Thursday, November 7th, 2013 was an exciting day for Sandalwood High School students and faculty. Fox 30 News “Cool Schools” visited us and asked us to show them everything we had, so we gave it to them.

To showcase their talents to the First Coast, nearly every major group or team at Sandalwood came to exhibit their fortes. One such act was the Sandalwood Chorus, who sang their version of “Holy Grail” by Jay-Z and Justin Timberlake from the album “Magna Carta.” Many other acts included the Sandalwood FL-939 Silver Eagles Drill Team and the Silver Eagles Color Guard, the Sandalwood Band, Varsity Football team, Varsity Cheerleaders, Break-dancers, Drama Club, the 2014 Seniors, and our mascot, the Mighty Saint. The performance started before the crack of dawn at 6:40 in the morning before anyone had their morning coffee and went on until first block was almost over. Our wonderful principal kept the crowd silent when they needed to be quiet and rallied them together when they needed to be loud.

We thank you, Fox 30 News, for allowing us to have some of your air time to show Jacksonville that Sandalwood is the proudest school in the district.
2013-2014 College Football Bowl Season

By: Jacob Clayton & Ryan Knowles

The 16th and final year of the BCS era in College Football did not disappoint as the bowls were virtually unpredictable with fantastic finishes and some major upsets. The biggest upsets in this year’s bowl season included overlooked UCF outscoring Baylor’s patented offense, Oklahoma trouncing defending national champion and 17+ point favorite Alabama, and unranked Texas Tech pounding 14th ranked Arizona State. The winners in the 12 of the 35 College bowls were decided by 8 points or less, including the Grand Finale, the last BCS National Championship of our time, between top ranked Florida State and Auburn, the team of destiny. The two title contending teams combined to score 31 points in the fourth quarter alone, providing many fireworks and a remarkable, but most of all memorable finish that favored the Seminoles and their Freshman Heisman Trophy winning QB, Jameis Winston. The outcomes of the last BCS bowl games we will see included Clemson over Ohio State in the Orange Bowl, Michigan State over Stanford, in the Rose Bowl, UCF over Baylor in the Fiesta Bowl, Oklahoma over Alabama in the Sugar Bowl, and Florida State over Auburn in the National Championship. Of the FBS’ “Power Six” conferences in college football (ACC, Big East, Big 10, Big 12, Pac 12, and SEC) the SEC claimed the best record in the 2013-14 bowl season with a strong 7-3 win-loss, finishing of the BCS era that they owned by winning 7 of the last 8 National Championships.

Hoopin’ with the Lady Saints

By: Maja Krivokuca

Sandalwood’s girls’ basketball team has made quite the splash (no pun intended) this year. They have gone nearly undefeated with 19-1, only losing to Ribault. The stars on the court making the most shots are Abreona Cabell (#10), Lexus Spears(#33), and Nahkia Robinson (#23), who excel in three-point shots. We are very proud of these very talented ladies and everyone else on the team. The Lady Saints battled to advance in districts on Monday, January 20th and beat Mandarin to win the District Championship. Lady Saints know how to represent!

Hoopin’ With the Saints

By: Jamar Davis

The boys’ basketball season started off with a huge swish, except for a tough loss to Ribault during the winter break tournament! As of January 14th, with a major help from the team’s top scorers, Erik Banks (#23), Tim Broom (#10), Markus Labostrie (#11), and Zack Turner (#20) (who is known for his three point shots), the boys are 23-2. This year’s team is following in the Nike steps of the previous years, but this year’s Nikes are golden.
Sandalwood Wrestling Team

By: Briana Byrd & Isadora Allison

Sandalwood’s wrestling team is led by Coach Eldeb and Coach Gibson. Coach Eldeb started coaching because he was interested in seeing what students were like outside of the classroom and Coach Gibson started coaching because he has always had a passion for coaching kids. The team has made a great improvement compared to last year and have been working extremely hard in order to prepare for regionals and state. With these important meets approaching, it is vital that the team stays focused and keeps up the good work.

Super Bowl Sunday

By: Johnathan Cooke

After 20 weeks, 2 teams stood to play in the biggest football game of the year. After the playoffs, the AFC Champion, the Denver Broncos, faced the NFC champion, the Settle Seahawks in Super Bowl XLVIII. The Seahawks are # 1 in defense and the Broncos are # 1 in offense. The game was on February 2, 2014 at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey. Bruno Mars and the Red Hot Chili Peppers put on a great halftime show! The very first play of the game was a safety for the Seahawks, the fastest recorded play in football history! The Seahawks were able to prove themselves and that allowed them to bring home their first Super Bowl win. Go Seahawks!
Global Warming?

By Aaron Rodriguez and Serenity

This year a Chinese ice breaker ship tried to reach a trapped expedition vessel in Antarctica that was stuck in thick ice, but the ice was so thick that the Chinese ship could only get within six kilometers of the trapped vessel. Why is it so cold? If global warming is true wouldn’t the Chinese Ice breaker be able to maneuver through the water freely? Yes, but the climate changes that we have been experiencing may be so small that we don’t notice the warming trend right away. Over time these changes could become catastrophic. Imagine an Arctic Ocean surrounded by large glaciers. If temperatures were to increase, all that ice would melt but the question is where would all that water go? The water would eventually make its way to our beaches, pushing shorelines back and possibly covering some houses, causing lots of damage. This year Minnesota’s temperature dipped to 40 below zero, and many northern states are experiencing a winter filled with more snow and cold weather than they have seen in many years. This also leaves many with questions about global warming. Whether you believe in global warming or not, one thing is certain temperatures around the world are gradually increasing.

Madiba the King of South Africa

By: Ej Olaes and Savanna Moreno

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world,” said Nelson Mandela. Mandela is an icon to many people in the world. Individuals may look up to him as a sign of hope and believe that through peace, everything is possible. Nelson Mandela was sentenced to prison for life on June 12, 1964 for plotting to overthrow the government with violence. He was incarcerated for 27 years, and through his stay in prison, he kept his high hopes to an extant like no other and pulled through by diminishing his anger throughout all those years. After his release from prison, he became South Africa’s first black president and gave hope to his people. He then created a multi-racial democracy and united whites and blacks to accept each other and to work together to make a better country. After numerous of years, his hope then reached other countries around the world and eased racial segregation. Nelson Mandela was awarded the Noble Peace Prize in 1993, 6 years later his presidential term was over. Nelson Mandela, known by his people as Madiba, passed away on December 5, 2013 at the age of 95 in Johannesburg, South Africa. With the death of Madiba, his good deeds will be remembered world-wide. Throughout his triumphs and trials, he will always be remembered for his good character and, most importantly, changing the lives of the people in South Africa.
Is a Name Change Needed?

By: Kaitlyn Kritzmire and Alyssia Gullett

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Philippines Typhoon

By: Briana Foster and Aven Garrison

Lives were lost, homes were destroyed and people became desperate. In November of 2013, a typhoon barreled through the Philippines. Equivalent to a category 5 hurricane, Typhoon Haiyan struck the southern island of Mindanao shortly before 4:45 a.m. The storm packed top winds of 175 kph (110 mph) as it came ashore over the city of Baganga, and millions of people were in the storm's path. Haiyan flattened coastal villages, wiped out banana plantations, and caused mudslides and floods. At the time of this publication, the number of deaths reached nearly 650, the number of missing was near 800, and another 400,000 had been displaced by the storm. Left largely to fend for themselves, people were living in or under whatever remains. They inhabited boats or freight containers flung ashore by the tsunami-like storm surge. They patched up near-destroyed homes with storm flotsam: twisted metal, plastic sheets, and ripped mattresses. If the initial storm was a global media event, its precarious aftermath is the opposite, taking place long after the cable news teams have decamped and attention has faded.

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Examples of Creativity

Top Left: By Jaelen Jones
Top Right: By Tina Chan
Bottom Left: By Tiffany Smith
Bottom Right: By Korry Smith
Marathon, by Kyle Pinter

Love is a marathon
Either definition fits-
Its variety extends down two roads
One on foot, one on couch, and loads
Of time and dedicating devotes
Itsself to one path examined in history's love notes
Love can be a 2K, don't sprint, never dash
Keep it a pace to save yourself from whiplash
But the months spent preparing and exercising
Leaves the experience with something more to be desiring
Like, yeah you trained your tail off
But in the end you trail off
And the victory is not as sweet as just getting it done
They say a marathon's a challenge, cuz runners like to run
But I highly doubt muscle spasms are anywhere near fun
On the other end of the see-saw is the Netflix population
Episode after episode for endless entertainment
It might be repetitive or even a little cheesy
But you never get bored and it isn't always easy
And sure you can pause, but there’s more episodes in queue
And the unresolved cliffhanger is crying out for you
You hang on the edge of your seat for new plot development
But the too-familiar catch phrases of lovers remain relevant
Love is like a marathon in the most confusing analogy ever
But either way
To begin that human process you either gotta tie your shoes or
press Play

Fish, by Cameron McIntosh

Time streams by as we search for our niche,
We are helpless embryos; to us our species is unknown.
Although through knowledge and spirit we’ve grown,
We are premature.
Almost certainly unsure.
Plagued to wander without destination.
Still, every new opportunity; a bright and powerful incantation
Were merely small fish, in an ever-growing pond.
So then how might we reach the seas and beyond?
Shall we grow arms and legs as if to crawl,
Or wings that allow great rise and fall?
The choice is easy you may find out,
But it’s the deciding that brings difficulty about.
It’s quite funny that as we learn about the world,
We learn about ourselves.
And only in our minds does the world delve.

Sudoku is easy to play and the rules are simple. Fill in the blanks so that each row, each column, and each of the nine 3x3 grids contain one instance of each of the numbers 1 through 9
Can you find all of the eras? :)
Teacher of the Year

Mr. Michael Khalil teaches Information Technology, which is about the way computers are used in business. His classroom is located in the IT Academy pod, room 101. Mr. Khalil has a bachelor’s degree in science for computer information systems from Jacksonville University. He also earned a master’s in business administration from Florida State University. Originally from West Virginia, Mr. Khalil grew up near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania before moving to Jacksonville with his family when he was in the eighth grade. He went to the Ft. Caroline Middle and Terry Parker High Schools.

Recently, Mr. Khalil and his wife had a baby boy, named Samuel. His dreams for Samuel are that he hope he grows up to be a happy, healthy and productive citizen. (We think he secretly wants him to be a rocket scientist!)

Mr. Khalil feels that it is an honor to be selected “Teacher of the Year” since this is a position granted by peers. He is humbled by the honor since he feels there are many other deserving teachers in this school who have been teaching longer.
Restaurant Review: Chef Chan Asian Cuisine
By Tiffany Bassett and Victor Ramos

Chef Chan’s is an affordable Asian cuisine restaurant located on 9802 Baymeadows Rd., #3, Jacksonville, Fl. 32256. Their phone number is (904) 645-7333 and hours of operation are Tuesday-Sunday, from 11am-9pm (closed Monday). Their website: http://chefchanasiancuisine.dinehere.us/

The restaurant was nice and clean; the food was delicious and affordable, and there was not a long wait for service. Their menu has a variety of oriental food including soups, noodles, and rice. In addition to the entrees, there are different choices of meats, poultry, beef, pork, and seafood.

Starting with our appetizer, I ordered the chicken feet, which was very tasty and juicy and not at all too salty. Our first entrée was the pork fried rice which was $8.75. The rice was perfect; it was not too hard or soft, and the pork was tender and contained a lot of flavor. Normally, other restaurants make their fried rice with too much soy sauce and overcook the rice. The second entrée we ordered was the beef chow fun which was $10.95. The noodles were cooked evenly; the beef had a lot of flavor as well, and the bean sprouts added a crunchy texture to the dish.

We definitely recommend dining at Chef Chan’s Asian cuisine restaurant!

Restaurant Review: PDQ
By: Alyssa Villegas and Xavier Holley

The sensation that is booming in Jacksonville is the new restaurant called PDQ, located on Beach and Hodges. PDQ is an investment made by two former UF football stars, Tim Tebow and Vinny Testaverde. PDQ stands for “People Dedicated to Quality” and also “pretty darn quick!” Their menu serves quality flavors in the sandwiches, such as a Spicy Buffalo Tenders Sandwich and a Grilled Turkey Breast Sandwich. Don’t forget to leave room for PDQ’s desserts like, their hand-spun milkshakes that come in many different flavors. The mint chocolate flavor is to die for! After your first time going there, you will always come back for more because of their great food and superb customer service. Good thing there’s a concrete side walk because otherwise there would be a well-worn dirt path to the entrance!

The Hobbit: Desolation of Smaug
By Collin Busbee and Derek Ficken

The Hobbit: Desolation of Smaug was a lengthy, but riveting experience. The Hobbit was a 2.7 hour journey through the middle earth following the adventure of Bilbo Baggins and his dwarf companions. Throughout the movie, the rag tag team of dwarves and one hobbit is looked over by the wizard, Gandalf the Grey. The action scenes in the movie are novel and full of suspense. The movie is the story of a quest for a far away land and is truly the adventure of the century. From beginning to end, this movie will keep you on the edge of your seat with its non-stop action and twists. The skill set of the actors, along with amazing special effects, truly pulls you into the story.

PS4 vs. Xbox One
By Daniel Arroyo

The PS4 and Xbox One are both next gen consoles. The PlayStation 4 hit the shelves in the United States on November 15, 2013, and was priced at $399.99. The Xbox One came out a week after the PS4, November 22, 2013. The Xbox One was priced at $499.99 and was at first looked down upon, but later triumphed in their reviews. The PS4 sold over 4.2 million and the Xbox One sold 3 million the first day these consoles came out.

The performance on both consoles is similar and the render engines ran about the same speed. The graphics on the PS4 games had decent graphics and were really sharp. Graphics displayed on the Xbox One games were pretty good, but there were some lighting problems. Some Xbox One games would be either too dark or too light. The controller on the PS4 was sleeker and smaller than the Xbox One’s controller. Both consoles were pretty good although the Xbox One was a bit more expensive.
**Entertainment**

**Beyoncé—"Self Titled"**
By: Taylor Davis and Sierra Vallier

The Visual Album. Beyoncé stated, “I see music is more than just what I hear.” When she hears something, she immediately sees a visual or a series of images that are tied to a feeling or a memory from her childhood, thoughts or dreams which are all connected to music. Doing this visual album she wanted people to see her thoughts and what she saw in her music. Beyoncé didn’t want any body sending out a message; she wanted it to come out when it was ready. People thought she was crazy for wanting to do a video for every song. Beyoncé wanted everyone to see how personal things were to her. She stated, “I will make my best art and just put it out.” "SELF-TITLED" is a mini art feature comprised of several parts that give a glimpse into BEYONCÉ. It details Beyoncé's mind-set and artistic vision throughout the making of the entire project. For this Part of her album she speaks about motherhood. Just because you’re a new mom doesn’t mean you have to give up your dreams. Beyoncé stated, “Just because you become a mother, doesn’t mean you lose who you are.” Beyoncé shows her body a lot in this album. She was 195 pounds when she gave birth, she lost 65 and stated, “I worked crazily hard to get my body back; I wanted to show my body!” Beyoncé wanted to show you can have a child and you can work hard and get your body back.

**Breaking Bad TV Show Review**
By: Brendan Kim and Trieu Ton

Breaking Bad is a must-watch. The series is known for its crime and drama and will have you at the edge of your seat throughout each episode. It has aired for five seasons with each and every one of them being filled with action and unexpected plot twists. Due to being diagnosed with lung cancer, Walter White the main character, played by Bryan Cranston, wants to leave his family with money after he passes away, which he can’t do by being a high school teacher, so he uses his chemistry knowledge, teams up with an ex-student to cook and sell the world’s purest methamphetamine. This starts his legacy and throughout the next five seasons, he gradually becomes greedier and greedier to get more money, eventually making this not about his family but the money. Many twists and turns unfold making this show something everyone should watch. It is one that had me hooked, making me starve for it more every week. Too bad it’s no longer being produced! Your only “fix” is for five season’s worth of episodes on demand. Enjoy!

**Hunger Games: Catching Fire**
By: Sarah Louvat and Cheyenne Hixon

Catching Fire was the thrilling sequel in the Hunger games trilogy, following Katniss and Peeta as their lives change after their return to District 12. After their victory, the two “star-crossed lovers” have to journey back to the Capital to convince the citizens of Panem that they both deserved to live for love. Unconvinced, President Snow plans to rid the Country of Katniss Everdeen and her rebellious followers forever by sending her back into battle once again with all previous victors in the Quarter Quell. The level of action and drama between our two favorite victors and their new cast including, Sam Claflin (Finnick), Jena Malone (Johanna Mason) and Philip Seymour Hoffman (Plutarch Heavensbee) brought Catching Fire 161.1 million dollars just in opening ticket sales and having fans of this exciting series on the edge of their seats, begging for more as the final credits reeled through movie theatres across America. Filming is already underway for the two-part conclusion of this gripping series. The Hunger Games: Mocking Jay has all of us “Tributes” marking our calendars for November 2015!
Mrs. Melfa and her words of wisdom
By: Sarah Clifford

Q: “What school or University did you attend?”
A: “I attended Virginia Tech (undergraduate) and University of North Florida (graduate).”

Q: “Why Sandalwood?”
A: “I wanted to work in a high school. There was an opportunity at Sandalwood. I was initially interested in Sandalwood because of the variety of programs and diversity of the student body.”

Q: “Any steps of success you follow to achieve?”
A: “You should have dedication to your goal and determination to see it through. Also take initiative when an opportunity arises.”

Q: “What do you value?”
A: “I value teamwork. Our department works well together because we function as a team. We communicate and help each other when needed.”

Q: “What are some of the goals you’ve achieved and still working on to achieve?”
A: “I have received my diploma. I have a job. Both are goals that I have achieved. A goal that I am still working on is to improve my Spanish to use it in my job.”

Q: “Any advice you would like to give for students?”
A: “Take advantage of opportunities to get experience in the field that you are interested in. Be willing to make mistakes and learn as you work to reach your goals.”

Interview with Mr. Carmody
By: Ben Storie

New to Sandalwood but not new to teaching is Patrick Carmody. Mr. Carmody attended the University of New Haven and graduated in 1978 with a major in Physics. After graduation, he made the conscious and brave decision to serve our country and joined America’s Navy that very same year. Mr. Carmody proudly served our country for twenty eight years traveling the world and making a difference. Seeing how his fellow sail mates struggled with math he then joined Lee high school in 2006 as a calculus teacher. After Lee’s principal, Ms. Schultz, transferred to Sandalwood in 2013, Mr. Carmody sought her leadership and transferred as well. When asked what he values, he responded back with “Honor, courage, commitment, the core values of the Navy.” Mr. Carmody is also a marathon high member and has just recently run a marathon in under four hours, not an easy feat to accomplish. He hopes to retire with dignity and travel the world seeing places like Australia, New Zealand, Alaska and Iceland. We’re glad to have such an amazing individual at Sandalwood and look forward to many years to come. His advice for us students is “don’t forget to have fun.”
Our New Music Teacher Mrs. Manring

By: Hayley Ward

One of the new faces around Sandalwood is the head of our band and music program is Mrs. Manring. Mrs. Manring is one of the new teachers brought into Sandalwood at the beginning of the school year to help with the numerous students. I went and interviewed her and asked her to answer some of the questions that I and numerous other students wanted to know.

Me: “What school did you graduate from?”
Mrs. Manring: “I graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.”
Me: “What was your reason behind wanting to become an educator?”
Mrs. Manring: “Every year I’ve been in school, since kindergarten, there’s always been a teacher who changed my life for the better. I always knew that I wanted to be that person to change someone’s life in a positive way.”
Me: “What is your biggest personal value?”
Mrs. Manring: “Giving a good educational experience. If a student is tenacious he/she will have a positive learning experience in music.”
Me: “What was your favorite class in high school or college?”
Mrs. Manring: “High school: Music classes. College: Also my music education classes. I cried in there at least once a week from all of the amazing things I was learning about teaching and the music.”
Me: “What is your greatest personal accomplishment?”
Mrs. Manring: “Getting a job at Sandalwood high school my first year out of college.”
Me: “What hobbies or special interests do you take part in after school?”
Mrs. Manring: “Recently, I’ve been trying to pick up the fiddle and learn how to play Bluegrass music.”

The interview with Mrs. R. Washington

By: Joshua Luke

Josh: “Mrs. Washington, what college did you graduate from?”
Mrs. Washington: “Well, I graduated from Eastern Michigan, and I also graduated from the University of Florida.”
Josh: “Which two fields of studies did you decide to major in?”
Mrs. Washington: “I majored in science at Eastern Michigan and got my master’s degree in physical therapy at the University of Florida.”
Josh: “What do you value the most?”
Mrs. Washington: “Well, of course I value God, Jesus, my family, and then my work as a teacher.”
Josh: “Why did you choose to come to Sandalwood?”
Mrs. Washington: “I came to Sandalwood because my husband decided to move to this area.” (Laughs)
Josh: “Finally who is your favorite college team?”
Mrs. Washington: “My favorite team of course is the Gators.” (Laughs)
Mrs. Washington and Josh: “Go GATORS!”

Ms. Hayden
Interviewed by Tung Kwok

What do you teach?
-Biology and physical science

Where did you earn your degree(s)?
-University of Maryland for undergraduate, George Mason University for Masters and University of North Florida for another Masters.

How long have you been teaching?
-For 25 years

What do you value the most in students?
-“What I value the most is that they [students] try.”
Upcoming Events!
Mark your calendars Saints!
Black History Month: February
Valentine’s Day February 14
Early Release February 19
February 21: Miss Sandalwood at 7:00 p.m.
February 28: Mr. Ugly at 7:00 p.m.
Early Release March 12
Spring Break March 17-21
Early Release March 26
End of Third Nine Weeks April 1
Teacher Planning Day April 4
Early release April 9
Last Blood Drive April 15
Early Release April 16
Easter Holiday: April 18
Prom: April 19 at UNF
Grad Bash for Seniors: April 26
Last Early Release May 21
Memorial Day May 26
Graduation June 5 @ 1pm
Last Day of School June 6

Dream Big Sandalwood!
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Sandalwood ASL Concert
By Stefon Harris and Brenna Troup

On Dec. 18, 2013, Sandalwood’s American Sign Language classes hosted a Christmas concert, signing classics such as *Jingle Bell Rock, White Christmas*, and even Alvin and the Chipmunks, *Christmas Don’t be Late*. The cast included several classes of ASL. ASL students entertained the audience with a mixture of songs, dances, and interesting facts about both people who use sign language and the language itself. These facts included: “Not all deaf people are fully deaf, sometimes they can still hear a little bit,” and “American sign language is only used in America; in other places you would have to learn a completely new sign language.”

The ASL 3 & 4 students included Jessica Baade, Kelsey Beirne, Heather Bibile, Kristal Figueroa, Dayana Flores, Jessica Fowler, Melissa Frank, Marques Hackley, Victoria Holland, Aliya Lawrence, Amber Lee, Kaleigh McWhite, Gisella Mondragon, Skyler Noell, Jennifer Paulk, Kristen Smith, Ron Tucker, Jennifer Clifton, Casey Wagner, Krys Denson, Tina Chan, Allison Fernandez, Henry Correa, and Carol Kotur. With cheerful songs, dances, and interesting information, the ASL concert really started off the Christmas break right.

Band Winter Concert
By Kathleen Morais and Evany Robles

Trumpets blaring, flutes trilling and drums beating, the winter concert heralded the coming winter break with songs like “Grandma got run over by a reindeer,” “Ye banks and braes o’ bonnie dune,” and “Beethoven 9th.” This year was Ms. Manring’s first year as a Sandalwood teacher and a band director. Up to the challenge, our new director produced her first band winter concert on December 17, 2013 at 7pm. This concert put us all in the Christmas spirit before going on winter break. Overall it was a great winter band concert!