

Week at the Creek

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Greetings!

I truly hope that everyone has had a chance to rest and recover after Hurricane Irma. Our teachers and staff have done a tremendous job of getting life back to "normal" here at school. This past week felt like the second first week of school! We have unfortunately had to postpone a few events, but look forward to fully planning and hosting them later in the year.

Due to the missed number of days during the storm, school will be in session on both Monday, October 16th (previously a Teacher Planning Day) and Friday, November 10th. The state waived 2 of the 6 days, and the SJCS D waived 2, leaving 2 to be made up.

Our first quarter report cards have also been delayed a week. Report cards will now be issued on Tuesday, October 31st.

Our PTO fundraiser, the Jog-a-Thon, will relaunch in October. Please pay attention to communications that come from PTO, as they will have more details forthcoming. This past Friday, our wonderful PTO sponsored an ice cream social/ book swap for students that met their reading goals over the summer. Students participated in a book drive earlier in the year, and those books were a part of the swap. Students had a great time with their classmates, eating ice cream and swapping for a new-to-them book!

Thank you for another great week!

Joy Reichenberg, Principal

Upcoming Events at HCES:

- 9/27 Dance Ensemble auditions after school
- 10/3 Box Tops Due
PTO Meeting, 1:00
SAC Meeting, 4:00
- 10/4 Wear GREEN for Responsibility
- 10/12 School Picture Day

**Each Wednesday is Early Release Day – 1:50 PM

**Each Friday is Spirit Wear Day



St. Johns County is one of the 37 counties designated in the FEMA Major Disaster Declaration. All students in St. Johns County can receive free school meals (breakfast and lunch) from September 18 through October 20, 2017. A la carte menu items will still be available for purchase. If you have questions, please call 904-547-8931. Mr. Parker will alert teachers of lunch choices each morning so students can make their selections. After October 20, we will resume advertising lunch choices in the newsletter.

"First we love them, then we teach them"



Attention all Running Club Members!

Running club will begin after school this Tuesday, September 26th! Please review any information sent out from Mr. Sheng regarding details surrounding this activity.



Band and Chorus News

Band and Chorus groups begin rehearsals this week.

Beginning and Advanced Band meet on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursday mornings at 7:20.

Chorus meets on Tuesdays after school until 3:45.

Please contact Mrs. Gauger for more information at

Rhonda.Gauger@stjohns.k12.fl.us



Join our awesome PTO!!

<http://www.hcepto.org/>

Contact our PTO to find out how to reserve the Hawk Rock!

- Collect Box Tops for Education! Our first day for submission of Box Tops is October 3, 2017.

On the Horizon: Jog a Thon relaunching in October!

Extended Day Corner

Some Reminders for the week:

Morning Extended Day parents, please walk your child into the cafeteria and sign them in.

October payments are due Monday, Oct. 2 by 6 pm.

When you have a dismissal change, please email your child's teacher and Ruth Sherwood by 1pm each day. I check with Mrs. Ruth each afternoon before dismissal to ensure I have all students in my care.

Kindergarten Parents: Please leave a spare set of clothing (including socks) with Mrs. Southworth in case of accidents.

After 3:15, classrooms are locked. If your child has forgotten homework, clothing, water bottles, etc., they will have to wait until the next school day to retrieve these items. Extended Day is not permitted to open up classrooms after teachers have gone for the day.

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Safety and Security Reminders

Please remember that in order to enter our building, you must first be a “cleared volunteer”. You can apply for this status online at:

<https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/>

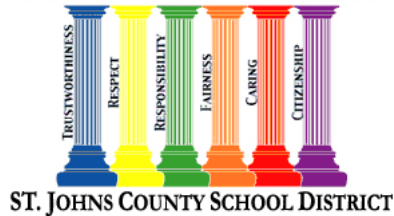
When coming to visit, please stop by the front desk and sign in to our Keep’nTrack system. You will need to be prepared to present your ID to whomever is working at the front desk for verification. Please wear your visitor badge whenever you are in the building to alert our employees that you have clearance to be in the building.

If you are looking to check your child out early, or pick them up in the event they are ill, please be prepared to show your identification. It is not always the same person working at the front desk, and our staff has been instructed to verify authorization before releasing a student to an adult.

Please remind your child to bring all of their belongings home. We are experiencing a number of parents and students who are trying to go back into the building after school hours to retrieve forgotten items. After the school day has ended, students should not try to enter back into the classrooms.

Thank you in advance for helping keep our students safe!

CHARACTER COUNTS!



This month’s Character Counts Pillar of the Month is Fairness.

Talk to your child about ways they can show fairness at school, when they play with friends in the neighborhood, and even on the sports field.

Hurricane Irma Local Relief Efforts

Our ASSIST program in St. Johns County is rallying efforts to help our citizens locally. Please visit the website below to find out more information:

<http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/homeless/donate/>

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