

CREEKSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

The SHIELD

Weekly E-Newsletter

December 13th, 2021



TOGETHER, WE ARE CREEKSIDE STRONG

Information on Early Dismissal & Excused Absences:

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.

Early Release Form

Early Dismissals are not given after 3:00 on M, Tu, Th, Fr and 2:00 on Wed.

Excused Absences: Please remember that your student has 48 hours to turn in a printed doctor's note or a hand signed parent note to excuse any absences or tardies. There are printable forms available on the website under the Attendance link.

Attendance Link

Student Illness Protocol:

Your student needs to go to the nurse's office and allow them to follow procedure for checking out when sick. Your student should not text or call any family member to pick them up until they have seen the nurse. This helps us to know where your student is located, lets us know who will be picking your student up from school and prevents having to interrupt classroom teaching to call for your student to come out.

HELPFUL LINKS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

- [NHS Tutoring Schedule](#)
- [Creekside Tutoring Schedule](#)
 - *English Tutoring is Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8:30 in the English quad (Room 555)*
- [Click Here to see Schoology & Microsoft 365 Help Guides](#)
- [Online Textbook Student Help Guide](#)
- [School Access Online Application](#)
 - Approved School Access ensures the safety of our students, faculty/staff, and our campus. Effective 2015, **all visitors and volunteers must have school access.** ALL Volunteers must have school access to enter the school beyond the front desk. Would you ever:
 - Attend a meeting with Administration or Guidance
 - Attend a PTSO or SAC meeting
 - Volunteer time to a club or booster on campus
 - Proctor in the classroom, help in the bookroom, library, etc.
 - Dive team members to a game or tournament
 - Volunteer for special events (ticket sales, concessions, pre-game meals for students, etc.)
 - Help at a school sponsored event (performance, camp, running of the knights)
 - *Please note: School Access is active for 3 years.*
 - *Email CHSKeepntrack@gmail.com to confirm your status.*

SAVE THE DATE - SJCS D Master Calendar

- December 16th-21st - Semester exams
- Tuesday, December 21st - 2nd Quarter/1st Semester Ends
- December 22nd - January 4th - Winter Break (Student & Teacher Holiday)

- Wednesday, January 5th - Teacher Planning Day (Student Holiday)
- Thursday, January 6th - Classes Resume - 2nd Semester Begins
- Monday, January 17th - Martin Luther King Day (Student & Teacher Holiday)

SEMESTER EXAM INFORMATION

As the semester comes to an end and the testing season begins, it is our goal to ensure an efficient and positive learning environment. In order to accomplish this, we would like to share some information with you.

1. The semester exam schedule for December 16th – 21st is posted below. Students will remain in class for the entire scheduled exam block each day, and exams will only be administered during the designated periods and times listed on this schedule.
2. Creekside will follow normal attendance procedures. To ensure a safe and smooth process for all students, we ask you to review and adhere the following check-out procedures on the Creekside website: <http://www-chs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/parents/attendance/>. As a reminder, we are not able to accept parent phone calls for early check-outs. Early dismissal notes need to be turned into the front office before school begins.
3. As with any other school day, students are expected to adhere to dress code. (No Pajamas)

Finally, we appreciate your continued support as we work through semester exams. We wish you and your family a safe and relaxing holiday. GO KNIGHTS!!!

CREEKSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Semester 1 Exam Schedule

2021-2022

Thursday, December 16 th	9:20-10:50 EXAM Period 1	9:20-10:50 EXAM Period 5
	10:50-11:00 <i>Break</i>	10:50-11:00 <i>Break</i>
	11:00-12:30 EXAM Period 2	11:00-12:30 EXAM Period 6
	12:35-1:05 <i>Lunch</i>	12:35-1:05 <i>Lunch</i>
	<u>Buses depart at 1:05</u>	<u>Buses depart at 1:05</u>
Friday, December 17 th	9:20-10:50 EXAM Period 3	Tuesday, December 21 st
	10:50-11:00 <i>Break</i>	9:20-10:50 EXAM Period 7
	11:00-12:30 EXAM Period 4	10:50-11:20 <i>Lunch</i>
	12:35-1:05 <i>Lunch</i>	<u>Buses depart at 11:25</u>
	<u>Buses depart at 1:05</u>	11:30-1:00 DISTRICT MAKE-UP Exams
		<i>*Must be scheduled through the testing office.</i>
Monday, December 20 th		

NO EXAMS MAY BE TAKEN EARLY. District make-up exams will be given Tuesday after the 7th period exam or during the week of January 6th.

If you are going to be absent for any of the scheduled midterm days, you will need to still take the exams. For teacher-created midterms you must coordinate with your teacher when make-ups are. District-created midterms cannot be taken early! You will either make-up the midterm Tuesday, December 21st after the 7th period exam or when we return from winter break.

District created midterms make ups will begin on January 6th at 9:20a.m. If your student missed a district created midterm, please have them report to the auditorium that morning to take these exams. Make ups will be held from January 6th until January 12th.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the testing coordinator via email: Jessica.Sundstrom@stjohns.k12.fl.us

[Click Here to Download the Semester Exam Schedule](#)

SENIOR INFORMATION

Important Dates for Seniors:

- Wednesday, March 30th - Cap and gown delivery during all lunches

Graduation Information:

The Creekside High School Graduation ceremony will be held on Saturday May 28, 2022 at 4:00pm at the UNF area. More information to follow.

COUNSELOR CORNER

Visit the Guidance Website

Schedule an Appointment with your Counselor [HERE](#)



Please join the guidance Schoology group for updates. Use access code 4PTG-F88V-9MK6Q

Virtual college information sessions are available through this group! View the calendar for detailed information on how to register and attend!

Step Into Your Future!

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program has helped more than 725,000 Florida students attend a postsecondary institution. Bright Futures awards include: Florida Academic Scholars award (FAS), Florida Medallion Scholars award (FMS), Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars award (GSC) and the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award (GSV).



Go to www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SAF&FMAIN to find out how to qualify for a Bright Futures Scholarship.



Go to www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org and submit a completed, error-free Initial Student Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) during your last year of high school, by graduation.



Make the grade, earn the score...and graduate! The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program is created to establish a lottery-funded scholarship program to reward any Florida high school graduate who merits recognition of high academic achievement. The graduate must enroll in a degree program, certificate program or applied technology program at an eligible Florida public or private postsecondary education institution.



Know your responsibilities...apply, meet the requirements before graduation and throughout your college career. (Requirements are subject to change with each Florida Legislative session.)

Office of Student Financial Assistance website: www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org
Customer Service: 888-827-2004 Email: OSFA@fldoe.org

Click to Enlarge Photo

The Florida Financial Aid Application opens on October 1st. This is the application that Seniors will use to apply for the Bright Futures Scholarship. Attached is a simple 4 step flyer to assist students as they apply.

[Bright Futures Community Service Form](#)

You can get a copy of this form from your guidance counselor as well!

COLLEGE 101 >>

What to do, When to do it, and How

College 101: Filling Out the FAFSA

Do you need help paying for college?

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the best way to make college affordable. In fact, 4 out of 5 Florida college students rely on federal, state, and college-based sources to help pay for college and completing the FAFSA gives you access to that aid. By not completing the FAFSA, Florida students leave \$100 million on the table every year, FREE money they would have qualified for - don't let this be you!

Join this **FREE event** to learn step-by-step how to complete the FAFSA and get questions answered by financial aid experts.

[FloridaShines](#)

[College 101: Finishing the FAFSA](#)

[Click Here](#) to view information about the Resident Council of Westminster St. Augustine scholarship opportunity.

[Navigating Your Financial Future](#) - December Newsletter

UNF GUARANTEED ADMISSION PROGRAM INFO

UNF GUARANTEED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM INFO

ATHLETICS



Creekside Knights Athletic Boosters

Volunteer opportunities! Join a committee or help with Running of the Knights; there are plenty of opportunities and we need you! Contact ckabcpresident@gmail.com

Booster Board meetings are open to the public. Join us on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.
Next meeting: December 14th at 6pm at Creekside.

Support our athletes and their teams! *Sign up for Boosters!* <http://creeksideknights.com/membership/>
Sports receive no money from the school district and every membership contributes!

Mark your calendars and sign up for fun Running of the Knights 5K run/walk & family fun night. Includes 1 mile fun run for younger kids. Nov 19th. All proceeds go straight to athletics & teams. <http://creeksideknights.com/rotk/>

The Creekside Knights Athletic Booster Club (CKABC) raises the funds and provides the support needed to advance Creekside athletic programs. Creekside High School receives no funding from the county school district or state for athletics or its facilities! We are a 501(c)3 non-profit, 100% volunteer-driven organization. Your membership and community support is crucial to our success. All money we raise goes back into Creekside athletics and its teams.



The Creekside Knights Varsity Dance Team participated in the St. Augustine Christmas Parade on December 4th in Downtown St. Augustine! We love being a positive representation of the opportunities provided by our school district.

GET INVOLVED / COMMUNITY SERVICE

Student Volunteer - Light the Night

CCE has another volunteer opportunity for students! We host a "Light the Night" event every year to raise money for Field of Dreams of St. Johns County. Previously, this was indoors and included a spaghetti dinner, however due to COVID, it has developed into a drive-through spectacular! All the large oak trees in the front of campus will be decorated, there will be music playing and hot chocolate for sale!

We are looking for about 15 students to help man the cocoa table and take donations (details on the signup). Please see (and share!) the below link. Thank you for all your help and let me know if you have any questions.

Click **Here** to sign up!

Clubs & Teams can also sign up to decorate an Oak tree! Get involved and get creative to help raise money for our local Field of Dreams. You will need to provide your own supplies and decor, though there are power stations for each tree. You have from now until Friday, December 17th to decorate.



Click [Here](#) to sign up for the tree decorating opportunity!

Please remember to follow the new St. Johns County District guidelines when turning in service hours. Students must complete a Student Volunteer Service Plan for all hours completed after August 16, 2021.

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/wp-content/uploads/sites/142/2021/08/Bright-Futures-Community-Service-Form-St.-Johns-Final.pdf>

Please use the link above to obtain the form or copies can be picked up in the guidance office. Hours turned in without the appropriate paperwork **will not** be processed. If you have turned in hours and they are not entered into the system, you are missing the required documents. Paperwork that has not been processed can be found in the guidance office in the accordion file.

Also, mark your calendars for **PDQ Spirit Night on Tuesday, December 14, from 5-8 p.m.** A percentage of sales will go toward granting the wish of a severely-ill child. For more information, contact heidyl.brosofsky-weaver@stjohns.k12.fl.us. Thank you for your generosity.

PDQ Spirit Night!

Tuesday, December 14,
from 5-8 p.m.

At the PDQ on State Rd. 13 in Fruit Cove

A percentage of sales will go toward granting
the wish of a severely-ill child.



National Honor Society and Dreams Come True are collecting **new, medium-sized stuffed animals**. They will be donating these to the St. Johns County Sheriff's office to be distributed to patrol cars to give to children as needed. Donations can be dropped off in a box in the front office through Friday, December 17. Thank you.

STUDENT SHOUT OUTS

Last weekend, 15 Creekside Theatre students participated in the ITS District II One-Act Festival. For the tenth consecutive year, the Creekside one-act earned a Superior Rating. Jillian Cote was named Best Stage Manager, and Cameron Haddock was named All Star Cast Member; Abs Genton received the award for Best Role, and Lauren Pesquera received the award for Best Supporting Role. Congratulations to the entire cast and crew of *The Day the Internet Died* for putting on an outstanding show!

Congratulations to the cast and crew of
The Day The Internet Died!



SUPERIOR RATING

BEST STAGE MANAGER-JILLIAN
*BEST SUPPORTING ROLE-LAUREN

BEST ROLE-ABS
*ALL STAR CAST MEMBER-CAMERON

HIGH SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)

The Creekside High School Advisory Council (SAC) is looking for members for the 2021-2022 school year. SAC meets on the second Tuesday of the month via Microsoft teams/brick and mortar. SAC is a mixed stakeholder group of school employees, parents, students, and community members who share responsibility for supporting the school's continuous improvement. If you are interested in serving as a SAC member for the 2021-2022 school year, please email Amy Kennair at amy.kennair@stjohns.k12.fl.us

PTSO MEMBERSHIPS



Next PTSO Meeting: January 7

Please join us in person in the Media Center for the PTSO meeting on Friday, January 7 at 9:30 a.m. The meetings are a great way to learn about current and upcoming projects and events. We hope to see you then!



Creekside High School PTSO

**Join Creekside PTSO
Today!**

Where do your PTSO donated dollars go?

In the past, your CHS PTSO

dollars have paid for:

- Freshman Day & Freshmen T-Shirts!
- Parchment (Free Transcript service for Jr./Sr cost \$3200 a year)
- Clinic Supplies
- Senior Breakfast
- Media Center Items
- Teacher Conferences
- Teacher Appreciation
- Ramp Up Night
- Homecoming Carnival
- "Cocoa and Cram" study for all students
- Senior Awards

- ESE Programs
- Classroom Magazines
- Guest Speakers
- Security Updates for the School
- Electronic Sign
- Bike Racks
- Water Filtration System

CREEKSIDE HIGH SCHOOL BUSINESS PARTNERS

Thank you to our 2020-2021 CHS PTSO Business Partners, we appreciate your support! For our Creekside community, please visit our supporting businesses for your personal or family needs.

[Learn about becoming a Knight Business Partner](#)

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/mental-health/>

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/mental-health/covid-19/>

[Local & National Mental Health Resource List](#)





NOTICE TO PARENTS & GUARDIANS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY



If your child is having a mental health crisis contact the Mobile Response Team for an immediate assessment by a licensed clinician (In person or by video) for recommendations and linkage to services.

Call your **school counselor, school social worker, or **2-1-1** and request the Mobile Response Team.**

There will be a brief COVID-19 screening to determine the type of response that will be provided. The Mobile Response Team will be available via phone, telehealth, or in person, with the appropriate precautions.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

**National Suicide
Prevention Lifeline
Call 1-800-273-8255**

**Crisis Text Line
Text CARE4U to 741741
to text with a trained crisis counselor.**





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