

SCMS ListServ

The May 18, 2022 Edition

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Upcoming Activities at the Creek

| Date | Activity | Time | Location |
|-------------|--|----------------|-----------------|
| 5/18 | Sports Banquet | 6:00 – 8:00 pm | Cafeteria |
| 5/23 | 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony | 6:00 pm | SCMS Gym |
| 5/25 | Last Day of School | | |
| 5/26-27 | Teacher Planning/Inservice | | |
| 5/30 | Memorial Day Holiday (Districtwide) | | |

Grading Schedule 2021-2022

| 2021-2022 v.1 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 - Sec |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Start of Quarter | 08/11/2021 | 10/19/2021 | 01/05/2022 | 03/22/2022 |
| Interim Report | 09/15/2021 | 11/17/2021 | 02/09/2022 | 04/20/2022 |
| End of Quarter | 10/15/2021 | 12/17/2021 | 03/11/2022 | 05/25/2022 |
| Report Card Date | 10/27/2021 | 01/12/2022 | 03/30/2022 | TBA due to EOC |
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| Grading Window Opens | 10/06/2021 | 12/08/2021 | 03/02/2022 | 05/18/2022 |
| Grading Window Closes | 10/20/2021 | **01/06/2022 | 03/24/2022 | 05/27/2022 |
| | | | | |
| ELEM Standards Grade Window Opens | 10/04/2021 | 12/01/2021 | 02/28/2022 | x |
| Standards Grade Window CLOSES | 10/22/2021 | 01/07/2022 | 03/25/2022 | x |
| (Behavior/Work Study) | | | | |
| | | | | |
| **includes Winter Break | Q1- 44 days | Q2 - 40 days | Q3 - 46 days | Q4 - 46 days |
| ##Grade changes after this date | | | | |
| Mid Year senior grades due by Dec 15th | | S1 - 84 days | | S2 - 92 days |

Reporting Your Child's Absence from School

The Swift Creek attendance office has a brand-new email address for you to use when notifying the school of a day's absence and/or submitting written documentation to request that an absence be excused. All absences from school require excusable written documentation, in order for your student to be excused. Without excusable written documentation, absences will remain unexcused.

Please begin using the following link:

SwiftCreekAttendance@leonschools.net

The email should include:

- The student's name
- Dates or periods of absence
- Reason for absence
- Phone number
- Medical excuse – must attach doctor's note
- Religious holidays – must attach religious holiday request form
- Pre-excused absences – must include Attendance Notification Form along with the required Student Essay (information located on SCMS Canvas Tile within SCMS Student Handbook)

Absences/tardiness shall be excused only for the following documented reasons:

1. Illness and/or medical care
2. Death in the family
3. Legal reasons
4. Approved religious holidays
5. Financial and/or other insurmountable circumstances
6. Curriculum-related field trips and/or functions of the school approved by administration

Determination of whether an absence is excused or unexcused is the responsibility of an administrator or designee.



**Swift Creek Middle School
Sports Banquet
2021 - 2022**

May 18th, 2022

6 P.M. in SCMS Cafeteria

E-mail Ms. Simpkins or Mrs. Clary with any questions

**8TH GRADE PROMOTION CEREMONY
LOCATION CHANGE**

ATTENTION

8th Grade Parents

The Promotion Ceremony
Location has **CHANGED!**

**The 2022 Promotion
Ceremony will now be held in
the SCMS Gym**

Doors Open at 5:30pm --- Ceremony Begins at 6:00pm

**Students will still remain at SCMS
after school on 5/23**



SO YOU MISSED THE DC INTEREST MEETING?

Don't worry! This doesn't mean your student has missed out on the trip. Spots are still available.

GO TO:
WWW.SWIFTCREEKDCTOUR.WEEBLY.COM

You will find all information there on how to register and pay in full or reserve a spot for your student!

QUESTIONS???

Email Mrs. Givens or Mr. Monty
givenst2@leonschools.net
montgomerys@leonschools.net

Swift Creek 6th Grade Orientation Camp

WHO'S INVITED: Incoming 6th Grade Wolves

WHEN: June 27-30, 2022 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

THEME:

RUN WITH THE PACK

LOCATION:

Swift Creek Middle School
2100 Pedrick Road Tallahassee, FL 32317
(850) 414-2670

OBJECTIVE:

To help make the transition from elementary to middle school as smooth as possible and to become the best **WOLF** you can be while joining in some Summer Camp Fun!!!

ACTIVITIES:

Team building, planning and homework strategies, study skills, time management skills, introduction to math, English, science, social studies, clubs, sports, campus familiarity and much more!!!

COST:

\$100 per child with a \$30 nonrefundable deposit due by May 25th and balance due by June 27th. Spot is not reserved until deposit is received. Please make checks payable to Leon County Schools (LCS).

No Cash Payments please!

Lunch is not provided. However, Pizza will be provided on Monday, Ice Cream on Tuesday, Pizza on Wednesday and Cake on Thursday.

REGISTRATION:

Please complete the registration form at
<https://forms.office.com/r/7iccc2f5PL>
Or use the QR code and bring deposit to:

Swift Creek Middle School

Attn: Mrs. Dea Stephens Email: stephensd@leonschools.net



The Elite Summer Camp At Swift Creek



Camp Coordinator
Eric Rodriguez

Join the Summer Fun

Wondering what to do with the kids this summer? Enroll them in The Elite Summer Camp at Swift Creek! This is a great place for children, ages 9 through 13 years old, to socialize with their peers as they participate in daily activities and weekly fieldtrips. Our 2-week program will keep your child busy with a variety of activities such as arts & crafts, cooking, computer games, indoor and outdoor games, and much more! Space is limited, so please reserve a spot today.

Our camp is designed to provide each child an opportunity to socialize with their peers as they participate in our daily activities.

Camp Weeks: May 31-June 3 (4 day week due to Memorial Day Holiday), June 6-10, June 13-17, June 20-24, June 27-July 1, July 11- 15, July 18- 22, July 25- 29

(Child's Age at the first day of camp they attend)

9-13 years old

Try our online registration through the SCMS site <https://www.leonschools.net/swiftcreek>

Contact Eric Rodriguez for more information: rodrigueze1@leonschools.net or call (850) 414-2670

What's on the Agenda?

Our camp opens its doors on Tuesday May 31st at 7:30 AM and will open every weekday until July 29th. All children should be picked up by 6:00 PM. The morning will start with open rec time as students get dropped off. Afterwards all campers will come together for announcements and a group activity and then will depart to different rooms for our group sessions. The morning time will consist of 2 sessions and an outside play period (will be in gym when available) before lunch time. After lunch we will engage in a reading period followed by 2 more sessions and a sports/games period. After a brief snack time, we will engage in computer-lab time and then prepare for parents to pick up their children. Currently Tuesdays and Thursday are reserved as field trip days. (this is subject to change due to field trip site [availability](#))

Fees (checks only for all payments)

*Registration fee \$50 (non-refundable) includes a shirt

*Weekly fee \$175 (register and pay registration fee for weeks 2-8 by April 1st for a \$20 discount, cannot be combined with other discounts)

*Sibling discount (\$10 discount for sibling registered for the same [week](#))

*Daily drop off fee \$50. (if space is available)

All fees made payable to Leon County Schools (LCS)

Policies and Procedures

1. **Late Fee:** I understand that my child(ren) may not arrive until 7:30 am. The program closes at 6:00 pm. Parents will be charged a late fee of \$1 for every minute the child is in attendance past closing time. Full day hours are 7:30AM-6:00PM. All weekly fees are due on Monday.
2. **Authorized Pick-Up:** Any persons authorized to pick up your child must be listed below. Staff will not allow your child to leave the program with an unauthorized person (i.e., a person not listed below). Your written permission (dated and signed) must be given to the site supervisor if you wish to add an authorized person. Staff is required to ask for photo identification from any newly authorized person with whom staff is unfamiliar. If the person arriving to pick up your child appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, for the child's safety, staff may have to contact police.
3. **Child Abuse:** Staff is required by law to report *suspected* cases of child abuse or neglect to local social services.
4. **Behavior Expectations:** *Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated.* It creates an unsafe atmosphere for children and staff. Disruptive behavior will result in a meeting with parents and evaluating if the program can meet the child's needs and whether the child can remain in the program.
5. **Field Trips:** Field trips are a part of the summer camp program and transportation is provided by walking, public transportation or buses. I give my permission for the program to transport my child on field trips. I understand that, due to our commitment to ensure children's safety on field trips, I may not drop off or pick up my child from a field trip destination.
6. **Medication:** I understand that staff may not dispense medication (over-the-counter or prescription) to my child(ren) without a signed doctor's authorization note. I also understand that I must provide the medication in its original labeled container.
7. **Photographs of Children:** I understand that unless requested in writing, photographs of my child in Summer Camp activities may be used as promotional or educational/training purposes. I also post them on my website for families to view.
8. **Television/Movie Permission:** I understand that my child may occasionally view television shows and G or (pre-viewed) PG rated movies. I understand that if I do not want my child to view certain movies it is my responsibility to communicate with the staff prior to movie day. An alternative activity will be available to my child.

Swift Creek Basketball

Summer Basketball Program

This summer basketball program is designed to develop the skills of our young basketball players and prepare them for the upcoming basketball season and to develop a passion for the sport. We will focus on fundamentals, conditioning, and developing the quickness and strength necessary to succeed on the court. The camp is open to incoming 6th graders and upcoming 7th and 8th graders. We will open our doors for 2 hours a day, **4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday** starting **May 31st** and our last day will be **July 21st**. We hope you join us this summer! Form is due by May 25th and camp fee is due on the start date you choose. **All checks should be made out to Leon County Schools and include a phone number.**

All payments must be in check form.

Fees: \$15 per week if signing up on a weekly basis
\$90 If you sign up for the entire 7 week program

Registration Form

Athlete's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Contact # _____

Your signature below indicates that your child has a current physical and insurance.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

___ Week 1 (Starting 5/31)***

___ Week 5 (Starting 6/27)

___ Week 2 (Starting 6/6)

___ Week 6 (Starting 7/11)

___ Week 3 (Starting 6/13)

___ Week 7 (Starting 7/18)

___ Week 4 (Starting 6/20)

Any questions please contact Coach Williams: williamsm5@leonschools.net

***** This week's schedule will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday**



Swift Creek Football



Summer Football Program



This summer football program is designed to develop the skills of our young football players and prepare them for the upcoming football season. We will focus on conditioning, developing strength, and working on the skills necessary to succeed on the football field. The camp is open to incoming 6th graders and upcoming 7th and 8th graders. We will open our doors for 2 hours a day, **9:30 am to 11:30 am, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday** starting **May 31st** and our last day will be **July 21st**. Students can be dropped off as early as 9:00 am and picked up as late as 12:00 pm. We hope you join us this summer as we prepare for the upcoming football season. Form is due by May 25th and camp fee is due on the start date you choose. **All checks should be made out to Leon County Schools and include a phone number.**

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STUDENT ADDRESS VERIFICATION



STUDENTS ENTERING 6TH AND 9TH GRADE

ADDRESS MUST BE
VERIFIED OR
STUDENT WILL NOT
RECEIVE A
SCHEDULE AT THE
NEW SCHOOL.

SCAN



AND

EMAIL



TO

LCSADMISSIONS@LEONSCHOOLS.NET

COMPLETE
BY
MAY 2, 2022

PER POLICY 5112 V.
STUDENT PROMOTION
TO NEXT LEVEL.

PLEASE PROVIDE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

LIST A.



Homestead exemption
Property tax record
Lease



Mortgage deed
Rental agreement

AND

ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

LIST B.



Current utility bill (must be current month; activation notice is acceptable)
Government Mail (excluding driver's license and voter registration)
Vehicle registration



For more information, visit: lconschools.net/officcofadmissions

Parents of 6th grade students

**ALL 7th GRADE STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED
TO HAVE A Tdap VACCINE
BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.**

Documentation of the shot (Form 680) must be turned in to Student Services. Without this documentation, your student will not receive a schedule at orientation in August, and will not be able to start classes on the first day of school.

A copy of this form may be provided to the school in any of the following ways to the attention of Ann Rideout, Student Services:

- Scanned and emailed to rideouta@leonschools.net
- Faxed to 850-414-2659
- Mailed via U.S. Postal Service to 2100 Pedrick Rd. 32317; or
- Delivered in person to Student Services

Parents of 8th grade students

LCSB Policy 5112 REQUIRES verification of current residence for students transitioning to high school.

Verification required includes two (2) of the following items:

-- Homestead exemptions mortgage deed, lease, rental agreement, or property tax record

AND

-- Current utility bill (dated within 30 days) activation notice is acceptable, vehicle registration, government mail (excluding a voter's registration card or driver's license)

Please email scanned copies of documents to

LCSADMISSIONS@LEONSCHOOLS.NET

Please put student's name in subject line + address verification

Ex. John Smith address verification

DOCUMENTATION DUE APRIL 29, 2022

SWIFT CREEK SUMMER CAMP

MAY 31- JULY 29

register at

<https://www.leonschools.net/swiftcreek>

For more info: (850) 414 - 2670

or email

rodrigueze1@leonschools.net

ages 9-13

Activities

arts & crafts
outdoor / indoor
games
computer games
& more!



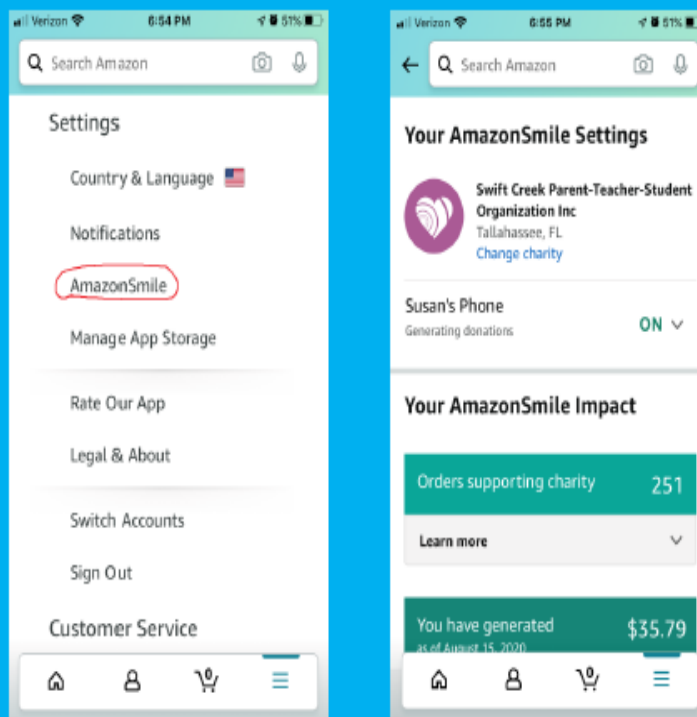
\$50

deposit
goes toward
\$175 weekly fee
* includes a t-shirt!

Using the Amazon App?

Try this easy trick to support Swift Creek while you shop!

Go to the main menu of your Amazon shopping app, select Settings, tap on Amazon Smile, and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on Amazon Smile on your phone.



Be sure to select Swift Creek Parent-Teacher-Student Organization Inc as your charity to support. It is a win for everyone!



**Swift Creek Middle
School Parent
Teacher Student
Organization**

Sue Rishell

SCMS Principal

Lanisha Wetherington President

Danielle Morales Vice-President

Anne Rideout President-Elect

**Dea Stephens Secretary and Silent
Auction Co-Chair**

Melissa Wright Treasurer

Susan Aarons- Spirit Sales

Websites:

[https://www.leonschools.net/
swiftcreek](https://www.leonschools.net/swiftcreek)

<https://www.swiftcreekptso.com>

Swift Creek Middle School

Address: 2100 Pedrick Road

Tallahassee, FL 32317

850-414-2670

PTSO Meetings/Events for 2021/2022 School year:

**(All Board Meetings will start promptly at 5:30pm at
Swift Creek Media Center)**

Week of July 19th Sixth Grade Orientation Camp

Wednesday, August 11th -Students Return

Monday, August 23rd -Official first board meeting

Monday, September 13th - PTSO Meeting

Tuesday, October 11th - PTSO meeting

Friday, October 29th - Fall Family Movie Night

Monday, November 1st -

Charleston Wrap Fundraiser starts

Monday, November 8th – PTSO Meeting

Tentative Tuesday, November 17th – Share Night

Friday, December 3rd -

Charleston Wrap Fundraiser Ends

Monday, December 13th – PTSO Meeting

Monday, January 10th – PTSO Meeting

Monday, January 31st -

World's Finest Chocolate Fundraising Starts

Tuesday, February 15th – PTSO Meeting

Friday, February 18th –

World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser Ends

Tentative Wednesday, February 23rd - Share Night

Monday, March 7th – PTSO Meeting

Monday, April 11th – PTSO Meeting

Friday, April 8th – Spring Silent Auction

Monday, May 9th – PTSO Meeting

Tentative Thursday, May 19th – Share Night

Monday, June 6th – PTSO Meeting



Swift Creek Marquee Message Application

"A unique opportunity that spreads "sunshine" to your student and help fund "sunshine" on campus as well!"

Sunshine = special treats, activities, or anything the Sunshine Committee can do to show our appreciation for our teachers, staff, and students throughout this tumultuous year.

Directions:

If you would like to display a special congratulatory or birthday message for your student on our school marquee on Pedrick Road please follow the steps below. The message will be part of our message scroll for the whole day. (Pictures taken with sign are encouraged)

1. Cut and paste the following questions into an **email to Mr. Wetherington** wetheringtonr@leonschools.net

- Parent/ Guardian name: _____
- Student name: _____
- Do you wish to use student's full name? YES NO
- How your message should read on board (Up to 75 characters)

- Background picture: **circle one:** balloons fireworks explosion cake
- sports (write in) _____
- Write in idea (no guarantee) _____
- Additional special requests: _____

Notes: languages other than English are permissible; message will flash for about 5 seconds during the regular message rotation throughout the day.

2. Answer the questions in your email and send
3. Drop a **check, money order, or cash (\$20) to the front office five business days before you would like your message to display.**

Welcome to Leon County Schools



It is our mission to efficiently serve the families of Leon County, ensuring swift and seamless access to a quality education.

ready to enroll?

Pre-enroll online. **START** at:
leonschools.net/officeofadmissions

Email requested documents to:
lcsadmissions@leonschools.net

Documents verified by
Office of Admissions

Meet with an Office of
Admissions registrar via Zoom

For more information, visit: www.leonschools.net/officeofadmissions



DISTRICT FACTS



94%
GRADUATION RATE
***5TH IN STATE**



16:1 STUDENT:
FACULTY
RATIO



STUDENTS:
32,000+



49 SCHOOLS



FACULTY WITH
ADVANCED
DEGREES: **42%**



AVG. YEARS TEACHING
EXPERIENCE:
12.7



ART AND MUSIC
OFFERED AT
ALL LEVELS



3 MILLION MEALS
SERVED YEARLY



BUSES: **197**



2,955
BUS STOPS



1:1 STUDENT:
COMPUTER
32,000+ COMPUTERS



CHAMPIONSHIP
ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

YOU ARE ENROLLED
and will be connected
with your new school!





Want to become a school volunteer?

Fill out the **ONLINE** volunteer application today.

Use this link to access the

Volunteer Application Form

<https://volunteers.leonschools.net>



Questions? Contact the
Leon County Schools Volunteer Program
850-487-7800



Don't forget **The Creek LOVES to have VOLUNTEERS.** We need VOLUNTEERS for lots of different events throughout the school year. **Please complete a volunteer form here <https://volunteers.leonschools.net/>** so that we know HOW YOU WOULD LIKE to HELP.

Thanks, PTSO Swift Creek



**Swift Creek Middle School
Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO)
is looking for new members!
Come join the pack!**

**Please contact us for more details: ldwetherington@gmail.com;
aarons.susan@ccbg.com; wright.melissa@ccbg.com**

SWIFT CREEK PTSO



Follow us on Facebook at [PTSO of Swift Creek](#) and/or Instagram [@PTSOofswiftcreek](#) for all of your up-to-date info in an up-to-date fashion.





Nondiscrimination Notification and Contact Information

"No person shall on the basis of sex (including transgender, gender nonconforming and gender identity), marital status, sexual orientation, race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, age, color, pregnancy, disability, military status or genetic information be denied employment, receipt of services, access to or participation in school activities or programs if qualified to receive such services, or otherwise be discriminated against or placed in a hostile environment in any educational program or activity including those receiving federal financial assistance, except as provided by law." No person shall deny equal access or a fair opportunity to meet to, or discriminate against, any group officially affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America, or any other youth group listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society.

An employee, student, parent or applicant alleging discrimination with respect to employment, or any educational program or activity may contact:

Deana McAllister, Assistant Superintendent
Equity Compliance Officer
Leon County School District
2757 West Pensacola Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32304
(850) 487-7193
mcallisterd@leonschools.net

Tonja Fitzgerald, Director
Equity Compliance Officer (Students)
Leon County School District
2757 West Pensacola Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32304
(850) 487-7309
fitzgeraldt@leonschools.net

Wallace Knight, Director
Title IX Compliance Officer
Leon County School District
2757 West Pensacola Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32304
(850) 487-7193
knightwa@leonschools.net

A student or parent alleging discrimination as it relates to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act may contact:

Jennifer Benton, 504 Specialist
(850) 487-7317
bentonj@leonschools.net