



THE TORCH

Monday	12-6	Day D in the Related Arts Schedule
Tuesday	12-7	Interims issued on HAC. Day D in the Related Arts Schedule
Wednesday	12-8	Wear School Spirit Attire. Early Release Day – Dismissal starts at 12:55. Day D in the Related Arts Schedule
Thursday	12-9	Day D in the Related Arts Schedule
Friday	12-10	Wear Your Pajamas. Day D in the Related Arts Schedule

Hello Warrior families! At WCES, we have an annual tradition called the “Giving Tree”. Each year, the program is set up to assist some of the families in our local community that need assistance during the holidays. We have a total of 6 children that we would like to send some holiday cheer! Please sign up to donate to these children if you can! All donations are due no later than Friday, December 10th. Please consider ordering online and having the items sent directly to our school. There will also be a collection bin in the front office where items can be directly dropped off by parents or students. Items will not be collected in the classrooms this year. When ordering online, please use the gift receipt option to indicate which child the items are for. When dropping off in the front office, please have all items labeled to clearly show which child they are for. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B4FA5AE2DA2F58-wards> Thank you so much for your help and generosity!

STEM: Families, if you are cleaning out old toys, please look out for and send in any Legos you might be interested in getting rid of. We are using them in STEM. Thank you.

The CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee is calling all walkers, runners and fitness enthusiasts to participate in the CHARACTER COUNTS! 6K/3K Run/Walk on Saturday, February 5, 2022, at 9 a.m. The run/walk will begin and end at Palencia Elementary School located at 355 Palencia Village Drive, St. Augustine.

Walkers and runners will enjoy a course running through the neighborhoods of Kensington and Las Calinas and can choose to participate in the 6K (3.73 miles) or 3K (1.86 miles) distance.

Registration fees are as follows:

6K: \$30 before January 1 \$35 January 1-

January 31 \$40 on race day

3K: \$25 before January 1 \$30 January 1-

January 31 \$35 on race day

Registration forms and more information are available online at

<https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/StAugustine/CHARACTERCOUNTSInStJohnsCountySixPillars6K3KRunWalk>

Race proceeds support CHARACTER COUNTS! initiatives throughout the St. Johns County School District (SJCS). The run/walk is open to all ages, and the top three winners will be awarded in each of the age categories as well as

the overall male and female finishers. A cash donation will be awarded to the top three schools with the most registrants.. All race registrants will receive a t-shirt and other goodies from area businesses and organizations. At the finish line, each race participant will receive a commemorative item. This event is produced by the CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee and is presented by Beaver Toyota with support from businesses and community groups. The SJCSJ, along with area businesses, youth organizations and civic groups, selected the national character education program of CHARACTER COUNTS! as a countywide initiative to instill positive character traits in young people throughout the county. Additionally, the SJCSJ became the first school district in Florida to implement Pursuing Victory With Honor in all of its athletic programs. Character education is an important part of every School Improvement Plan and a major component of the Student Code of Conduct and the school district's Strategic Plan.

Spotlight on Related Arts:
 "Greetings Warrior Families! This has proven to be a very exciting and productive year in your students' related arts classes. This year, we welcomed music teacher, Ms. Eaton, to our team. I love her enthusiasm for the arts in general and see that she has some big goals for our kids. Mrs. Eaton and her 5th grade students are looking forward to their field trip to see SJCCA at RJ Murray Middle School's *performance of Disney's The Lion King, at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre on Dec 7, 2021.* The 10:15AM show is intended as an Arts Enrichment for St. Johns County Students. This performance will be a valuable lesson in how music, dance, and visual art all come together to bring joy and inspiration to a community. Speaking of art, thank you to all my Warrior Families for their participation in this year's Square1Art Fundraiser! We brought in 200 percent of our sales from last year! The artwork your students create is gorgeous and will serve as a source of memories for years to come! Please look forward to your keepsakes arriving the week of December 8th! Coach Heise and Coach Roof are telling me that the running club on Wednesdays is a success and students look forward to earning their "feet" charms for running their laps. Thank you to our coaches for helping inspire children to enjoy healthy habits such as running and outdoor play. Mrs. Fanning and Mrs. Lusk in the library want to remind families to begin working on their "Book Setting Snow Globes". (Please see attachment) Mrs. Vergara, our STEM teacher, has been sharing all the new and exciting applications and technology she has discovered for kids to play with. She really has a passion for teaching kids 21st century skills and I am always in awe of how she stays abreast of what is current and popular with kids. We are looking forward to an awesome 2nd semester! Thank you again for your enthusiasm and support of our programs!
 – Mrs. Stimson, ART

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DATES TO REMEMBER

12/3: UGLY SWEATER DAY

12/1-12/17 HOLIDAY GRAMS FOR SALE

12/3-12/10 HUNGRY HOWIE PIZZA KIT

ORDERS OPEN

12/10: PJ DAY

12/14: TAKE OUT TUESDAY HUNGRY HOWIE'S PIZZA PICKUP

12/17: WEAR GREEN FOR GRINCH DAY

12/17 POLAR EXPRESS MOVIE NIGHT

5:00 CRAFTS AND SNACKS

6:45 MOVIE POLAR EXPRESS

12/22-1/1: WINTER BREAK (NO SCHOOL)

All Aboard!

POLAR EXPRESS NIGHT

Friday, December 17th 5pm
Wards Creek Elementary




Ticket Prices:
 Parents \$5
 Students (all ages) - \$10
 3 & under free

5-6:30pm - cookie decorating, holiday crafts, hot cocoa & coffee bar, popcorn trail mix station, photo booth

6:45pm - Polar Express Movie starts outside in the field - wear your favorite holiday pajamas, bring a blanket & enjoy

Limited capacity, Online Only Sales, Last day to purchase 12/15
www.wardscreekpto.com/store

Tickets will not be sold at the door!

