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SEAHAWK NEWS NETWORK

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF SOUTH WALTON HIGH SCHOOL

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UPCOMING EVENTS

12/12/2025 - 4pm & 6pm

- Boys JV & Varsity Soccer @ Leon

12/12/2025 - 6pm

- Winter Concert @ SWHS

12/12/2025 - 6pm

- Girls Basketball @ Rutherford

12/12/2025 - 7pm

- Boys Varsity Bball vs Rutherford @ SWHS

12/13/2025

- Wrestling @ Ryan Blackwell

12/15/2025

- Semester Exam Review

12/15/2025 - 5pm & 7pm

- Boys JV & Varsity Soccer vs Niceville @ Twin Oaks

12/15/2025 - 5pm

- Girls Weightlifting @ Walton

12/16/2025 - ODD Block

- 1st & 7th Period Exams

12/16/2025 - 5:30pm & 7pm

- Boys JV & Varsity Bball @ Walton

12/27/2025 - EVEN Block

- 2nd & 6th Period Exams

12/17/2025 - 5pm & 7pm

- Girls JV & Varsity Soccer @ Mosley

12/18/2025 - ODD Block

- 3rd & 5th Period Exams

12/18/2025 - 5pm & 7pm

- Boys JV & Varsity Soccer vs FWB @ SWHS

12/18/2025 - 5:30pm & 7pm

- Girls JV & Varsity Bball vs Lincoln @ SWHS

12/19/2025 - Early Checkout w/ Permission Slip

- 4th Period Exams

12/19 - 20/2025

- Wrestling @ Beast of the Beach

12/19/2025 - 4:30pm, 5:30pm & 7pm

- Boys Freshman, JV & Varsity Bball @ Gulf Breeze

12/25/2025 *Merry Christmas*

Welcome to South Walton!



Weekly Reminders

- **12/15 - 19/2025 - EXAM WEEK**
- **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.

1ST SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

**12-15-2025****Monday**
REVIEW DAY**12-16-2025****Tuesday - ODD Block**
1ST & 7TH PERIODS**12-17-2025****Wednesday - EVEN Block**
2ND & 6TH PERIODS**12-18-2025****Thursday - ODD Block**
3RD & 5TH PERIODS**12-19-2025****Friday - EVEN BLOCK**
4TH PERIOD**EARLY CHECKOUT W/ RETURNED PERMISSION SLIP ONLY**

SEAHAWKS

On Friday, December 19, 2025, students will be permitted to checkout early, after 4th period exams. Students may only checkout if a permission slip is signed and returned and all requirements are met. All students received the permission slip on December 9, 2025. If your student did not bring home the permission slip, have them stop by the office for a copy, or print the one below. Students who have NOT returned a permission slip will NOT be allowed to checkout early. See below for more information.



South Walton High School



December 9, 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is to inform you of the End of First Semester Exam schedule and procedures for student checkout on Friday, December 19th following completion of all assignments for this grading period and semester exams.

For a student to checkout on December 19th, he/she must have completed all second quarter work and first semester exams. He/she must return the bottom portion of this letter to their FLIGHT teacher by **Monday, December 15th** and have transportation no later than 9:30 AM. Buses will NOT run at 9:30 AM. Students are expected to exit the building and leave campus immediately. All other students will report to 2nd period at 9:55 AM and then the cafeteria for lunch at 11:25 AM and then spend time in classrooms completing second quarter work from 12:05 PM-2:45 PM or report to the auditorium.

No emails or written notes will be accepted on December 19th for checkouts. If your student needs to leave early on this day, but failed to return their permission slip by **Monday, December 15th**, a parent, or an adult on the emergency card will have to come to the school to check him/her out. **Phone calls are never accepted for student checkout.**

Sincerely,

Nina Borthwick

Nina Borthwick
Principal

EXAM SCHEDULE			
December 16 th	December 17 th	December 18 th	December 19 th
1 st Block Semester Exam - 7:45 to 9:30	2 nd Block Semester Exam - 7:45 to 9:30	1 st Block - 7:45 to 9:30	4 th Block Semester Exam - 7:45 to 9:30
3 rd Block 9:35 to 11:20	4 th Block 9:35 to 11:20	3 rd Block Semester Exam - 9:35 to 11:20	FLIGHT to check in to be released
5 th Block 11:25 to 12:55	5 th Block 11:25 to 12:55	5 th Block Semester Exam & Lunch - 11:25 to 12:55	2 nd Block 9:55 to 11:20
7 th Block Semester Exam - 1:00 - 2:45	6 th Block Semester Exam - 1:00 - 2:45	7 th Block - 1:00-2:45	Lunch for those students who are still on campus
			12:05 to 2:45 Make Up Exams/Movie
			Students with permission slips leave at 9:30 AM. ALL others report to 2 nd period.

RETURN THIS PERMISSION SLIP TO YOUR FLIGHT TEACHER NO LATER THAN MONDAY, DECEMBER 15th

My child has permission to be released from SWHS on Friday, December 19th during FLIGHT if all assignments have been completed for this grading period and he/she has finished his/her semester exams. Transportation must be provided at 9:30 AM. Buses will NOT run at 9:30 AM. I understand if this form is not returned by **December 15th**, my child will remain in school until 2:45 PM.

Legal Name of Student (Print)

FLIGHT Period Teacher Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Parent Signature



SWHS

SEMESTER EXAM & EARLY CHECKOUT SCHEDULE

Friday, December 19, 2025

7:45am - 9:30am	4th Period Exam
9:35am - 9:50am	FLIGHT Early Checkout w/ Permission Slip
9:55am - 11:20am	2nd Period/Make Ups
11:25am - 12:00pm	Lunch
12:05pm - 2:45pm	Make Ups/Auditorium



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Cap & Gown Information

SWHS SENIORS

Order Your
Cap & Gown Today!

- 12/12/25 - Order Deadline to Order with a Deposit - No Exceptions
- Orders Placed After 12/12/25 Will Require Payment in Full
- Order Online @ jwgrad.com

class of
2026

Want More Information → view.vidreach.io/q/PnW5GADR

SOUTH WALTON
SEAHAWK SOUND
2025

Winter Concert

12 | 6:00 PM
DECEMBER | SWHS AUDITORIUM
FREE ADMISSION

Weekly Bell Schedule December 8 - 12, 2025

Monday - Regular Schedule

Tuesday - ODD Block

Wednesday - EVEN Block

Thursday - ODD Block

Friday - Early Checkout
(With Permission Slip Only)



LUNCH MENU

Monday: Chicken Alfredo, Pepperoni French Bread, Steamed Broccoli, Garden Salad, Garlic Breadstick, Fresh Fruit, Chilled Fruit, or Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk

Tuesday: Chicken Nachos, Taco Lasagna, Refried Beans, Mexican Street Corn, Garlic Toast, Fresh Fruit, Chilled Fruit, or Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk

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

Thursday: Manager's Choice, Fresh Fruit, Chilled Fruit, or Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk

Friday: Manager's Choice, Fresh Fruit, Chilled Fruit, or Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk

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This Week in Pictures



SWHS Football Banquet

Players and Parents of our South Walton TouchDown Club helped pile in presents for the Santa Patrol for WCSO this holiday season.



AP Government students held final debates in their Elections Project this week. Students acting as media outlets moderated a general election debate between the final two presidential candidates- Ella Feagans and Logan Faulkner.



Students played with toys, games, and playdough in AP Psychology to examine the various stages of cognitive development.

This Week in Pictures

2025-2026 Hall of Fame Winners

Graham Wilde, Austin Hostetler, Lance Hinojosa, Beau Guidroz, Jackson Fader, Coleman Borthwick, Jordyn Swift, Clementine Plummer, Haley O'Donnell, Sophia Mijatovic, Tatum Kreinus, and Ella Feagans



Super Seahawks - 2nd Nine Weeks

Freshman - Sophia Reynolds & Murphy Laird
 Sophomores - Morgan Abbott & Thomas Trapp
 Juniors - Baylee Pressly & Vaughn Howard
 Seniors - Anne Zane Hughes & Sam Madden
 Teacher - Sherri Houpp
 Staff Member - Steven Valkenaar

Girls Basketball



Pep Rally.

Boys Soccer



Ugly Sweater Contest



Boys Basketball



Girls Soccer

Club Information
Dec. 15 - Dec. 19,
2025

Monday.

Garden Club

HOSA

Academic Team

Best Buddies

Vinyl Club

Tuesday.

Creative Photography

Speech/Debate

Winter Guard

Culinary Club

Wednesday.

Garden Club

Magazine Club

ESports

Thursday.

Winter Guard

Mock Trial

National Art Honor Society

Friday.

FCA

International Club



Presented By
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

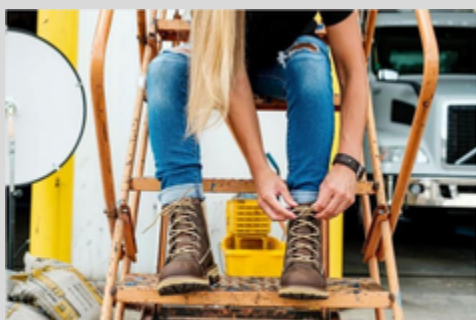
\$ 500 3 Winners from each High School (Public & Charter)
(Based on School Nominations)

\$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



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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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Apply at <https://www.cirkledin.com/scholarships>

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](#)

GRADES
9–12

PERSEVERANCE

Teacher Resource

**Activities to Build Perseverance (Continued):**

**1**

"Fail Forward"

Help students see 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 at three times 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 achieve failure as a natural part of the learning process and encourages **perseverance** instead of giving up.

**2**

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

**3**

Suggested Wrap-Up:

"I've been learning about **perseverance** the last several years. As you move beyond high school, how can you apply these strategies in 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."

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2025 - 2026 ACT Workshop Schedule					
Test Dates		Workshop Location	Days, Dates	Times	Work Req. 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 29 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





Reindeer Run & Ugly Sweater 5k

Are you ready to set a new PR while celebrating the holiday season with friends and family!? Sign up for the 2nd Annual Reindeer Run and Ugly Sweater 5k sponsored by The Windmills at Hammock Bay. This fun event is open to all and sure to be a blast! We are still looking for a couple of sponsors. If interested, please contact Dalton Cooper at 850-974-1539. The race will be on 12/21. See the link below to sign up you and your family. All proceeds go to the continued support of the South Walton High School Track & Field / Cross Country Programs.

<https://thewindmillsreindeerdash5k.itsyourrace.com/event.aspx?id=15136>

Need last minute Christmas ideas? Visit the South Walton High School online store! Scan the QR code below.



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

Notes: 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



YEARBOOK

Be sure to order your
yearbook by
March 13, 2026,
to ensure you receive a copy!
<http://www.jostensyearbooks.com>



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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





**SANTA'S
CAMP CHRISTMAS**

Brought to you by the Friends of Topsail Hill Preserve State Park

Join us at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Friday, December 12 th | 4 - 8 pm
Saturday, December 13 th | 3 - 8 pm
Music, Food, Kids Crafts, Family Activities,
Topsy's Express to the North Pole to See Santa

Contact (850) 267-8330 for more information
Proceeds to support Topsail Hill Preserve State Park

*Donations Accepted But Not Required

For tickets go to Eventbrite.com and type in Topsail Camp Christmas
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1969985795545?aff=oddtc>

The poster features a green background with a stylized illustration of a tent decorated with string lights, a large red gift box, and Santa Claus standing next to a small sleigh. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold and regular fonts. The overall theme is festive and community-oriented.



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!

The banner has a black background with green and white text. It features two green circular emblems at the top, one with 'A+' and one with 'TOP 10'. In the center is a stylized seahawk logo. Below the logo, the school name is written in a bold, outlined font. A white box contains text about the school's ranking. At the bottom, a green banner with white text reads 'WE ARE SOUTH WALTON!'.