



The SAIL Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1
Green Dot Bystander Training

November 3
Tallahassee Science Festival

November 6
Students Vote on Election Day

November 12
Veteran's Day Holiday - No School

November 13
Parent Night , 6:30-8 pm

November 14
Progress Reports

November 15
Senior Meeting and Field Day

November 17
Saturday School

November 19-23
Thanksgiving Holiday - No School

December 4-5
Algebra 1 EOC Retakes

December 6
SAIL Music Concert - 6 pm

December 7-9
Arsenic and Old Lace in the Black Box

December 8
Saturday School

December 14
Students Vs. Staff Game

December 14
Winter Dance 6-9 pm

December 21
End of 2nd 9 Weeks

December 22-January 7
Winter Break

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear SAIL Families,

I hope everyone is doing well in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael. We are extremely grateful for the leadership and quick response from our county's first responders, district administrators, and the SAIL staff who managed the shelter for over 200 people. We are happy to serve our community in times of need.

The second nine weeks is well underway and teachers and students are exploring new content by engaging in critical thinking and problem solving in core academics, electives and the arts. We are focusing on increasing learning gains in math and English/Language Arts. We will start Multiplication Mondays and Fraction Friday's school wide. We are also promoting literacy through daily Word Up, vocabulary instruction, and text-dependent writing across the curriculum. We are dedicated to empowering students with the appropriate tools needed when facing academic, social and emotional challenges. Free tutorials are offered on Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 3-4 p.m. in the media center.

Building stronger partnerships with all SAIL stakeholders is an ongoing process. By working together we will enhance our school's mission and goals. We encourage parents to help us recruit new volunteers, mentors and business partners. You can also donate to our senior scholarships.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with questions, concerns or ideas. Stay updated by visiting our school's website. We look forward to a productive and successful quarter/end of the calendar year.

Thanks for all your support!

Tiffany Williams

ATTENTION SENIORS!

- Pick your senior sponsor and tell Mindy
- **Nov. 9th**-Senior shirt designs are due
- **Nov. 15th**- Senior Picnic in the upper field. Meet at 1:20 in the black box.
- **Dec. 14th**- \$100 deposit due for Grad Bash
- **Dec. 21st**- Deadline for Senior fee of \$80.00

SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATES

Safety and security is our school's number one priority. We strive to maintain an environment that is safe, caring and respectful. In this day and age, school safety has become even more important. During November, SAIL will be conducting a school wide lockdown drill for students and staff. This training is a precautionary measure that will prepare our site in the case of an emergency. Parents, please do not drop your child off before supervision starts at 7:30 a.m. We have staff scheduled to monitor the interior and perimeter of the campus, before school, in-between classes, during lunch and after school. Please don't hesitate to let us know if you hear or see anything suspicious. Here's an article about school lockdowns and what parents and students can expect:

<https://www.verywellfamily.com/what-is-a-school-lockdown-drill-620548>

COMING SOON...



This year's Winter Dance theme is the Roaring 20s!

The dance will be held in the cafetorium on December 14th from 6-9pm. Tickets will go on sale in November and can be purchased in the front office. Admission is \$5 or 5 canned goods, which will be donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank. Journey with us back to a decade full of dance, jazz and have a roaring good time!

INTENSIVE UPDATES

- Remember to turn in your permission form and deposit to the front office to secure your spot on your intensive.
- Didn't get the intensive you wanted? Don't worry. Second Round Selections will be happening in November for intensives that aren't full yet.

Students enjoying our annual Wakulla Springs field trip!



ARSENIC AND OLD LACE



Mortimer Brewster is living a happy life: he has a steady job, he's just become engaged, and he gets to visit his sweet spinster aunts. But his world is turned upside down when he

realizes that his dear aunts have been poisoning lonely old men for years!

Come see SAIL's adaptation of the classic dark comedy on Dec. 7th and 8th at 7:00 pm, doors opens at 6:30 pm. Also on Dec. 9th at 1:00 pm, doors opens at 12:30.

HARRY POTTER MOVE NIGHTS ARE BACK IN THE BLACK BOX.

The cost for each film is \$3 and concessions will be sold during intermission.

2nd Nine Weeks Dates:

November 8th

The Sorcerer's Stone

December 13th

The Chamber of Secrets

All funds raised will benefit the HP Intensive.

JOIN JASUN AND THE SAIL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT FOR



Need help researching colleges? Not sure about scholarships? Make sure to check the guidance page for resources to begin exploring college, careers, and how to finance the next step of your education.

GUIDANCE

- **Big Future:** Use this site to explore colleges, research majors, and find scholarships
- **Career Shines:** Find a career that fits your interests and skills. Then, find a way to train for that career! Also includes interview and resume tips
- **FAFSA Tutorial-** View this to get assistance completing your FAFSA
- **2018-2019 Scholarship List-** Any scholarships I get through the guidance office can be found here

Guidance Dates: 11/5- UCF Visit, 9 am: Location TBD ; TCC Visit- 2nd week of every month: Location- Media Center or Computer lab (may change depending on need)

2nd 9-Weeks Window: October 22 – December 21

Attendance - Students with 9 or more unexcused absences in a semester must take and pass the mid-term exam in order to earn credit, per district policy.

SAIL High School Attendance Policy:

- **3 Unexcused Absences** – Warning Letter
- **4 Unexcused Absences** – Attendance Contract
- **5 Unexcused Absences** – Saturday School
- **6 or more Unexcused Absences** – Intervention Agreement/Exit Committee
- **Excessive excused absences** – 5 or more will require a doctors note

ATTENDANCE

State Law: Students between 14 and 18 who accumulate 15 unexcused absences within 90 calendar days may lose their driver's license or become ineligible for driving privileges.

SAIL PARTNERS WITH FSU CARD

SAIL is strengthening its ties with FSU's Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD). They are an excellent support for students, families, and teachers. At a recent faculty meeting Tammy Dasher from the FSU CARD center presented insights and strategies to use with students on the Autistic Spectrum. She'll be available to consult with teachers on Wednesday mornings throughout the school year. Parents of students on the spectrum are encouraged to find out more about CARD and sign up for free support. Any student with an eligibility of Autism on their iep or a doctor's diagnosis qualifies. Contact Charles Robshaw (robshawc@leonschools.net) for more info or a sign up packet.

The Literacy Committee is dedicated to promoting reading and writing activities around campus. Committee members Nancy Floyd Richardson, Rob Pell, Emily Bell, and Mari Griffith work with SAIL committees and individual teachers to provide literacy support for themed events, Word Up, and classroom instruction. The Literacy Committee spearheads the Summer Reading Program and Symposium along with Literacy Week in the spring. Our 2019 Literacy Week theme will be Eye Spy: Fables and Magical Creatures.

LITERACY INITIATIVE





Ingredients

- 4 Apples, cored and sliced 1/8" thick (I used McIntosh)
- 1-2 tsp . Ground Cinnamon
- 1-2 tsp . Granulated Sugar (optional)
- Cooking Spray

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 200 degrees Fahrenheit.
 2. Add the sliced apples to a large bowl; then coat the apples with the cinnamon and/or sugar.
 3. Spray a baking sheet with cooking spray and line the apples flat on the pan. You may need to use two pans so that they are not overlapping.
 4. Bake 2-3 hours until the chips are dry yet still soft. Allow to cool completely before placing them in an air tight container for up to 4 days (if they last that long!).
- *Depending on the thickness of your slices, these apple chips will be on the softer side.

THERE IS A NEW WAY TO CHECK YOUR STUDENT'S GRADES

Parents and Students should now have full access to FOCUS Portal, either through the Mobile App or on any computer. This makes it very easy to keep up with attendance and grades. Please contact the front office if you need your login information in order to get started. Leon County is using a new system and you will need new log in information to gain access.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

SAIL has received four grants since the school year started! Congratulations to the following teacher leaders for seeking additional resources that will directly impact student learning.

- Jasun Burdick received the CPALMS grant for STEM Kits
- Nancy Floyd Richardson and the English department received the LCS Foundation Grant-Overcoming Social Problems through Literacy and Experiential Learning.
- Sheri Nilles and Lauren Wade received the COCA grant for art supplies for Mural Club.
- Sierra Service also received a COCA grant for drama supplies.



Tiffany and Nancy receiving a grant for Overcoming Societal Problems Through Literacy

SAIL TEACHERS ARE CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVING TO BETTER SERVE OUR STUDENTS

Five of our staff members are putting in extra time to earn endorsements to better serve our students. Danielle is working toward a Gifted Endorsement, Nancy is working toward a Reading Endorsement, and Emily, Marlow, and John are working toward an ESOL Endorsement. Each of these requires the teachers to take five classes totaling 300 hours of specialized professional development.

PARENT NIGHT

Tuesday, November 13th

5:30 PTSO Meeting

6:30-8:00 Guest Speakers- Green Dot from Refuge House, Going Places Street Outreach, Better Living Solutions-Eating Wellness & Counseling Services, Lively & TCC

Refreshments will be served