

# CREEKSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

## The SHIELD

Weekly E-Newsletter

December 26th, 2021



The Creekside faculty wishes all families a happy new year and a relaxing winter break!

## 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)

## DISTRICT-CREATED MIDTERM MAKE UP EXAMS

If you missed a district-created exam during exam week, make ups are at 9:20a.m. in the auditorium on January 6th and 7th. Students will be permitted to make up multiple exams on this day.

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

## 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.

### Join the Senior Schoology Group!

Access Code: 5VJB-75V4-93ZVB

## 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/SAP8FMAIN/SAP8FMAIN](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SAP8FMAIN/SAP8FMAIN) to find out how to qualify for a Bright Futures Scholarship.



Go to [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://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](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org)  
 Customer Service: 888-827-2004 Email: [OSFA@fldoe.org](mailto:OSFA@fldoe.org)

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## 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

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!

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

[Click Here to Purchase GoFan Tickets](#)



### *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](mailto:ckabcpresident@gmail.com)

Booster Board meetings are open to the public. Join us on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

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 Players Championship tickets are on sale! Creekside is registered and will participate in the Chip In for Charity promotion. For each ticket we sell (using one of the codes below), the TPC will donate \$40 back to our school. See below and attached for codes. For more information about the program, visit:

<http://www.chipinfor youth.com/>



**CHIP IN**  
*for charity*



PURCHASE THE  
**PERFECT  
GIFT**



The Players Championship is back! Purchase your TPC tickets now and give the perfect gift. Use the codes below and the TPC will donate \$40 for each ticket purchased!

To Support this Group	Enter this Code	To Support this Group	Enter this Code
Creekside High School	CREEKSIDE	Football	WORKTOWIN
Band	THEPOWER	Future Business Leaders	CHSFBLA
Baseball	KNIGHTSBASEBALL	Girls Basketball	CHSGIRLSBB
Best Buddies	CHSBESTBUDDIES	Girls Golf	KNIGHTSGIRLSGOLF
Boys Basketball	CHSBASKETBALL	Girls Lacrosse	KNIGHTSGIRLSLAX
Boys Cross Country	CREEKSIDEBOYSXC	Girls Soccer	CHSGIRLSSOCCER
Boys Golf	KNIGHTSBOYSGOLF	Girls Volleyball	CHSVOLLEYBALL
Boys Lacrosse	KNIGHTSBOYSLAX	Softball	CHSSOFTBALL
Boys Soccer	CHSBOYSSOCCER	Swim	CREEKSIDESWIM
Boys Volleyball	CHSBOYSVOLLEY	Tennis	CREEKSIDETENNIS
Cheerleading	CREEKSIDECHEER	Theatre	CHSTHEATRE
Chorus	CHSCHORUS	Track	CREEKSIDETRACK
Creekside PTSO	2IRON	Weightlifting	CHSSTRONG
Dance	CREEKSIDEDANCE	Wrestling	KNIGHTSWRESTLING



THEPLAYERS.COM/TICKETS

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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.

## 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](mailto: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

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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[SJCS Website](#)

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