



Week at the Creek

August 11, 2025

Hawk families,
We cannot wait to officially start the 2025-2026 school year! Our teachers are working hard to get classrooms and instructional areas ready to welcome our students. Please know that our teachers are just as eager to start this school year as your children. This newsletter is being published before the start of school to communicate some procedures and other information families need to kick off our school year. We will continue to publish "Week at the Creek" weekly. Week at the Creek will be shared with our families every Friday at 6PM and will contain information pertaining to that upcoming week. We are so excited to welcome you back to our building.

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/>.

Mrs. Yvette Cubero-Gonzalez



August

8/7 MYT*: PK-2nd and 5th Grades
8/8 MYT*: HAWK Stars and 3rd-4th Grades
8/11 First Day of School
8/11-14 Staggered Start for Kindergarten Students
8/15 New Hawks Parent Social in Café @ 8:45AM

September

9/1 NO SCHOOL: LABOR DAY
9/2 SAC Monthly Meeting @ 4:00PM
9/9 K, 2, 4 and HAWK Stars Curriculum Night
9/9 PTO Monthly Meeting @ 3:30PM
9/10 Interim Reports
9/11 PK, 1, 3, 5, Curriculum Night
9/19 NO SCHOOL: Teacher Inservice Day
9/24 PTO Sponsored: Pastries with Families PK and K
9/25 Picture Day
9/26 Character Counts Celebration: Fairness

Lunch Menu for Week of 8/11

Breakfast is \$1.75; Lunch \$3.25

Monday

- French Toast Sticks
- Chicken Slider Biscuit

Tuesday

- Penne Pasta w/marinera sauce
- Penne Pasta w/meatballs
- Pepperoni Calzone

Wednesday

- Chicken Sandwich
- Turkey Sandwich

Thursday

- Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
- Hot Dog

Friday

- Hamburger or Cheeseburger
- Max Cheese Sticks



Please visit our [cafeteria's site](#) for more information regarding our Café Policies.

*MYT: Meet Your Teacher

We look forward to welcoming back our students and meeting our new families! Due to parking needs, please follow the schedule below:



August 7, 2025, PK-2nd and 5th Grades

- 5:00PM-6:00PM Last Names: A-L
- 6:30PM-7:30PM Last Names: M-Z

August 8, 2025, 3rd-4th Grades

- 8:30AM-9:30AM Last Names: A-L
- 10:00AM-11:00AM Last Names: M-Z

Students are encouraged to bring their [school supplies](#).

Arrival

Parents **will not** be able to walk students in the building on the first day of school. We understand that many of our students are new and do not know exactly where to go on the first day. We have a number of staff members stationed all along the entrances and hallways to assist our students. Staff members will have class lists and room numbers to help them get where they need to go. In addition, all students will receive a backpack tag to place on their backpack at the Meet Your Teacher event. The tag will state their name, grade, and teacher's name. **This tag should remain on your child's backpack all year.** The Meet Your Teacher event is a perfect time to have students practice walking to their classroom.

Kindergarten students – will follow staggered start the first four days. Families will sign up for a date at the Meet Your Teacher event. Kindergarten parents can arrive at 8:45AM (after car line is over), park (we will also have the additional overflow lot open to give more space) and walk their child up to their classroom on staggered days. For our instructional day to begin on time we ask that drop be brief.

Pre-K/ESE students – will arrive in the regular car line anytime between 8:00AM-8:25AM. Our PreK/ESE teachers will be stationed outside during the first week of school to help get PreK/ESE students out of car seats and vehicles and safely into the building. After the first week, our PreK/ESE paraprofessionals will help with this process.

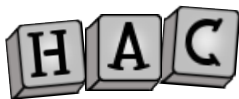
****PreK/ESE parents – please have your car tag visible for quicker recognition.****

All other students – School Bus riders and Daycare Van/Bus riders will be assisted by our bus duty staff. Bikers and Walkers will be directed to enter the building through the bus loop. Car Line students will be assisted by our car line staff.

Due to safety protocol biker/walker will open at 7:55AM and close at 8:25AM.

Car Line Protocol for arrival: **Students will exit the car on the passenger side only.** This is very important to ensure the safety of everyone. Car line student vehicles need to travel all the way down Hickory Creek Trail, go around the cul-de-sac and back up into the school entrance gate. There will be staff out to assist with this traffic pattern. Please **STAY IN THE LINE** and once your child(ren) has/have safely exited the vehicle, continue to stay in line until you are through the car loop and out the other gate. Please do not skip in line or drive around another vehicle unless instructed to do so by a staff member.

Parents are not allowed to park and walk their student to the front door. You will be asked to get back in your vehicle and drop off your student via the car line.



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](#).

Dismissal

Times: Students are dismissed at 2:45p.m. all days except Wednesday. On Wednesdays, students are dismissed at 1:45p.m.

Dismissal will be a work in progress for the first two weeks as we learn everyone's regular mode of dismissal and transportation. *We ask that your student begin the school year following their regular, daily mode of dismissal.*

Car Line – **Please have your car tag clearly visible** (for those who did not get one at Meet Your Teacher, they will receive one at car line during the first week). Please drive all the way down to the cul-de-sac and back up into the property gates. Students will be released from their classroom to come to the car line holding area. We have a number of staff on duty throughout the hallways to keep them heading in the right direction. **Please make sure the car tag is visible to all staff members helping load students in cars.** **PLEASE BE PATIENT** as this process will take a bit of time initially to learn a new routine. **PLEASE DO NOT SKIP IN LINE OR DRIVE AROUND** a stopped car, unless directed to do so by one of our car line staff members. These directions also pertain to PreK, ESE, and Kindergarten students. Please do not park in the Swiss Point Parking Lot to pick up a student. This lot is not our property, and we need permission to use it. Please note parking in this location is considered trespassing.

Bus- Bus students will be dismissed by grade level to load the buses. Kindergarten is always dismissed first in order to seat the kindergarten students at the front of the bus. Bus drivers will have seating charts. It is very important that students follow the directions given to them by the bus driver.

Biker and Walkers- **DUE TO SAFETY PROTOCOLS THE BIKER/WALKER GATE WILL OPEN AT 2:35pm (M, T, TH, F)/1:35pm (W).** Students will be dismissed by grade levels and walked out by staff members at about 2:40PM/1:40PM. It is important that bikers follow Bicycle Safety, please take a moment and review some safety tips with your child. View these videos: [Pedestrian Safety](#) and [Bicycle Safety](#).

Extended Day- Staff will follow the procedures shared with families. At 3PM, students will meet their team lead at the specified location after school be. Students will have a snack and then will work on their home learning (about 20-30 minutes). Students will also attend recess, weather permitting.

Please note: Once dismissed, a student cannot come back on campus to retrieve personnel items. Please talk to your child about retrieving all their belongings **BEFORE** leaving their classroom. Anything left behind will be there the next morning.

Absences

An [excused 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](#).

Supply Lists for the 2025-2026 School Year

- PK Supply List
- Kindergarten Supply List
- First Grade Supply List
- Second Grade Supply List
- Third Grade Supply List
- Fourth Grade Supply List
- Fifth Grade Supply List
- HAWK Stars Supply List



Students are encouraged to bring their supplies to our Meet the Teacher event.

SAC Committee

Be part of our School Advisory Council!

What is SAC? → The School Advisory Council is a state-mandated organization that allows for school-based management and accountability. An improvement plan is developed each year, largely composed of defined areas of growth based on school data. The School Advisory Council is made up of the principal, faculty, parents, and other members of the school community. Meetings are open to the public on the first Tuesday of the month at 4:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. If you wish to be part of the committee please reach out to Laura Eads for more information at Laura.Eads@stjohns.k12.fl.us.



Nurse and Clinic News

If a child needs to take a prescribed medication during the school day, a parent or guardian must bring the original bottle of medication to the clinic with a completed “Authorization to Assist in the Administration of Medication/Treatment form” signed by a doctor. This form is also required for dispensing over the counter drugs such as Tylenol or cough syrup. Please visit our website for updated forms and additional information: Hawk Clinic.



BUS PLANNER

Stay informed and experience a smoother school transportation process with Bus Planner!

- Easy direct access to your student's bus information
- Improved alerts for late buses – more accurate & timely notifications
- Easier requests – communicate directly with Transportation anytime
- Advanced notice for any route time or bus stop changes
- Confirmation receipts for all communication with Transportation



Assigned bus routes were shared by the SJCS D transportation department via Bus Planner on July 31, 2025. For more information and to create an account please follow this link: [BUS PLANNER](#).

Cell Phones and Other Wireless Devices*

Pages 25-26 of the [Student Code of Conduct](#) state- Students are permitted to possess cellular phones and other wireless communication devices on school grounds, school buses, and at school-sponsored events. However, all devices must remain powered off and securely stored in a student's backpack, purse, locker, or vehicle during the school day. In accordance with House Bill 1105, the use of wireless communication devices by elementary and middle school students is strictly prohibited during the school day. Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in the confiscation of the device. Repeated violations will be treated as defiance of school rules and may lead to disciplinary consequences.



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

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.

Please visit our site regarding school access:

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



Meet the Teacher
&
Ice Cream Social

Aug. 7 Pre-K - 2nd & 5th 5-7:30pm*
Aug. 8 3rd - 4th 8:30-11am*

Located in the Cafeteria


Get your ice cream, check out our new Spirit Wear and visit our business partners.

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE HCE PTO

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Join the PTO!
Scan to sign up on our website.

The image is a colorful flyer for an 'Ice Cream Social' event. It features two cartoon ice cream cones with faces and limbs. One cone is at the top right, and the other is at the bottom left. The text is arranged in a friendly, bubbly font. The event dates and times are clearly listed. A speech bubble from the ice cream cone at the bottom left contains the text 'Get your ice cream, check out our new Spirit Wear and visit our business partners.' Below this, a green box says 'BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE HCE PTO'. The flyer also includes a list of times and last name ranges for the event. At the bottom, there is a large 'Join the PTO!' text with a QR code and the instruction 'Scan to sign up on our website.' The background is a light blue sky with clouds and a green grassy field at the bottom.

HAWKS

"BACK
TO
SCHOOL!"

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Register today!

ALL NEW HCE FAMILIES WELCOME

Calling all parents and guardians of new Hawks! Join us for a casual breakfast social to meet the Principal, connect with the PTO, and learn the ins & outs of HCE.



Meet other
parents



Get your questions
answered



Discuss important
information



Friday
August 15 8:45am

All Attendees must have school access

Sign Up Genius
<https://bit.ly/DonutsSept>



Sign up for school access
[School Access Form](#)

