



St James High School School Summary Report



SJHS Definition of Rigor

Rigor is challenging students beyond their comfort zone to become lifelong learners in an environment where: “I can’t” is not accepted; “I will” is expected; and success is celebrated.

Shark Family Members,

We want to thank you for a great year! The students that walk through our doors each day are awesome! They, along with a teaching staff that is one of the most caring, dedicated, and compassionate ones that we have ever been associated with, have created an atmosphere that is warm, welcoming, and conducive to learning. We all hope that you get the welcoming feeling as you enter our doors. We are very proud of our test and survey results and realize the work that has to be put into our areas of concern. What great improvement has been made in our Algebra I, Biology, US History, SAT and student attendance to mention only a few! Our focus will be in continuing to move forward in these areas and to put strategies in place to improve our English I scores.

What a year of triumphs the sharks have had! Please take note of our celebrations page which does not even begin to name all our successes this year, from our academic team winning the district title and competing for the national title to our baseball team winning the state championship! We want to continue to implement our level of high expectations and rigor so that we all realize that being pretty good is not good enough.

Again, what an awesome year this has been and remember, sharks only move in one direction—forward.

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Mission Statement: The mission of St. James High School is to sustain a diverse and mutually respectful community with the common goal of empowering students to become lifelong learners prepared to excel in an evolving global society.

Celebrate 2010-11 with US!

St. James High School earned a Palmetto Gold award for improvement in end-of-year performance among African American students and a Palmetto Silver award for General Performance, having received Good Absolute and Growth ratings in 2010!

Varsity Girls Volleyball had a successful season with 1 player signing with a university this spring.

The Shark Academic Team won the HC Academic Olympics and competed in the NAQT National Championship in Atlanta.

The National Hispanic Honor Society participated in contests with NHH societies across the country.

SJHS Special Education Department coordinated Learners at Work, which placed 25 special education students in 12 MB business internships. Approximately 20% of the students were offered employment beyond these internships.

In its first year, the SJHS Green Club has beautified the school by recycling, picking up trash, putting out pine straw and weeding.

Our new Bible Club supported community charitable organizations such as the local animal shelter and assisting the homeless.

SJHS students and faculty participated in community fundraisers, including Cookies for Carol (Art Scholarships), American Heart Association, Salvation Army Canned Food Drive, Shoeboxes for Soldiers, and Feed the Homeless (Street Reach).

2010-11 marks HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) first year. One SJHS student placed in the HOSA state competition. The CATE department has also joined NTHS (National Technical Honor Society).

Under the leadership of Ethan Griggs, the Debate Team is working towards completing a great year.

The National Honor Society raised money with Festival of Trees to feed the hungry. Mr. SJH Pageant raised \$1000.00 to be donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. NHS gathered shoebox gifts for senior citizens at the Surfside Senior Center.

The Shark Attack journalism staff continues to produce cutting-edge media. Students launched Shark Attack TV, a weekly video newscast, to complement the printed newspaper and website. Its website won second place at the HCS Technology Fair.

The Musical Theatre Class as well as 22 other St. James students performed "Hello Dolly" to a sold out house. Susie Stanton received Outstanding Actor award at the SC Theatre Association High School Play Festival.

Chorale received Superior ratings at SCMEA Ensemble Festival. Bel Canto received Excellent at State Choral Festival and performed a pre-show concert at the Carolina Opry. 6 members of Bel Canto and Chorale placed in All-State Chorus.

Concert Band & Wind Ensemble received Superior ratings at State Concert Festival. Marching Band received the Overall Grand Champion award at the Beach Blast, 2 students were selected for All-State, 12 for All-Region and 18 for All-County Band.

Varsity Girls Soccer set a record with rank of 5th in State (9: 2). The team boasts a Toast of the Coast selection, Haley Lundquist.

Varsity Girls Tennis played in NO CUT Program, helped with MB Marathon, and maintained an A average for the 1st quarter.

Boys Cross Country set a new record of 17:02 by sophomore Billy Krier, who is also the Individual Champion in the Pee Dee Classic, Shark Invitational, Horry County, and Region. The team placed 5th in Lower State Championships and qualified for state.

Girls Cross Country placed 8th at Lower State, qualifying for state finals and record of 21:28 (Senior Tabatha Holmes).

Varsity Softball has completed over 180 combined hours of community service, qualified for State Playoffs for 6th straight year, and established the 1st Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Charity Softball Game.

SJHS Varsity Baseball won the State Championship and had 8 players sign with colleges and universities this spring. The Junior Varsity Baseball team currently sustained a winning season of 8-3..

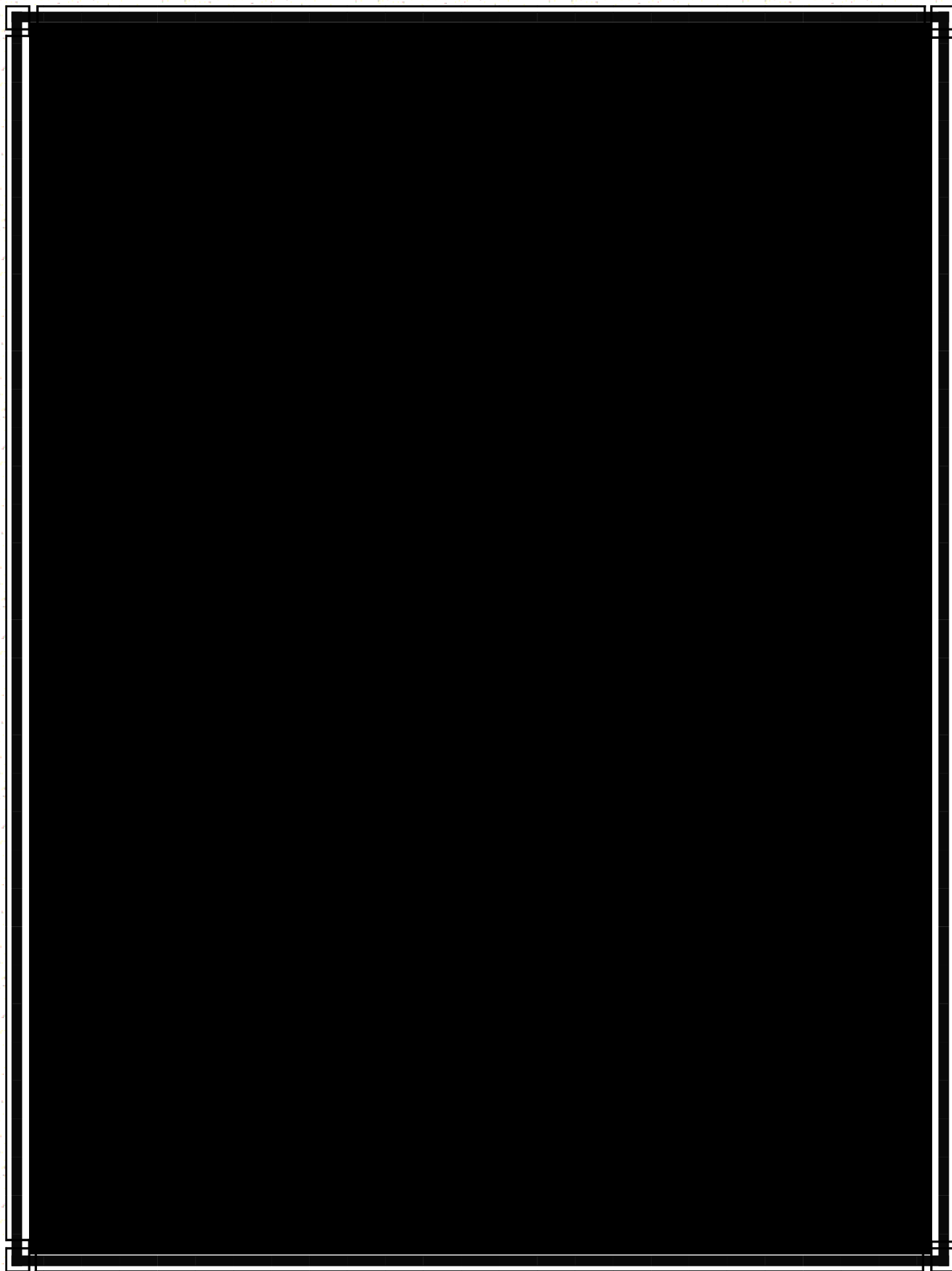
Lady Sharks Basketball finished second in the region, won 17 games, and Stephanie Roberts was named All Region, All WPDE Hoop Zone Team, Toast of the Coast, and US Army finalist; Briahana Dickerson and Tyeshia Allston were also names All Region.

SJHS Student Council hosted annual Powder Puff game, raising \$1000 for March of Dimes, Trick or Trunk, the Chik-fil-A Bowl raising \$1000, and sponsored a Strike-out Breast Cancer which has already raised \$500.

SJHS Frenzies not only raised spirits at pep rallies and football games, but also raised money for St. Jude's.

The Junior Varsity Football team finished with a 9-1 record.

The Wrestling team finished in the elite 4 in the state (20-7 record), were 2x region champs, and John Van Slooten became the school's first state champ. Jaime Bolduc finished 4th and Nuji Holmes finished 3rd as a 3 time All-State placer and North South team member.



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Actions Underway to Achieve Performance Goals

- SJHS continues to implement the *High Schools that Work* school improvement initiative, embracing such best practices as the Advisory “SEA” Program, Writing across the Curriculum, integration of 21st century skills and rigorous coursework, and building relationships.
- SJHS has increased its CATE and major offerings through its active involvement in *High Schools That Work*.
- In order to provide its students with a variety of rigorous coursework options, SJHS has now increased its Advanced Placement course offering to a total of fourteen Advanced Placement opportunities.
- The SJHS administrative team, curriculum specialist, guidance, faculty and staff are monitoring student attendance and achievement and providing interventions through phone calls home, conferences, special programs/placements (credit recovery, READ 180, Compass Odyssey, USA TestPrep, Achievement Series/Benchmark testing, HSAP Skills Course, SAT/ACT Prep Course, etc...), guidance referrals, after school tutoring, and extra help.
- Core subject area teachers are actively participating in professional learning communities to develop lesson plans, common units and assessments aligned to state standards/indicators and to utilize benchmark assessments and formal and informal assessments to effectively drive instruction.
- To increase student performance on college entrance exams, SAT/ACT Coaches and the school SAT/ACT Coordinator have implemented Mock ACT/SAT Exams, participated in an ACT writing field study, promoted TCA (SAT/ACT Prep Software Provided by HCS), and provided numerous communications to parents/guardians, students, and faculty resulting in increased awareness of extra help opportunities as well as overview information and test-taking strategies.
- Guidance Counselors are utilizing the College Readiness Profile to effectively advise students and parents/guardians in IGP conferences.
- Core subject area instructors are utilizing course placement rubrics to assist in making the most appropriate course recommendations for students.

St. James High School became an accredited high school in March 2004.