



Week at the Creek

Week of February 14, 2022

Hawk Families,

This week our kindergarteners celebrated Valentine's Day with a breakfast. Our students dressed in their fanciest attire and celebrated with peers and family members in our café.

This month HCE is honoring Black History Month by incorporating biographies and stories that represent black culture and contributions to our world throughout instruction. In addition, our media center has created a display of award-winning text for students to review. As a culminating activity, teachers will decorate classroom doors for our classroom door decorating contest. Doors will be judged for creativity, student involvement, and information presented.

We have challenged our students to the "100 acts of kindness" challenge. Students are awarded a heart on our bulletin board if they are caught performing an act of kindness. Can we reach 100 by the end of the month?

Hope everyone enjoys the Superbowl this weekend, Go Bengals!

Mrs. Yvette Cubero-Gonzalez



February

2/21 NO SCHOOL: President's Day
2/22 Swiss Point Middle School Parent Night for Rising 6th graders (see flyer below)

March

3/1 SAC Meeting @ 4PM
3/4 PTO Meeting @ 8:45AM
3/4 Picture Day: Spring Individual Pictures
3/11 NO SCHOOL: Teacher Planning
3/14-3/18 NO SCHOOL: Spring Break
3/24-3/31 Scholastic Spring Book Fair
3/29 Report Cards Issued

April

4/5 FSA Writing – 4th and 5th graders
4/7-8 FSA ELA – 3rd graders

Lunch Menu for Week of 2/14

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

Monday 2/14

- Chicken Nuggets OR
- Chicken Quesadilla

Tuesday 2/15

- Mini Corn Dogs OR
- Mac n Cheese

Wednesday 2/16

- Chicken Sandwich OR
- Cheese Sticks

Thursday 2/17

- Pizza

Friday 2/18

- Cheeseburger OR
- Cheese Calzone



Please note: As we transition to our new food distributor, there may be unannounced menu changes.

SAC Needs Assessment Survey

We are already planning for the 2022-2023 school year! Your input is needed. Please take a moment to complete the SAC Needs Assessment Survey. We use data from this survey to plan for school improvement.

Please visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8km5m8>



PTO NEWS



The Loop Spirit Night

Our next Spirit Night is at The Loop on State Road 13.

Eat dinner on Tuesday, February 15 between 5:00-8:30 p.m. and be sure to tell the cashier you're with Hickory

Grandparents' Breakfast

Volunteers needed

We need parents to help make our Grandparents' Breakfast a Success. If you can help, please sign up here:

[HCE Grandparents Day Breakfast 2022 Volunteers](#)

Grandparents Breakfast

The Hickory Creek PTO invites our grandparents to have breakfast with their grandchildren before school.

Grandparents must be approved volunteers. To be approved, complete the school access form:

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

March PTO Meeting

Due to school scheduling conflicts, the date for our March PTO meeting was moved from the date set at the start of the year. *Our next meeting will now be Friday, March 4 at 8:45 a.m.*

Deputy Sally Carneiro's Corner

I have noticed over the past several weeks, an increase in parents parking in the parking lot in the mornings and walking their kids to the crosswalk. I have also witnessed parents trespassing by parking at Swiss Point Middle School and walking their children to Hickory Creek. Unfortunately, the same issue is happening in the afternoons. I understand morning drop off is quite busy, with close to 200 new students this year, however for the safety of all our children I am requesting parents follow the policy listed in the Hickory Creek Student Handbook. Please join the parent drop-off line and drop your children off with the safety patrol students. Crossing children at the crosswalk in the mornings additionally holds up traffic for vehicles exiting the school. Ms. Gonzalez has spoken to the Sheriff's Office Public Safety Assistant (PSA) supervisor to notify him of traffic build up in the mornings. Please be patient as they are training new PSA's in this area. It will not take long for traffic to begin to flow at a better rate.

For the issue of students arriving to school late (after 8:25am), I would suggest arriving to school closer to 8am when there is very little traffic. If your student is dropped off after 8:25am, you are required to park and walk your student into the front office and sign them in. It is not safe to send your student inside without your supervision. If you are wondering if you live in zone for your student to catch our school bus, please call Transportation at 904-547-7810.

FROM OUR HEARTS TO YOURS

Hickory Creek Elementary PTO invites you to a **GRANDPARENTS BREAKFAST**

Students Last Names A-I Monday, March 7th 7:30 am- 8:30 am	Students Last Names J-R Tuesday, March 8th 7:30 am- 8:30 am	Students Last Names S-Z Wednesday, March 9th 7:30 am- 8:30 am
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Please RSVP NO LATER than **March 1st** by visiting **HCEPTO.org**

Special Thanks to our Gold Sponsor:

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Due to the recent “Parents’ Bill of Rights”, F. S. 1014.06 – Parental Consent for Health Care Services, parents must give written consent in order for their child to access health care while at school. If you have not done so yet, please complete the [Parent Consent for Health Care Services Form](#) now or read an [FAQ about this new legislation](#).



UPDATED COVID-19 Information

As we see an increase in COVID19 cases in our community, please review the SJCSD protocols found at <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/covid-19/>. In addition, please take time to review the [Student Health Screening Entry Form](#). Should your child have any of the symptoms listed, please consider keeping them home. We may see an increase in mask use, while not mandated, it is an option for our families and staff. We will respect each other’s choice. If you are interested in desk shields for your child, please contact your child’s teacher directly.

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.

With the increase in COVID-19 numbers and need to make sure we are timely with our communication, we are asking parents to use an online form to report a positive student and we will adjust how we communicate with you regarding a positive COVID-19 case on campus.



To notify us of your child’s positive COVID-19 test result we are requesting that you complete the [Optional Positive Student Reporting Form](#). However, should you feel you need to discuss your child’s COVID-19 scenario in detail, please feel free to bypass the form and call the [District COVID Support Team at 904-547-8230](#).

When we receive information regarding a positive student, we will communicate to **all** parents in the classroom that there has been a positive case in your child’s class. In the past, we have only communicated to close contacts. By making this adjustment, we can notify parents faster and more efficiently.

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](#)



FORTIFYFL
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

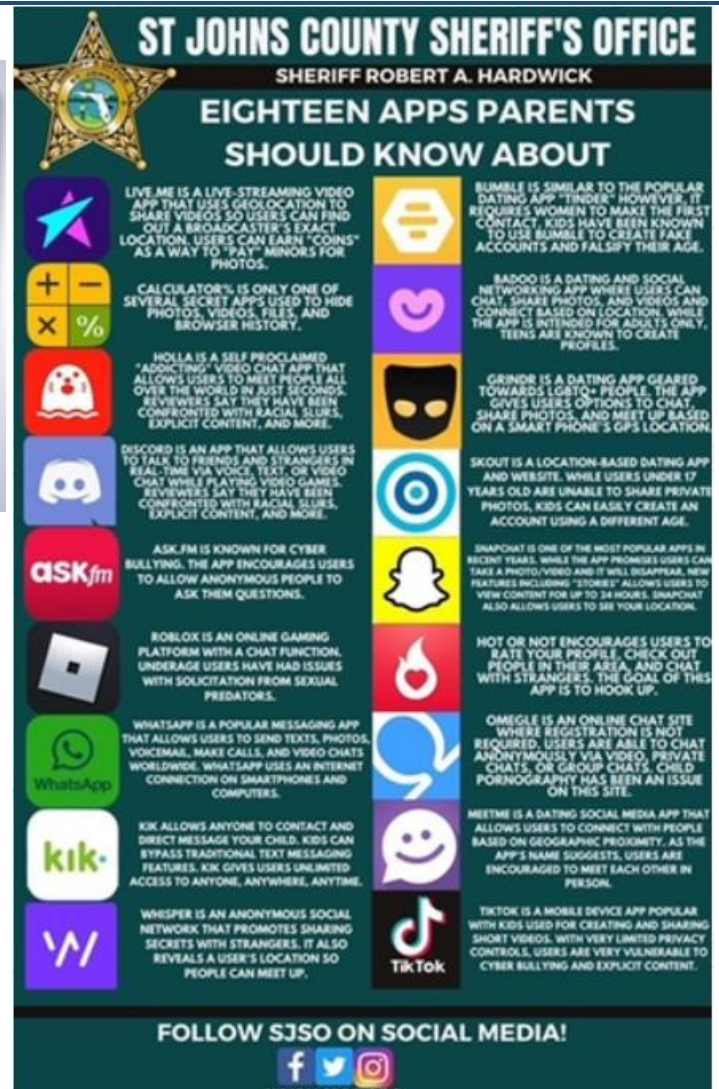
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The image shows a smartphone displaying the FortifyFL app interface with buttons for 'Report a Tip', 'Call 911', 'My Tips', 'About', and 'Settings'.

TEAMWORK

ST JOHNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SHERIFF ROBERT A. HARDWICK

EIGHTEEN APPS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

LIVE ME IS A LIVE-STREAMING VIDEO APP THAT USES GEOLOCATION TO SHARE VIDEOS SO USERS CAN FIND OUT A BROADCASTER'S EXACT LOCATION. USERS CAN EARN "COINS" AS A WAY TO "PAY" MINORS FOR PHOTOS.	BUMBLE IS SIMILAR TO THE POPULAR DATING APP "TINDER" HOWEVER, IT REQUIRES WOMEN TO MAKE THE FIRST CONTACT. KIDS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO USE BUMBLE TO CREATE FAKE ACCOUNTS AND FALSIFY THEIR AGE.
CALCULATOR% IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL SECRET APPS USED TO HIDE PHOTOS, VIDEOS, FILES, AND BROWSER HISTORY.	BADOO IS A DATING AND SOCIAL NETWORKING APP WHERE USERS CAN CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS, AND VIDEOS AND CONNECT BASED ON LOCATION. WHILE THE APP IS INTENDED FOR ADULTS ONLY, TEENS ARE KNOWN TO CREATE PROFILES.
HOLLA IS A SELF-PROCLAIMED "ADULT-ONLY" VIDEO CHAT APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO MEET PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD IN JUST SECONDS. REVIEWERS SAY THEY HAVE BEEN CONFRONTED WITH RACIAL SLURS, EXPLICIT CONTENT, AND MORE.	GRINDR IS A DATING APP GEARED TOWARDS LGBTQ+ PEOPLE. THE APP GIVES USERS OPTIONS TO CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS, AND MEET UP BASED ON A SMART PHONE'S GPS LOCATION.
DISCORD IS AN APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO TALK TO FRIENDS AND STRANGERS IN REAL-TIME VIA VOICE, TEXT, OR VIDEO CHAT WHILE PLAYING VIDEO GAMES. REVIEWERS SAY THEY HAVE BEEN CONFRONTED WITH RACIAL SLURS, EXPLICIT CONTENT, AND MORE.	SKOUT IS A LOCATION-BASED DATING APP AND WEBSITE. WHILE USERS UNDER 17 YEARS OLD ARE UNABLE TO SHARE PRIVATE PHOTOS, KIDS CAN EASILY CREATE AN ACCOUNT USING A DIFFERENT AGE.
ASK.FM IS KNOWN FOR CYBER-BULLYING. THE APP ENCOURAGES USERS TO ALLOW ANONYMOUS PEOPLE TO ASK THEM QUESTIONS.	SNAPCHAT IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR APPS IN RECENT YEARS. WHILE THE APP PROMISES USERS CAN TAKE A PHOTO/VIDEO AND IT WILL DISAPPEAR, NEW FEATURES INCLUDING "STORIES" ALLOWS USERS TO VIEW CONTENT FOR UP TO 24 HOURS. SNAPCHAT ALSO ALLOWS USERS TO SEE YOUR LOCATION.
ROBLOX IS AN ONLINE GAMING PLATFORM WITH A CHAT FUNCTION. UNDERAGE USERS HAVE HAD ISSUES WITH SOLICITATION FROM SEXUAL PREDATORS.	HOT OR NOT ENCOURAGES USERS TO RATE YOUR PROFILE, CHECK OUT PEOPLE IN THEIR AREA, AND CHAT WITH STRANGERS. THE GOAL OF THIS APP IS TO HOOK UP.
WHATSAPP IS A POPULAR MESSAGING APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO SEND TEXTS, PHOTOS, VOICEMAILS, MAKE CALLS, AND VIDEO CHATS WORLDWIDE. WHATSAPP USES AN INTERNET CONNECTION ON SMARTPHONES AND COMPUTERS.	OMIGLE IS AN ONLINE CHAT SITE WHERE REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED. USERS ARE ABLE TO CHAT ANONYMOUSLY VIA VIDEO, PRIVATE CHATS, OR GROUP CHATS. CHILD PORNOGRAPHY HAS BEEN AN ISSUE ON THIS SITE.
KIK ALLOWS ANYONE TO CONTACT AND DIRECT MESSAGE YOUR CHILD. KIDS CAN BYPASS TRADITIONAL TEXT MESSAGING FEATURES. KIK GIVES USERS UNLIMITED ACCESS TO ANYONE, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.	MEETME IS A DATING SOCIAL MEDIA APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO CONNECT WITH PEOPLE BASED ON GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY. AS THE APP'S NAME SUGGESTS, USERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MEET EACH OTHER IN PERSON.
WHISPER IS AN ANONYMOUS SOCIAL NETWORK THAT PROMOTES SHARING SECRETS WITH STRANGERS. IT ALSO REVEALS A USER'S LOCATION SO PEOPLE CAN MEET UP.	TIKTOK IS A MOBILE DEVICE APP POPULAR WITH KIDS USED FOR CREATING AND SHARING SHORT VIDEOS, WITH VERY LIMITED PRIVACY CONTROLS. USERS ARE VERY VULNERABLE TO CYBER-BULLYING AND EXPLICIT CONTENT.

FOLLOW SJSO ON SOCIAL MEDIA!
[f](#) [t](#) [i](#) [g](#)
 WWW.SJSO.ORG

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

**RISING 6TH GRADE
NIGHT**

Switzerland Point Middle School

777 Greenbriar Rd.

St. Johns, FL 32259



**February
22nd
5:30 pm**

GET READY FOR 2022-23

**THIS NIGHT IS ORGANIZED TO
WELCOME OUR RISING 6TH
GRADE FAMILIES AND TO
ASSIST WITH COURSE
SELECTIONS FOR THE 2022-23
SCHOOL YEAR.**

HIGHLIGHTS:

- MEET PTO MEMBERS!
- LEARN ABOUT SPMS CORE AND ELECTIVE COURSES OFFERED!
- CHAT WITH SPMS STAFF TO GET ASSISTANCE IN PLANNING FOR THE BEST YEAR!

Parking will be in the back of the school. You will enter through the cafeteria and be directed where to go.

Please RSVP to ensure proper COVID protocols using the QR code.

