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CCSD Unveils Expansion for Academics, Arts, and Athletics at St. John's High School

Academy of Advanced Academics to Launch in 2025-26

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JOHNS ISLAND, SC - Charleston County School District (CCSD) is delighted to announce additional opportunities for students at St. John's High School (SJHS) for the 2025-26 school year focused on academics, arts, and athletics. These initiatives reflect CCSD's commitment to providing well-rounded opportunities in neighborhood schools that prepare students for future success while fostering school pride and community engagement.

A Comprehensive Approach

- **Academics:** *The Academy of Advanced Academics at St. John's High School* will launch in August 2025, offering advanced learning opportunities tailored to challenge and inspire students. The enriched, rigorous curriculum is designed to prepare students for collegiate excellence through Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), and dual enrollment courses. Such will allow enrollees to explore fields of study in partnership with colleges and universities; some could accumulate up to two years of college credits with successful completion of AP exams and/or dual enrollment courses.
- **Applications:** Criteria to participate in the program include course grades, assessment data, and teacher recommendations. The first cohort will include rising 9th graders living in Constituent District 9. Interested students can [apply](#) during the 2025-26 School Choice application period, opening at noon on January 14, 2025.

Additionally, SJHS will expand its intervention program immediately, effective spring 2025, and will grow its AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program in fall 2025 to offer additional support for students.

- **Arts:** Effective immediately, CCSD is expanding arts programming at Haut Gap Middle School and SJHS to include a robust theatre program. The addition will provide students with greater opportunities for creative expression, skill development in performing arts, and a continuum of

offerings that extends from elementary through high school.

- **Athletics:** CCSD will make significant investments in athletics, including the introduction of B-team football and the expansion of tennis, volleyball, and golf programs effective summer 2025. Enhancements will provide students with more ways to participate in sports, develop teamwork skills, and build a strong sense of school spirit.

These strategic initiatives were shaped by extensive feedback gathered during recent Constituent District 9 community meetings with Superintendent Anita Huggins. Huggins, SJHS Principal Jermaine Joyner, Constituent District 9 principals, district leaders, and other stakeholders have collaborated to design a roadmap for success that strengthens the school feeder pattern and increases the retention of zoned students.

The launch of these initiatives reflects CCSD's dedication to student achievement, student well-roundedness, and community partnerships.

For additional information, please contact CCSD's Office of Communications at (843) 937-6303.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 50,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse portfolio of educational options and specialized programs delivered to the students of CCSD through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools and programs. Rich educational opportunities for students include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; military; dual credit; and many more.