



Week at the Creek

November 10, 2025

Hawk families,

This week we will celebrate our HCE veterans. If you, or a loved one, is a member any of the United States military branches please join us on Wednesday morning. Our chorus will perform beginning at 9AM. If you are planning to attend, please come earlier to check in our guests on our Raptor system. Please be patient with our front desk. We would love for all our students to wear patriotic colors, stars or stripes, etc. on Wednesday.

Our Candy Monster is BACK and dressed for the holidays! During the week of November 17th, we are collecting pantry items for our Hickory's Heart food closet. We support several families weekly by providing non-perishable food items. Over the holidays we also supply food for holiday meals. Please see page 2 for needed items and how you can support!

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



November

- 11/4 SAC Monthly Meeting @ 4PM
- 11/7 PTO Sponsored: Tailgate Lunch for Staff
- 11/11 NO SCHOOL: Veterans Day
- 11/12 Veterans Day Concert and Parade
- 11/14 Pictures Retakes
- 11/17 Fifth Grade Spelling Bee
- 11/18 PTO Monthly Meeting @ 3:30PM
- 11/19 PTO Sponsored: Donuts w/Grownups 2nd-3rd @ 7:30AM
- 11/21 PTO Sponsored: Nothing Bundt Cakes for Staff
- 11/21 Character Counts Celebration: Citizenship @ 9AM
- 11/24-28 NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Break

December

- TBD Field Day: Reindeer Games 2025
- TBD Winter Concert
- 12/15-12/19 PTO Sponsored: Holiday Shoppe
- 12/15-12/19 Holiday Spirit Week
- 12/19 EARLY RELEASE
- 12/22-12/31 NO SCHOOL: Winter Break

Lunch Menu for Week of 11/10

Breakfast is \$1.75; Lunch \$3.25

Monday

- Chicken Nuggets
- Philly Steak Sandwich w/queso
- Papa Johns

Tuesday

- NO SCHOOL

Wednesday

- Grilled Cheese Sandwich
- BBQ Chicken Quesadilla
- Chicken Nuggets

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

November 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.

Veterans Day

Wall of Honor and Concert

HCE is honored to recognize Veterans and active military family members. Please use the template attached to the Week at the Creek post. Once completed, please return the template to your child's teacher. We will create a Wall of Honor in our main hallway.

Our music department is also producing a concert to celebrate our Veterans and active military. Military families are welcome to attend on Wednesday, November 12 at 9AM. Prior to the concert our students will lead our guests through our halls as we parade our service men and women! *Please arrive early for Raptor log in.*



Hickory Heart Holiday Food Drive!

November 17-21

The Candy Monster is back...and hungry for holiday spirit! Help us fill him with love (and food!) by donating much-needed pantry items. Every single item counts even each meat stick or every dollar on a gift card!



🏆 The grade that collects the most items will win a Popsicle Dance Party in December!

Items needed:

- Gift cards (each dollar = 1 item)
 - Mac & cheese
- Canned tuna/chicken
- Fruit cups/pouches
 - Oatmeal
- Canned vegetables
- Rice/potato packets
 - Canned soup
 - Spaghetti-Os
 - Meat sticks

Let's make this holiday season brighter for our Hickory Creek community!

Picture Retakes

Any new or absentee students need to be photographed for the yearbook.

Students who would like a retake **MUST** return the picture package to the photographer on retake day.



MEDIA CENTER CORNER

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

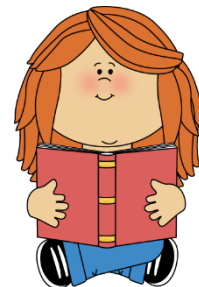
Search library catalog here:



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.*



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.

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 iPads to sign in.

Please visit our site regarding school access:
<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/>



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.

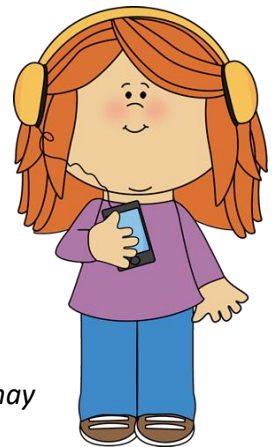
Unexcused absences include: shopping trips, pleasure trips, suspension from school, appointments without prior approval except in case of emergency, truancy, and other avoidable absences.

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.*

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ELEMENTARY
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2ND & 3RD GRADE

DONUTS WITH GROWNUPS

WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 19TH
7:30AM



Register by
11/12

FOR MORE INFO
www.hcepto.org

Register <https://bit.ly/Donuts2-3>

**PLEASE LIST ALL ADULT ATTENDEES' FIRST
AND LAST NAMES ON YOUR REGISTRATION.**