

SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

Mustang Messenger

Important Dates

September *Fairness*

All SJCSO schools and district offices will be closed on Friday, September 8 and Monday, September 11 due to Hurricane Irma. Schools will operate as normal on Thursday, September 7 and scheduled evening activities will take place. District administration is working with the Emergency Operations Center and will provide additional updates as necessary via SchoolMessenger and on our website at www.stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Tuesday, September 19, 2017
Curriculum Night K-5, PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE

Tuesday, September 19, 2017
Scorecard Fundraiser ends

Thursday, September 21, 2017
Fall Pictures

Friday, September 22, 2017
Mother/Son Scavenger Hunt 5:30-8 PM

Tuesday, September 26, 2017
SAC Meeting

Thursday, September 28, 2017
Spirit Night at McDonalds (McTeacher Night) 5-8 PM

Friday, September 29, 2017
Character Counts

PARENT SURVEY

2017 – 2018 will serve as accreditation year for SJCSO. A large part of the 5-year accreditation process for SJCSO is feedback from all stakeholders – parents, faculty/staff, and students. I encourage each parent to take the survey. It is anonymous but will be extremely helpful in improving St. Johns County School District and Mill Creek. Please take time to provide feedback. Thank you so much.

<http://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/28637/20135>



Curriculum Chat Night (Open House) – September 19 –
Families will have the opportunity to choose from ONE of the TWO information sessions offered this evening. We ask families to choose a session and make plans

to attend from the beginning of the session time. This helps us maintain a respectful environment for all families during each session time. Times are **Session 1: 5:30 – 6:15 or Session 2 – 6:30 – 7:15**. We are encouraging our families to make this an “adult only” evening so parents are truly able to engage in the learning expectations, classroom rituals and routines. It is a great opportunity to ask the very important questions you may have about your child’s year of learning. We realize that for some of our families this is difficult, however, if possible, we are asking that parents plan to attend this event without their children. This is the only time we ask for an adult only evening as we know and are committed to Mill Creek being a child-centered organization. Thank you in advance for your flexibility and support as we engage our parents and guardians in an evening of becoming active participants in their child’s education.

PTA NEWS

We are going to be starting our "Mustang Card" fundraiser. This is a huge "fundraiser" that the school puts on. The "Mustang Card" is a great deal. The cost of the card is \$20 and if your child likes McDonald's like mine do, then it pays for itself just going there. The discount at McDonald's is a free Happy Meal with a purchase of a "value meal".

As a reminder from last week, we want to make sure you joined our Facebook page "**Mustangs PTA-Go Mustangs**". We try to keep that up to date with what is going on through the week.

Please make sure if you or a family member at any time want to come and visit your child at school that they must have a background check. The link is on www.mcepta.weebly.com under the "**Get Involved**" tab, then there is a **Volunteer** button. This background check will be good for 3 years at all the schools.

We also have the <http://www-mce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/> website. There is a tab for **PTA** that will take you directly to the weebly website. All newsletters that the school sends out are on "**PeachJar**". There is a tab on the stjohns website that gets you directly to "PeachJar".

MUSTANG

ScoreCard
Your card for year long savings!!!



8 square offers good for one time use savings.

Scorecard deals and 3 breakaways are good for an entire year and most are unique only to the Mustang Card! Plus the card fits neatly in your wallet so you can always have it with you!

At just \$20, this card not only pays for itself but will continue to provide you great savings for a full year!!

Congratulations to our 2017-2018 MCES Student Council Members: President, Lindsay Hopkins; Vice President, Jake Harris; Secretary, Katie Hicks; Treasurer, Maya Oberholtzer; Homeroom Representatives, Kellin Henry, Claire Holt, Noah Huey, Avalon Murdock, Oz Robinson, Yousef Shaban; Sponsor, Sandra Pearson

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

1. **Attendance Line**—If your child is going to be absent, please report it to us by calling our attendance line: **(904) 547-3737**. **Please note this is not the school's main number**. Then follow up with a written excuse for the absence when the child returns.
2. **Celebration Treats**—All celebration treats brought into the building **MUST** have an ingredients label and **MUST** be checked before going beyond the front office. **NO HOMEMADE** treats will be allowed on campus.
3. **Lunch Account Balance**—You will be contacted by the food service manager if your student has a negative lunch account balance of (\$10.00). We will no longer send notices home with students when the account is running low.
4. **Early Dismissals**—If your child is leaving early please send in a note to your child's teacher stating the need and reason for the early checkout request. To assist our front office please pick up your child before 2:30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and by 1:30pm on Wednesdays. **We will not call for students to leave class until you arrive in the office.**
5. **Transportation Changes**—Should you need to change your child's dismissal transportation, please email or send a written note to your child's teacher **BEFORE 8:00 AM**. If there is a situation during the day and a change in normal dismissal is needed please email mcestransportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us **BEFORE 2 PM** (1 PM on Wednesdays). Include your child's name, grade, teacher and how they need to get home. We can not accept phone calls for transportation changes.
6. **Health**—Please remember that if children are sent home with illness or out sick, they must be free of vomiting, diarrhea or fever *without the aid of medication for 24 hours* before they can return to school.