



Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Creekside,

The 2017-2018 school year is underway! On August 10th we welcomed 2,142 Knights and 166 staff members. Thank you to our Link Crew sponsors and student mentors for hosting freshmen orientation for our 572 incoming freshmen, as well as a tailgate celebration for our first home football game this year.

Is your student “plugged in” at Creekside? Creekside High School has over 65 clubs and extracurricular organizations, and more are forming every day. There will be a club fair coming up this quarter so students can see all the clubs that we currently offer. These extracurriculars are designed for your students to get involved with the Creekside Community.

This year our teachers are using an online tool called Schoology to keep students informed of upcoming dates and deadlines. All students can login using their Active Directory username and password – there will be a Parent Portal feature, information will be released as soon as it is ready. Creekside High School is also a B.Y.O.D. (Bring Your Own Device) school, which means your students can bring their own laptop or tablet to school and connect to the school WiFi for schoolwork.

Our guidance counselors are here to ensure that student needs are met for academic success, social emotional well-being and college and career planning. Individual conferences can be scheduled with each counselor, or come to our Guidance Parent Night on September 28 for presentations about vital information for your child’s grade level. Our guidance counselors are going to be working in the classrooms this year as well as hosting lunch sessions for students on a variety of topics.

Creekside High School uses a variety of techniques to communicate important information to parents and students. The Creekside website is continually updated with important information and is the first place to check for information, you can also follow us on Twitter @CreeksideHighFL for daily updates and information. Please do not hesitate to contact us directly about any individual questions or concerns.

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VISION STATEMENT

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SCHOOL MISSION

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Creekside FBLA Students Place at National Competition

Sixteen students from Creekside High School attended the FBLA National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California this summer after advancing from the Florida State Leadership Conference/Competition held earlier this year. Students who attended include:

- Kelsey Zweibohmer and Matthew Zweibohmer—Business Financial Plan
- Gayatri Ramesh—Business Plan
- Zachary Kowalski—Computer Problem Solving
- Daniel Malloy—Introduction to Information Technology
- Taryn Clarke—Journalism
- Ronnie Piccione and Juliana Martinez—Management Information Systems
- Madison Hood, Gwendolyn Flores, and Kristina Pionessa—Management Information Systems
- Trevor Flint, Clay Carter, and Teegan Bailey—Network Design
- Sean O'Neill—Networking Concepts
- Anna Perkins—Public Speaking 1

Each state could enter their top four participants for each event. Creekside is proud to announce their finalists:

- Ronnie Piccione and Juliana Martinez placed 2nd in Management Information Systems
- Trevor Flint, Clay Carter, and Teegan Bailey placed 4th in Network Design
- Anna Perkins placed 6th in Public Speaking for 9th and 10th grade students



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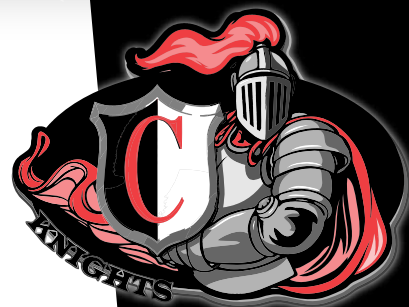
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In the Network Design and Management Information Systems events, students had to score in the top 15 nationally on an objective test to qualify for the final round of competition. The performance component (final round) consisted of examining a case study, within 20 minutes or less, and then presenting the case study along with their version of the solution to a panel of judges. Public Speaking participants had to compete in two rounds with the final round including to the top 16 in the nation. The top ten competitors or teams (if it was a team event) were recognized at the 2017 National Leadership Conference Awards of Excellence Program on July 2, 2017 in Anaheim, California. Six of the students above graduated from Creekside in 2017. The students returning this year are now more eager than ever to get back to Nationals again next summer, which will be held in Baltimore, MD.



Lynda Kelly, with Kathy Sinardi assisting, established the Creekside's chapter of Future Business Leaders of America in the fall of 2013. With 244 members last year, 130 members participated in the District 27 Competition, where 81 members qualified for the State Competition. 75 of the 81 members competed at State in Orlando, where 33 members placed in the Top 5 at the State level. FBLA has over 60 competitive and skills events from the areas of technology, public speaking, communication, business, finance, and management. More than 9,600 of America's best and brightest high school students traveled to Southern California to establish their own Legacy of Leadership as they competed for the opportunity to win more than \$170,000 in cash awards.

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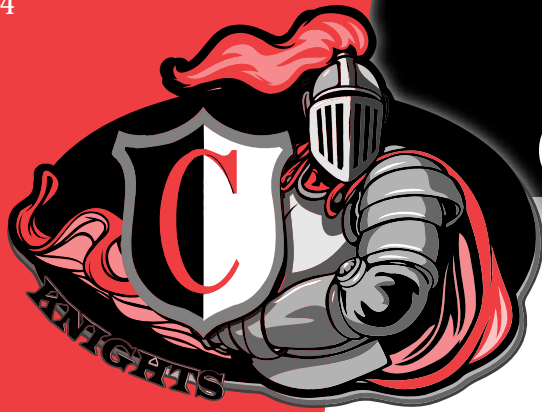
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Counselor Connection

The Creekside Guidance Department is excited to announce our lunchtime counseling topics for the month of September. Students are invited to join us during all three lunches in the media center on the dates below. Bring your lunch and a friend for fun weekly sessions or just stop by to say hi!

- September 6th – Registering for Parchment and requesting a transcript
- September 13th- PSAT and the National College Fair
- September 20th- Navigating through High School
- September 27th- Managing Stress

ASVAB testing is scheduled for September 20th. Students can sign up to take the test in the guidance department. Check out the new scholarships for October on the CHS website.

College and Career Night

The annual College and Career fair will be held on Wednesday, September 6th from 5:00-7:30 at St. Augustine High School. For more information visit: <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/gpc/college/>

Upcoming College Visits: Florida Gulf Coast Sep 29th 5th Period (1:20 – 2:05 pm)

Students who would like to attend one of the college visits should sign up in the guidance department no later than one day prior to the visit.

October 2017 PSAT/NMSQT®

Creekside High School will administer the PSAT to all students in grades 9-11 on Wednesday, October 11, 2017. The purpose of the test is to give all students an opportunity to experience taking a college readiness test and to identify students who might benefit from advanced coursework.

Students in 9th and 11th grade must pay a \$20 registration fee in order to receive their scores. Please make checks payable to Creekside High School and write your student's name, grade level, and "PSAT" in the memo line. Students may submit registration fees to the Testing Coordinator, Mrs. Mackoul, before or after school in room 130. The last day to pay for registration will be Friday, September 29th. All 10th grade students will receive a score report at no charge. Your student's Score Report for the PSAT/NMSQT® will be available in mid-to-late December from College Board.

Students received an Official Student Guide to the PSAT/ NMSQT® through their English classes. This guide contains valuable information as well as a full-length practice test with answer keys. Please visit www.collegeboard.org/psat for more information.

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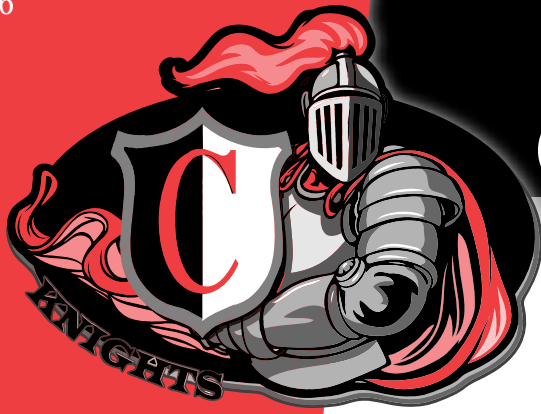
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Creekside Knights Athletic Booster Club 2017-2018

Welcome back to School!

The Creek is Rising! Creekside High School sports are ready to dominate the competition going into the 2017-2018 school year. Already, the Football Team has experienced many positive changes through new Head Coach, Sean McIntyre. Creekside's victory during the spring has set the stage for positive change. Additional changes like the school's new Principal, Mr. Steve McCormick, and the introduction of our new Athletic Director, Mr. Luke Marabell, are creating an exciting buzz in the entire community. The complete renovations to the school's weight room, with our new Strength and Conditioning Coach, Donnie Gumble's training and nutrition are taking all student-athletes to the next level.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the new Administration and all our great Coaches who are helping to drive excellence in our entire athletic program at Creekside. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year!

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Seniors Griffin King and Aubrey Miller took prizes for their research of nutrient levels in the St. Johns River. Their Academy teacher, Mrs. Pressel, indicated both students spent months researching and developing maps using GIS software and working with an Academy Business Partner and GeoMentor from St. Johns County Public Works.

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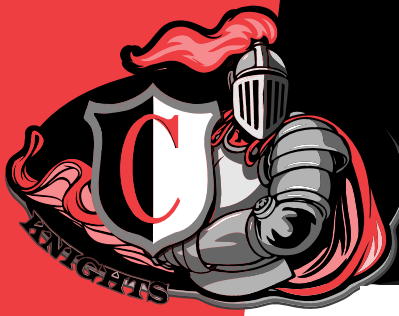
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 Brette Reiman, Founder, Hugs Across the County



Did you know we scheduled over 2,000 hours of volunteer hours before school even started? A HUGE thank you to all the student and parent volunteers who gave their time and commitment to Creekside over the summer and during all of our Start of School projects. Because of you, we were able to start the school year off just right. So, thank you, thank you, thank you. You are AWESOME!!!

Feel like you want to join the volunteer team?? Email Debbie Nievinski at chsknightsvol@gmail.com and you will be added to an email list for upcoming projects. Thank you.