

Hello Power of Creekside!

At this point you may have heard from your student about Mr. Gilchrist. If you are not aware, Mr. G is in the Army Reserves and serves faithfully. As of this week, he has been called to deployment and will be leaving us here at Creekside. He may be around when the school year begins to assist with some marching and percussion sectionals – but we are unsure at this time.

I wanted you to know how incredibly thankful I am to Mr. Gilchrist. He started here at Creekside 9 years ago as my Student Intern. Once he completed the final year of his Masters Program, was hired as the Associate Director. He has been with us for 7 impactful and musical years. I thank him so much for all he has poured into the program and our students during his time here. A great musician, director and friend. He will always be a part of The Power of Creekside!

If you would like to send him a note, you may do so through me - I will happily get them to him at some point over the next few months. Mr. Gilchrist will begin his training this week and return in June as his deployment will officially begin in September 2024.

Looking forward to the remainder of the school year – we have many opportunities and performances in the next few weeks. We hope to see you there!

- 1. STATE Solo Ensemble** – At Deland HS on Monday March 25th, 2024. Schedule is in the band room. We are slated to have a block from 1pm to 5:30pm that day. More details in class. BE THERE 1 hour before you perform, have original, dress for success
- 2. SOLO #2 at NEASE HS** – Friday April 5th. We are waiting on a schedule for this event. I imagine we will have events from 4:30pm to 9pm that day. If you have not set up time with piano player practice (or provided piano music) do so ASAP. You should have at least 2 short rehearsals prior to the performance event.
- 3. Jacksonville University Jazz** – Saturday April 6th

NEW UPDATED TIMES FOR JU (Jacksonville University)

- Jazz 4 meet 8:45am perform 9:30am done 10:30am
- Jazz 3 meet 10:45am perform 11:30am done 12:30pm
- Jazz 2 meet 2pm perform 3pm done 4pm
- Jazz 1 meet 4:30pm perform 5:30pm done 6:30pm

We will meet AT JU that day. The festival is 9:30am to 6pm with performances every 30 minutes in Terry Hall, food trucks, clinics and more. Full schedule is in band room for participating schools.

4. REHEARSALS

- Wind Ensemble April 16 8am
- Concert Band April 17 3pm
- Symphonic Band April 18 4pm

SPRING CONCERT will be Tuesday April 23rd, 7pm. Looking forward to our final performance as the 2023-2024 Power of Creekside!

5. NEW OFFICER MEETING – After school on Tuesday April 9th for those interested in holding a position for 2024-2025 **you must be in attendance**. We will have forms for completion available in band room that should be completed prior to this meeting.

DRUM MAJOR/CAPTAIN Auditions After school on Wednesday April 10th

6. LAKESIDE JAZZ FESTIVAL

Arrive Creekside 830am to load trailer/bus

Leave 9am for Port Orange, Fl. (Lakeside)

Return to CHS 11pm

Over 50 bands from 9am to 8pm on 2 stages.

Bring \$\$, Food, Chair, Clothes to change, Sunscreen, water, etc.

If you leave with a parent early, Mr. Fowler must have note by April 10th.

Jazz 4 1120am (café)

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Jazz 2 240pm (café)

Jazz 1 340pm (main)

Full Schedule here: <https://www.lakesidejazzfestival.org/blank-1>

7. PDQ FUNDRAISER Take a break from cooking and help support the POWER of Creekside next Thursday, March 28 at our PDQ fundraiser. Details in the attached flyer.

8. PERCUSSION AUDITIONS FOR MARCHING SEASON 2024 will occur on May 21st, 2024, from 4pm-6pm in the CHS Band Room. Material to prepare for the audition will be distributed in class and Information will be sent to middle school band directors for incoming freshman.