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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Students, and Friends of Creekside,

We are very excited to start another school year here at Creekside High School! We would like to welcome our rising freshman and new students to the area, and welcome back our sophomores, juniors and seniors. This year promises to be a year filled with many opportunities as we strive to grow and become better than ever.

We are excited to welcome our new principal, Mr. Steve McCormick. Mr. McCormick has been with St. Johns County School district since 1995. Most recently he served as the principal at Ponte Vedra High School for three years and prior to that the principal of Fruit Cove Middle School for seven years. He is well known and respected by all for his passion for education and commitment to building a positive school culture. He has only been at Creekside a few weeks and is already an integral part of the Knight family. **Welcome Mr. Steve McCormick!** 

We are also pleased to announce Mr. Luke Marabell. Mr. Marabell has been selected as our new Athletic Director. Mr. Marabell has been an ESE teacher and Baseball coach for the last nine years at Creekside. He has lead our baseball team to great successes. Having worked so closely within the athletic program, we know this will be a seamless transition.

While there have been changes in administration and staff, our mission stays the same; to provide students with an opportunity to achieve academic, athletic, fine arts and extra-curricular excellence, within a safe and secure learning environment. To help our freshman get off to the right start we continue our Link Crew tradition of freshman orientation and mentoring. For details about the 2017-2018 start of school process please visit our website (http://www-chs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/start-of-school-process-2017-2018/).

### Here are a few important items to get you started:

**July 31st** Student Schedules are posted to Home Access Center (HAC)

**August 1st** Freshmen Day with Link Crew (8:30-1:00)

New Parent Orientation (8:30-9:30)

August 9th District Open House (8:00-11:00)

New Parent Orientation Make-up (9:30-10:00)

August 10th First Day of School

Counselors will be available August 1, 2016 from 1:30-3:30 to discuss schedule change requests in person. Please note schedules will not be able to be changed at that time. When schedules are posted, there will be an opportunity to make schedule change requests. Students have the first five (5) days of school to request a schedule change.

The 2017-201 school year arrives with great promise. We look forward to rewarding year!

# **ADMINISTRATION**

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Steve McCormick

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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 NEWS

# **BACK TO SCHOOL!**

# Start of School Process 2017-2018

FORMS FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL-

this link will be updated as soon as the forms are released.

These forms are due the first day of school. They may be turned in starting on August 1. Students will not receive IDs until these forms are completed and turned in. Without an ID you **may not** check out library books, buy lunch, purchase Homecoming or Prom tickets, attend a field trip or buy a yearbook. Additionally, the forms are required to use technology on campus.

- Lockers: 9th graders may pay their locker deposit of \$5 starting on Link Crew Freshman Day. Lockers are pre-assigned and the locker deposit carries over each year. If the locker deposit is not paid for by August 29 the lock will be changed until the deposit is paid.
- Textbooks: Will be distributed after school starts.

#### July 31, 2017:

#### **Student Schedules are posted to HAC:**

If you would like to request a schedule change please send an email to the address that will be posted here as time gets closer. Freshman will have an opportunity to request schedule changes during the Link Crew Freshman Day. Students have the first five (5) days of school to request a schedule change. <u>After August 16 at 4:00 PM</u>, schedule change requests will NOT be accepted.

### August 1, 2017:

### 8:30 AM-1:00 PM Link Crew Freshman Day Gymnasium

A fun day for freshman to come see the campus, meet other students and receive a mentor that will be there for them their first year of high school. As part of this day students will receive schedules, get a tour of the campus, have the opportunity to pay the locker deposit of \$5 and purchase PE Uniforms for \$25. Students may turn in completed forms that are due the first day of school. Lunch will be provided. This time frame is for students only. Parents are welcome to come at 1:00 to pick up their student and if needed, request a schedule change.

### Purchase PE uniforms online:

PE Shirt Only: https://www.schoolpay.com/link/PEshirt
PE Shorts Only: https://www.schoolpay.com/link/PEshorts
PE Uniform Set: https://www.schoolpay.com/link/PEuniform

8:30 AM-9:30 AM New Parent Orientation Auditorium



Parents, while your student is at Freshman Day, please join the PTSO and the faculty as they present "Creekside HS 101" for new Knight parents. The presentation will include general information about the school, how to get plugged in, school procedures, academic information, volunteer opportunities, key dates, and much more. School tours will be available at the conclusion of the presentation.

### 1:30 PM-3:30 PM Schedule Change Requests Media Center

Any 9th grader who missed Link Crew Freshman Day and any 10, 11, or 12th grader may come discuss and schedule change requests with counselors. No schedule changes will be made on this day, you will only be able to put in a request. The preferred method of requesting a schedule change is via email. The email address will be provided on July 31. Students may turn in the forms that are due on the first day of school. After *August 16 at 4:00 PM*, *schedule change requests will NOT be accepted*.

#### 6:00-7:00 PM Freshman/New Student Athletic Meeting Auditorium

Meet the Creekside Coaches and get information needed to get your student ready to play! Creekside spirit wear will be available for purchase and the Athletic Boosters will be there to help you navigate the world of high school athletics as a parent.

#### August 9, 2017:

## 8:00-11:00 District Open House Creekside Campus

During this time students and parents will have the opportunity to tour the campus, turn in forms that are due the first day of school, pay for parking (\$70) and locker deposit (\$5), or pay for PSAT (\$15 for 9th and 11th graders only). Spirit wear will also be available for purchase at this time.

#### 9:30 -10:00 AM New Parent Orientation Make-up Small Cafeteria

If you were unable to attend the New Parent Orientation on August 1st please join us at this time for a repeat! The presentation will include general information about the school, how to get plugged in, school procedures, academic information, volunteer opportunities, key dates, and much more. School tours will be available at the conclusion of the presentation.

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# 2017-2018 PTSO News

Welcome back! The Creekside PTSO would like to welcome you and your student back for another exciting school year! Whether it's your student's first semester here at Creekside or you're a veteran Knight, the Creekside PTSO is here to help.

Join the group, The Creekside PTSO Group! We love our school and community and want to help make our SCHOOL the BEST in the COUNTY! We provide support to the students and teachers through an array of speakers, capital initiatives, student and teacher events and assistance with additional educational opportunities BUT we don't stop there! We are committed to helping our students **BE THE BEST YOU!! BE THE BEST YOU** is a personal success initiative PTSO started last year and its main goal is to inspire, educate and encourage the Creekside High School Community to live their best life. Last year we had events with speakers addressing mental health issues, held a video contest to challenge students to create thought provoking videos on important youth topics and sponsored student activities during exam times. Check out the student videos on the PTSO website at www.chsptso.org!

It is going to be an exciting school year and YOU can be a PART! How you ask, through Membership and Involvement!

**Join the PTSO!** Our membership fees and employer matching gift program is our largest fundraiser for the year and those funds support the students and teachers at Creekside High School. Last year the PTSO contributed \$28,200 to school activities, initiatives and capital improvements. Your membership fee helps us continue to grow this commitment!

Get Involved! The PTSO meets the first Friday of every month at 9:30AM, in the professional library

and all members are welcome to attend. Come join us for the first PTSO meeting, as we kick off the new school year on **August 18th**. If you can't join the meetings no problem, there is other volunteer opportunities throughout the year that you can be involved in such as the Homecoming Carnival, the Video Contest, Cocoa & Cram Study Session and Teacher events. Sign up for these events on the PTSO website.

Join in our enthusiasm for this upcoming school and get involved with Creekside High School PTSO organization. Let's make this the best year yet!

Check out our website at www.chsptso.org for more information and upcoming events!

Go Knights!

Diane Grant & Reisha Rust 2017-2018 PTSO Co-Presidents







# Welcome Creekside Volunteers!

We have many volunteer opportunities throughout the school year and greatly appreciate your time and talent! To receive Creekside volunteer requests and other news via constant contact email, please log on to the CHS website, http://www-chs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/ and click on Email Alerts and News Registration (found under Quick Links) to submit your email address.

All school volunteers must be approved by the St. Johns County School District. Please see our volunteer guidelines on the CHS website: http://www-chs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/parents/volunteer/ To check your volunteer status, link your school access record to CHS, or update any information, please contact Deb Morton, CHS KeepNTrack Coordinator at CHSKeepntrack@gmail.com (you do not need to submit another online application.)

If you have never volunteered in our school district before, you will need to complete the online school access application that can be found on the school district's website: http:// www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/. Unfortunately, you may not volunteer until your application is cleared in the system; so please apply today!

Volunteers are welcomed and valued at Creekside – we could not do all that we do without your help and support! As always, thank you!

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### Do you ever???

- Attend a meeting with Administration or Guidance
- Attend a PTSO meeting
- Volunteer time to a Club or Booster on campus
- Proctor in the classroom, help in the bookroom, library, etc.
- Drive Team members to a game or tournament
- Volunteer for Special Events (Ticket Sales, Concessions, etc.)
- Help at a School Sponsored Event (Performance, Camp, Running of the Knights)

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If you answered "YES" to any of the above scenarios, it is important to apply for school access online BEFORE your meeting/activity/volunteering. Please go to the school district's website:

## http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/

Please note: You are unable volunteer until your form is cleared in the system. Once cleared, a notification email will be sent to the email address provided on the application. All approvals are valid for three years. \*If you are approved at another school or unsure of your status, please contact our KeepNTrack Coordinator, Deb Morton, at CHSKeepntrack@gmail.com for verification.

Thank you for applying as required and keeping Creekside a safe environment for all.



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# **NHS News**

INDUCTION CEREMONY: Students who successfully completed Creekside's application process at the end of this past school year were invited to an official induction ceremony scheduled for Tuesday, August 15th at 6pm in the school's auditorium. **Important Note:** Students who joined an Honor Society through a mailing (or online)

are not members of Creekside's chapter. These honor societies are completely different organizations and

not at all affiliated with the school.

**PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS:** Applications for membership will not be taken again until the spring semester. At that time sophomores and juniors that meet eligibility requirements should apply. Check the NHS website for details.

**NEW STUDENTS TO CREEKSIDE** can transfer their membership from another school by having a letter/ email from their previous school sent to Creekside's NHS Chapter Advisor stating that they were a member in good standing. Students with transferred memberships do not need to attend the induction ceremony.











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Girls Cross Country	Conditioning Now	Mandy Yates	mandyccrnr@hotmail.com
Football	Conditioning Now	Sean McIntyre	Sean.mcintyre@stjohns.k12.fl.us
Boys Golf	Julington Creek Golf Course	David Hudson	David.hudson@stjohns.k12.fl.us
Girls Golf	Julington Creek Golf Course	Stephanie Triay	Stephanie.Triay@stjohns.k12.fl.us
Boys & Girls Swim/Dive	Julington Creek Aquatic Center	Tracy DaCosta	ushadiva@comcast.net
Volleyball	Creekside Gymnasium	Megan Bowers	Megan.Bowers@stjohns.k12.fl.us

For information regarding Fall sport tryouts, please contact the head coach of that sport. A current physical must be on file prior to tryouts.

All new students and their parents should attend the **Freshman & New Student Athletics Orientation**. The event will be held on August 1st at 6:30 PM in Creekside's auditorium. Meet the Creekside coaches and get information ready to get your student ready to play! Creekside spirit wear will be available for purchase and the Creekside Knights Athletic Booster Club will be there to help you navigate the world of high school athletics as a parent.