



Week at the Creek

December 15, 2025

Hawk families,

This week we continued assessing our students on the FAST progress monitoring 2. We will pause and finish testing after the Winter Break. Once all students have completed testing, you will be able to access your student's score on the Family Portal. Please see attached flyer for more information.

Our second-grade team has decorated a tree for the annual Holiday Tree Contest! Please refer to page 3 and the attached flyer for information on voting. All prize money goes directly to the second-grade team!

Our HCE PTO has also decorated a tree on Christmas Tree Lane at Chik Fil A. This tree includes all homerooms! More information on how you can visit and vote for the HCE tree is also on the attached flyer.

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



December

12/17 1st and Kinder Field Day: Reindeer Games 2025
12/18 5th and 3rd Field Day: Reindeer Games 2025
12/19 2nd and 4th Field Day: Reindeer Games 2025
12/15-12/19 PTO Sponsored: Holiday Shoppe
12/15-12-19 Holiday Spirit Week
12/19 **EARLY RELEASE @ 1:45PM**
12/22-12/31 NO SCHOOL: Winter Break
12/22 Chik-Fil-A Spirit Night

January

1/1-1/2 NO SCHOOL: Winter Break/Teacher Planning
1/5 Classes Resume
1/6 SAC Meeting @ 4PM
1/15 Report Cards Issued
1/19 NO SCHOOL: Martin Luther King Jr.
1/26 Class Pictures

Lunch Menu for Week of 12/15

Breakfast is \$1.75; Lunch \$3.25

Monday

- Chicken Biscuit
- French Toast
- Papa Johns

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- Homestyle Chicken Sandwich
- 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

December 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.

Hickory Creek Elementary

HOLIDAY

Shop

15-19 DECEMBER

A fun and festive way for students to shop for gifts for family and friends.

We accept cash or Elf Wallet.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help students choose the perfect gifts and keep the shop running smoothly.

Use QR to sign up.



HOLIDAY SHOP DETAILS

Find gift prices, how the Elf Wallet works, class shopping times, and more.

Scan the QR for all the details.



Let's Make Our HCES Tree Shine Bright!

Thank you so much for helping us spread holiday cheer! Our school's tree looks amazing, and now it's time to show it off. "Hibernate with a Winter Book" is our theme. The book titles are from our Second Graders Winter Story Projects. The Holiday Tree Decorating Contest voting starts December 12th and runs for one week—ending at 11:59 PM on Thursday, December 18.

Here's how you can help HCE win:

1. Visit www.voteholidaytrees.com (or scan the QR).
2. Find our school's tree photo and click the "Vote" button.
3. Enter your name and email address, then submit your vote.

Important: You can vote **once per day** with a valid email address—so please come back every day and encourage family and friends to do the same!

The winners will be announced Friday, December 19 at 12:00 PM on INK!'s Facebook page and by email.

Let's rally together and make our tree the winner!



HCE Holiday Spirit Week

December 15-19, 2025



MONDAY DECEMBER 15	TUESDAY DECEMBER 16	WEDNESDAY* DECEMBER 17	THURSDAY* DECEMBER 18	FRIDAY* DECEMBER 19
Holiday Headgear	Holiday Spirit Day	Rudolph Day	Candy Cane Day	Cozy PJ Day
Wear your holiday hat, headband, silly hair, or scarves	Wear your favorite, festive attire or ugly Christmas sweater	Wear your favorite reindeer gear!	Wear your favorite Candy Cane themed attire	Wear your favorite cozy holiday pajamas



*Please check with your student's teacher.

Due to Field Day the attire might be different.

MEDIA CENTER CORNER

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

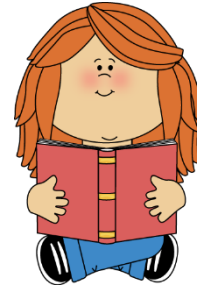
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View Instructional
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Access Parental
Choice Library
Book Restriction
Form** here:



***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.

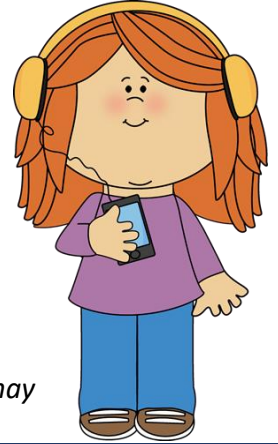
Unexcused absences include: shopping trips, pleasure trips, suspension from school, appointments without prior approval except in case of emergency, truancy, and other avoidable absences.

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.*