

Welcome Parents of Creekside Freshmen!



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How does guidance help?

- Academic, personal and social counseling
- Classroom guidance lessons
- Parent contact of failing grades
- Meet with students concerning failing grades
- Provide information about safety nets
- Assist students with college planning and Bright Futures scholarship

Open door: during all 3 lunches

Parents, we appreciate your support!

- Communication between parents, teachers, support faculty such as guidance counselors and administration is one of the greatest factors leading to student success.
 - Email is usually best to initiate communication.
 - Set up a conference as needed.

Ways to Support your Student

- Be a source of encouragement
- Remain open to change
- Join School groups; SAC, PTSO, Boosters...
 - PTSO for news on school news & events
 - <http://www-cshs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/orgs/PTSO>
- Let Students assume the responsibility for their learning
 - However, expect them to keep you informed
 - 9th graders need more guidance
- Teacher e-mails/conferences
- Home Access Center
 - Creekside Website – Parents - HAC
 - Great accountability tool.

What can 9th graders be doing to prepare the road to college?

Academics are the most important part of your college application. Colleges want to see more than just good grades; they also want to see that you have pushed yourself and taken the most challenging courses offered at your school. Set yourself up so that you can take full advantage of whatever AP and upper-level courses Creekside offers.

Graduation Requirements – Class of 2016

Students entering high school in 2011-2012

	General Diploma	College Ready Diploma (recommended Progression)
English Credits	4	4 (honors, AP or Dual Enrollment at junior and senior level)
Math Credits	4 (Algebra 1 & Geometry)	4 (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 and 1 course above Algebra 2)
Science Credits	3 (Biology and 2 additional that must include a Lab component and be equally rigorous)	4 (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and 1 additional honors or AP level)
Social Studies Credits	3 (World History, US History, 0.5 Government and 0.5 Economics with Financial Literacy)	4 (World History, US History, Government, Economics and 1 additional)
Foreign Language Credits	Not required for high school graduation, but required for admission into state universities	2 (Same World Language)
Additional Academics	*** One course must be completed through online learning (SJVS/FLVS)	at least 1 (in English, Math, Science, Social Studies or World Language)
PE and Health	HOPE	HOPE
Performing Fine Arts Credit	1	1
Electives	8	3

2.0 or higher unweighted GPA, Passing score on 10th grade Reading FCAT 2.0, passing score on the Algebra 1 EOC, Geometry EOC and Biology EOC is required to earn credit, and the results will count as 30% of the final course grade

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www.flvs.net



Suggested classes:
Driver's Education
Leadership Skills
Sociology
Global Studies

Psychology 1
Philosophy
Law Studies
Journalism



Common Myths

- **Do I need Community Service hours?**
 - Not for graduation, only for Florida Bright Futures
- **How many years of Foreign Language do I need?**
 - None for graduation, only for acceptance into a college or university and for Florida Bright Futures
- **Are all courses calculated into my GPA?**
 - Your GPA starts in 9th grade (or in 8th grade if you took a course for high school credit in middle school)
 - All courses are included into GPA
 - Grades become part of your GPA when credit is issued.
- **Do I only have one GPA?**
 - Not really! You have an unweighted and a weighted GPA. Bright futures calculates your GPA differently from schools, and colleges often recalculate on their own system.

Academic support at the school level

- ◉ Tutoring by subject area available after school; see Guidance website under “Announcements”
- ◉ Morning or after school extra help from teachers
- ◉ One-on-one peer tutoring done by Honor Society students
- ◉ Ramp Up Sessions

Characteristics of a Successful High School Student

- ◉ Motivated
- ◉ Responsible
- ◉ Proactive
- ◉ Intelligent
- ◉ Organized
- ◉ Manages time well
- ◉ Stressed out (only at times)
 - Stress leads to action, not to paralysis



Extra-Curricular Activities

- ◉ At Creekside we have TONS of extra curricular clubs and activities in which you can get involved as early as 9th grade. There is something for everyone!
 - Clubs can be academic or non-academic
 - Sports
 - Honor Societies

**** LEADERSHIP is key!**

Things to Remember:

- It all counts!
- Think about where you would like to go
- Start making college visits
- Community Service
- Start resume
- Research Colleges
- Take SAT /ACT at end of 10th grade
- Use Naviance

Naviance...what is it??

- ◉ Naviance is a web-based resource that supports course, career and college planning
- ◉ It is specific to our school
- ◉ Naviance Succeed is used at the school.
- ◉ Family Connection is on the web at <http://connection.naviance.com/creeksidehs>
- ◉ Both parent and student accounts exist.
- ◉ Contact Melissa Scott with questions.

www.FLVC.org

- Most students already have a username and password. If you need this information, see your guidance counselor.
- Transcripts automatically loaded in January, June and October
- Great resource to track Bright Futures Information and Eligibility

Florida Bright Futures

www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org

- Merit based scholarship program funded by the Florida Lottery.
- The purpose is to reward academic achievement by providing funding to attend postsecondary education in Florida.
- There are three different awards within this program



General Eligibility Requirements

- Be a Florida resident and U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen as determined by your postsecondary institution.
- Enroll in an eligible Florida public or private postsecondary institution
- Enroll in a minimum of 6 hours per term (or the equivalent)
- Begin using the scholarship funds within two years of graduation (unless you enlist in the military).
- Must not be found guilty of, or plead no contest to, a felony charge.
- Must apply during your last year in high school – Application opens Dec. 1 of senior year.
- Students must also complete the FAFSA application after January 1st of their senior year

General Academic Requirements

- Application opens December 1st of senior year
- 16 Core Academic credits
- Core GPA includes (does not round):
 - 4 English credits
 - 4 Math credits (algebra 1 or higher, LAM and Informal Geometry do not count)
 - 3 Natural Science credits
 - 3 Social Studies credits
 - 2 Foreign Language credits
 - 2 additional academic courses to help raise GPA
- GPA can be tracked on FLVC.org starting the end of 1st semester in 9th grade year

Questions or Comments?

Thanks for coming. We appreciate your support and communication, and we look forward to sharing your child's high school experience with you!

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GO KNIGHTS!!