



# Week at the Creek

February 10, 2025

Hawks,

Last Friday we celebrated our Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Gemma Fitzpatrick, and our Rookie Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Kristina Pietri at the annual SJCSO Teacher of the Year Banquet. They represented Hickory Creek well!



This Tuesday night our chorus will host a concert to celebrate love and Black History Month. The songs that our students will perform have one theme: love. All songs are written or performed by Black artists. See page 3 for more information.

SJCSO is in the process of selecting a new Superintendent of Schools. Please share your input by completing this [SURVEY](#).

## Spirit Day EVERY Friday!

Wear your HCE spirit wear



## February

- 2/11 Interim Reports Issued
- 2/11 PTO Meeting @ 3:30PM
- 2/11 Chorus Concert
- 2/14 NO SCHOOL: Teacher Inservice/Planning Day
- 2/17 NO SCHOOL: President's Day
- 2/19 PTO Sponsored: Donuts with Grownups 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

## March

- 3/1 Open Enrollment for 25-26 School Year
- 3/4 SAC Monthly Meeting @ 4:00PM
- 3/11 PTO Monthly Meeting @ 3:30PM
- TBD Night of the Arts
- 3/12, 3/13 Field Day (scheduled to be shared)
- 3/14 NO SCHOOL: Teacher Planning Day
- 3/17-3/21 NO SCHOOL: Spring Break
- 3/27 Report Cards Issued
- 3/27 Spring Portraits
- 3/28 Needs Assessment Survey Closes

## Lunch Menu for Week of 2/10

Breakfast is \$1.75; Lunch \$3.25

### Monday

- Chicken Slider Biscuit
- French Toast
- Papa Johns Pizza

### Tuesday

- Penne Pasta with Meatballs
- Penne Pasta with Marinera Sauce

### Wednesday

- Homestyle Chicken Sandwich
- BBQ Turkey Sandwich
- Pepperoni Calzone

### Thursday

- Cheese OR Pepperoni Pizza
- Mini Corn Dogs

### Friday

- NO SCHOOL



\*PLEASE NOTE THAT STUDENTS MUST HAVE MONEY IN THEIR ACCOUNT TO PURCHASE PAPPA JOHNS. *Please check your student's balance weekly.*

## HCE Lunch Visits

### February 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 sign up. We look forward to your visit.

# HCC Needs Assessment Survey

Please use the link below to complete the Hickory Creek Needs Assessment Survey presented by our School Advisory Council (SAC). Your feedback is anonymous and valued deeply by the school. The survey will only take 5-10 minutes of your time, and we ask that you answer all questions. **Only one survey completion per household is needed.** The Survey will remain open until the end of the day, on March 28<sup>th</sup>. For every 100 surveys completed, the entire school will earn a reward:

- ✓ 100 surveys---**Pajama Day!**
- 200 surveys---**Dress Like a Staff Member Day!**
- 300 surveys---**Decade Day**—dress like your favorite decade..50's, 60's, 70's etc.

And if we make it beyond these levels, stay tuned for more fun!

Thank you for making Hickory Creek an even better place! Let your voice be heard!

We listen and grow from constructive feedback;

we also enjoy hearing positive feedback too! 😊

Questions? You can email, Laura Eads, SAC Chair and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher at [Laura.eads@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Laura.eads@stjohns.k12.fl.us).

[Needs Assessment Survey Link](#)

# Black History Month

In addition to our State Standards and curriculum materials, Hickory Creek will celebrate Black History Month throughout the month of February.

- **Door contest:** Each classroom will identify a Black American that has contributed to the area(s) of science, arts, literature, technology, invention. Students will do the research, and classroom doors will be decorated with student work/research.
- **Black History Month Morning Announcements:** Every day we will read a famous quote regarding resiliency, respect, and/or achievement.
- **Chorus:** Our chorus is preparing a concert. The title is *Heart and Soul*. All songs have the theme of love, and all songs are composed/performed by a Black artist.
- **Media Center:** Our Media Specialist showcases and reads books written by black authors all month.



THE HICKORY CREEK MUSIC PROGRAM PRESENTS:

# Heart & Soul

*A Celebration of Love and Black History*

Tuesday, Feb. 11th  
@6pm in the Cafeteria

featuring:  
**THE HICKORY CREEK CHORUS**  
**THE HICKORY CREEK CHAMBER CHOIR**  
&  
**THE HICKORY CREEK PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE**

Doors open @5:45pm  
No admission fee







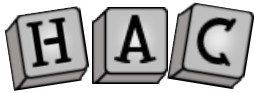
# DISMISSAL CHANGES

**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.



## 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.

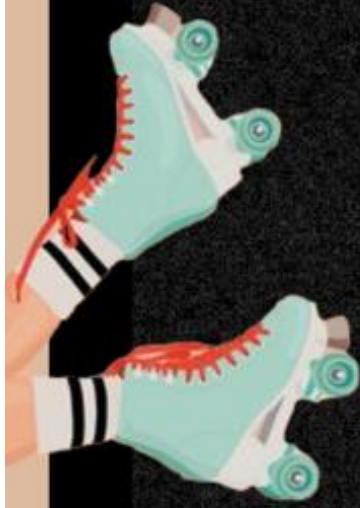
## Absences

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](#).

# PARENT SON



## Skate Night

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH  
4PM - 7PM**

SKATE STATION MANDARIN  
3461 KORI RD., JACKSONVILLE, FL 32257

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT  
**[HCEPTO.ORG/SKATE](https://hcepto.org/skate)**

DEADLINE 2/21

**\$10 PER  
PERSON**

INCLUDES SKATE RENTAL,  
SLICE OF PIZZA & DRINK

Adult must accompany student.





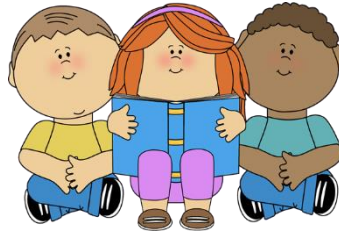
# MEDIA CENTER CORNER

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

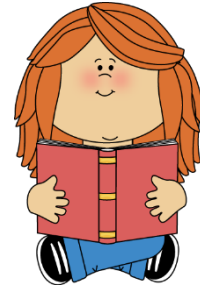
Search library catalog here:



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.*

## 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.*

## 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/>

