



Week at the Creek

October 12, 2026

Hawk families,

This week was a busy one! Our fourth-grade Hawks attended the Florida Treasurers Play. Our fifth graders continue to go to their annual Whitney Lab field trip. The following students learned that they qualified for FEMEA All State for Elementary Students: Anna Soto and Claire Yar. They will represent Hickory Creek in the area of chorus in January 2027 in Tampa, Florida! Congratulations! What an amazing Week at the Creek.

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 16th! Get ready for an evening of fall fun featuring Trunk or Treat, a SPOOKY MAZE, activities, concessions, our Makers Market, and so much more! We still need volunteers and families or businesses to host Trunk or Treat cars! Want to join the fun? Sign up here: [Fall Festival Volunteer & Trunk Sign-Up](#).

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

October



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
11/13 Picture Retakes
11/18-11/20 Field Day: Gobble Games
11/20 Character Counts Celebration: Citizenship 9AM
11/20 PTO Sponsored: Popcorn/Caramel Apples for Staff

Lunch Menu for Week of 10/12

Breakfast is \$1.75; Lunch \$3.25

Monday

- NO SCHOOL

Tuesday

- Pasta and Meatballs
- Pasta and Marinara Sauce
- Crispy Chicken Nuggets

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.

HCE Lunch Visits

October 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.

HCE Fall Festival 2026

On Friday, October 16th is our annual Fall Festival! We are so excited! Check out the event map below, and get ready for a spooktacular time! We are still looking for volunteers and families or businesses to host trunks for our Trunk or Treat! Please visit this link for more information: [FALL FESTIVAL](#). This year our Fall Festival will have: Trunk or Treat cars, activities, a SPOOKY MAZE, concessions, Makers Market, and much more!

OUR CANDY MONSTER IS STILL VERY HUNGRY!

Please send all candy donations with students.



Story Book Character Day: PK-5

On Friday, October 30th students are welcome to wear a costume based on a storybook character. Students MUST bring the book with them. Costumes may be store bought or homemade; get creative! All costumes MUST follow SJCSD dress code. NO MASKS or FULL-FACE PAINT ALLOWED. Please note that students will still participate in recess and PE, costumes should be comfortable and appropriate for a full, active school day.



Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair is coming! Each class will have a shopping day. This week, please check Parent Square for your child's shopping day. This year our Book Fair is CASHLESS (payment methods include e-Wallet, Credit Card, or Check). To set up an e-Wallet please visit our [Book Fair Page](#). To help and sign up to be a volunteer please follow this [link](#).

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.





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](#).

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.



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.

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.*