



Week at the Creek

September 22, 2025

Hawk families,

This week we open our doors early for Donuts with Grownups. Our PTO will host this event monthly. This month our PK, Kindergarten, and First Grade students will invite the grownups in their life to eat breakfast in our cafeteria. In order to participate, you must be a cleared volunteer. If you have not done so, please complete the [RAPTOR](#) application now.

This week we will also host our annual Hickory Creek Food Drive at our car line. On Friday, September 26, we will collect items for our pantry to help our own Hickory Creek families. Please refer to page 3 for more information and items needed.

Our teachers will begin October conferences on Wednesday, October 1st. If you have not scheduled a conference, please reach out to your child's teacher.

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

9/15-10/15 Hispanic Heritage Month
9/19 NO SCHOOL: Teacher Inservice Day
9/24 PTO Sponsored: Donuts w/Grownups PK-1
9/25 Picture Day
9/26 Hickory's Heart Fall Food Drive @ Car Line
9/26 Character Counts Celebration: Fairness
9/30 Chorus Auditions

October

10/1 Percussion Audition
10/2 Chamber Choir
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

Lunch Menu for Week of 9/22

Breakfast is \$1.75; Lunch \$3.25

Monday

- Chicken Biscuit
- French Toast
- Papa Johns Pizza

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- Chicken Nuggets
- BBQ Turkey Sandwich
- Chicken Sandwich

Thursday

- Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
- Hot Dog

Friday

- Hamburger
- Cheeseburger
- Max Cheese Sticks



To purchase a la cart items, your student MUST have a positive lunch account.

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 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.

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.



Celebrate Freedom Week

September 22-26



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.

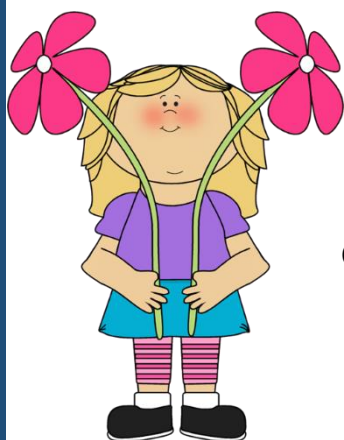
Hickory's Heart Fall Food Drive

Hickory's Heart is a volunteer-run food pantry that prepares weekly bags that are discreetly distributed to our students/families in need. Our pantry is stocked with donations of non-perishable, unexpired goods, to include canned soups, fruit, veggies, snack items and single-serve meals. **Hickory's Heart will be**

sponsoring a Fall Food Drive during car line on Friday, September 26! Families can always send in donations and/or Gift Cards to local grocery stores (i.e. Walmart, Publix, Winn Dixie) in an envelope marked

Hickory's Heart / ATTN: Mrs. Lara Yar.

Thank you for your support!



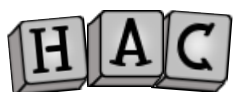
Story Book Character Day: PK-5

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 MUST 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 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.

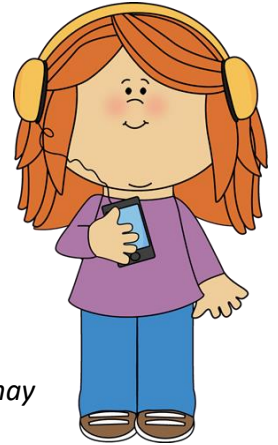
Unexcused absences include: shopping trips, pleasure trips, suspension from school, appointments without prior approval except in case of emergency, truancy, and other avoidable absences.

For a complete list of excused and unexcused absences, refer to the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

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.*



MEDIA CENTER CORNER

To access our SSYRA Books and Information 25-26: [SSYRA](#)

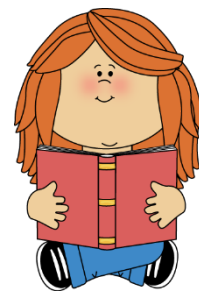
Search library
catalog here:



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.*

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:

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