



Week at the creek

December 18, 2023

OUR Hawk FAMILY
WISHES YOUR FAMILY A
Merry Christmas
AND A VERY
HAPPY NEW YEAR!



DECEMBER

12/18 PTO Sponsored: Staff Cookie Exchange
12/21 Second Quarter Ends
12/21 Early Dismissal @ 1:45PM
12/22-31 NO SCHOOL: Winter Break

JANUARY

1/1-3 NO SCHOOL: Winter Break
1/4 NO SCHOOL: Teacher Planning Day
1/5 NO SCHOOL: Teacher Inservice Day
1/15 NO SCHOOL: MLK, Jr Day
1/17 Report Cards Issued via HAC

Lunch Menu: Weeks of 12/18

Breakfast is \$1.75; Lunch \$3.25

Monday

- Chicken Slider Biscuit
- French Toast Sticks

Tuesday

- Penne Pasta
- Chicken Nuggets

Wednesday

- Chicken Sandwich
- Pepperoni Clazone

Thursday

- Cheese Pizza OR Pepperoni Pizza OR
- Mini Corn Dogs

Friday

- NO SCHOOL



HCE Lunch Visits

December Lunch Visits

*Please note that there are **NO** photos or videotaping allowed in our cafeteria. Some students are on a do not photograph list. Please honor this request. If you are spoken to about this, you will not be able to eat in the cafeteria with your student for the remainder of the year.*

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.

We look forward to your visit.

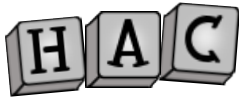
Congratulations to our **HICKORY CHORUS!** They performed at our **WINTER CONCERT** under the direction of Mr. Jonathan Woodbine. We are so proud! Special thank you to Holly Quick and Daniel Espinoza with help on music and tech.



Birthday and HOLIDAY Treats



Families can bring in birthday and holiday treats that are prepackaged, store bought, and/or boxed items. Please do not send in homemade treats. Please contact the teacher 24 hours prior to bringing in any edible treats. The treat must be pre-approved by the teacher for potential allergens. The safety and health of all students is a priority.



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/>.

Join the **CHARACTER COUNTS!** Steering Committee for its 11th **ANNUAL CHARACTER COUNTS! 6K/3K RUN/WALK ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024, 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.

Registration fees are as follows:

6K Walk/Run

\$30 before January 1

\$35 January 1 – February 2

\$40 on race day

3K Walk/Run

\$25 before January 1

\$30 January 1 – February 2

\$35 on race day



More information can be found here:
<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/news/cc-run-walk-2024/>

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](#).

Let's celebrate winter break in
style!

Hickory Creek Elementary School Holiday Spirit Week

DECEMBER 14 - 21



Thursday 12/14: Holiday Headgear: Christmas/winter hats, headbands, hair and or scarves.



Friday 12/15: Cozy Christmas socks or mismatched socks.
(does not need to be Christmas theme)



Monday 12/18: Christmas Spirit Day. Wear your festive attire or Ugly Sweaters!



Tuesday 12/19: Candy Cane Kindness Day. Wear your candy cane colors and bring in a candy cane to give to a friend!



Wednesday 12/20: Grinch Day. Dress as your favorite Whoville citizen.



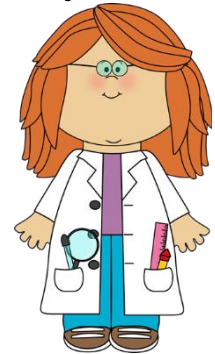
Thursday 12/21: Long Winter's Nap. Wear your pajamas (Christmas/ Holiday style if you have them.)

School dress codes apply all week. Please no face paint.

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 your 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/>

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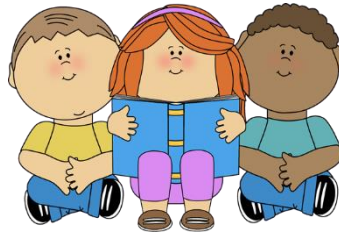
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