



Week at the Creek

February 2, 2026

Hawk families,

This week we said goodbye to Coach McKay. He is taking some time to be with family. Coach McKay will continue to support our Character Cup team this school year, and will volunteer at HCE. We have hired support for Coach Mecke.

Help us celebrate *National School Counselor Week!* Our school counselor, Mrs. Yar, is simply the best! Please take a moment to send a quick *thank you* to her this week.

Our Lost and Found has some coats and jackets that need to find their owner. Please encourage your student to look through the items when heading to the lunchroom. Our teachers will also encourage students to take a look each time they pass the Lost and Found corner.

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



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
- 2/12 Chorus Concert @ 6PM
- 2/13 NO SCHOOL: Teacher Inservice Day
- 2/15 School Resource Officer Appreciation Day
- 2/16 NO SCHOOL: President's Day
- 2/17 SPMS Rising 6th Grade Night
- 2/25 PTO Sponsored: Donuts w/Grownups @ 7:30AM
- 2/27 Denim and Diamond Soiree @ 5:30PM
- 2/27 Character Counts Celebration: Caring @ 9:00AM

March

- 3/1-3/31 Women's History Month
- 3/10 SUPER Fun Run (Schedule TBD)
- 3/12 Third Quarter Ends
- 3/13 NO SCHOOL: Teacher Planning Day
- 3/16-3/20 NO SCHOOL: Spring Break

Lunch Menu for Week of 2/2

Breakfast is \$1.75; Lunch \$3.25

Monday

- Chicken Nuggets
- Philly Steak Sandwich
- Pappa Johns Pizza*

Tuesday

- Homestyle Mac and Cheese
- Mini Corn Dogs

Wednesday

- Grilled Cheese
- BBQ Chicken Quesadilla

Thursday

- Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
- Hot Dog

Friday

- Hamburger
- Cheeseburger
- Cheese Filled Pizza Sticks



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

HCE Lunch Visits

February Lunch Visits

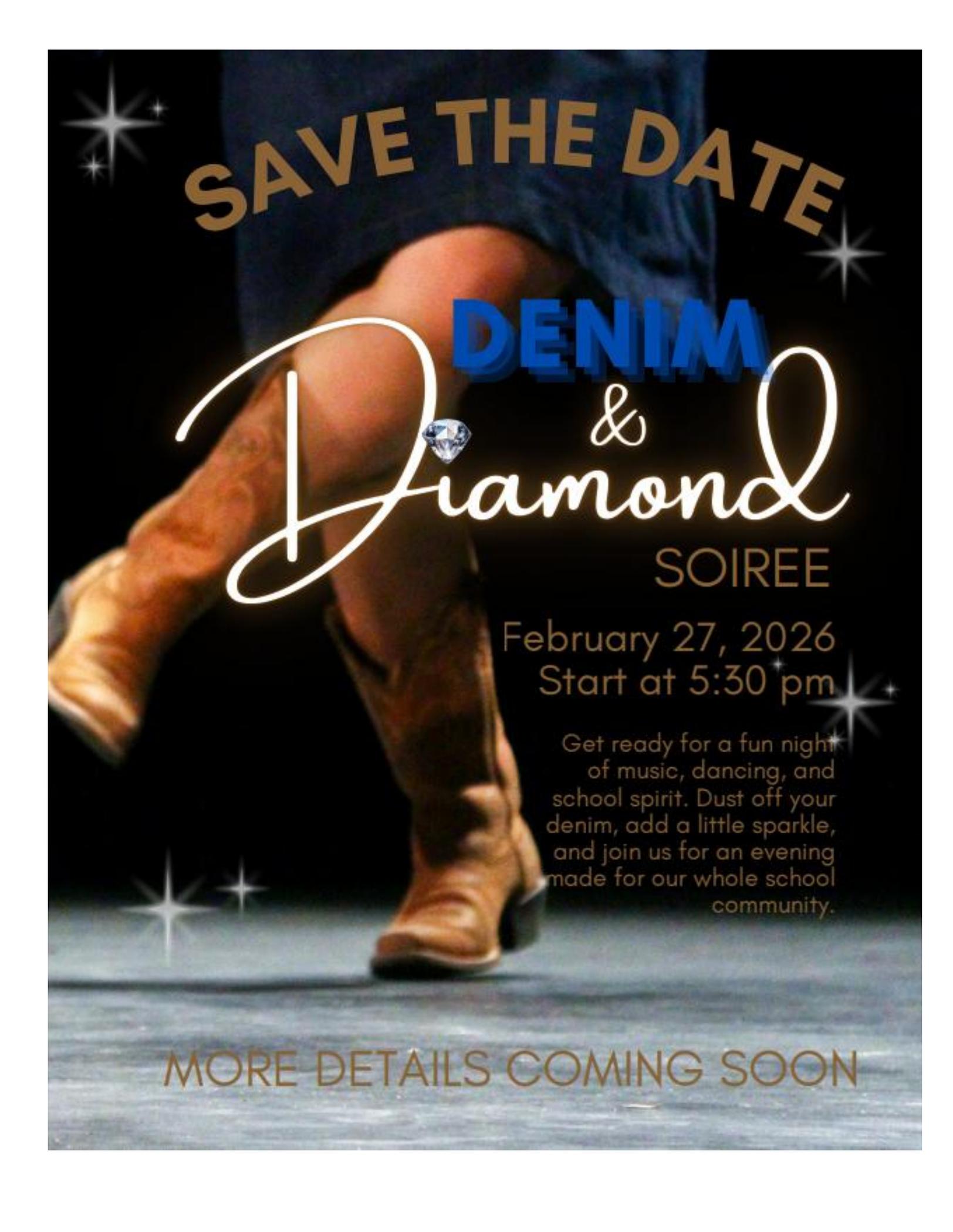
Please note that there are NO photos or videotaping allowed in our cafeteria. Some students are on a do not photograph list. Please honor this request.

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.



SAVE THE DATE

DENIM

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February 27, 2026

Start at 5:30 pm

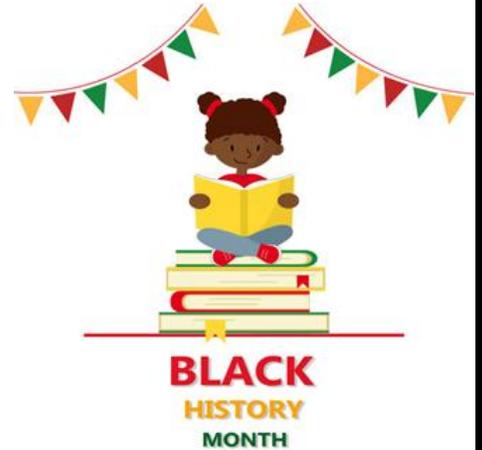
Get ready for a fun night of music, dancing, and school spirit. Dust off your denim, add a little sparkle, and join us for an evening made for our whole school community.

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON

Black History Month

In addition to our State Standards and curriculum materials, Hickory Creek will celebrate Black History Month throughout the month of February.

- **Door contest:** Each classroom will identify a Black American that has contributed to the area(s) of science, arts, literature, technology, and/or invention. Students will do the research, and classroom doors will be decorated with student work.
- **Black History Month Morning Announcements:** Every day we will read a quote regarding resiliency, respect, and/or achievement.
- **Chorus Concert:** Our chorus is organizing a concert, *Heart and Soul vol. 2*. All songs performed are composed/performed by a Black artist.
- **Media Center:** Our Media Specialist showcases and reads books written by black authors all month long!



A chalkboard-style poster for "Switzerland Point Middle School rising 6th Grade Night". The background is a dark green chalkboard with a wooden frame. At the top left is a globe on a stand. At the top center is the school logo featuring a stylized horse head and the text "SWITZERLAND POINT MIDDLE SCHOOL". To the right of the logo is a yellow pencil with a pink eraser. The main text "rising 6TH GRADE NIGHT" is written in white, with "rising" in a cursive font and "6TH GRADE NIGHT" in a bold, blocky font. Below this, the date "TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026" is written in white on a black rectangular background. Underneath the date, the time "5:30 PM - 7:00 PM" is written in white. Below the time, the school name "SWITZERLAND POINT MIDDLE SCHOOL" is written in white. Underneath the school name, the activities "INTRO TO ADMIN • CURRICULUM • ELECTIVES" and "EXTRACURRICULARS • RAIDER NATION" are listed in white. At the bottom left, there is an illustration of a stack of books with a red apple on top. At the bottom center, the text "JOIN US FOR AN ACADEMIC PRESENTATION AND THEN TAKE SOME TIME TO VISIT OUR SCHOOL AND LEARN ABOUT OUR CLASSES, CLUBS, MUSIC, SPORTS AND PTSO" is written in white. At the bottom right, there is an illustration of a yellow protractor, a red pencil, and a pink calculator. At the very bottom, the text "Parking available in the back of the school Please enter school through cafeteria" is written in small white font.

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/>



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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.*

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](#).

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.

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.*