



What's New at Chi Chi's

April 2018

Academy Teacher Josh Meurer honored as High Impact Teacher for the 2nd Year in a Row!



Top: Mr. Meurer with the 7th grade class; Middle: Mr. Meurer takes time to explain a problem to 7th grade Tristen; Bottom Left: Mr. Meurer greeting 4th grader Eli on the first day of school in 2017; Bottom Right: Last year the Academy took a moment during morning announcements to recognize Mr. Meurer's outstanding dedication to the education of his students.

The Board of Directors and the entire Chi Chi team congratulate Mr. Meurer for his ten years of outstanding work with our students. We thank him for his dedication and for using his knowledge, skills and kindness on behalf of kids who really need the kind of teaching and guidance he offers. We join the State in recognizing the importance of what he and all of our teachers do daily here at Chi Chi's.

“On behalf of the State of Florida, please join me in congratulating Josh Meurer, one of the highest impact teachers in your school. A recent analysis of student performance on statewide standardized assessments found that Mr. Meurer had an impact on student learning growth that is among the most positive in the entire state.”

~Commissioner Pam Stewart,
Florida Department of Education

You might remember last time Mr. Meurer was recognized; we also spotlighted his Homework Heroes program. If students turn in 20 homework assignments in a row (i.e. an entire month), they earn the distinction of Homework Hero and take a photo with the trophy of the year and goofy hat. We are happy to say this program is as popular as ever! Here is 8th grader Emari showing off one of her many Hero accomplishments this school year.



Upcoming Events

Chi Chi Charity Classic
Sunday & Monday, November 11th & 12th
Chi Chi Golf Club



Mission: To assist at risk children by improving their self-esteem, character, work ethic, social adjustment, and academic performance using the golf course as a living classroom.

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Event Spotlight: 11th annual Chi Chi Pro Am raises a net \$171,000 for educational programs



Top: 1st Place RSM Ross Krusell, Danny Jackson, Mark Reed and Brian Johns with LPGA Pro Brittany Lincicome and PGA Pro Robert Gamez; Bottom Left: Lunch Emcee and WFLA news anchor Jenn Holloway with Board Member Scott Curtis; Bottom Right: Event Co-Chair Mark Carron announcing winners during lunch.

During the PGA TOUR's Valspar Championship at Innisbrook Resort, Academy sponsors were paired with a PGA or LPGA Pro on the newly renovated North Course. Following play a lunch in the Snake Pit Club overlooking the 17th green of the Copperhead featured a lively auction hosted by News Channel 8's Jenn Holloway.

Co-Chairs Vin Campagnoli and Mark Carron happily announced the event raised a net amount of \$171,000 to further our mission of hope for community families. The net funds raised will support the annual \$911,000 programming budget to educate and assist at-risk children using the golf course as a living classroom.

**Thank you to Presenting Sponsor
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Student Spotlight: The First Tee participants are inside the ropes as Valspar Championship Standard Bearers

This year's Valspar Championship had a stacked field of players from all over the world! As part of The First Tee day on the Thursday round, 11 of our participants were Standard Bearers for the late tee times, including golfers like Jordan Spieth, Zach Johnson, Henrick Stenson and Tiger Woods! This unforgettable experience gave our students time to talk to the Pros and enjoy a PGA Tour event from inside the ropes, a place some of them hope to one day be playing.

Thank you to Valspar Championship for providing our participants such an amazing experience to learn from great role models about the game they love. Special recognition to Bimbo Bakeries USA for volunteering as all day chaperones!



Top: Sonya and Devyn with Bimbo Bakeries USA volunteers Ron Pertz, Neil Ford, Mel Crews and Scott Tobe (Academy Executive Committee); Bottom Left: Baylin meeting Tiger Woods; Bottom Right: Alex with Andrew Putnam

Did You Know...?

The Chi Chi Rodriguez Golf Club 18 tee markers include Did You Know Facts that share the story of the Foundation and its educational programs to over 45,000 golfers each year. Each hole is sponsored by a supporter, like Hole #1 below:



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