



Week at the Creek

September 21, 2026

Hawk families,

Thank you to all the families that came out for our *Curriculum Night/Open House*. We hope your evening was valuable in learning about our curriculum, classroom expectations, and school expectations. We received great feedback! If you were not able to make it, our teachers are sending their presentations via email and/or Parent Square for your review.

Our **CANDY MONSTER** is back! He is hungry for candy (*and other treats*)! Our PTO would love donations of school-safe, pre-packaged candy and snacks for our school's **TRUNK OR TREAT** by Oct. 15. This was our most attended and most praised event last school year! Donations can be sent to school with students (*please note teacher's name on the bag*) and given to the teacher OR directly to the candy monster! The class that donates the most candy wins a dance party. Every bag count, so bring it on, Hawks.

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 9/21

Breakfast is \$1.75; Lunch \$3.25

Monday

- Chicken Nuggets
- Pepperoni Calzone
- Papa Johns

Tuesday

- Hot Dog
- Mac and Cheese

Wednesday

- Chicken Sandwich
- Crispy Chorizo Quesadilla

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

9/15-10/10 Hispanic Heritage Month
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

November

11/3 PTO Meeting @ 3:30PM
11/11 NO SCHOOL: Veterans Day
11/12 Interim Reports Issues
11/13 Veterans Day Flag Ceremony/Chorus at 8:45AM

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.

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**Celebrate
Freedom Week
September 21-24**

Celebrate Freedom Week in Florida is a chance for all of us to learn about the sacrifices made for freedom in the founding of this country and the values on which this country was founded. Our students will participate in lessons and activities all week long. In addition, we will have a Celebrate Freedom Spirit Week:

Monday: Patriot Day → Wear red, white, blue, stars or stripes

Tuesday: America's Favorite Past Time → Wear sports gear

Wednesday: Hats Off to Freedom! → Wear hats

Thursday: Pursuit of Happiness Day → Wear things that make you happy/grateful

Friday: Celebrate Freedom → School Spirit Day for Staff

Hispanic Heritage Month

(September 15-October 15)

Hispanic Heritage Month takes place September 15 to October 15 every year as a time to recognize and celebrate the many contributions, diverse cultures, and extensive histories of the American Latino community. Our teachers are incorporating read alouds focused on Hispanic characters or traditional narratives, mini lessons, research projects, and we have a hallway decorating activity school wide! Our classrooms will focus on one Hispanic country and represent that country with a display in our halls. In addition, we will read a quote from a famous Hispanic American all month long.



CANDY DONATIONS WANTED!

OUR HCE CANDY MONSTER IS HUNGRY AND IN NEED OF CANDY!

OUR PTO WOULD LOVE DONATIONS OF SCHOOL-SAFE, PRE-PACKAGED CANDY AND SNACKS FOR OUR SCHOOL'S TRUNK OR TREAT BY OCT. 15. DONATIONS CAN BE SENT TO SCHOOL WITH STUDENTS (PLEASE NOTE TEACHER'S NAME ON THE BAG) AND GIVEN TO THE TEACHER OR DIRECTLY TO THE CANDY MONSTER! THE CLASS THAT DONATES THE MOST CANDY WINS A DANCE PARTY.

EVERY BAG COUNT, SO BRING IT ON, HAWKS.

A poster with a background of colorful, stylized candy and lollipop graphics. At the top, the text "CANDY MONSTER SIGHTINGS" is written in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. Below this, in a smaller black font, it says "The candy monster may be found lurking in the hallways on Fridays in October. If you see him, feed him some candy...if you dare!". In the bottom left, there is a QR code with the text "Scan to donate" above it and "Donate Here" below it. A black curved arrow points from the QR code towards the right. To the right of the arrow, the text reads "Prefer to donate funds instead? Each \$5 donation allows us to purchase one bag of candy." and "Questions? hcepto05@yahoo.com".

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RAINY DAY DISMISSAL REMINDERS

Student safety is our top priority. Our administration monitors the weather each afternoon and will communicate any changes to dismissal as soon as possible.



Rainy Day Dismissal (*rain, no lightning*): If we need to follow rainy day dismissal procedures, a message will be sent through ParentSquare via text message. If light rain we will adjust our car line, but we will dismiss bikers/walkers and buses as usual, without delay.

Lightning: If lightning is in the area, we will hold **ALL** bikers and walkers until the storm has cleared. If we need to hold bikers/walkers, it will be explicitly stated on the ParentSquare message. For safety reasons, this includes dismissing students to parents on foot; please **do not** come to the front office. We will dismiss buses on a slight delay and load them three at a time. If weather conditions are dangerous, the bus driver may delay students from exiting the bus at the stop. Depending on the weather conditions, this process will delay dismissal by a few minutes or longer.

Bikers/Walkers: We will always communicate when dismissal is being delayed and will provide families with enough time to make an alternate dismissal arrangement. Please **do not** wait until the last minute to communicate a dismissal change. Calling the front office around 2:30 p.m. can delay dismissal further, as our front office staff are also actively managing the dismissal process. **The best way to communicate a dismissal change is through the online Dismissal Change Form.** Please note that bikers and walkers are **not** automatically moved to car line. Students who remain designated as bikers/walkers will be held safely at school until the storm passes. Additionally, during severe weather, PSA crossing guards may not be available to cross students; making a Plan B is especially important.



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 2:00 (M, T, TH, F) and 1:00 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.



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.*