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Dear Elementary School Parent or Guardian,

**SCHOOL BOARD**

Beverly Slough  
District 1

Tommy Allen  
District 2

Bill Mignon  
District 3

Kelly Barrera  
District 4

Patrick Canan  
District 5

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! I hope you had a wonderful summer. This letter serves to inform you of future middle and high school options for your child. It is never too early to begin consideration of your child's future educational goals and our state requires that we inform you of these opportunities. Our programs of choice include career academies, advanced academic programs, virtual school options, Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps and the arts. More information is available at <https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/programs/>.

Virtual courses may be taken during or after the school day, either at or away from the student's regular school of attendance. The next open enrollment periods to apply for St. Johns Virtual School as a full-time student are November 15, 2020 - January 6, 2021, and in the spring, April 10, 2021 to July 10, 2021. Enrollment in part-time virtual courses is subject to the school's normal drop/add policy. Virtual course requests must be approved by a guidance counselor. To learn about all virtual options, please go to <http://www-sivs.stjohns.k12.fl.us> or call 904-547-8080.

St. Johns County schools also offer Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL) options. Options include but are not limited to:

- Elementary – single course and whole grade acceleration; virtual instruction in a higher grade-level course; ACCEL options do not supersede initial placement by age criteria (1003.21 F.S.)
- Middle – high school courses in middle school; virtual instruction in a higher grade-level course; ACCEL options do not supersede the core course requirements for promotion to high school (1003.4156 F.S.)
- High – college credit via Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, Advanced International Certificate of Education or International Baccalaureate courses; course credit for passing state End-of-Course assessments; virtual instruction in advanced courses; early graduation

Finally, there are several diploma options. Designations are dependent upon a student's course of study. Details regarding the criteria for each option and graduation requirements can be found at <http://www.fldoe.org/academics/graduation-requirements>.

This is a great deal of information to consider. As you plan, one of the first places you may wish to visit is the district Parent Resource Guide, <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/families/resource/>, and the Student Progression Plan, <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/cs/spp/>. These user-friendly tools may promote a better understanding of the options open to your student. In addition, you can access district approved instructional materials at <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/approved-instructional-materials/>.

I am proud that our schools offer so many academic choices for our students. Thank you for your consideration of this information and my best wishes to you and your family for an outstanding school year!

Sincerely,

Tim Forson  
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*The St. Johns County School District will inspire good character and a passion for lifelong learning in all students, creating educated and caring contributors to the world.*