



## Creekside High School to Host “Victory Over Cancer Night” Benefiting the V Foundation

Creekside High School will host a “Victory Over Cancer Night” on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, during the doubleheader games between the *Creekside Knights* and *Ponte Vedra Sharks* girls and boys basketball teams. The fundraiser, which is being spearheaded by the *Creekside Sport Management* club, will benefit the *V Foundation* for cancer research.

The event is a partnership between the two schools and communities who have personally dealt with cancer and its effects. “Many people in our lives have been affected or afflicted with cancer. We believe this effort would be a great way to give back and show that we care,” says event organizer and sponsor of Creekside Sport Management, Aaron Carn. Just a few years ago, Ponte Vedra High School’s first principal, Craig Speziale, lost his battle with cancer. Creekside has also had faculty members take a leave of absence while focusing on their health and their fight with cancer. Twenty-five years ago, former college basketball coach, Jim Valvano, also passed away from cancer. Before he succumbed, Coach Valvano made a memorable speech on *ESPN* and declared the founding of the *V Foundation* for cancer research. Since then, the *V Foundation* has raised and contributed more than \$200 million to cancer research.

In the weeks leading up to the rivalry basketball games, each school will be selling limited edition “spirit shirts” provided by retail partner, *Baker’s Sporting Goods*. Proceeds of the shirt sales will be donated to the *V Foundation* for cancer research.

Will YOU join in the fight for “**Victory Over Cancer**®”?

The event tips off at 6PM with the girls basketball game and concludes with the boys game at 7:30PM. For questions regarding the event, please contact Aaron Carn at [aaron.carn@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:aaron.carn@stjohns.k12.fl.us)