



## **Mrs. McCool's Nest News**

Cardinal Families,

Thank you all for your dedication, support, and advocacy for your children. We are enjoying seeing the students grow each day and fill our hallways with joy! We are flying close into the end of 2025 and looking ahead at all the winter fun to come! Our Cardinal Staff have been doing amazing things on campus and are striving to reach each of your children's highest potential in academics and character building.

**Thanksgiving Break - Student and Staff Holiday - No School: 11/24 - 11/28.** We hope everyone has a joyous break! We are so thankful for our Cardinal Families and blessed to have your support and dedication for our students.

### **Reminders** -

Yearbook: [BuyTheYearbook.com](http://BuyTheYearbook.com) ID-383507

Picture retake day: December 2<sup>nd</sup>

[@CCE Website](#)



### **Spirit Wear Store**

Support our Nest in style!

**Click the @SpiritWear Store link below.** Love seeing our Grade level shirts and Cardinal Wear throughout the halls!

[@SpiritWear Store](#) 1/7



- 11/17 - 11/21 Penny Wars (PTO)
- 11/18 - Health Screenings for K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> grades
- 11/18 - SAC Mtg - (see virtual link to the right)
- 11/20 PTO Meal order Day w/ Texas Roadhouse Pick-Up
- 11/24 - 11/28 Thanksgiving Break
- 12/2 - Picture Retake Day
- 12/8 - 12/12 - PTO Holiday Shop Open
- 12/11 Choir/Piano Concert @ 5:30
- 12/12 PTO Holiday BINGO Night
- 12/11—12/18 Book Fair
- 12/16 1st grade in-house field study
- 12/19 Early Release Day @ 1:45 pm

Check our PTO page on the school website frequently for VOLUNTEER opportunities! We appreciate all the support!

[@CCE Website](#)

[@SpiritWear Store](#)

## PTO

We hope you plan to join our PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) to help support our school and all Cardinals in having their best year yet with resources and fun for all! Click on 'PTO' above to head over to the CCE PTO Webpage!

## SAC

Join our School Advisory Committee. Click 'SAC' above to head over to the CCE SAC Webpage

**SAC Chairs: Mrs. Raymer & Mrs. Tutton.**

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We work in collaborative relationship with all stakeholders at CCE on ways to improve the education, academic achievement, and safety of all students. Meetings are held one Tuesday per month at 3:05 pm and may be attended in-person or virtually.

### SAC Meeting Link

### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

**11/18 ; 12/16**

### **Lunch Menu Link for 25 - 26**



# Embracing the Past to Learn and Grow our Futures...

Learning  
Fun Around  
Campus!



## Counselor Updates from Ms. McGrath!

**November:** As part of our district's commitment to student well-being, we will be implementing state-mandated safety lessons through the Child Safety Matters program. This evidence-based curriculum is designed to help children recognize, respond to, and report unsafe situations. Topics include personal safety, digital safety, bullying prevention, and boundaries. Please see the attached parent resources and visit the website [here](#).

# Character Counts & SOAR

## SOAR Program

Ask your children about the SOAR Expectations and if they have earned a ticket at school each day! We would love the help in promoting positive actions each and every day! Students have enjoyed the Woot Woot Wagon each week, and we all enjoy seeing them cash in their tickets with smiles!

### Request for help from home:

\*Please make sure your children come to school in **appropriate dress attire**. No costumes, wigs, etc. unless it is a special approved event/reward.

\*Remind your children if they are **Biker/Walker** to be cautious of safety road rules and to report right home when leaving our gated area and not lingering with traffic about.

\***Tardy Concerns:** Students must be inside their classrooms by 8:25. Gates close at 8:22 to allowing for 3 minute walk to class. If arrive after that time, please sign your child in at the front office.

### THE 6 PILLARS OF CHARACTER



RUSTWORTHINESS



RESPECT



RESPONSIBILITY



FAIRNESS



CARING



CITIZENSHIP

## Character Counts!

### November:

Our Scholars will be learning this month about the Pillar of Character:

### **Citizenship**

Is being a good neighbor, protecting the environment, doing your share to make your home, school, and community better, Vote, make good choices that protect the safety and rights of others and learning to take pride in your community.



## Cardinal Vision



We are a community of  
Caring Cardinals Committed to  
Creating an atmosphere that encourages everyone to  
reach their greatest potential through  
Communicating, Caring and achieving Excellence!

All Cardinals will soar with a passion for  
lifelong learning.

## Cardinal Mission



At Cunningham Creek Elementary School,  
we will build strong bodies, hearts, minds, and spirits  
so, we can  
Live, Love, Learn, and Lead!



## Policies and Procedures

### VOLUNTEERS & SCHOOL ACCESS

**RAPTOR: School access** (proceeding past the front office of any school) is required for every individual that is not a staff member of the St. Johns County School District. This is done through completion of the district's **volunteer application**. School access is good for 3 years. For help completing the online application, please call (904) 547-3945. Anyone entering campus must bring a photo ID to sign in.

### Absence From School

If your child is absent from school, a parent/guardian must turn in a signed note within 48 hours for the absence to be considered excused. You may also click the link above to report the absence and attach a doctor's note. The district is currently working on a district-wide absence survey. More to come when launched. Phone calls will not be accepted. We appreciate your support.

### DISMISSAL CHANGE REQUEST

Use link above prior to 1:30 (12:30 Wed) to make a Dismissal Change Request. Must use this link as no phone calls or hand written notes will be accepted.

## ***Policies and Procedures Cont.***

### **Birthday Treat Policy**

It is important that we celebrate holidays and students while keeping everyone healthy. CCE feels strongly that these celebrations are part of the school experience. If families would like to send birthday treats for the class in honor of their child's birthday, we ask that you send non-food and non-balloon items (i.e.: pencils, stickers, etc.). Our #1 priority is keeping all our students healthy and safe. If the classroom teacher sponsors a holiday party or other event, they will provide a list of items that can be sent based on classroom allergies. We appreciate your support and understanding. Teachers will also collaborate with their Room Parent for celebration (non-birthday) needs. Administrative approval is needed for all holiday activities involving non-curriculum activities and food items.

### **Tardy Policy**

CCE Tardy Bell rings at 8:25 a.m. Students must be inside their homeroom classes at that time. Students will be marked Tardy if not. The Biker/Walker Gate will be closed and locked at 8:22 a.m. each morning. Car Rider entrance doors will be closed at 8:22 a.m. At 8:24 a.m. all students must enter through the main entrance to sign in and get a Tardy Pass to get to their homeroom class. It is important to arrive on time, for our students to start their day prepared and ready to learn.

### **Cell Phone & Smart Watch Policy**

New State Law has passed stating that Elementary Students are not to have cell phones during school. Smart Watches are to be used only as watches or will be taken away and placed in backpacks. If students continue to have these items out, a parent will be called to come pick item up from front office. Repeat offenses will result in a behavioral referral with consequence.

### **Homework Policy**

A grade will not be reflected in the gradebook for homework. Homework, when assigned, is for extra practice of previously taught skills. Students should not be spending a majority of their evenings doing homework. CCE knows the importance of students participating in active play and extracurricular activities to grow in other important ways! Please contact your child's teacher with any homework concerns.

### **Early Dismissal Policy**

Early Check-Outs must occur before 2:15 p.m. on Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri, and 1:15 p.m. on Wed. Please come to the front office prior to these times with your ID and students name, grade, and teacher information for the front desk staff to call your child from class.

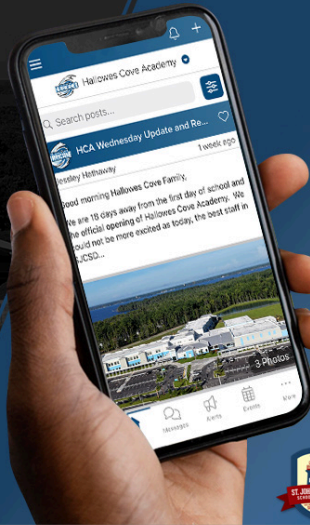
## DOWNLOAD THE PARENTSQUARE APP TODAY!

STAY INVOLVED WITH YOUR STUDENT'S  
LEARNING AND ACTIVITIES AT SCHOOL.  
FROM ANYWHERE.



ParentSquare

ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT



SJCSD is pleased to launch ParentSquare as our unified communication platform for all schools. This adoption brings a consistent, modern approach to how we share information with families and staff. [Learn more!](#)

Families who have not yet logged in to the [BusPlanner website](#) or the [Chipmunk app](#) are strongly encouraged to create an account before the start of the new school year. This will help ensure that you are able to access your child's 2025-2026 bus schedule.



# BusPlanner



# chipmunk



## FORTIFYFL

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

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[FortifyFL](#) is a mobile app and web-based tool that allows students, parents, and community members in Florida to anonymously report suspicious activities, potential threats, or safety concerns related to schools. The app immediately forwards these reports to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials for rapid response