**WELCOME** to The **POWER** of Creekside! We are an organization of approximately 250 student performers that look to learn, grow and entertain at a variety of venues each year. Our organization includes 3 concert bands, 3 big band jazz ensembles, 2 indoor guard ensembles, percussion ensembles, jazz combos and more! All student performers are part of the Marching Band. Those interested in Jazz Band must also take Band *(2 electives in daily school schedule)*

*IF YOU* play a Fall Sport – **Awesome**!! We will work to make it happen. You can participate in band and other activities; this simply takes communication and a little extra effort. We have numerous kids who participate in school athletic activities such as football, track, swimming, volleyball, weightlifting, tennis, lacrosse and more!

We want to provide you with a highlight calendar *(full calendar on band website)* for the **2023-2024 School Year**. Please know we do *NOT* meet as an ensemble during the summer months. It is our belief that the down time is just as important as the up time in life. There may be a few days where a section meets for some fundamentals, bonding, ice breakers, etc. These specific days are for officers and members to become more acquainted with one another.

As a marching ensemble, we will perform at *ALL* **Home** Football Games. We will take a pep band/drumline to away games. Bartram is the *only* away game **FULL** band attends.

We do have a fair share fee of **$275.00** for Instrumental/Colorguard members. This will be broken into payments: *(additional colorguard fees will be required (TBA) as well additional fee for percussion of $40.00)*

*August 21st - $150.00*

*January 19th - $125.00*

*We are also asking that wind/percussion purchase Marching Bibbers/Pants. Here are 2 options (These will be used all 4 years of band)* ***Please have these ordered prior to August 11th***

1 - <https://www.bandshoppe.com/shop/marching-band/marching-uniforms/in-stock-marching-uniforms/in-stock-deluxe-marching-band-bibbers-284065-28406/black/default.html>

2 - <https://dshowcase.com/products/marching-band-2/wearables/>

Below are some dates for the **2023-2024** School Year. Please put these in your calendar as performances are a required portion of our curriculum. In addition, we will have 5 or 6 rehearsals after school prior to concerts, assessment in the Winter/Spring. *(See full calendar for specifics - 9th grade instrumentalists are in Concert Band)*

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We will do our best to respond via email. You can always contact your section leader for any questions you may have as well – they can help steer you in the correct direction.

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**BAND WEBSITE**: <https://teachers.stjohns.k12.fl.us/fowler-r/>

**CAMP DATES: (please bring personal water source and food for breaks)**

Percussion Placement Audition – May 23rd 4pm to 7pm

Guard Auditions - May 15-16-17th 4-7pm

*Percussion and Guard* - August 7th-8th-9th 4pm to 8pm

Full Band - August 10th-11th 4pm to 8pm

UNIFORM Fitting Day - August 12th 9am to 3pm (sign up for times at school)

**MARCHING REHEARSALS: (please bring personal water source)**

Tuesday August 15th through October 24th 6-8pm

Thursday August 17th through October 26th 4-5:30pm

**HOME (*required*) FOOTBALL GAMES: (please bring personal water source)**

August 25th - HOME vs. Palm Beach Central

September 22nd - HOME vs. Mandarin

September 29th - HOME vs. Oakleaf

October 13th - *AWAY* vs. Bartram Trail

October 20th - HOME vs. Fleming Island (Band senior night)

November 3rd - HOME vs. Ponte Vedra

**OTHER HIGHLIGHT EVENTS:**

WEDNESDAY September 27th - JUST JAZZ Concert (jazz ensemble members only)

SATURDAY October 28th - FBA Marching Music Performance Assessment at Bartram Trail HS *(Saturday Event 1pm to 9pm)*

TUESDAY December 5th - WINTER Concert

THURSDAY February 7th and 8th - JAZZ Music Performance Assessment at Creekside HS

FRI/SAT February 9th and 10th - FBA Solo/Ensemble/Guard Assessment at Fleming Island HS

SATURDAY March 2nd - FBA Concert Band Music Performance Assessment (Saturday Event time TBA)

TUESDAY April 23rd - Spring Concert

**APPAREL:**

Hello future Power of Creekside members!  We have just opened our spring spirit wear store and are accepting orders until Sunday, April 9 at 11:59 p.m.  We wanted to give you the opportunity to preview the store and purchase any items you may want to have on hand and ready for the first football game of the 2023-2024 season.

After the store closes, orders should be ready in approximately 3 weeks. You can have your items shipped directly to your home or save the shipping costs and pick up locally at a band board member's home.

The link to the store and access code are:

[https://sportscorner.itemorder.com](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsportscorner.itemorder.com%2F%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR14t47URsp9S9q6_Ug5STZvfltqKBnSwvRod9qlSeOFDvCyoS0H-6964Jk&data=05%7C01%7Crick.fowler%40stjohns.k12.fl.us%7C9fc1461fc3ef4e75508208db30814f3e%7Cb3b3d057fc124f3f92f472be6e844351%7C0%7C0%7C638157104185773189%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=FRCDeKYfY6UdcyP9VuL9VMchSGA1lKAGHNCFWls2V5c%3D&reserved=0)

Code *UPFEF*

Please feel free to reach out with spirit wear questions to chspowermerch@gmail.com.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you this fall!

**CHSBBA (Creekside High School Band Booster Association)**

We have a very active and supportive Band Booster organization here at Creekside. They help with every facet of our program. From raising funds to chaperoning, from providing water to nurse stations – we have a place for everyone! If you are interested in finding out more about our CHSBBA, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Fowler or Mr. Gilchrist.