



Week at the Creek

September 16, 2024

Hawk families,

Our PTO has rescheduled our Back to School Bash! We will host our Back to School Bash on Thursday, September 19th from 5PM-7PM. We will have face painting, games, prizes, Taekwondo, vendors, and food trucks! Please come join the fun!

We have a busy couple of weeks coming up! We are celebrating Constitution Day, Celebrate Freedom Week, and Hispanic Heritage Month. We will host our first Donuts with Grownups for PK and K!

Your student's teacher should contact you to schedule a first quarter conference in October. Please make sure to sign up for a slot!

Please make sure that you continue to visit our website for the most up-to-date information regarding our school: <https://www-hce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>.

Spirit Day EVERY Friday!

Wear your HCE spirit wear



September

9/20 NO SCHOOL: Teacher Inservice Day

9/25 PTO Sponsored: Donuts with Grownups PK and K

9/26 Picture Day

October

10/1 SAC Monthly Meeting @ 4PM

10/11 PTO Sponsored: Movie Night

10/11 First Quarter Ends

10/14 NO SCHOOL: Teacher Planning Day

10/16 PTO Sponsored: Donuts with Grownups 1st Gr

10/20 PTO Sponsored: Parent/Daughter Dance

November

11/1 PTO Sponsored: Tailgate Lunch for Staff

11/11 NO SCHOOL: Veteran's Day

11/13 Fund Run

Lunch Menu for Week of 9/9

Breakfast is \$1.75; Lunch \$3.25

Monday

- Chicken Nuggets
- Loaded Philly Tots
- Pappa Johns (a la cart \$2)*

Tuesday

- Hot Dog
- Mac and Cheese

Wednesday

- BBQ Chicken Quesadilla
- Grilled Cheese

Thursday

- Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
- Mini Corndogs

Friday

- NO SCHOOL

*PLEASE NOTE THAT STUDENTS MUST HAVE MONEY IN THEIR ACCOUNT TO PURCHASE PAPPA JOHNS.



HCE Lunch Visits

September 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.

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.

Celebrate Freedom Week

September 23-27



Celebrate Freedom Week in Florida is a chance for all of us to learn about the sacrifices made for freedom in the founding of this country and the values on which this country was founded. Our students will participate in lessons and

activities all week long. In addition, we will have a Celebrate Freedom Spirit Week:

Monday: Patriot Day-wear red, white, blue, stars or stripes

Tuesday: America's Favorite Past Time-wear sports gear

Wednesday: Hats Off to Freedom!-wear hats

Thursday: Pursuit of Happiness Day-wear things that make you happy/grateful

Friday: Celebrate Freedom-School Spirit Day



DISMISSAL CHANGES

DISMISSAL CHANGES are accepted until 2:00 p.m. (M, T, TH, F) and 1:00 p.m. (W).

EARLY CHECK-OUTS (for any reason) must be completed by 2:10 (M, T, TH, F) and 1:10 p.m. (W).

Your respect for our dismissal policy helps maintain safety and security as we complete attendance/check-out reports accurately before students prepare for and move to their dismissal stations. It is often very difficult to locate students or get them ready to leave early during the last minutes prior to dismissal bell. Teachers and students are completing lessons, packing up, or on the move to dismissal stations.

Please use the [Dismissal Change Form](#) found on the HCE website.



10 Facts About School Attendance



Fact

Half of students who miss 2-4 days in September will go on to miss nearly a month of school.

Fact

An estimated 5 million to 7.5 million U.S. students miss nearly a month of school each year.

Fact

Poor attendance can influence whether kids read proficiently by grade 3 or be held back.

Fact

By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.

Fact

Research shows that missing only an average of 2 days a month negatively affects academic performance.

Fact

Excused and unexcused absences have the same negative effect on student academic performance.

Fact

Low income students are 4 times more likely to be chronically absent.

Fact

When a student improves attendance, they improve their chances of graduating.



Fact

Attendance improves with parent participation and mentors for chronically absent students.

Fact

Many schools only track unexcused absences, when they should be tracking excused as well.



SCHOOL ACCESS

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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VPK & KINDERGARTEN

Donuts with Grown-ups



**SEPTEMBER 25TH
7:30AM - 8:25AM
HCE CAFETERIA**

**Register by 9/18 at:
bit.ly/DonutsVPKandK**



**SCAN TO
REGISTER**

Chick-fil-A Drive-Thru Fundraiser



SOUTH MANDARIN

11709 San Jose Blvd
Jacksonville, FL 32223
Next to Brooks Rehab/Across
from Baileys Gym and Dogtown

Thursday, September 26, 2024 6:00AM–8:00PM



Help support Hickory Creek Elementary PTO

20% of their net sales donated back help to fund
large school wide projects and filling class specific
needs for Hickory Creek Elementary.

Must mention the fundraiser or Hickory Creek Ele-
mentary when ordering. **Drive -Thru only.**

Hispanic Heritage Month

(September 15-October 15)

Hispanic Heritage Month takes place September 15 to October 15 every year as a time to recognize and celebrate the many contributions, diverse cultures, and extensive histories of the American Latino community. Our teachers are incorporating read alouds focused on Hispanic characters or traditional narratives, mini lessons, research projects, and we have a hallway decorating activity school wide! Our classrooms will focus on one Hispanic country and represent that country with a display in our halls. In addition, we will read a quote from a famous Hispanic American all month long.



Home Access Center

The Home Access Center (HAC) is a web-based application that is part of our Student Information System called eSchoolPlus.

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

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



This system provides parents and students with a daily summary page, schedule and attendance, discipline information, class work, test scores and course requests for all students in grades 3-5. This is also where families can access their student's interim report and report card. If you need assistance with your account, please contact our Computer Operator, Lizeth Antonetti.

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 the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

DANCE WITH THE
BARTRAM TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL

BEAR CUBS

Join the dance team at the gym!

Practice: October 19th, 9-11am

Game: October 25th

Cost: \$50/Dancer



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Scan to Register & Pay



Cell Phones and Other Wireless Devices*

Page 26 on [the Student Code of Conduct](#) states:

Students may possess cellular telephones and other wireless communication devices at school, on buses, and at school functions. However, **they must be turned off**, stored in student's backpack, purse, locker or vehicle. **The device shall not be used during the school day without administrative approval or on school buses to and from school.** Upon administrative approval, use is limited between classes and during lunch only. Students may not use a wireless communication device during instructional time, except when expressly directed by a teacher solely for educational purposes. Failure to comply may result in the device being confiscated. Repeated failure to comply will be considered defiance of school rules.



*Wireless devices include smart watches. All smart watches should be on Airplane Mode while on campus. Texting, making, or receiving calls, and/or recordings on a smart watch are not allowed. Failure to comply may result in the device being confiscated.

MEDIA CENTER CORNER

To access our SSYRA Books and Information 24-25: [SSYRA](#)

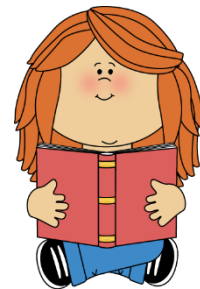
Search library catalog here:



Submit a purchase recommendation here:



Access Parental Choice Library Book Restriction Form** here:



**Parents may utilize this form to restrict titles their child may check out in the school library.