



THE TORCH

Upcoming Dates

- **Thursday, April 14: SAC Meeting**
- **Friday, April 15: Student/Teacher Holiday**
- **Monday, April 18: Student/Teacher Holiday**
- **Tuesday, April 26: Interims Issued**

Hello Wards Creek Family! It is the time of year when our 3rd-5th grade Warriors will begin State Testing. FSA testing will be the following dates:

4/5 – 4th/ 5th Grade Writing

4/7 – 3rd Grade ELA

4/8 – 3rd Grade ELA

5/2 – 4th/5th Grade Reading

5/3 - 4th/5th Grade Reading

5/9 – 3rd/4th/5th Grade Math

5/10 -3rd/ 4th/5th Grade Math

5/16 – 5th Grade Science

5/17 – 5th Grade Science

Section 1008.22(3), F.S., states, “Participation in the assessment program is mandatory for all school districts and all students attending public schools...” Section 1008.25(4)(a), F.S., states, “Each student must participate in the statewide, standardized assessment program required by s. 1008.33.” St. Johns County School District does not have the statutory authority to exempt any student from required state developed assessments, except as specified in Section 1008.212, F.S. which primarily addresses students with physical impairment or children who have a medical complexity as defined in section 1008.22(9) F.S.

The St. Johns County School District (SJCS) **School Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year opened March 1, 2022.**

For additional information on registration, contact the Student Services Department at 547-7598 or the assigned school.

Friday Spirit Days for April

4/8 - camo/animal print for National Zoo Lovers Day

4/22 - Wear green/blue for Earth Day

4/29 - Twin Day

RATS Schedule for April

Week of 4/3 – F week

Week of 4/10 – A week

Week of 4/17 – B week

Week of 3/24 – C week

Parent Drop-off and pick up: Student Safety is our top priority. Please do not allow your child to exit the car until you have pulled up to the sidewalk area and an adult indicates they are ready to receive students.

Wards Creek Elementary and the Third-Grade team have welcomed Ms. Shannon Kelly to the team as of February 22nd. We are excited to have Ms. Kelly join us from Southwoods Elementary. Let's give her a BIG Warrior welcome!!

Congratulations to the members of The Wards Creek S.T.E.M club! They represented our school well at 1st Annual the Robotics showcase held in early March at the Link in Nocatee. They got very positive feedback from the judge on their engineering design and coding project.



For PTO information, newsletter, and events, click here for the PTO website:
<https://www.wardscreekpto.com/>

PTO April News

April 5th - Mother/Son Event at Bravoz - \$40 for every mother/son ticket - additional \$5 for another son. Tickets include all access to Bravoz, 2 slices of pizza, a drink, and socks. 4-8pm Tickets can be purchased at our school store: <https://www.wardscreekpto.com/store.html#!/Mother-Son-Event-at-Bravoz/p/454038407/category=0>

April 19th - Art Tile Fundraiser will begin - sale will be through April 29th - flyers will

be sent home

April 26th - Take Out Tuesday - Tentatively Ford's Garage - will make an announcement once the time gets closer.

April 28th - Spring Fling Raffle and Art Show - Mister Softee will be present! Time TBA

Cognitively Guided Instruction: Teachers in our school are participating in a research study conducted by Florida State University to better understand how a professional learning program for teachers called Cognitively Guided Instruction impacts mathematics teaching and learning. You have the right to have your child's information withheld from the study if you do not wish to participate. Please review the parental notification letter here for more information about the study. <https://teachingproblemsolving.org/parental-notification>

Proctors: We are still in need of FSA proctors. Please consider signing up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45ACAA2BA2F5CE9-fsaproctors>

Please be aware you are unable to proctor in your child's classroom. You must be an approved volunteer to sign up. Here is the link <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply>.

FortifyFL App FortifyFL is a website and app developed at the direction of the Florida Legislature. Any student, educator, parent, or member of the public can report school safety concerns directly to law enforcement and school administrators anonymously and easily through the FortifyFL app.

