

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Creekside,

The second semester has kicked off reminiscent of a Super Bowl Sunday. We began the New Year with a "Cool Schools" feature on Fox News 30. The early morning wake-up call highlighted our focus on Literacy (1,026,146 minutes read), College Palooza and our Academy Showcase. Would you believe we had approximately 300 students and staff on campus at 6:30 am?

The academic rigor continues and you may hear your students speak about the "flipped classroom", "DBQ projects", "Socratic Seminars" and "Writing across the Curriculum." The second semester ushers in a laser-like, thinking and learning focus.

Congratulations to **Hunter Clary**! Hunter was recently honored at the School Board meeting as CHS's Sunshine State Scholar. The Sunshine State Scholar program recognizes a top 11th grade student in the area of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

Congratulations to our Academy of Environmental and Urban Planning strand for garnering a second and third place award in the Project Green Innovation program.

Please join me in congratulating **Mrs. Susan Wyatt** as CHS's School Related Employee of the Year. Susan's job title is Executive Assistant to the Principal but truly, she serves our students, parents and staff. We all are very fortunate to have her on our team!

I am very pleased to report our Safety Drills are frequent and have been well received by CHS stakeholders. "Safety first Then we teach" - is a District-wide protocol. The students and staff of CHS give a big Shout-Out to our **PTSO**. To list the many wonderful things they do for our learning organization is too enumerable. They are simply the best!

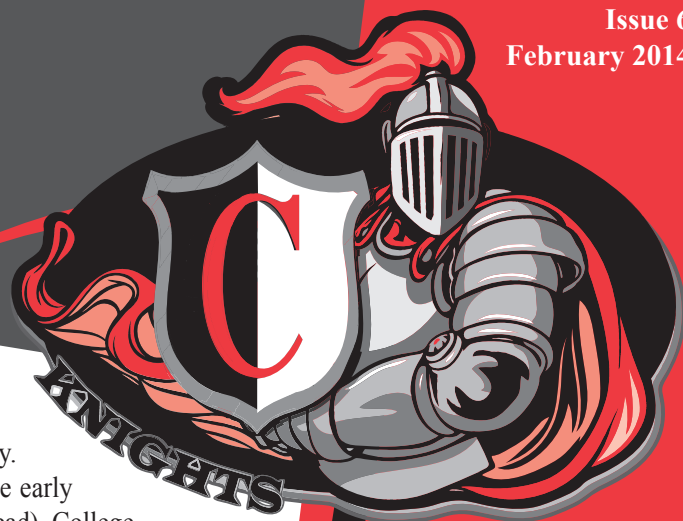
I trust rising ninth grade parents enjoyed their outing at our annual Career Academy Showcase. Many thanks to Mrs. Angie Hensley, Academy Teachers, Freshmen Class Teachers, the PTSO and our Jazz ensemble.

In closing, I leave you with a quote from First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt: *"It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness"*

Let's be a blessing to others,

Sincerely,
Randy

KNN: Do you want to know what's going on at Creekside? You can stay informed by watching Creekside's Knightly News Network. KNN airs the daily newscast on the front page of the Creekside website. If you missed something and want to catch a previous newscast or watch a specific segment, you can see all that KNN produces at creeksideKNN.com. If there is any information that you would like to share on KNN, just email us at KNNcreekside@gmail.com.



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THE SHIELD



VISION STATEMENT

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The mission of Creekside High School is to provide students an opportunity to achieve academic, athletic, fine arts, and extra curricular excellence within a safe and secure learning environment. Creekside High School staff and students will strive to model and support the six pillars of Character Counts.

SCHOOL MISSION

NHS News

NHS is sponsoring its' annual fundraiser for MDA from February 15th to March 17th. Creekside's chapter of the National Honor Society admits new members in the spring only. Membership applications will be given out at a meeting in April. Only current sophomores and juniors can apply. To see specific requirements or get further information, check the NHS website.



Hispanic Honor Society

The Holiday season was a wonderful time for the National Hispanic Honor Society, as we all embraced the spirit of giving. We sponsored a JCP Cares "Giving Tree". Our club members bought and wrapped presents for the needy in our community. Also our annual poinsettia fundraiser was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who participated. In other news, the teachers really enjoyed munching on homemade breakfast casseroles and pancakes at the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast. We love to show our teachers how grateful we are for everything they do! Finally, we had some of our club members volunteer at the Julington Creek Elementary School Literacy Night. They helped set up refreshments for after the show and were a crucial part to the night's success. The Holidays once again reminded us of the joy of giving to others. The Hispanic Honor Society members will remember this throughout the New Year as we continue offering service to our community!

Creekside PTO

Here are just a few items we have provided so far...

- Back to School staff breakfast
- Funded much needed tables and chairs for student use
- Approved expenditures to help upgrade security measures
- Hosted Holiday Luncheon for Staff
- Support for student clubs

For Senior Parents!

The PTO will again sell Reserved Seats for Graduation at the UNF arena. These tickets are not the school issued tickets your student will receive after settling their debts and paying senior dues. Reserved Seat tickets are sold by PTO as a fundraiser and are on a first come-first served basis. The seats are located in 2 sections of the arena and are \$25 each. We will sell the Reserved Seat tickets around the 3rd week of May. Watch the senior page on the Creekside website for more info. If you have any questions about Reserved Seats at Graduation please email Kelley Suttles at ksuttles@comcast.net.



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CHS Volunteers

Volunteers, please be sure you are reporting your hours! Volunteer hours are automatically recorded when signing in and out of KeepNTrack in the CHS front office. However, if you volunteer outside of regular school hours, please use the form located on the CHS website (found in the Parents link under Volunteer Information), <http://www-cshs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/parents/> to record your hours. Activities such as meeting attendance, event planning, cooking/baking, meeting preparation, volunteer coordinating for school events, etc. count as volunteer activities for our school. These hours help CHS achieve various district/state recognition. *Please note, athletic concession stand and band volunteer hours are already reported by their respective booster clubs. Students, please submit volunteer hours as outlined on the Guidance website under Community Service Information.*

Upcoming volunteer needs: Proctors! Volunteer proctors are needed in April and May for FCAT, EOC, and AP testing. Once again we are offering a drawing for either **Reserved Seating at 2014 Graduation (up to 10 seats) OR 2014/2015 All Sports Family Pass (up to 5 family members) for all home regular season games.** Your name will go into the drawing as many times as you are assigned to proctor. When testing ends in May, one winner will be drawn and may select either incentive. If you do not already receive CHS volunteer requests via email, please log on to the CHS Website, <http://www-cshs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/> and under Quick Links, click on Email Alerts and News Registration to submit your email address. A volunteer request for proctors will be sent via email soon!

Parents of spring CHS Athletes: please be sure you have an updated and approved volunteer application. Your help is needed with ticket sales and concessions during the season, so please ensure that you are approved to volunteer in advance of being scheduled to help. Approved applications are good for 3 years. To check your volunteer status, please email chsvol@comcast.net. New volunteers to the St. Johns County School District can apply online, <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/depts/cr/volunteer/>.

Volunteers are welcomed and valued at Creekside – we could not do all that we do without your help and support!

Michelle Clark, CHS Volunteer Coordinator
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THE SHIELD

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CREEKSIDE NEWS



Gifted Parent Advisory Meetings

Tuesday, March 25
5:30-6:30, Ocean Palms

Tuesday, May 13
3:30-4:30, Julington Creek

Opened to all parents of gifted students at any level (K-12) to express concerns, ask questions, etc. The District contact for the Gifted Program is Helen DiMare (helen.dimare@stjohns.k12.fl.us, (904) 547-7692).

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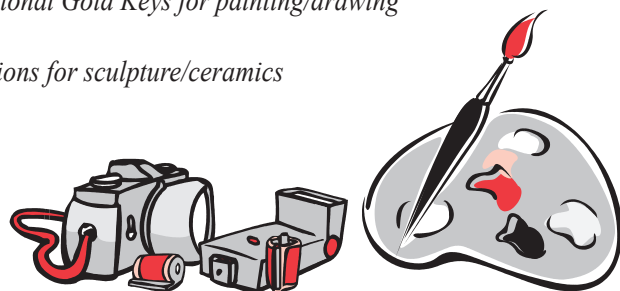
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We would like to congratulate the following Creekside High School winners of the North East Florida Scholastic Art and Writing Awards of 2014.

- *Spencer Kohl - 3 Gold Keys (for painting and sculpture); Silver Key for his PORTFOLIO, 4 Silver Keys for a painting and sculptures; and an Honorable Mention for a painting*
- *Julia McDonough- Gold Key for her PORTFOLIO; 4 additional Gold Keys for painting/drawing*
- *Sarah Schreck-Gold Key for digital art*
- *Megan LeNoir-Silver Key for sculpture, 2 Honorable Mentions for sculpture/ceramics*
- *Lauren Gonzalez-Gold Key for sculpture*
- *Jessica Van Cleave -4 Silver Keys for photography*
- *Madeline Andrews-Honorable Mention for photography*
- *Brooke Bishop- 2 Honorable Mentions for photography*
- *Kendall Blackwood-Honorable Mention for photography*
- *Sean Rader- Honorable Mention for photography*



These students should be very proud as this is a nationally recognized show that has a history of students who are given recognition, have their work exhibited and published through a juried process as well as earn scholarships both for the Arts and in other areas as well.

The entries were excellent and the judges were impressed with the quality of art work in the Central-North Florida area. Because of wonderfully large amount of entries, the competition was especially vigorous. Gold Key winners will have their work go on to New York City and then go through a second juried process where the top pieces will be hung at Carnegie Hall and Silver Key and Honorable Mentions will show through a large monitor at the exhibition. Students are encouraged to attend the event in New Your City when their work is submitted for the next round of jurying. Parsons University sponsors the show nationally and SCAD sponsors our regional show.

The Awards Assembly will be held in the Auditorium at Jacksonville University at 10 a.m.

The opening reception for Gold Key recipient's work will be exhibited February 1st at the Main Street Library Gallery from 2-4. All Silver Key and Honorable Mention Work will be exhibited digitally at the Main Street Library Gallery.

Gold Key Portfolios will be on exhibited at the Museum of Contemporary Arts, Jacksonville, February 1, 2014 at 2p.m. All Silver Key and Honorable Mention Work will be shown digitally at the Main Street Library Gallery.

The show at the Jacksonville Downtown Library will be in place until through the month of February and the work exhibited at MOCA will be up through the Month of March. Please join us in congratulating our students in their outstanding accomplishments!

For more information go to <http://www.artandwriting.org/>



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REMINDERS

PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION POLICY (STUDENT ID)

During school hours, all students should have their school issued ID on their person. For the safety of our students and staff, CHS requires picture IDs to be carried by all students and staff during school hours. All students and staff will be issued an ID at the start of each school year. If lost, stolen, or damaged, a replacement ID must be purchased at a cost of \$5.00. Students who do not have an ID must go to the Guidance office to purchase one.



ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

Please do not call the Attendance office when your child is absent. An absent note is required to be turned in to the attendance office within 48 hours of the student's return to school in order for the absence to be excused.

ANY unexcused absence may result in a consequence. A student who accumulates five (%) or more unexcused absences will receive discipline consequences. These consequences may include lunch detention, afterschool detention, Saturday detentions, loss of driving privileges and/or loss of extracurricular privileges (athletics, attendance at athletic events and/or participation in class sponsored events such as dances, Grad Bash and prom).

If a student has accumulated more than 15 days of absences, a doctor's note will be required to excuse any subsequent absences (p. 16 of code of conduct handbook).

- After 10 unexcused absences the school will revoke the student's parking privileges.
- After 15 unexcused absences the Florida State DMV will suspend the student's driver's license or permit. (statute 322.09)

TARDIES

After 9:15 am, any student arriving late must go to the attendance desk to sign in before attending class. Any student registering 3 or more tardies to school within a 9 week period must provide official documentation in order for the tardies to be excused. A student will be considered tardy to class when he/she is not in the classroom when the tardy bell rings. The recording process will begin with each new 9 week marking quarter.

Tardy Consequences

- 1st and 2nd Teacher warning
 3rd Referral to Dean – Lunch Detention
 4th Referral to Dean – Afterschool Detention
 5th Referral to Dean – Saturday Community Service
 6th+ Referral to Dean – External Suspension
 (Note – Continued tardies to 1st period may result in external suspension and/or loss of student parking privileges).



STUDENTS LEAVING CAMPUS EARLY

A note is needed in order for a student to leave campus early. This note must be turned in to the Front Office no later than 9:15 am in order to receive a pass to get out of class. Prior to leaving, a student must report back to the front office to sign out.

During End of Course exams (EOC) and AP exams, students are expected to attend all scheduled classes.

Please include the following on all notes or use the form on the CHS website: (<http://www-cshs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/parents/AbsenteeForm.pdf>)

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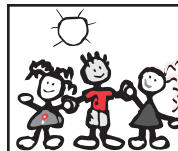
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CREEKSIDE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

The Creekside Booster club fall membership drive and the 2013 fall sports' season at CHS are now history. Teams earned their fee share by having 85% of their families join boosters. Many teams use this bonus for their end of the season banquets. Funds raised by memberships, concession stand profits, sale of authentic Knights apparel, sponsors and other fundraisers help to offset costs of the Athletic programs at CHS. Every athlete and every sport is at one time or another a benefactor of these funds. Here are just a few of the ways how the Booster Club was able to help the CHS athletic programs and the school recently. They purchased new uniforms for the football team, new and additional bleachers for the tennis program, bought wrestling mats and they helped to supplement the travel costs for state bound members of the cross country team and the swim and dive team.

Winter sports programs for Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys and Girls Soccer, and Wrestling, are now underway as is the Winter Booster Club membership drive. Please consider joining. Memberships are by family, one membership covers each families' athletes for each of their sports during the current school year. So far this season the Booster club has approved purchasing new goals for the Soccer program, to replace the balling cage net system, the ball cart and the premium softball pitcher protective screen for the baseball and softball teams.

The Creekside Athletic Booster club has also joined forces with Mr. Guy Harris, CHS Athletic Director to foster Community service and giving back to our community by spearheading a new only to Creekside High School, incentive program called S.C.O.R.E. (Sports, Teams for, Community Out Reach and Education) Each athletic team at Creekside High School will be participating in some sort of community service as a group. Several teams have already volunteered this school year. The football team had a "red out" for the American Heart Association, by selling red t-shirts and donating profits. The Cross Country team volunteered at various area charity races this fall, Girls Cross Country helped organize food baskets for six area needy families, the Swim and Dive team raised money for Little Pink Houses of Hope, an organization that provides family beach retreats for victims battling breast cancer. Volleyball volunteered at Camp Promise. The Creekside Athletic Booster Club and the Athletic department at Creekside High school not only hope to provide competitive athletic opportunities but to help shape tomorrow's leaders and encourage character counts both on and off the field. CKABC board members are also personally driven to give back, support worthy causes, etc. Angie Hiler, runs at least four half marathons per year for Pancreatic Cancer Research, others members also run charity races, help students organize Relay for Life events, etc. Board President Anne Marie Genusa and Vice President Monica Chachra provide leadership and guidance to the CHS sports teams by helping to facilitate and give community service ideas. Let's S.C.O.R.E. Knights!

Get your Creekside Spirit Wear! Don't buy the knock-offs... Williams Athletics is authorized and now carries authentic Creekside High School Spirit wear! The Kings Closet will also be open for business at select sporting events throughout the school year. Show your Knights spirit!

Save the Date! The Third Annual "Running of the Knights" will be held on Friday May 14th at Creekside High School. This is a 5k Run/Walk, a Centipede Team Race, and One Mile Fun Run. There will also be a Family friendly festival with food, games, music and more.

Further information about Creekside Athletic Booster Club or upcoming events may be found on the website at <http://www.creeksideknights.com>

Sure hope that you will try to come out to see some Creekside Basketball, Soccer, and Wrestling this season.

GO KNIGHTS!

CREEKSIDE SWIMMERS & DIVERS MAKE QUITE THE SPLASH THIS SEASON

The Creekside Knights Swim and Dive Team under the direction of Head Coach Tracy Reed, Coach Kevin Davenport, and Coach Jim Moore had an amazing 2013 season. In just six short seasons the Knights have proven to be serious contenders at all levels of Florida High School swim and dive competition.

This season they successfully participated in local dual meets. They had a strong presence at the Bolles Invitational meet and earned the title of 2013 Ancient City Relay Champs. Earlier in the season CHS participated in the 38th FSPA Invitational Meet, a two day competition in Stuart with over 80 Florida High Schools participating. Many CHS swimmers swam individual bests and several broke team records.

The Knights' Boys won the 1st place title and the girls earned second at the 3A FHSAA District 3 Meet, repeating 2012's results. Team records were also broken, many other team members swam personal bests and finished high enough in the rankings to qualify to advance to the Regional level. Divers, Josh Art and Griffin Reilly qualified to compete at the regional level. After another successful day for Creekside, the results from their 3A Region 1 Meet made History for the Knights, placing 2nd for the boys and 4th for the girls thus taking their success to a new level.

Armed and ready for battle, 24 Knights qualified to compete at the FHSAA 3A State Championship meet, the largest representation by Creekside in the school's history. Eight swimmers qualified for individual events and each of the six relay teams also moved onto the State competition. Members of the 2013 CHS State Team are Srs-Meghan Haila, Tanner Rogalski, Mara Grabiski, Devin Floyd, Sydney Sherwood, Matt Morin, Dalton Maxwell, Jrs-Dani Gordon, Kayla Reimsperger, Kevin Reimesperger, Philip Long Zach Burke, So-Ethan Chestang, Kate Revels, Kendall Henley, Kristin McKernan, Owen Wheeler, Ben Aufdenberg, Sam Williams and diver Griffin Reilly, Fr-Eleanor Pollitt, Lauren Trummel, Carter Strickland, and Ryan Buczkowski

Creekside lead by senior and FSU verbal Commit, Meghan Haila had amazing performances at the Class 3A state swimming and diving meet on Friday 11/15 at the Sailfish Aquatic Center in Stuart. Haila won the 100 breaststroke for the second year in a row, and Dani Gordon earned silver giving Creekside a 1-2 finish in that event. The duo also joined teammates Kate Revels and Eleanor Pollitt on Creekside's third-place 200 medley relay. Haila took second in the 200-yard individual medley. Creekside boys finished fifth in the 400 free relay. The Girls team finished 7th overall. Congratulations on a great season.

THE SHIELD

CREEKSIDE NEWS



Chocolate & Beyond

A Sweet Way to Support Volunteers

Chocolate and Beyond, a celebration of chocolate, desserts, and other culinary sensations, will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2014 from 2 – 4 p.m. at First Coast Technical College, Building C in St. Augustine. Guests will enjoy tasty samples from some of the area's finest restaurants and specialty shops. A silent auction, raffle, and contests will also be part of this fun and exciting afternoon. Hosted by The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of St. Johns County, proceeds from Chocolate and Beyond benefit the volunteer program, and young students through book purchases. Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased on the RSVP website (www.rsvpstjohns.com), or in person at Whetstone Chocolates (King Street and Anastasia Blvd locations), Cold Cow Ice Cream, and TD Bank in St. Augustine. Call RSVP at 904-547-3945 for more information.



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Course Content

The Redirecting Children's Behavior course presents non-violent strategies that foster appropriate behavior in children. The following topics are explored: assessing and building relationships, styles of interaction and results to expect, handling emotions during heat-of-the-moment exchange, diagnosing motivations that lead to misbehavior, appropriate redirection strategies, improving self-esteem, fine-tuning communication skills, and creating problem solvers.

Details

The Exceptional Student Education department of the St. Johns County School District is offering the course free of charge. The 15-hour course is divided into a series of five 3-hour classes (one night per week). Participants **must attend the first class** to be eligible for the remaining classes. The course will be taught at Crookshank Elementary School (1455 N. Whitney Street, St. Augustine FL 32084). Participants must arrange for child care on their own. Special accommodations must be arranged with Nancy Morrison at 547-7672 the week before the first class session. Participants completing all 5 classes will receive a certificate from the International Network for Children and Families in collaboration with the St. Johns County School District's Exceptional Student Education Program.

Registration

The course is open to school district staff and to the public. Seating is limited. To register, please **contact Student Services at 904.547.7598**. If you leave a voice message, be sure to spell your name and provide a phone number or email address. Seats will be held until 5:45p during the first session – and then made available to those on the waiting list.

Course Dates

Class 1.....530p-830p, Tuesday, February 25th, 2014

Class 2.....530p-830p, Tuesday, March 4th, 2014

Class 3.....530p-830p, Tuesday, March 11th, 2014

Class 4.....530p-830p, Tuesday, March 25th, 2014

Class 5.....530p-830p, Tuesday, April 1st, 2014

*No classes the week of spring break March 17th-21st

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