

POWER of Creekside Newsletter 5/23/2025

THANK YOU for a great year!!!

We had growth and musicality from every group. Our next big step will be to work on the growth of individuals. We have 2 simple ways to assist with this over the summer - every returning member has a "lyrical" exercise to work over the summer. We spent the last few days working on this with groups and individually. Most exercises will have reference videos/recordings if you are interested in looking them up. These will be performed when we return to class in August. The other way is scales - there are 12 major scales. Work these so they are familiar and easy to play through. Remember "there are only 12 notes" 😊

Congratulations to Gabriel McElhaney Pahia on submitting and having your show shirt design selected for next year!

CALENDAR

The calendar is attached and posted on our website. We will be working to add to the Band App over the next few weeks as well. This calendar will show all rehearsals/performances known to us for the entire 2025-2026 School Year.

BAND APP

If you know a new student joining us, please provide them with information about the Band App. The faster we can get all involved the stronger our ensembles and group will be. This is for parents as well - the app has been a fantastic tool for communication, music and more.

BIBBERS

Check your bibs now. If you are going to purchase new please do this now! There is much delay in shipping with many items. We do have bibbers here if you prefer not to purchase your own pair. These will be sized during Uniform Fitting Day in August.

SUMMER CAMPS

A great opportunity for individual growth from trained musicians and educators. We highly recommend attending one of the camps we have provided information on.

<https://music.fsu.edu/summer-camps/jazz-ensemble-camp/>

<https://music.fsu.edu/events/camps-festivals/summer-music-camps/>

<https://www.ufbandcamps.com/>

<https://www.unf.edu/coas/music/summer-camp.html>



UNF: Summer Music Camp: June 15-20, 2025

2025 Pricing . Overnight: \$550 for housing (double occupancy), meals and camp tuition. Day Camp: \$360 (8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. lunch included). Extended Day: \$425 (8:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. includes lunch, dinner and evening concert). Cancellation Policy: \$100 deposit will be withheld from any refunds due to cancellation after May 15th. Parking for vehicles entering campus must display a parking ...

www.unf.edu

<https://wearecovenant.org/jazz>



Swingin' Summer Jazz Camp - The Covenant School of Jacksonville

This popular jazz camp, hosted at The Covenant School of Jacksonville, is uniquely tailored to introduce, inspire, and advance the varied experiences, knowledge, and skill sets of vocalists and instrumentalists from Grade 7 to Adult in the performance of Jazz, the original American musical artform.

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<https://www.flsouthern.edu/events/summer-band-camp>

<https://www.famubands.com/summer-band-camp>

ENJOY your summer!

Mrs. Larsen and I will have access to email on occasion during the summer if you need. Please allow us a few days to respond as our access is limited. TAKE ADVANTAGE of the sectional opportunities if you are in town! SPEND 15 minutes on your instrument 3-4 days per week!! Longer you go, the harder next year will be for our ensembles. We will have our first performance the first week of school!!!

VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in volunteering, or it has been awhile since you checked your status - please do so soon! You can check or register here: <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/> We are asking those interested to begin this process (or verify) now as there is a backlog in the new process for St Johns County School District.

THANK YOU once again for your continued support and generosity. We are so appreciative of your commitment and dedication to making The POWER of Creekside one of the top programs in NE Florida. We look forward to seeing you all in August!

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