



# Week at the Creek

Week of December 13, 2021

Hawk families,

As we conclude our second semester, I would like to reflect on all the opportunities we have had thus far to celebrate our students. This week we celebrate our chorus. On Thursday, at 6:30PM, our chorus will perform Holiday Lights.

In addition to Holiday Lights, we are getting ready to announce our spring musical. Third through fifth grade students will get the opportunity to audition for a part. If your student is interested, please have them visit me this week for audition information. A reveal of the production will be made before Winter Break.

This week throughout the school we will be on the lookout for students that are demonstrating kindness. Our goal is to help our hallway Grinch grow his heart.

I look forward to another great week at the creek!

*Mrs. Yvette Cubero-Gonzalez*



## December

- 12/13-17 Holiday Shoppe
- 12/16 Holiday Lights Performance @ 6:30PM
- 12/21 EARLY RELEASE; Second Quarter Ends
- 12/22-31 NO SCHOOL: Winter Break

## January

- 1/1-1/4 NO SCHOOL: Winter Break
- 1/5 NO SCHOOL Teacher Planning Day
- 1/6 Classes Resume
- 1/12 PTO Spirit Night at Cold Stone Creamery
- 1/17 NO SCHOOL: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 1/19 Report Cards Issued

## Lunch Menu for Week of 12/13

*Breakfast is \$1.25, and lunch is \$2.80.*

### Monday 12/13

- Chicken Quesadilla OR
- Chicken Nuggets

### Tuesday 12/14

- BBQ Cheese Fries OR
- Chicken Sandwich

### Wednesday 12/15

- Chicken Nuggets OR
- Cheese Sticks

### Thursday 12/16

- Cheese Pizza OR
- Hot Dog

### Friday 12/17

- Cheeseburger OR
- Cheese Calzone



During morning drop off and afternoon pick up, HCE families **SHOULD NOT** park in the Swiss Pointe Middle School parking lot. This parking lot is not HCE property. We can use it as an overflow parking lot during school events, and with the permission of our neighbor school. *Students arriving and leaving in vehicles should use the car line drop off area.*

# PTO NEWS

## PDQ Gift Cards Make a Great Holiday Gift!

Support our PTO and get your holiday shopping done! We're selling \$10 PDQ gift cards for \$7. Print this [form](#) and turn in your order into your child's teacher.

## Holiday Shop

The Hickory Holiday Shop is December 13-17. This is a fun opportunity for students to shop for gifts for family and friends. Your child's teacher will let you know what day your class is scheduled to visit the shop. Most items sell for \$1-\$3.

## Royal Hawk Parking Spot Drawing

Give yourself the gift of skipping car line!

Purchase tickets for a chance to win one of TWO Royal Hawk Parking Spots. The winners get to bypass the pick-up line each afternoon! TWO names will be drawn on Monday, January 10.

Tickets can be purchased by visiting the following link.

<https://tools.ptoffice.com/Stores/2021-2022>

## Morning Drop Off Assistance

To be more efficient please follow the following recommendations:

- Have your student ready to exit the vehicle quickly
- Please pull up all the way to the crosswalk (2 additional cars makes a huge difference)
- Please follow any additional instructions provided

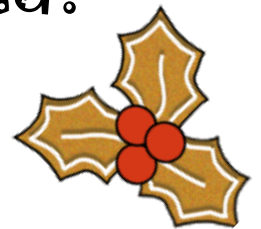
Please note if your student arrives AFTER patrols and adults have entered the building you MUST park and check them into the front office.



## Mini Spirit Week: Plan Ahead!

Monday, December 20: **Flannel Day**

Wear your coziest flannels.



Tuesday, December 21: **PJ Day**

Wear your PJs to school. Please make sure PJs follow the dress code.  
Please have your student wear PE/Recess appropriate shoes.



# HCE HOLIDAY SHOP

DECEMBER 13TH-17TH

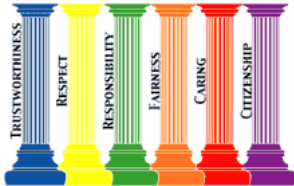
THIS IS A FUN OPPORTUNITY FOR KIDS TO SHOP FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

ITEMS ARE PRICED FROM \$.25-\$6 WITH MOST ITEMS SELLING FOR \$1-\$3.

**The CHARACTER COUNTS!** Steering Committee is calling all walkers, runners and fitness enthusiasts to participate in the CHARACTER COUNTS! 6K/3K Run/Walk on Saturday, February 5, 2022, at 9 a.m. The run/walk will begin and end at Palencia Elementary School located at 355 Palencia Village Drive, St. Augustine.

Walkers and runners will enjoy a course running through the neighborhoods of Kensington and Las Calinas and can choose to participate in the 6K (3.73 miles) or 3K (1.86 miles) distance.

## CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Registration fees are as follows:

6K: \$30 before January 1 \$35 January 1-January 31 \$40 on race day

3K: \$25 before January 1 \$30 January 1-January 31 \$35 on race day

Registration forms and more information are available online at

<https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/StAugustine/CHARACTERCOUNTSInStJohnsCountySixPillars6K3KRunWalk>

Race proceeds support CHARACTER COUNTS! initiatives throughout the St. Johns County School District (SJCS). The run/walk is open to all ages, and the top three winners will be awarded in each of the age categories as well as the overall male and female finishers. A cash donation will be awarded to the top three schools with the most registrants. In 2020, these schools were Palm Valley Academy, Valley Ridge Academy and Ocean Palms Elementary School. All race registrants will receive a t-shirt and other goodies from area businesses and organizations. At the finish line, each race participant will receive a commemorative item.

This event is produced by the CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee and is presented by Beaver Toyota with support from businesses and community groups. Action News Jax CBS47/FOX30 is the official media sponsor of this run/walk.

The SJCS, along with area businesses, youth organizations and civic groups, selected the national character education program of CHARACTER COUNTS! as a countywide initiative to instill positive character traits in young people throughout the county. Additionally, the SJCS became the first school district in Florida to implement Pursuing Victory With Honor in all of its athletic programs. Character education is an important part of every School Improvement Plan and a major component of the Student Code of Conduct and the school district's Strategic Plan.

## UPDATED COVID-19 Information

On 9/22/2021, the Department of Health updated their emergency rule (64DER21-15) to include instruction student quarantines.

- 1. Student quarantines: (3)(a) Parents or legal guardians of students who are known to have been in direct contact with an individual who received a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19 may choose one of the following options:**
  - a. 1. Allow the student to attend school, school-sponsored activities, or be on school property, without restrictions or disparate treatment, *so long as the student remains asymptomatic*; or**
  - b. 2. Quarantine the student for a period of time not to exceed seven days from the date of last direct contact with an individual that is positive for COVID-19.**

If you choose to keep your child home to quarantine, please call the District COVID Support Team at 904-547-8230 to report your child on quarantine.



If you have health-related quarantine questions, we have set up a quarantine call line at 904-819-1101. For more information, please visit our school district's [COVID Information web page](#).

### Schoology Information

- This tool will house communication and instructional materials from your child's class.
- This tool will be used as an instructional resource for instructional access during quarantined periods (*if needed*).

[Click here](#) to watch the parent technology session. Schoology and Microsoft Office were discussed.

#### How to create a parent account:

- Get your Parent Access Code from Home Access Center (HAC).
- Go to [Schoology.com](https://www.schoology.com).
- Create your parent account.
- For help creating an account [click here](#).

Other links to help troubleshooting:

[Parent Log in](#)

[How to link to your child's account](#)  
[District's Schoology page for parents](#)

### Absences

A [written note](#) is needed within 48 hours of returning to school stating the cause of the absence.

**Excused absences include personal illness, illness of an immediate family member, a death in the family, religious holidays of the student's established religious faith, required court or law agency appearances, public functions, state competitions, scheduled doctor or dentist appointments.**

For a complete list of excused and unexcused absences, refer to the [Student Code of Conduct](#)