HIGHDAY CHIEF ELEMENTARY

Week at the Creek

October 6, 2025

Hawk families,

Our PK, Kindergarten, and First Grade students had a visit from the SJC Fire and Rescue Department! They were able to tour a

fire truck and ambulance and ask questions. Thank you to Mrs. Gaslin for putting this together!

This week we also had a visit from SJCSO K-9 Scout. Deputy Bryan Wright handles K-9 Scout and filled in as our YRD this week. Did you know that Scout



trained on our campus this summer? We are sure to see more of him and Deputy Wright this school year!

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

Spirit Day EVERY Friday!
Wear your HCE spirit wear



10/7 SAC Monthly Meeting @ 4PM 10/10 First Quarter Ends

10/13 NO SCHOOL: Teacher Planning Day

10/14 PTO Monthly Meeting @ 8:30AM

10/20-10/24 Red Ribbon Week

10/22 Report Cards Issued

10/24 PTO Sponsored: Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat @ 6PM 10/30 Character Counts Celebration: Responsibility

<u>November</u>

11/4 SAC Monthly Meeting @ 4PM

11/7 PTO Sponsored: Tailgate Lunch for Staff

TBD Veterans Day Concert

11/11 NO SCHOOL: Veterans Day

11/14 Pictures Retakes

11/17 Spelling Bee

11/18 PTO Monthly Meeting @ 3:30PM

11/19 PTO Sponsored: Donuts w/Grownups 2nd-3rd @ 7:30AM

Lunch Menu for Week of 10/6

Breakfast is \$1.75; Lunch \$3.25

Monday

- Chicken Slider Biscuit
- French Toast
- Papa Johns Pizza

Tuesday

- Penne Pasta w/Meatballs
- Penne Pasta w/ Marinera
- Pepperoni Calzone

Wednesday

- Chicken Nuggets
- Chicken Sandwich

Thursday

- Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
- Hot Dog

Friday

- Hamburger
- Cheeseburger
- Max Cheese Sticks

To purchase a la cart items, your student <u>MUST</u> have a positive lunch account.

HCF Lunch Visits

October Lunch Visit Sign Ups

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 follow the directions on the HCE Lunch Visit sign up on the link above. Younger siblings should not attend.

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/.

We look forward to your visit.



RED RIBBON WEEK 2025 LIFE IS A PUZZLE — SOLVE IT BULLY FREE OCTOBER 20-24, 2025

MONDAY OCT. 20

PIECE TOGETHER KINDNESS

- Wear red to kick off Red Ribbon Week!
- Show kindness by including everyone and making others feel valued.

TUESDAY OCT.. 21

TEAM UP AGAINST DRUGS & BULLYING

- Wear matching outfits or twin with a friend,
- Working together makes the puzzle complete!

WEDNESDAY OCT. 22

PUT THE PIECES IN PLACE FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE

- Wear college gear or dress for your future career
- Being KIND helps your future dreams fit together!

THURSDAY OCT. 23

MIX AND MATCH – WE ALL FIT TOGETHER

- Wear mismatched or crazy socks/clothes
- Even when we're different, we're all important pieces of the puzzle!

FRIDAY OCT. 24

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY: COMPLETE THE PUZZLE TOGETHER

- Wear your school colors or Hawk gear
- Together, we solve the puzzle!

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.



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.

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

Please visit our site regarding school access:

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



Story Book Character Day: PK-5

On Friday, October 31st students are welcome

to wear a costume based on a

storybook character. Students MUST

bring the book with them. Costumes may be store bought or homemade; get

creative! All costumes <u>MUST</u> follow SJCSD

dress code. NO MASKS or FULL-FACE PAINT ALLOWED. Please note that students will still participate in recess and PE, costumes should be comfortable and appropriate for a full, active school day.



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 <u>written note</u> is needed within 48 hours of returning to school stating the cause of the absence.

<u>Excused absences include</u>: 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. <u>Unexcused absences include</u>: 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**.

Cell Phones and Other Wireless Devices*

Pages 25-26 of the Student Code of Conduct stateStudents 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

*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.

rules and may lead to disciplinary consequences.

MEDIA CENTER CORNER

To access our SSYRA Books and Information 25-26: SSYRA

Search library catalog here:



View Instructional Materials 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.