c)3 organization. All donations are tax deductible.

SCAN ME!

Tip Off Club
2078 US HWY 98 W, Unit 105 #288
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459



SOUTH WALTON HIGH SCHOOL

Sporting Events

Prohibited Items:	Procedures:
Weapons	Clear Bags Only
Pets	Field Access by Badge Only
Outside Food or Drink	

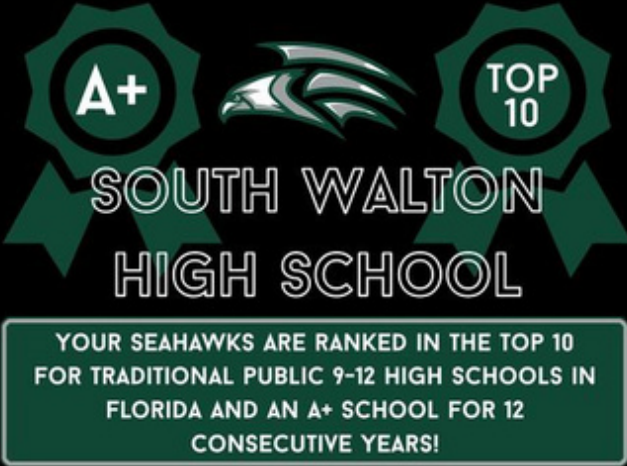
NO FAN FIELD ACCESS POST GAME
Contact Admin for Commercial Use field Access
SPORTSMANSHIP IS THE EXPECTATION
Unsportsmanlike conduct will lead to dismissal



SPORTS

GO FAN | BUY TICKETS





A+ TOP 10

**SOUTH WALTON
HIGH SCHOOL**

YOUR SEAHAWKS ARE RANKED IN THE TOP 10
FOR TRADITIONAL PUBLIC 9-12 HIGH SCHOOLS IN
FLORIDA AND AN A+ SCHOOL FOR 12
CONSECUTIVE YEARS!

WE ARE SOUTH WALTON!

