



Week at the Creek

August 24, 2026

Hawk families,

We have had a wonderful two weeks of learning and building our school community! Each time we see our students in the hallway, they are happy and excited to be at school.

This year, we premiered our school news show, Hawk Talk. Our fifth-grade students are leading the way as news anchors with staff members as guests. Our students and staff love this new addition to our morning routine. Here is a sample of [Hawk Talk](#).

We have started our first round of progress monitoring testing with our primary students. Our K-2 students are taking STAR Reading and Math. Our 3rd-5th grade students are taking FAST (Cambium) Reading and Math. This is the baseline data point teachers use to help guide our students' intervention and enrichment groups. Teachers will share student data once all the students in the grade level complete their assessment.

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/>.

HCE Administration

Lunch Menu for Week of 8/24

Breakfast is \$1.75; Lunch \$3.25

Monday

- Chicken Nuggets
- Pepperoni Calzone

Tuesday

- Hot Dog
- Mac and Cheese

Wednesday

- Grilled Cheese
- BBQ Chicken Sandwich

Thursday

- Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
- Mini Corn Dogs

Friday

- Hamburger or Cheeseburger
- Cheese Pizza Sticks



Please visit our [cafeteria's site](#) for more information regarding our Café Policies.



September

9/1 PTO Monthly Meeting @ 3:30PM
9/6 PTO Sponsored: Cold Stone Spirit Night
9/7 NO SCHOOL: LABOR DAY
9/10 PTO Sponsored Tailgate Lunch for Teachers
9/15-10/10 Hispanic Heritage Month
9/15 Volunteer Room Parent Training
9/15 HawkSTARS, 1, 3, 5, Curriculum Night/Open House @ 6PM
9/17 PK, K, 2, 4 Curriculum Night/Open House @ 6PM
9/24 Picture Day
9/25 NO SCHOOL: Teacher Inservice Day
9/30 Character Counts Celebration: Fairness @ 9AM

October

10/6 PTO Meeting @ 3:30PM
10/9 First Quarter Ends
10/12 NO SCHOOL: Teacher Planning Day
10/16 PTO Sponsored: Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat @ 6PM
10/19-10/23 Fall Book Fair
10/21 Report Cards Issued
10/26-30 Red Ribbon Week
10/29 Character Counts Celebration: Responsibility 9AM
10/30 Character Day: Dress as favorite storybook character

HCE Lunch Visits

September 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. Additionally, you will sit with your student(s) at the guest table.

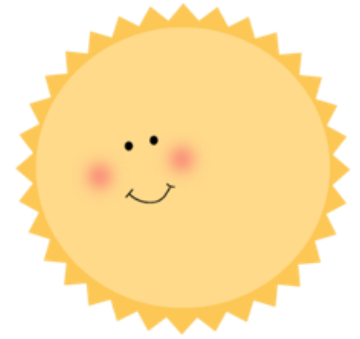
Please know that to participate you **MUST** be a cleared volunteer. If you have not had a chance to fill out our access form, please do so now at:

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/>.

Please follow the directions on the HCE Lunch Visit sign up.

We look forward to your visit.

Excessive Heat Watch



Please be reassured that we monitor the weather to ensure safe conditions for outdoor activities. Excessive heat, like storms, may cause outdoor activities to be limited or suspended. In these conditions, students may have PE and recess in indoor spaces. We will continue to monitor weather conditions and adjust our outdoor plans throughout this week. Please have your student dress in light, cool clothing and bring water bottles to school.



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](#).



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.

Absences

A note is needed within 48 hours of returning to school stating the cause of the absence. Please use the [form](#) on our website.

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.

For a complete list of excused and unexcused absences, refer to the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

Lost and Found



If your student misplaces any clothing item, lunch box, or water bottle the item will be placed at lost and found. We have a lost and found located in our main hallway for clothing items. We have an additional lost and found in the cafeteria for water bottles and lunch boxes. When our lost and found gets crowded, we donate all items to the foster closet. We let you know ahead of time, before donating.

SAC Committee

Be part of our School Advisory Council!

What is SAC? → The [School Advisory Council](#) is a state-mandated organization that allows for school-based management and accountability.

An improvement plan is developed each year, largely composed of defined areas of growth based on school data. The School Advisory Council is made up of the principal, faculty, parents, and other members of the school community. Meetings are open to the public quarterly at 3:30PM. All are welcome to attend. If you wish to be part of the committee please reach out to Yvette Gonzalez for more information at Yvette.Cubero-Gonzalez@stjohns.k12.fl.us.



HCES EXTENDED DAY



Please visit our school site under the tab [EXTENDED DAY](#) to learn more about our program. Currently our program is full, however we have a waitlist you can join, please complete the [form online](#). To contact our coordinator, Debra LaGruda, please call (904) 547-7450.

Please review our [Enrichment Schedule](#)! We are offering art, basketball, flag football, chess, volleyball, golf, tennis, cooking, and much more!

Communication with Teachers

Please avoid emailing our teachers during instructional time. Our teachers are not checking email during this time, because they're focused on teaching. If you need help immediately, please call our front desk reception (904)547-7451. If it is not an emergency, please note that your student's teacher will get back as soon as possible. Please note it can take up to 48 hours for a response, especially on weekends. We ask that all transportation changes be reported to our front desk via our [DISMISSAL CHANGE FORM](#). Our reception keeps a list and calls all classrooms beginning at 2pm with transportation changes. Please follow the [HCE Parent Communication Flowchart](#) for all other communication needs.



Please note, in order to access our school, you must sign-in to our lobby Raptor System 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. Michelle, our receptionist, can also help.

Please visit the link below regarding school access:
[SCHOOL ACCESS/VOLUNTEER APPLICATION](#)



FortifyFL

FortifyFL is a mobile app and web-based tool that allows students, parents, and community members in Florida to anonymously report suspicious activities, potential threats, or safety concerns related to schools. The app immediately forwards these reports to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials for rapid response.

Cell Phones and Other Wireless Devices*

Student Use: 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.*

HICKORY CREEK ELEMENTARY

CURRICULUM NIGHT

Grades 1st, 3rd, 5th & HawkStars on
Sept.15 6-7pm

Grades PK, K, 2nd, 4th on
Sept.17 6-7pm



Stop by the PTO Table!

