

# CREEKSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

## The SHIELD

Weekly E-Newsletter

November 28th, 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](#)

**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](#)

## HELPFUL LINKS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

- [NHS Tutoring Schedule](#)
- [Creekside Tutoring Schedule](#)
- [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 - SJCSD Master Calendar

- December 16th-21st - Midterms
- 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 1 - EXAM SCHEDULE

## CREEKSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

### Semester 1 Exam Schedule

2021-2022

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

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

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 21<sup>st</sup> after the 7<sup>th</sup> period exam or when we return from winter break.

District created midterms make ups will begin on January 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> until January 12<sup>th</sup>.

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)

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

CREEKSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

# Winter Dance

DECEMBER 11, 2021

7:00PM - 9:00PM

TICKETS \$15

No tickets at the door

CHS STUDENTS ONLY

Limited number of tickets sold on

SchoolPay until 12/01/21

Scan QR code to purchase



[Click Here to Purchase Winter Dance Tickets via SchoolPay!](#)

# CREEKSIDE CAFE

Outside Vendors starting 8/16:

- Mondays - Chik-fil-A
- Tuesday - Papa Johns
- Wednesday - Zaxbys
- Thursday - Papa Johns
- Friday - Zaxbys

You may deposit payment for lunches via Paypams.com or send in a check made payable to Creekside High School to Ms Marino in the Cafe'. Your student may hand deliver the check when they go to the cafe for lunch.

[Click Here](#) for an update from SJCS D about food service operations returning to normal on December 1st.

SJCS D Families,

Please be reminded that beginning Wednesday, December 1, 2021 Meal Prices will be:

		Breakfast	Lunch
Elementary	Paid	\$1.25	\$2.80
	Reduced	\$0.30	\$0.40
Middle/High	Paid	\$1.25	\$2.95
	Reduced	\$0.30	\$0.40

Prepayments into student lunch accounts can be made by using PayPAMS. The link to this service is located at <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/food/paypams/>

## 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!

## Dual Enrollment:

Spring 2022 DUAL ENROLLMENT at SJRSC (this includes classes at the college as well as online classes, It does not include DE classes at Creekside)- **DEADLINE TO ENROLL IS 11/30 AT 12:00 NOON**

Are you interested in taking Spring dual enrollment classes at SJRSC? Interested students can take up to 10 credits hours as a part-time DE student or go full-time (SENIORS ONLY) and take 12-16 credit hours (students would not take any classes at Creekside as a full-time DE student). Please be careful of the dates/times if you choose a live online class.

If you are new to Dual Enrollment (meaning are currently NOT taking any DE courses or are not registered for any Fall DE courses at Creekside), you will need to complete the following:

1. Online application and submit consent form (Please CHS guidance Schoology for link)
2. Official SAT, ACT or PERT test scores (Please see CHS guidance Schoology for PERT Flyer)
3. Spring Registration form (Please see CHS guidance Schoology for registration form)

If you are a returning student to Dual Enrollment (took a DE course either at the college or at Creekside during the Fall 2021 term), you will need to complete the following:

1. Submit official SAT, ACT or PERT scores, only if you plan to take a Math class
2. Spring Registration form (Please see CHS guidance Schoology for registration form)

Spring 2022 Dual Enrollment Registration deadline is November 30, 2021 at 12:00 NOON. All fall forms should be submitted to Ms. Fornera via Schoology or email [jennifer.fornera@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:jennifer.fornera@stjohns.k12.fl.us) OR students may drop off all forms to my office in the guidance area, room 111. If emailing or sending via Schoology, please make sure forms are sent as an attachment and not in the body of the email.

To access the spring course catalog, please check the CHS guidance Schoology page for the link.

To access the online dual enrollment application, please check the CHS guidance Schoology page for the link .

If you have any questions please send me a message on Schoology, email or stop by and see me in my office.

Keep in mind classes at the college site, close fast. The sooner you submit your registration form, the better. Also, if you attend Creekside and plan to take DE classes at the college site for Spring term, please make sure the classes you choose at the college, do not conflict with your CHS schedule. **WE WILL NOT CHANGE YOUR CHS SCHEDULE TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR SJRSC SCHEDULE FOR THE SPRING TERM.**

**Click Here for More Information on St. Johns River Dual Enrollment!**

## 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/SAP87MAIN/SAP87MAIN](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SAP87MAIN/SAP87MAIN) 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)

*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

## 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

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!

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.

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.

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.*

## GET INVOLVED / 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.

While you are shopping for gifts for the CHS toy drives, please consider purchasing **new, medium-sized stuffed animal**, too. The National Honor Society and Dreams Come True 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 or during lunch from **November 29-December 10**.

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 [heidy.brosofsky-weaver@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:heidy.brosofsky-weaver@stjohns.k12.fl.us). Thank you for your generosity.

## STUDENT SHOUT OUTS

**Congratulations** to the Creekside Thespians! On Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, Creekside ITS Troupe 7346 hosted the first half of the Florida Thespians District II Festival at Creekside. Creekside students earned 16 Superior and 9 Excellent ratings. The theatre students are looking forward to performing/presenting another 25 events at part two of the festival in the next few weeks.



Tejashree Vijay will be representing Creekside High School for the annual Northeast Florida Rotary Oratory Speech competition. She will be pursuing a scholarship worth \$5,000 answering the theme, "Serve to Change Lives." Teju will choose a written document that she believes has made a major impact on society and will back up with history and research. Over the next few months, Teju will be competing against local high school representatives at Rotary locations throughout the Jacksonville area. Please help us commend her on her endeavors.

## CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

**Calling ALL Freshman!**  
**YOU ARE INVITED!**

**COME TO A STUDY SESSION TO HELP YOU PREPARE FOR MID-TERM EXAMS!**

**INCLUDES:**  
Cookies  
Hot Cocoa  
Study Sessions  
Tutors

**JOIN US:**  
Wednesday, December 8th  
2:50-4:00 PM  
In the Cafeteria

**SIGN UP AT THIS LINK BY DECEMBER 3rd:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/cocoaacram21>

Calling all Freshmen: Link Crew Cocoa & Cram is December 8, 2021 from 2:50pm-4:00pm in the cafeteria.

This is a free event to help freshmen get ready for their very first set of high school semester exams. Professional tutors and honor societies will be there to tutor, but students may study in groups or privately; they do not have to receive tutoring. Cocoa, water & cookies will be available. Laptop carts will available. Students do not need to attend the entire time but must register by 12/3.

Sign Up [HERE!](#)

# 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



*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



**Next PTSO Meeting: December 5**

Please join us in person in the Media Center for the PTSO meeting on Friday, December 5 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 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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