**Attention 8th Grade Families:**

**It’s time to begin thinking about high school and the awesome opportunities that are available for high school students in SJCSD**

**If you and your student are interested in learning more about Career Academies and Programs of Choice, please visit this information packed web site:**

**https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us**

**Here are some important upcoming dates for PBMS 8th Graders regarding Academies and Programs of Choice:**

* The **application window** begins on **January 8th and ends on February 5th**. Students may apply to up to three programs. Application is done through the student’s HAC account. Students are selected randomly through a lottery system. For selection purposes it does not matter when a student applies within that application window. Academic standing is not considered for application to Career Academies. Academic standing is considered for application to the IB and AICE programs.
* On **January 12th** there will be a **virtual High School Showcase** given by the St Johns County CTE that will showcase all of the various Career Academies and Programs of Choice throughout all of the SJCSD high schools. More information on this will be provided by the CTE Department soon.
* On **January 5th**, PBMS 8th graders will be receiving information in school by NHS representatives regarding the Academy opportunities at NHS.
* On **January 8th**, PBMS 8th graders will have the opportunity to speak with NHS, HHH, and SJTHS representatives during their lunch period so that they can ask any questions they may have regarding the opportunities at those high schools.

**For specific questions about specific Academies you may reach out to the respective school or the CTE Department at 547-7500.**

**You are welcome to reach out to Mr. Seifert, the 8th grade guidance counselor at PBMS, with any questions 547-8769**