

POWER of Creekside Newsletter 12/14/2025

THANK YOU!!!

THANK YOU for a truly standing room only winter concert! We had a great evening of musical moments and musical entertainment. Thank you for your continued support of The POWER of Creekside Instrumental Music program!

Ellie's 9th Annual Toy Drive

Please consider contributing to this very worthy cause if it is something your family is in a position to do, and please also help to spread the word throughout school (and beyond) in any way you feel is appropriate. Can you imagine how many donations we could collect if our entire Creekside family even only contributed one gift?! We could make SUCH a positive impact on these children's holiday, and they are so incredibly deserving of that joy. See the attached flyer for an amazing opportunity to give during this season!

Yuleslide

<https://www.yuleslide.org/>

YULESLIDE is this week Trombones - you will not want to miss this if you are available. Check with your section leaders or the website for more info. Every year this is so much fun! We have alumni who still participate in this event. If you play trombone, register and join!! You will NOT want to miss the opportunity to play with tons of trombones at the Market! An annual highlight for so many.

Nothing Bundt Cake Fundraiser

We are teaming up with *Nothing Bundt Cakes* for our next fundraiser, selling vouchers to be redeemed for cakes. If you are going on the Chicago trip, all sales you make will go towards your remaining balance. You can still sell if you are not going on the trip, proceeds will go to the band.

Fundraiser runs December 1st-14th. Vouchers will be distributed the week before Winter Break. Perfect timing for holiday gatherings!

Four different types of vouchers are available

5 Bundtlet Booklet (\$30 ea.): Good for 5 Bundtlets of any flavor

Bundtinis (\$30 ea.): Good for one dozen Bundtinis, Signature or Feature

8" Cake (\$35 ea.): Good for any flavor 8" cake that is frosted and boxed

10" Cake (\$45 ea.): Good for any flavor 10" cake that is frosted and boxes

Vouchers can be used at the St Johns Location: 105 Badger Park Dr Ste 12, St Johns, FL 32259

A flyer is attached with a QR code for more information and payment via SchoolPay. Feel free to share it with your friends and family.

Chili Cook Off

Our annual Chili Cook-Off and Bingo Night is scheduled for January 22, 2026. Sign up to bring a chili or volunteer

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA5AB23A5F4C70-60777229-chili>

If you would like to donate an item for our silent auction or a prize please reach out to Lindsey at lmwaggoner@comcast.net.

Solo & Ensemble

This event will be hosted by Creekside HS on February 6th and 7th. Specific times for individual S&E performances are available when we receive schedules in January. If you decide at a later date to DNA (do not adjudicate) or want to move to the April event, there will be a \$20.00 charge. This is to help return the money our program is paying for assessments. DNA can happen due to (but not limited by) not being prepared or not working on the piece, music not arriving due to late order, etc) remember YOU signed up for this event. Work diligently and prepare well in advance.

Thank you to those who turned in your forms for the February event. There is another event in April for those who may be interested. We will collect information for this in January/February.

PIANO - if we need to find a piano player for you (indicated on the form) we need:

1. PIANO MUSIC asap. As soon as you have the music, bring the piano accompaniment form to Mr Fowler, We need this before the break!
2. Payment \$40.00 for piano player is for a minimum of 2 rehearsals and the Assessment performance. Your payment for this goes directly to the piano player.

We will post next week the events that have registered. You can make any changes at that time. Schedule for the event will not be available until mid-January.

JAZZ MPA

February 4th and 5th at Creekside HS. Times will be provided when we receive the schedule. All jazz kids will work/perform both days for the event. We will have 30+ bands and over 700 musicians with us these 2 days. Jazz kids will work in the warm up room, stage crew, judge runners, guides and more. We anticipate the event to be from 11am to 9pm both days. More to follow once we have a schedule in hand. This will be for the following groups (Periods 3-4 and 5):

Jazz One

Jazz Two

Jazz Three

Jazz Four

SuperSax Ensemble

BRASS CHOIR and WOODWIND CHOIR

Signs are complete! We will have our first read through the week before Winter Break.

See Mrs. Larsen if you still have questions.

Rehearsals will start the week of 12/15.

These groups will perform at the February Solo & Ensemble event at Creekside (2/6 or 2/7).

Woodwind Choir: Monday Mornings from 8:30-8:15am

12/15

1/5

1/12

1/19- No School

1/26

2/2-Dress Rehearsal!!!

Brass Choir: Friday Mornings from 8:30-8:15am

12/19

1/9

1/16-No Rehearsal (We are at All State)

1/23

1/30

2/6-Dress Rehearsal!!!

Trip Update

We have signed up for rooms. We do have a handful of outstanding payments - please take care of these so we can complete the room signups. We are finalizing bus assignments as well. once that is complete, we will create our chaperone groups based on rooms/buses as best as possible. We will do our best to have student/child together. We can say for certain that we will have 2 hotels - **SpringHill Suites and Hampton Inn Suites**, (*both near McCormick Place and are about .5mile from each other*). When we added the additional bus, we had to find accommodations. *We leave sometime on March 12th and return March 17th. The actual parade will be March 14th*

This trip does indeed involve *Parade Marching*. For this to happen we will need to have rehearsals on the following dates and times for all attending:

TUES February 17th 415-5:30pm

TUES March 3rd 415-5:30pm

TUES March 10th 415-5:30pm

Concert MPA

This will be on Saturday, February 28th at Flagler Palm Coast HS. We will not know the exact times until January. *Based on the previous years we can anticipate* something like this:

10am - Concert Band

12pm - Symphonic band

3pm - Wind Ensemble

Most important - we do NOT take transportation in the form of a bus. This event we meet at the site so all families can experience this most important Assessment. You will see the kids perform in a performing arts center and then follow them into the sight reading room. In this room you get much more of a "snapshot" of our band room on a daily basis. This is truly a highlight of the school year for our program over the last 18 years, and the most important event of the school year. We look forward to sharing this experience with you all!

At a Glance

Sat December 20

Thur January 22

Tue January 27

Wed January 28

Thur January 29

YULESLIDE

CHILI BINGO KNIGHT

WIND 830am

CONCERT 3:15pm

SYMPHONIC 830am

We hope you have a fantastic Winter Break - looking forward to seeing you all in January!