



# Week at the Creek

January 12, 2026

## Hawk families,

We would like to welcome new families to Hickory Creek! We are so happy you have joined our Hawk family. We have started 2026 with celebrations! We would like to congratulate Amelia Byrd for representing Hickory Creek at the annual SJCSO Spelling Bee! We are so proud of you.

This upcoming week we will celebrate our Teacher of the Year, Mrs. L'Erin Standley and our Rookie Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Catherine Silva, at the annual SJCSO TOY/ROY Banquet. Our students are blessed to have great teacher leadership!

Dr. Asplen, SJCSO Superintendent, is inviting all SJCSO taxpayers to attend a virtual meeting to review the School Budget. Please see the attached flyer and information on page 2 of this newsletter.

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



## January

1/1-1/2 NO SCHOOL: Winter Break/Teacher Planning  
1/5 Classes Resume  
1/6 SAC Monthly Meeting @ 4PM  
1/12 School Budget Transparency Presentation (see pg.2)  
1/13 PTO Monthly Meeting @ 6:00PM  
1/14 School Budget Transparency Presentation (see pg.2)  
1/15 Report Cards Issued on HAC  
1/19 NO SCHOOL: Martin Luther King Jr.  
1/26 Class Pictures  
1/26-1/30 Celebrate Literacy Week!  
1/28 Coffee Chat with Principal Gonzalez @ 8:30AM  
1/30 Character Counts Celebration: Respect @ 9:00AM

## February

2/1-3/1 Black History Month  
2/3 SAC Monthly Meeting @ 4PM  
2/10 Interim Reports Issued on HAC  
2/10 PTO Monthly Meeting @ 3:30PM  
2/13 NO SCHOOL: Teacher Inservice Day  
2/16 NO SCHOOL: President's Day

## Lunch Menu for Week of 1/12

Breakfast is \$1.75; Lunch \$3.25

### Monday

- Chicken Biscuit
- French Toast
- Papa Johns

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

- 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

### January 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/> .

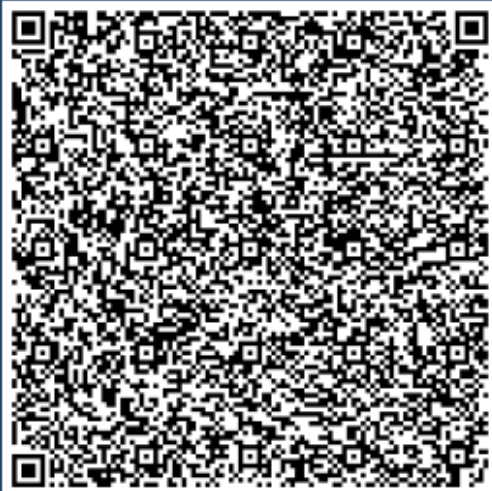
We look forward to your visit.

# VIRTUAL MEETING

CALLING ALL ST. JOHNS COUNTY CITIZENS FOR  
A SPECIAL VIRTUAL PRESENTATION BY  
SUPERINTENDENT DR. ASPLEN.

**MONDAY  
JANUARY 12  
7:00 P.M.**

[Click to Join](#)



**WEDNESDAY  
JANUARY 14  
7:00 P.M.**

[Click to Join](#)



**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/>



# MEDIA CENTER CORNER

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

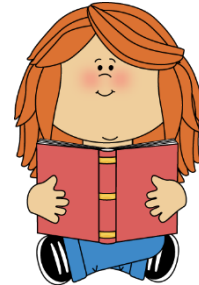
Search library  
catalog here:



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.*

## Birthday Celebrations at Hickory Creek Elementary

We constantly monitor allergy needs and concerns throughout our building. We LOVE celebrating our students, but to ensure the safety and well-being of all, food items to celebrate birthdays will not be allowed effective January 5, 2026. We encourage non-food items such as small party favors, bookmarks, pencils, etc. If a food item is sent in, we will hold it in the front office for pick up. Please reach out to your child's teacher for additional ideas on how to celebrate your child's birthday at school! The safety and health of all students is a priority.





# 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.



## 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.

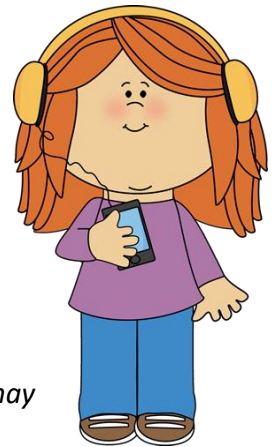
**Unexcused absences include:** shopping trips, pleasure trips, suspension from school, appointments without prior approval except in case of emergency, truancy, and other avoidable absences.

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.*