Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Creekside,

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It's springtime! Did you know April is designated National Volunteers Month?

CET SER It is a privilege to acknowledge the many outstanding school volunteers at Creekside High School. I am so thankful for our Volunteer Coordinator - Mrs. Michelle Clark. Creekside is so blessed to have the services of our volunteers: from the Front Desk to Academy Programs, the Band Boosters, Athletic Boosters, Testing Proctors, Theater Boosters, Chorus Boosters, the PTSO and the many volunteers behind the scenes, your valued efforts are simply magnificent!

The Creekside Volunteer spirit of service and enthusiasm is contagious. I can see it in the eyes of both teachers and students. Please accept our deepest thanks for the gift you provide everyday – the gift of care; the gift of yourself.

The Annual STAR Award Banquet was recently held at the World Golf Village Resort. The following students were honored for the stellar academics throughout their high school years: Maria Cirillo, Allison Davanzo, Eva Dohogne, Shannon Grew, Devin Grimm, Holly Kile, Connor Michalski, Logan Peck, Bailey Ranson, Morgan Richburg, Madeline Williams, Jeremy Zhang, Paige Zyserman.

The Musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie" showcased a fantastic collaboration within our Performing Arts Department. Well over seventy-five students played a role in facilitating the production. Students from Drama -Ms. Fixel, and Chorus - Mr. Hall presented a nostalgic and very entertaining performance. I trust you enjoyed the musical as much as I did. Our Theater students, truly are gifted.

Congratulations to our TV-Production Class. Eleven students attended the Student Television Network Convention recently. The students garnered \$5,000 for "Best New Website." Students Lauren Daniels and Alex Orta earned first place honors in the Convention Recap Contest.

A big thank you to Psychological Services of St. Augustine. CHS recently hosted a presentation on "Mental Health and Adolescents". This community service forum was facilitated by Melissa Muller (MA, LMHC, CSAS).

The annual Running of The Knights! will take place Friday, May 16th. This 5K and Fun Run fundraiser is exactly what we desire Creekside to be: student focused, staff interactive, family / community oriented and filled with great enthusiasm!!

In closing, I leave you with a quote from Prime Minister Golda Meir: "You'll never find a better sparring partner than adversity."

Let's be a blessing to others,

Sincerely, Randy

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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.**

Creekside Volunteers!

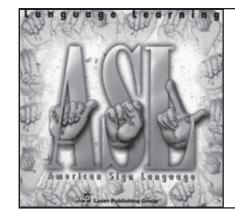
April is National Volunteer Month and Creekside would like to sincerely thank our volunteers for all that you do for our school. Since the beginning of this school year our many parent, student, and staff volunteers have helped with orientation, registration, the textbook room, admission gates for events, concessions, proctoring, field trips, chaperoning, front office, sporting events, drama productions, special events, athletic boosters, band boosters, clubs, PTSO and more! We are so fortunate to have a Creekside community that is so dedicated, talented, enthusiastic, and involved!

Creekside volunteers make a difference - thank you!

Upcoming volunteer needs - Proctors for EOC and AP exams (April 25 - May 16) Each time you proctor your name will go into 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. Please email chsvol@comcast.net if you can help.

Michelle Clark, CHS Volunteer Coordinator chsvol@comcast.net

(If you are not currently receiving 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).

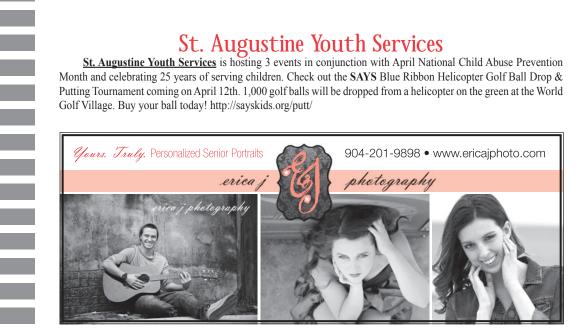


An Evening of American Sign Language Come out on Tuesday, April 22 from 5pm – 7pm

to experience An Evening of American Sign Language (ASL). Creekside's American Sign Language Club will be hosting this family friendly event at the Bartram Trail Branch Library. Learn the ASL alphabet, colors, and animals; listen and watch stories signed in ASL; and watch popular songs performed in ASL.

St. Augustine Youth Services

St. Augustine Youth Services is hosting 3 events in conjunction with April National Child Abuse Prevention Month and celebrating 25 years of serving children. Check out the SAYS Blue Ribbon Helicopter Golf Ball Drop & Putting Tournament coming on April 12th. 1,000 golf balls will be dropped from a helicopter on the green at the World Golf Village. Buy your ball today! http://sayskids.org/putt/



FCAT and EOC Information

Please see the Creekside Website for links to the letters containing detailed information about FCAT and EOC Testing. The letters are posted on the Homepage under the Announcements section. Here you will also find a schedule showing when students are scheduled to test. It is imperative. If you have questions please contact the Testing Coordinator, Linda Carnall at linda.carnall@stjohns.k12.fl.us or 547.7342.

Advanced Placement Exam Information

Below are the dates for the AP exams. If the test is an 8:00 start time students need to report at 7:40. If it is a 12:00 start time students need to report at 11:40.

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12:00 AP Psychology 12:	00 AP Art History	2			12:00 AP Statistics		
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8:00 AP Biology	· · · · ·	,		· · · ·		8:00 AP Macroeconomics AP World History	
12:00 AP Physics B- AP Physics C	12:00 AP Human Geography		12:00 AP European		12:00 AP Microec	onomics	

If you missed an AP exam due to illness or a school function the make-up exam is free. Otherwise the exam fee is \$40. If you decide not to take the exam you will be charged the cost of the exam plus 5% as per the district policy. The cost is \$92. Seniors please note that AP make up days coincide with Senior Final Exam days.

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NHS News

Current sophomores and juniors interested in joining NHS should attend the Thursday, April 10th orientation meeting in the auditorium at either 8:30am or 3:45pm. If you missed this meeting and are still interested in joining, please stop by Room 730 before April 30th. This is the only time of



the year that membership applications are accepted. The NHS Criteria can be found on the website.







Civil Engineering Club On the crisp morning of Saturday, February 15th, members of Creekside High School's Civil Engineering club joined with the St. Johns County Housing Partnership and the Trinity Episcopal "Ramp Squad" to assist an elderly man disabled from the time that he was a teenager, at no cost to him.

Robert Birkett, shot in the head in a gun accident while hunting with his friends, has been disabled since he was 16 years old. A mechanic throughout his life, he used only his left hand in his trade, as his right side was paralyzed. Now, at the age of 90, it is extremely difficult for him to get up and down the steps to his house. We volunteered to help with the house's accessibility.

From morning to mid-afternoon, the Ramp Squad and Creekside's engineering students constructed the ramp. Following hand-drawn plans modified specifically for this project by the Squad and their volunteer group, they cut, nailed, and sanded the ramp into existence using the materials and tools provided by the Partnership. A Ramp Squad member, Rocky, stated that "we [build] about one or two ramps a month," and that he's helped to build over 200 ramps in his time with the organization.

There were, however, a few challenges that the volunteers faced while building. There were times when the ramp's boards needed to be redone because of misalignment. Because of the position of the house and the ramp's

handrail, the nail gun could not fit in the space used to attach the railing's pickets. Through these trials, though, the Squad and engineering students used their experience and problem solving skills to get past the obstacles and find different ways of building; it was the perfect opportunity to test what the students had been learning in the classroom.

The plans used for this project will be used later on in the civil engineering academy at Creekside High School, says the academy's teacher, Kevin Davenport. The engineering group wants to put these plans into a program called AutoCAD, where they can draw them and modify them to fit any future projects without having to redraw the entire plan. This, as well as the actual building of the ramp, is a great experience for the engineering students, and a job well done by them and the Ramp Squad. As for the ramp's new owner, he feels that "[there] couldn't be anything better."



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The Italian poet Dante Alighieri from the Middle Ages once said, "We cannot have a perfect life without friends," and this quote is quite applicable to the eye opening trip thirty Creekside students, including four teacher chaperones (Ms. Bak, Ms. Kurtz, Mr. Ray, Ms. Fornera) and some parents, went on to Italy for Spring Break of 2014. While some of the kids had already known each other, all the teachers, parents, and students were able to bond over the nine day adventure to Europe. After flying and being awake for almost thirty hours, the group landed in Venezia (Venice) on the 15th of March, where their very tall and friendly tour guide, Marco, greeted them as their anxious feet exited the airport. Since Venice is completely dependent on water transportation, the group took a ride to the Queen of the Adriatic (aka Venice) via vaporreto (the boat equivalent to the local bus

in American cities) to explore Venice and take the evening easy to alleviate any jet lag (all three cities were five hours ahead of local Jacksonville time). Only spending two days in Venice, the group went on a culture quest to learn more about the cities roots, discovered the hidden wonder of gelato, passed the Bridge of Sighs and Doge's Palace, saw the Basilica of Saint Mark, witnessed a Veneitian blown glass demonstration on another island, and rode a gondola through the back water streets and parts of the Grand Canal.

On the way to Firenze (Florence), the group stopped in Bologna. They had the chance to tour the University of Bologna and have the opportunity to taste the flavors Bologna is famous for. From tortellini, to salami, to ragù, (tomato meat sauce often with sausage or beef) the group had a couple hours to explore the city before hopping on the charter bus, driving through the winding hills of Tuscany, and finally reaching Florence. In Florence, the group walked the famous Ponte Vecchio bridge that lies over the Arno river, had a chance to take panoramic pictures of Florence from high above. During the second day of Florence, the group was taken on a private walking tour to see the Duomo featuring Ghiberti's famous Baptistery Doors and the Accademia where Michelangelo's original David was held. There was also an excursion where group members could pay to learn and paint a fresco while the others shopped in open markets, ate gelato, looked at sculpture, and even climbed 463 steps to the top of the dome on the Duomo!

Finally, the group spent the last three days in Roma (Rome). However, the group took a short trip to the small, but breathtakingly beautiful town of Assisi to tour the Basilica of St. Francis, buy a few souvenirs, and eat some local sandwiches or pizza for lunch. Once in Rome, the group walked to the famous Trevi Fountain where many group members threw coins and took photos. One coin meant you would return to Rome again, two coins meant you would meet the love of your life, and three coins in the fountain was bad luck. The group had another private tour to the Vatican where they walked the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica (which featured Michelangelo's famous Pieta). The tour guide taught them about the Pope and the religious history of Italy along with the government of the Vatican. Two excursions were featured in Rome. One excursion was a pizza making lesson followed by dinner and another was an all day trip to Pompeii to explore

the city and learn about life before Mt. Vesuvius erupted. Those who did not attend the Pompeii excursion spent the day with Ms. Bak (an AP Studio Art and Art History teacher at Creekside), exploring the crypt of the Monks, some of Rome's various gardens, a lovely local lunch, shopping, and relaxing at a café. Then after the three days' worth of fun, it was finally time to say "ciao ciao" to

Marco and Italy as the group ventured back to Jacksonville after an exciting and most memorable trip that brought people from all parts of school and their families together.

Welcome to all and any! There will be two European trips coming up in 2015:Ms. Bak (Art department) – Greece Cruise during Spring Break of 2015. Mr. Ray (Social Studies department) - England, Ireland, and Wales tour during the Summer of 2015.







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For Senior Parents!

The PTSO will again sell Reserved Seats for Graduation at 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 PTSO as a fundraiser and are on a first come-first served basis. They are located in 2 sections of the arena and are \$25 each. We will sell the Reserved Seat tickets beginning on May 21st in the Media Center at 11:40. If you cannot be present you may send a check with your student or a friend. If you have any questions about Reserved Seats at Graduation please email Kelley Suttles at ksuttles@comcast.net.

4th Annual Running of the Knights

It is finally Spring and the days are longer so what better way to spend this extra daylight time than to join in the fun at the 4th annual Running of the Knights on Friday May 16 at Creekside High School. To register or to learn more about the Creekside High School Athletic Club's RUNNING OF THE KNIGHTS please go to www. runningoftheknights.com.

This is the Creekside High School Athletic Booster Club's biggest fundraiser of the year, all funds collected help to support every sport and the band at Creekside High School. This event offers something for just about everyone in the community, a Centipede Team Race, a one mile fun run, a 5K Run/Walk race plus a family friendly festival with food, games, music, and more. The Centipede team race is the only Centipede Race in the Jacksonville area and consists of five or more participants who run or walk while connected together as a unit. This fun division also has its own award categories such as Most School Spirit, Fastest Times and Most Creative.

Booth space is available in our exhibitor area for interested vendors. Non-profit organizations who would like to showcase service opportunities for students are also welcome to apply. Information can be found on our website under Sponsors. www.runningoftheknights.com

There have been quite a few new activities and games added this year such as Giant Hamster Balls, U-Launchers, Booger wars, Beat the Bucket, plus a St Johns County School Challenge where any St Johns County elementary or middle school that registers 25 or more student runners will earn \$5.00 per participant to be awarded to their respective schools. Why not create a centipede team and earn some money for your school too?

Also rolling out new this year is, It's Your Race - a mobile app that will keep participants up to date on race information including the course map, race results, sponsorships, etc.

Registration fees for the the 5K and the Centipede Race are \$30 per person through 5/12 or \$35.00 from 5/13-5/16. The fun run cost is \$10.00per person. All participants preregistered by May 12 will receive the event tee-shirt.

Please register today at www.runningoftheknights.com



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Florida State Spanish Conference 2014

Creekside High School's Spanish Department took a team of 12 students to compete at the Florida State Spanish Conference on March 13th - March 15th. Our team proudly represented the Saint John's County School District and was one of 47 schools throughout Florida to participate in this state-wide academic competition. Team members included Jonah Smith, Hayley Campbell, Talia Wind, Carlos Camacho, Alycia Willis, Sebastian Camacho, Cesar Camacho, Jamie Lee, Jackson Vance, Catherine Lower, Lucy Steele and Hayley Taylor. Each team member presented a 2 minute impromptu. Of the 12 members, 7 received a score of "sobresaliente" (outstanding and, the highest rating possible), four members received a "superior" score, the second highest rating, and one an "excelente". Nine of the members performed the play Celestina, a Spanish tragicomedy written in 1499 by Fernando de Rojas. The team received a "superior" score for their work. The declamations (reciting of poems in Spanish) were given by Jamie Lee, who received a "superior" score, Lucy Steele, Sebastian Camacho and Cesar Camacho, all of whom received "sobresaliente" scores. Hayley Taylor brought home a third place overall trophy for her regional sevillana outfit from Spain. Several students also performed instrumentals. Alicia Willis and Hayley Campbell performed a guitar duo, La Romanza and Jack Vance performed a saxophone solo entitled Flamenco. Amazing talent! As Team Sponsor, I have never felt so proud of my students. They have been practicing since September 2013 and their hard work definitely paid off. We ended our successful weekend with lunch at El Guavate - a very authentic Puerto Rican restaurant. ¡Delicioso! Hats off to FSSC 2014 Team! Hasta el próximo año

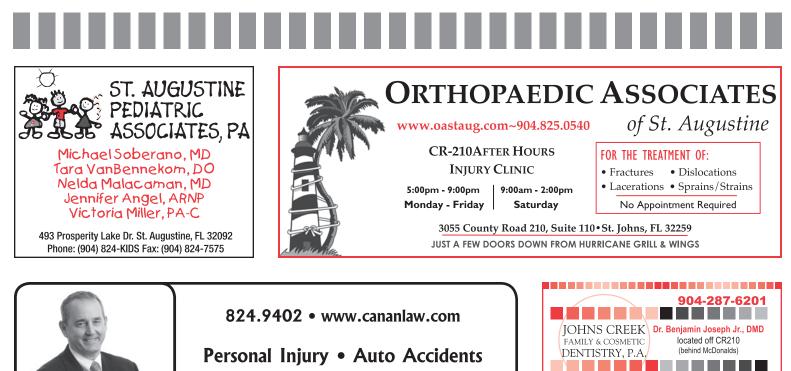
The Medical Society

The Medical Society is a new club at Creekside High School for students who wish to pursue the medical field as a profession. The mission of this club is for students to further their knowledge on different diseases, sicknesses, and medical conditions prevalent in the world today. The Medical Society creates a pathway for our future medical leaders.

This year, the Medical Society has offered CPR/AED certification training for club members. Ms. Patricia Hardy, the nurse at Creekside has offered instructional classes to club members. Because of her efforts, approximately 30 students

have completed this course and will be well prepared as they enter volunteer opportunities The students involved are dedicated and excited about volunteering in different hospital and medical related settings. The students are working together and creating new relationships with those interested in similar fields of study.

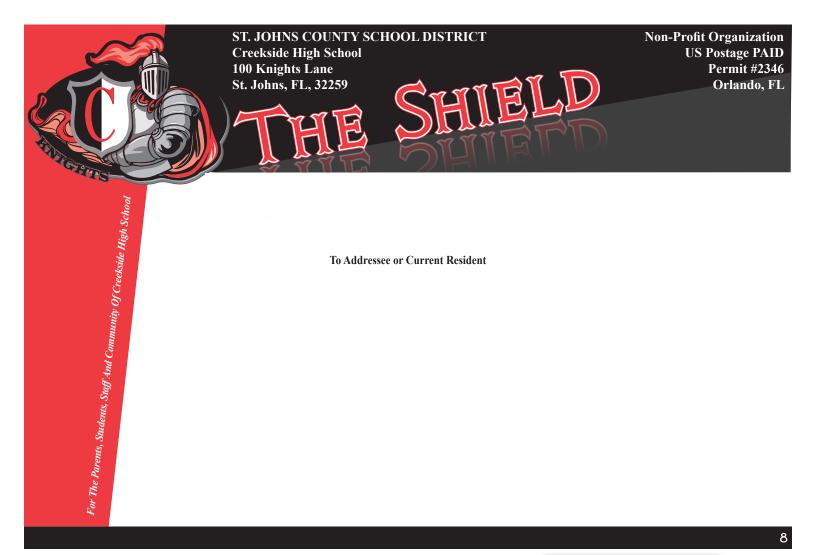
The Medical Society is sponsored by Mrs. Denise Heidenreich. This year's officers include Olivia Garrett (President), Elizabeth Harrell (Vice President), Mary Obaed (Secretary), and Nadia Obaed (Historian).

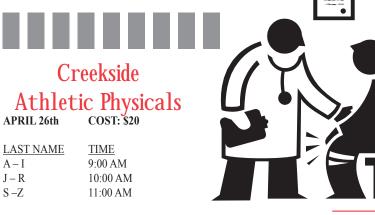


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6th Annual Creekside High School Summer KIDS Cheerleading Camp

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MASTER CALENDAR 2013-2014 School Year

Fri.	Apr. 18, 2014	Student/Teacher Holiday
TueFri.	Apr. 22- 25, 2014	FCAT Testing (Reading, Math & Science)
Mon.	May 26, 2014	Memorial Day - Student/Teacher Holiday
FriSat.	May 30 and 31, 2014	Graduations (Schools/Locations TBD)
Thu.	June 5, 2014	Last Day for Students*
Fri.	June 6, 2014	Last Day for Teachers - Teacher Planning Day

*ALL Schools will be dismissed <u>1 hour</u> early on June 5, 2014 All Schools participate in a weekly early release on Wednesday: Elementary @1:50, Middle @1:00, High @ 2:45 Interims Issued: April 25, 2014 Repor

Report Cards: June 6, 2014

✓ Denotes hurricane make-up days Optional planning day may "Flex" for any Planning Day or Post Planning day as pre-approved by Principal

> CHARACTER COUNTS! In St. Johns County <u>Pillars of the Month</u> April - All Pillars May - Citizenship (Emphasis on Patriotism)