



Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Creekside,

Please join us in congratulating the Creekside Teacher of the Year Stacy Ray. Mr. Ray has been a teacher at Creekside since the school opened, and is currently teaching AP World History in addition to being the Model United Nations Sponsor. We are also proud to congratulate Kris King, our “Rookie” Teacher of the Year. This is Mr. King’s 2nd year as a teacher, but his 8th year at CHS, as he previously served as a paraprofessional in our ESE department. Mr. King teaches Math and Social Studies in our Access Points classrooms, and is the Creekside HS head baseball coach. Creekside is proud of both of these wonderful educators, who will be recognized in the spring at the St. Johns County Teacher of the Year district celebration.

Creekside High School is bustling this time of year with activities. Between clubs, athletics, guidance, performing arts or academies, there are events going on just about every evening at Creekside High School, we invite you to join us in supporting these valuable co-curricular experiences.

The December midterm exam schedule is posted on the Creekside website for your planning purposes. Please note that there will be no early exams given; any exams that are missed in December will be made up in January when students return from Winter Break.

Please check the Creekside Website regularly for information including the daily announcements, upcoming dates, deadlines and other important information for parents. Beginning in December, The Shield Newsletter will be transitioning from a quarterly printed newsletter to a weekly email update to keep you up to date on everything going on at Creekside High School.

We hope that our whole Creekside family will enjoy a happy and healthy holiday season.

Go Knights!

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THE SHIELD



VISION STATEMENT

The vision of Creekside High School is to inspire in all students a passion for lifelong learning, creating educated and caring contributors to the world.

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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.

SCHOOL MISSION

CREEKSIDE NEWS

Academy Students Help Cleanup in Irma's Aftermath

Students in the Environmental Sciences Academy recently volunteered with the Guana Estuarine Research Reserve in a marine debris study and coastal cleanup. Their efforts were part of a service project to help with debris cleanup along the coastline from Hurricane Irma's impacts last month. In addition to debris removal, students participated in citizen science by collecting data on various types of marine debris. They submitted their findings to the International Coastal Cleanup Project with The Ocean Conservancy, in an effort to better understand marine debris impacts in St. Johns County and on a global scale. Creekside students have participated in the annual International Coastal Cleanup for the past decade, each year since Creekside opened. This year, students collected over 250 pounds of trash per hour! They are eager to soon help in other area beaches; as cleanup efforts are still needed along the coastline throughout St. Johns County.



FUND-A-PROJECT Winner

Congratulations to Mr. Aaron Carn, winner of the Fund-A-Project grant. Mr. Carn submitted the application to assist with the Sports Management Club he sponsors and was awarded a \$500 grant! Thanks to **ink!** and **Beaver Toyota** for supporting our schools!



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- Facepainting-11:00am-1:00pm
- Lego/Crafts-11:30am
- Signing Santa- 11:00am & 1:00pm
- ASL/Spanish Caroling-1:00pm
- ASL/Spanish Storytelling-11:00am
- Board Games-1:00pm
- Harry Potter Trivia-1:30pm
- Ugly Sweater Contest-2:00pm
- Tri-M music throughout the event
- Book Ambassadors to help you find the perfect gift
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CREEKSIDE NEWS

Be the Best You

Spirit week is an enjoyable, greatly anticipated tradition now, as witnessed by the student's fun-loving daily themed attire throughout homecoming week. With the campus being filled with that much positive energy, what better week to launch the PTSO's "Be the Best You" initiative by hosting a Safety Fair! Cara Filler, a youth motivational speaker, presented to the junior and senior classes as part of the Drive to Save Life's Tour. She highlighted SPEAKING UP if in an uncomfortable situation, as it could save your student's life, and other lives as well. Ms. Filler lost her identical twin sister in a horrific car accident the day before their 18th birthday. The cause of the accident was excessive speed by her sister's boyfriend. She gave the students advice to use to get themselves out of a potentially dangerous situation.

Vendors at the Safety Fair included representatives from Florida S.A.D.D, Teen Safe Driving Coalition, SJC Tax Collector Driver's Education office, SJC Sheriff's department, Florida Highway Patrol and Kathy Scott from State Farm Insurance. Special thanks to State Farm for funding the event!

You can learn more about Cara Filler, her story and her message at www.carafiller.com. Teenage Defensive Driving School is offered to all SJC High Schools through the SJC Tax Collector's office and State Farm. This program prepares over 1000 kids per year. Phase I, the learner permit prep, is free to students and Phase II, behind the wheel driving course is \$300 for a 27 hour driving course. Learn more at www.sjctax.us, Driving Classes.

Next in our "Be the Best You" Initiative is our very popular Video Contest

where students address issues that teenagers face in today's society and offer support, understanding and possible solutions. It is a great opportunity for personal expression, vocalization, problem solving and creativity. Contest Rules and Entry Form can be found on the PTSO website at www.chsptso.org.

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Academy Students Place in National GIS Competition

On Tuesday October 24th, students in the Environmental Sciences Career Academy participated in the Student GIS Mapping Competition at the URISA GIS-Pro Conference in Jacksonville. Students presented their research and ArcGIS 'StoryMaps' to business professionals from around the country.

- Crosby Middleton, Senior, took 2nd place in the Competition.
- Five other Academy students received Honorable Mention.

The competition was a fantastic learning experience for them to enhance their presentation skills and develop their professional portfolios.



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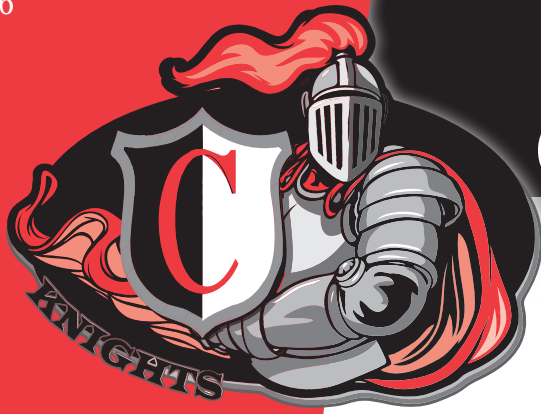
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Running of the Knights

The date has been set for the next Running of the Knights to be held on Friday May 11, 2018. Be sure to save the date! We are currently in the planning stages for next year's event to make it "Bigger and Better" than ever. Watch for updates as they are announced.

For the first time in the 8-year history of Running of the Knights, we are offering a pre-registration discounted price of \$25 through December 31, 2017. On January 1st the price increases to \$30, then increases to \$35 two weeks prior to the event.

You can only pre-register using manual registration forms that you can download from the website or pick one up at the front desk or athletics office. This year you have the option to be a Virtual Knight if you are unable to attend the event but would like to support the cause. See the "Virtual Knight" form for details at <https://www.runningoftheknights.com/registration>.

Some exciting announcements coming soon!

You can follow social media updates on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter in addition to details on the website www.runningoftheknights.com.

If you are interested in volunteering for Running of the Knights 2107, please contact: Debbie Nievinski, CHS Volunteer Coordinator, chknightsvol@gmail.com.



Coach of the Year

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Theatre

Great things are happening in Creekside Theatre! This semester 99 students will perform in theatrical productions on the Creekside Stage. At the beginning of October, the first group of students had their chance to shine as they brought the lovable and zany characters of John Patrick's *The Curious Savage* to life. The show was double cast so twice as many students had the opportunity to participate; this unique casting situation made the entire experience about much more than just fantastic performances but also about forming extraordinary friendships through partnership and teamwork. The next group of talented students will take the stage for the winter shows in December.

You can catch *Little Women* and *The Nutcracker* at 6:30pm on Thursday, December 14th and *Little Women* and *Alice in Wonderland* on Friday, December 15th at 6:30pm. Tickets for the December shows are \$5 and a portion of the ticket sales will be donated to Creekside's Dreams Come True Club. A mini presale event was held in September for the winter shows, and the Creekside Theatre Department raised \$300 for The American Red Cross Hurricane Disaster Relief fund in just three days.

In addition to the upcoming winter shows, be sure to mark your calendars for the spring musical, *The Addams Family* (March 1st, 2nd, 3rd at 7pm and March 3rd at 2pm)!



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For The Parents, Students, Staff And Community Of Creekside High School

To Addressee or Current Resident

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Hello from your Creekside Athletic Booster Club!

A few reminders: Williams Athletics, off of Racetrack and Flora Branch, has all of your Creekside apparel needs. Stop by and see John today and get decked out in the latest Creekside Gear! **Winter sports** are having tryouts and teams are forming! Make sure that your team gets their “booster bucks” by joining the CKABC today!

Save the date: Friday, May 11, 2018 at 4pm - 8:30pm.

This is our biggest CKABC fundraising event which includes a 5K Run, Centipede Teams, 5K Virtual Knight Run, and 1-Mile Fun Run. Races and event are open to anyone. A family friendly festival will be taking place before, during, and after the races. Bring the family for fun, games, food, music, vendor tents, and more! We are building “Creekside Community” one family at a time! Please donate to the CKABC today! WWW.CREEKSIDE.COM We thank you for supporting our Student-Athletes and Creekside Athletic Teams! **GO KNIGHTS!!!**

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