



Week at the Creek

May 11, 2026

Hawk Families,

A huge **THANK YOU** to our **HCE PTO** for planning one of the most thoughtful Staff Appreciation week themes yet! Our HCE Staff embarked on their “cruise” on Monday and were pampered from then to Friday. They visited the Lido Deck for snacks, Captain’s Dinner for their luncheon, the Casino to try their luck for gift cards, the Spa Deck for chair massages, and even received Room Service throughout “their appreciation cruise” stay. It takes a village to plan for such an event, and we want to thank all the HCE families that contributed!

As we finish up our Progress Monitoring 3 assessments, please know when your child tests. **We will not release students if they begin testing.** Testing information can be found on our [website](#).

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



May

- 5/12 Kindergarten Signing Day
- 5/18 Rising 5th Grade Night @ 5:30PM
- 5/18 Chorus Concert 6PM
- 5/19 Hich School Clap Out Parade @ 9AM
- 5/19 Third Grade Flea Market
- 5/20 Fifth Grade to Sea World
- 5/21 Kindergarten Patriotic Parade
- 5/22 VPK Promotion Ceremony @ 9AM
- 5/25 NO SCHOOL: Memorial Day
- 5/26 Fifth Grade Promotion @ SPMS
- 5/29 Report Cards Issued
- 5/29 Last Day of School: Early Release @ 1:45PM

August

- 8/6 Meet the Tacher 5:00PM-7:00PM
- 8/7 Meet the Teacher 8:00AM-11:00AM
- 8/10 First Day of School
- 8/10-8/13 Kindergarten Staggered Start
- 8/14 All Kindergarten Students report to class

Lunch Menu for Week of 5/11

Breakfast is \$1.75; Lunch \$3.25

Monday

- Chicken Slider Biscuit
- French Toast
- Papa Johns Pizza*

Tuesday

- Penne Pasta w/Marinera
- Penne Pasta w/Meatballs
- Chicken Nuggets

Wednesday

- Chicken Sandwich
- Pepperoni Calzone

Thursday

- Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
- Mini Corn Dogs

Friday

- Hamburger
- Cheeseburger
- Cheese Filled Pizza Snacks



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

HCE Lunch Visits

May 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.

STARS STRIPES and STORIES



The St. Johns County Public Library System (SJCPLS) is excited to announce its "Stars, Stripes, and Stories" 2026 Summer Reading Program beginning May 31 through July 25. Designed to promote educational and family-friendly summer fun, SJCPLS invites the community to visit the library and participate in this year's reading adventure.

Please go to the SJCPLS [website](#) for more information.

THE LOOP SPIRIT NIGHT

HICKORY CREEK
ELEMENTARY

MAY 19 | 5-9PM

THE LOOP WILL GIVE US 15% BACK
ON OUR SALES WHEN
HICKORY CREEK ELEMENTARY IS
MENTIONED WHEN YOU ORDER.
YOU CAN STILL TAKE IT TO-GO!

JULINGTON CREEK LOCATION ONLY



TCHS Theatre Presents...

TINY TORO THEATRE CAMP



REGISTRATION: \$250

22ND-3RD OF JUNE/JULY* 9AM-1PM

Rising 3rd-8th graders are invited to jump into acting, singing, dance, and tech with our incredible student team it's a fun, hands-on way to explore our program and get excited for the future!

THEME: FAIRYTALE SHAKEUP

Email @tocoicreekthespians with any question, comments, or concerns

*22nd-25th and 29th-31st All one camp

ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUMMER VPK 2026



Why Summer VPK?

- Low Student-Teacher Ratio
- Certified Teachers
- Full Day Program
- Engaging Curriculum
- Kindergarten Readiness
- Arts and Crafts
- Summer Fun
- Water Days
- Outdoor Classroom
- STEM Activities

Who is Eligible?

Children who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2026 and Did not use their Certificate of Eligibility (voucher) during the school year

How to Register?

Register for school with SJCS: <http://stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/enrollment>

Call (904) 547-8959 to reserve your spot

Complete the VPK Application Online: <https://www.ecs4kids.org/>

Complete the online application for your child's Certificate of Eligibility (voucher)



June 8 - July 29
Monday-Friday
7:30-3:00

FCTC Learning Lab School
2980 Collins Ave.
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Reserve Your Child's Spot Now:
(904) 547-8959
<http://stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/enrollment>



Car Line Dismissal Reminders

Although we are entering the second half of our last quarter for the 25-26 school year, we ask that we continue the same dismissal expectations set on day one of the school year:

Please have your car tag clearly visible. Please drive all the way down to the cul-de-sac and back up into the property gates. **Please make sure the car tag is visible to all staff members helping load students in cars. PLEASE BE PATIENT** as load our students, especially our littlest Hawks. **PLEASE DO NOT SKIP IN LINE OR DRIVE AROUND** a stopped car, unless directed to do so by one of our car line staff members.

Please do not park in the Swiss Point Parking Lot to pick up a student. This lot is not our property, and we need permission to use it. Please note parking in this location is considered trespassing.



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/>



HAC

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.

MEDIA CENTER CORNER

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

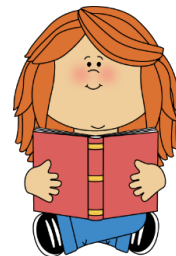
Search library catalog here:



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.*

Absence Excusals

NOW ON PARENTSQUARE

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

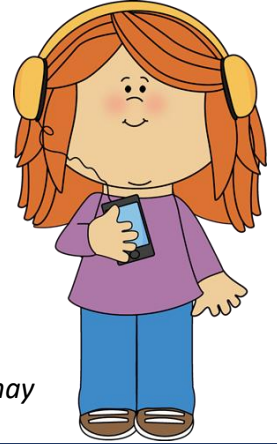
by 2:10 (M, T, TH, F) and 1:10 p.m. (W).

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 and ParentSquare.

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.*