



Week at the creek

November 13, 2023

Hawk families,

We are so grateful for all the men and women who have served and currently serve our country. If you have not had a chance, please complete the template shared for our Wall of Honor. Our Wall of Honor will remain up throughout the month of November. This year we also want to invite Veterans to our first chorus performance of the school year! More information on page 3 of our newsletter.

This week we kick off HCE Stockings for Soldiers. Please review the suggested items for our collection and send any items to your child's homeroom teacher (please see page 3 of our newsletter).

As the holidays approach, we understand that there are families traveling to visit families out of state and even out of the country. While we can plan for these absences and provide some make-up work, please know these absences are considered unexcused. For more information, please review the [Student Code of Conduct](#).



NOVEMBER

- 11/6 PTO Monthly Meeting @ 3:30PM
- 11/7 SAC Meeting @ 4:00PM
- TBD Veteran's Day Chorus Performance
- 11/10 NO SCHOOL: Veteran's Day
- 11/15 Fund Run
- 11/16 Interim Reports Issued (on HAC)
- 11/17 Picture Retakes
- 11/22-11/24 NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 12/11-12/15 Holiday Shoppe
- 12/18 PTO Sponsored: Staff Cookie Exchange
- 12/21 Second Quarter Ends
- 12/22-31 NO SCHOOL: Winter Break

LUNCH MENU FOR Week Of 11/13

Breakfast is \$1.75; Lunch \$3.25

Monday

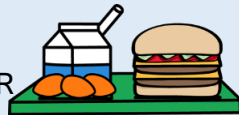
- Chicken Nuggets OR
- Garlic Ripstick

Tuesday

- Hot Dog OR
- Mac and Cheese

Wednesday

- BBQ Chicken Quesadilla OR
- Grilled Cheese Sandwich



Thursday

- Cheese Pizza OR Pepperoni Pizza OR
- Mini Corn Dogs

Friday

- Hamburger or Cheeseburger OR
- Cheese Sticks

Please visit our [website](#) for additional information on our Cafeteria policies, monthly menus, and additional purchase options.

HCE Lunch Visits

November Lunch Visits

Please know that to participate you **MUST** be a cleared volunteer. If you have not had a chance to fill out our access form, please do so now at: <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/>.

Please follow the directions on the HCE Lunch Visit sign up. Once you are done with your lunch visit, please exit the building through the main office.

We look forward to your visit.



RED, WHITE & BLAST FUND RUN



REGISTER
HERE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

REGISTRATION OPENS
OCTOBER 24TH



**Hickory's Heart
Holiday Food Drive
Thursday, November 16
Morning Drop-Off, 8:00-8:25**



** We prepare larger boxes to go home for long holiday breaks, so family-sized meal items are greatly appreciated. As always, you can send unexpired, non-perishable items to school with your child (bagged & labeled as Hickory's Heart donations) OR you can drop them in the HH basket in the HCE lobby.*

*Mini Marshmallows

*Cornbread Mix

*Stuffing Mix

*Canned Pumpkin/Apple

*Rice & Beans

*Canned Green Beans

*Meal Kits (taco kit, hamburger helper,
etc.)

*Chicken Broth

*Cranberry Sauce

*Gravy Mix

*Pie Shells

*Pancake Mix & Syrup

*Canned Corn

*Instant Mashed Potatoes

*Cake/Brownie Mix

*Frosting

*Peanut Butter & Jelly

*Boxed Pasta & Pasta Sauce

*Canned Yam/Sweet Potato

*Cream of Mushroom Soup

Hickory's Heart, providing support to our own HCE families, would not be possible without your generosity. THANK YOU!

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HICKORY CREEK STOCKINGS FOR SOLDIERS

NOVEMBER 13-DECEMBER 8

This year Hickory Creek would like to send some holiday joy to our troops. We want to let our troops know that we are thinking of them and their families by filling their stockings with holiday cheer and goodies that remind them of home.

Suggested Items

Foods items* such as:

tuna, beef jerky, cookies, mini candy bars, pretzels, nuts, ramen noodles, gum

Food must be pre-packaged

Products such as:

toothbrushes and small toothpastes, ChapStick, mini sized toiletry bottles, hand warmers, crossword puzzles, sudoku and letters of appreciation from students



Veteran's Day Wall of Honor

HCE is honored to recognize Veterans and active military family members. Please use the template attached to the Week at the Creek email. Complete the template and send to your student's teacher. We will create a Wall of Honor in our main hallway.



Chorus Performance Dedicated to Veterans

Our chorus has been practicing patriotic songs and would love to perform and dedicate a performance to our Veterans. If you are currently serving or have served in our military or armed forces, please join us on Thursday, November 16 at 9AM. Please note that you must be a cleared volunteer: [School Access](#).





Home Access Center



The Home Access Center (HAC) is a web-based application and where you will find transportation information, student data, student grades, and how you will access your student's report card.

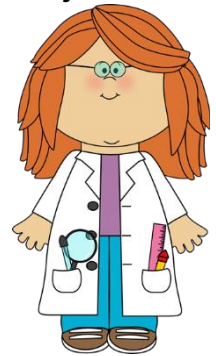
Please visit the website below to access to sign up for an account:

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/>.

ILLNESS and Prevention Guidelines

As flu season approaches, it is very important to follow the [SJCS D illness and prevention guidelines](#). Please do not send a student to school if they have any of the following symptoms:

- Fever of 100.4 or greater
- Chills
- General tiredness or not feeling good
- Frequent congested (wet) or croup-sounding cough
- Lots of nasal congestion with frequent blowing of nose
- Vomiting (even just once)
- Diarrhea
- Stomach pain that is accompanied by repeated vomiting or diarrhea. Note: if you child complains of stomach pain for several days, you should call your doctor for advice.
- Symptoms of cold or flu



Our students and staff thank you for your help in keeping everyone healthy!

Please note, in order to sign-in to our lobby computer as a volunteer, you **MUST** be a cleared volunteer and you **MUST** have a driver's license. Please follow the directions posted on the computer to sign in.

Ruth, our receptionist, can also help.

Please visit our site regarding school access:

<https://www-hce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>



MEDIA CENTER CORNER

TO ACCESS OUR SSYRA Lists:

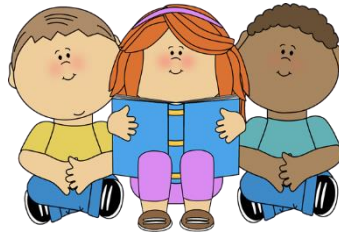
[SSYRA Junior Book List \(K-2\)](#)

[SSYRA Book List \(3-5\)](#)

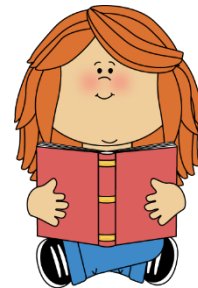
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Absences

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*.

Unexcused absences include: shopping trips, pleasure trips**, suspension from school, appointments without prior approval except in case of emergency, truancy, and other avoidable absences.

For a complete list of excused and unexcused absences, refer to page 18 in the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

AUDITION INFORMATION

Third through Fifth grade students will have the opportunity to audition on November 27, November 29, or November 30. A Sign-Up Genius will be shared with families, students **MUST** sign up for an audition slot. Auditions will be about 10 minutes long. Take time over the Thanksgiving Break to prepare for the audition.

Auditions are limited and its first come, first serve. The time together will consist of:

- A monologue
 - Please see attached monologue selections
 - Select one monologue
 - Memorization is highly encouraged.
- A 1-minute vocal sample
 - Student can bring accompaniment OR sing acapella
 - Song selection can be from a musical OR a song on the radio
 - IF AUDITIONING FOR A LEAD CHARACTER, STUDENTS MUST SING A SONG FROM THAT CHARACTER
- A sample of choreography
- For some students: cold read from the script
 - Judges will have a sample from the script
 - Judges will select what character to read for

Please note that not all students that audition will be selected. We are looking for at least 30 students for the production. This is a high interest show; there will be students that audition that might not be in the cast. This is an annual tradition, therefore if not selected this year you can audition again next school year 😊.

Available Roles: Please note that no role is too small. Ensemble members will be on stage a lot. Lots of singing, dancing, and choreography planned for our ensemble.

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| • Matilda Wormwood*+ | • Mrs. Phelps* |
| • Eric | • Escapologist |
| • Amanda | • Acrobat |
| • Bruce*+ | • Miss Honey*+ |
| • Hortensia | • Agatha Trunchbull*+ |
| • Alice | • Rudolpho |
| • Tommy | • Sergei |
| • Lavender | • Ensemble (15 students) |
| • Nigel | |
| • Mr. Wormwood* | |
| • Mrs. Wormwood* | |
| • Michael | |

*Lead Roles

+Must sing a song from this character to be considered for the role.

