



THE TORCH

Monday	9-18	Back to school ☺ Odyssey applications due. Girl's lacrosse club from 3:00-4:00. Related Arts Day C
Tuesday	9-19	Related Arts Day D
Wednesday	9-20	Early Release Day – Dismissal starts at 1:50. Related Arts Day E
Thursday	9-21	SAC meeting at 6:00 pm in Media Center. Related Arts Day F
Friday	9-22	Wear Fall colors. Book Fair begins (from 22 nd -29 th). Interims available on HAC. Related Arts Day A

Hello Warrior families! We hope you are safe from the hurricane. We are looking forward to seeing your children back at school as we desire to get back to normalcy. SJCS D has designated the Yates Center as the collection and/or distribution site for families in need due to Hurricane Irma. At the current time they are only collecting toiletries, cleaning supplies, new underwear, gift certificates for gas or groceries. They are not accepting clothing, furniture, food, water, or school supplies. For local resources and donation information, please refer to the SJCS D homepage. If you are a family in need please contact our school counselor, Leanne Adolf, at Leanne.adolf@stjohns.k12.fl.us, or by calling the school.

Leadership night has been rescheduled for **Tuesday, September 26th from 5:30-7:30pm**. The expectation is that children are able to lead their parents around the school and explain their daily routine and activities. This is a student led and directed event to showcase our school and leadership qualities! Students will get a passport that will tell them what to show. We are looking at this opportunity to see your child display their leadership skills.

This year our district is going through its accreditation. For more information about this <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/accreditation>. We encourage you to provide input by completing the Climate and Culture Parents survey <http://eprovesurveys.advanced.org/surveys/#/action/28637/21960>. The purpose of this survey is find out your beliefs and opinions about our school. We need at least a 20% response, which is about 100 completed surveys. At this date we have only 20 submitted. The survey takes less than five minutes to complete. The link will be available until September 30th. We value your input.

Please sign up to volunteer for the Book Fair <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044daca72ca57-wards2>. Volunteers will receive a 20% discount.

Wednesday, September 27th is "Dads, take your child to school" day. See attached:



2017 Dads Take Your Child Memo.pdf



DADS Fathers Day Flyer 2017.pdf

See next page for additional news

Spotlight on 3rd Grade:

Wards Creek Elementary believes that community service is a vital part of its role in shaping tomorrow's leaders and seeks to find ways to instill this belief in students. The goal of our grade level community service project is to develop purposeful and contributing citizens who are aware of their responsibilities – to themselves, their school, and society. Learning how to care lies at the heart of our leaders and the value of responsible citizenship, caring for a cause beyond oneself.



Community Service
17-18 Kitchen Items.

The first School Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting is at 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 22nd, in the Media Center. SAC is...a diverse group of stakeholders of a school, established through Florida law, with the shared goal of increasing student achievement in a safe learning environment. SAC consists of the principal and an appropriately balanced number of teachers, staff, parents, and community members. If you are interested, please come to a meeting and learn more about how you can be involved with this integral team.

At the beginning of the year we provided a Positive Behavior Support handbook. School-wide Positive Behavior Support (PBS) is a collaborative, assessment-based approach to developing effective school-wide behavioral expectations. The emphasis is on the use of proactive, educative, and reinforcement-based strategies to achieve meaningful and durable behavior and lifestyle outcomes. Your child is expected to share their TORCH card with you each night. This identifies if they have met the expectations for the school day. Please note that all students will receive a point for the days missed due to school being out of session.

Our guidance counselor, Leanne Adolf, will be teaching the child safety matters curriculum to all grade levels in the media center starting September 22nd. The Program empowers children to spot and respond to bullying, cyberbullying, child abuse, and digital dangers. Most importantly, it teaches that adults are responsible for children's safety. The Program is based on the latest research. It has been reviewed and endorsed by national experts. A form will be sent from your child's teacher. It only needs to be returned if you choose to opt-out of allowing your child to participate.



Safety
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i-Ready Diagnostic testing resumes on Monday, September 18th. This is an adaptive assessment program for Reading and Math. *i-Ready* will help teachers assess the needs of each and every student in their class while monitoring progress throughout the school year. *i-Ready* Diagnostic will be given three times during the school year: at the beginning of the school year, middle of the year, and end of the year. The results of the adaptive assessment provide teachers with an instructional course of action personalized for each student.

Home Access Center (HAC) allows students and parents to view their child's educational information via a secure, password protected website. All schools in grades 3-12 will be participating in HAC starting this year. HAC access for KG-2nd grade students is currently being piloted at several elementary schools. On Friday, September 22nd, interim grades will be posted for students in grades 3-5. WCE will issue paper copies of interims for KG-2nd students. For more information please view <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/>.