



THE TORCH

Monday	10-2	Picture Day. Girl's lacrosse club from 3:00-4:00. Related Arts Day A
Tuesday	10-3	Related Arts Day B
Wednesday	10-4	Early Release Day – Dismissal starts at 1:50. Related Arts Day C
Thursday	10-5	Related Arts Day D
Friday	10-6	Dress in your crazy socks. Related Arts Day E

Hello Warrior families! Thanks to those of you who were able to attend our Leadership Night. This was a unique way for us to showcase how we encourage the students to practice their 7 Habits leadership skills. We have received great feedback from parents and teachers regarding how to make this even better next year. The students indicated they enjoyed it tremendously.

Our first Leaders with Character Celebration will be held on Wednesday, October 25th. This will be a quarterly event in which we will recognize students from each homeroom class for: *Academic Excellence, Growth Mindset, Community Service, and Character Counts*. These will be grade level ceremonies in which all students will participate. The family members of those being recognized will receive an invitation to attend by the teacher.

St. Johns County is one of the 37 counties designated in the FEMA Major Disaster Declaration. Therefore, all SJC students can receive free school meals (breakfast and lunch) September 18th through October 20th. A la carte menu items are also available to purchase.

October is Bullying Prevention Month across the nation. Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school-aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. In order to be considered bullying, the behavior must be aggressive and include:

- 1) An Imbalance of Power: Kids who bully use their power – such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity – to control or harm others. Power imbalances can change over time and in different situations, even if they involve the same people.
- 2) Repetition: Bullying behaviors happen more than once or have the potential to happen more than once. Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose. If there are any questions about what might be considered bullying, please contact the Assistant Principal, Mr. Klein. He would like to be able to address concerns prior to it becoming repetitive or an imbalance of power. Let's talk to our children about the importance of being kind to everyone – all of the time!

Hurricane Make-up Days
 Friday, October 16th
 Friday, November 10th



Boo Grams are being delivered! Grams are available in the front office for \$1. All monies raised support our Safety Leader Program.

10-31-17 – New date for 1st quarter report cards to be released

11-13-17 – Picture Retakes

The clinic is in need of donations for peanut free snacks and small Ziploc bags.

Spotlight on Exceptional Student Education: The ESE team’s service project for this school year is “Campus Beautiful!” Our students are keeping their eyes peeled for papers, pencils, jackets and other items that have been left around campus. When they find a lost item they will turn it in to the front office so it can be returned to the rightful owner. A large part of keeping our campus beautiful is also picking up snack wrappers and pieces of paper that are left on the playground and in the commons areas. It’s a WIN-WIN!

We hope that everyone will park in a designated parking spot. Viewing cars in the grass, at times when spots are available, makes our school appear undesirable. If parking in the grass must take place, we ask that you park in the parent pick-up side. There is a small section at the bus loop that is reserved for our daycare buses in the afternoon. Taking those spots makes it unsafe. Please note that all students being dropped off in a car must not utilize the bus loop unless there is prior administrative approval. These are in place for safety.

As indicated in the Parent Handbook, reminder that all transportation changes must be emailed to wcestransportation@stjohn.k12.fl.us and your child’s teacher.

Seven Habits Focus:

Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind

I plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference. I am an important part of my classroom and contribute to my school’s mission and vision. I look for ways to be a good citizen.

A message from the Kindness Club:

We want to make sure my students have the materials they need to succeed, so we just created a DonorsChoose.org request.

[Spread Kindness One Rock At A Time](#)

In return, you'll get awesome photos of your gift in action and our heartfelt thanks.

Reminder that reservations to display a message on the Kindness Rock are still available. <http://www-wce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/kindkids/> . Students are enjoying reading the messages as they come through parent drop-off. What an awesome way to start off the morning with a positive message.

Note from PTO:

WCES Mom, and owner of Ambren Travel, Caitlin Gallagher, is partnering with Wards Creek Elementary School PTO to raise money through this fundraiser cruise! Set sail on an amazing 7-night spring break vacation and earn money for our school. A portion of the cruise cost goes back to our school, while you get extra perks by booking through this group! It's a win-win! www.ambrentravel.com/wces/

The SJCS Student Progression Plan and Parent Resource guide has been updated for the current school year

<http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/families/>