

Toro Nation.

Much to celebrate at TCHS this week with some EXCITING announcements! It is my honor to recognize our Employees of the Year!

- Teacher of the Year Kristina Johnson TCHS ESE Team Leader, Teacher and Spirit Queen
- Rookie Teacher of the Year Emily Francisco TCHS IND Teacher and Best Buddies Coordinator
- School Related Employee of the Year Jerry Santiago TCHS Maintenance Coordinator

Tremendous KUDOS to these amazing school leaders who help to make each and every day at TCHS an amazing experience for our students, fellow peers, and community!

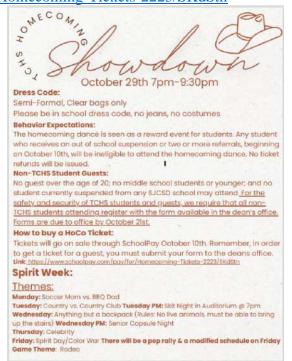
It is also my pleasure to announce that TCHS also has the St. Johns County School District Assistant Principal of the Year....Mr. Drew Chiodo! As many of you know, Mr. Chiodo has been instrumental in building tremendous curriculum programming in our community, a wonderful supporter/leader of our students, teachers and families, and has helped to build two schools in our county...and is graduate from Bartram Trail High School!

IMPORTANT UPDATES

- OCTOBER 12th 10th Grade PSAT and DIGITAL WORK FROM HOME DAY Any 9th, 11th, or 12th grade students not registered for the PSAT/SAT, will complete a digital work from home day. Please check Schoology for assignments to be completed for each course.
 - o Bell schedule for October 12th linked here
 - O Link to the early release form for October 12th linked here
- Senior Graduation and Event Information page launched Click Here TCHS Seniors Only Info!
- New food vendor added to the TCHS Café Firehouse Subs Monday! A-la carte offering
- <u>PICURE DAY IS MONDAY</u> Grades 9,10, and 11 through ELA Classes. <u>Click here for packages and pricing information School Pictures!</u>
- <u>HoCo 2022</u> How to buy a HoCo Ticket: Tickets will go on sale through SchoolPay October 10th. Remember, to get a ticket for a guest, you must submit your form to the dean's office.

o Ticket Link: https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Homecoming-Tickets-2223/SKdStn





Save the Date

October 28th Homecoming Game vs. Keystone

October 29th Homecoming Dance @ TCHS – Dean's Office Form Coming Soon

(Other High Sch and Out of High Sch up to 20yo will be allowed w/ form)

ACT-Non College Reportable (11th and 12th Graders) November 1st

Toro Invitational Band Competition *Date Change* November 12th

November 14th Make-Up Picture Day

Yearbook Reduced Price - 11/30- \$85, 2/14 - \$95, 2/15-Sold Out \$100 November 30th

February 10th Spring Valentines Dance (Sadie Hawkins Style)

April 21st Senior/Junior Prom @ The Riverhouse in St. Augustine

April 22nd Senior Grad Bash @ Universal Studios

May 23rd Graduation @ The Amp (St. Augustine Amphitheater) 7:00pm

Toro Week at a Glance

Picture Day in ELA Classes Grades 9,10,11 Monday – Oct 10

Tuesday- Oct 11

PSAT For all 10th (and 9th/11th who pre-paid) Wednesday – Oct 12

> Digital Learning Day for 9th, 11th, 12th SAT for 12th grade (Pre-Paid only) Payment for Oct 12th ACT-NCR Due

SAC Meeting – 8:10am in The Hub Thursday – Oct 13

Friday – Oct 14

Athletic Week at a Glance

11	October, Tuesday	4:00 PM	Golf, Boys	VR	Matanzas (Palm Coast)	Palm Harbor Golf Club
11	October, Tuesday	5:10 PM	Swimming, Girls	VR	Fernandina Beach	
11	October, Tuesday	5:10 PM	Swimming, Boys	VR	Fernandina Beach	
11	October, Tuesday	5:30 PM	Volleyball, Girls	JV	Orange Park	
11	October, Tuesday	6:30 PM	Volleyball, Girls	VR	Orange Park	
12	October, Wednesday	4:00 PM	Golf, Boys	VR	Fleming Island	King and the Bear Golf Complex
13	October, Thursday	4:00 PM	Golf, Boys	VR	Bartram Trail (St. Johns)	St. Johns Golf and Country Club
13	October, Thursday	5:10 PM	Swimming, Boys	VR	St. Augustine	
13	October, Thursday	5:10 PM	Swimming, Girls	VR	St. Augustine	
13	October, Thursday	5:30 PM	Volleyball, Girls	JV	Matanzas (Palm Coast)	
13	October, Thursday	6:30 PM	Volleyball, Girls	VR	Matanzas (Palm Coast)	Matanzas (Palm Coast)
14	October, Friday	7:00 PM	Cheer, Fall	VR	Bradford (Starke)	
14	October, Friday	7:30 PM	Football (11 man)	VR	Bradford (Starke)	

TCHS Employment Opportunities

TCHS is looking for some OUTSTANDING staff members to work with our Toros! Please email Mr. Willets directly at <u>jay.willets@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> for any of the following positions:

- English/ ESE Teacher (40% 11th Grade ELA and 60% ESE)
- Biology/Environmental Science 1 Offering
- English 2 Offerings
- ESE Paraprofessional (1 Offering base pay starting at \$15 per hour Oct 1 and full benefits)
- Custodial (3 full time offerings with base pay starting at \$15 per hour Oct 1 and full benefits)

Testing Information at TCHS

ACT Non-College Reportable November 1st

This test is for 11th and 12th grade students who have not met the FSA Grade 10 ELA and/or the Algebra 1 EOC graduation requirement.

The ACT will be offered at Tocoi Creek on Tuesday, November 1st, 2022 to 11th and 12th grade students who have registered and paid.

The cost of the ACT exam is \$37.00. Payment can be made via **SchoolPay**.

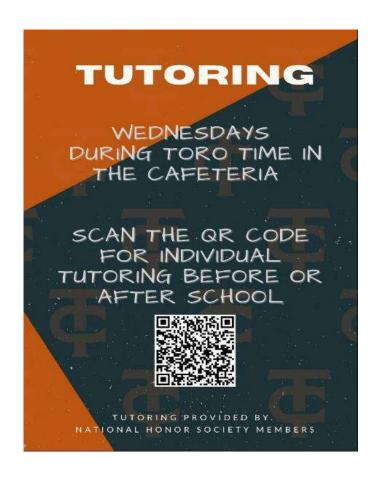
Payment is due by Wednesday, October 12th at 11:59pm.

Students who participate in this ACT-NCR will be granted accommodations (extended time) in hopes that the extra time will give the student a better chance to acquire the necessary ACT English and Reading subset score of 18 (average of the subtests) to meet the FSA Grade 10 ELA graduation requirement and/or ACT Math subtest score of 16 to meet Algebra 1 EOC graduation requirement.

Because these accommodations are no officially approved by ACT, results earned during a non-college reportable ACT administration cannot be used for admissions or scholarship purposes. By submitting the payment to ACT-NCR, you are acknowledging that you understand these scores cannot be used for admissions and scholarship purposes.

If you have any questions regarding testing, you can contact our Testing Coordinator, **Amanda.Lewis@stjohns.k12.fl.us**





School Counselor Updates

October is Financial Aid Month!

The Florida Financial Aid Application (also known as the Bright Futures application) and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) open on October 1st. Every <u>senior</u> is encouraged to complete <u>both</u> applications and the counseling office has set aside time to help students complete them. <u>Senior Help Flier</u>

Students DO NOT need to meet the requirements for Bright Futures prior to applying. Students have until the June ACT/SAT test dates to get the required test scores and until graduation day to meet the community service requirements; however, it is recommended to try and meet the requirements by the end of the first semester. You can learn more information here: TCHS Bright Futures Webpage. In addition, students planning to enter the military or attend school out of state have 5 years to reinstate the scholarship if they decide to return to Florida to attend school IF they apply for the scholarship by graduation day. Instructions for completing the scholarship are available here: Bright Futures Application Instructions

If you are unable to attend the TCHS Parent Night to assist with FAFSA, please check out the other FAFSA resources that are available to help you here: https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/seniors/ and here: https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

Upcoming College Visits:

University of Florida	Wed October 5, 2022	8:45 AM
First Coast Technical College	Fri October 14, 2022	10:00 AM
University of South Alabama	Wed October 19, 2022	8:45 AM
Jacksonville University	Mon October 24, 2022	10:00 AM

Sign up for visits by logging into Naviance (go to links for students, click on Naviance, use your school username and password), click on colleges, click on college visits, and then register for the visit that you want to attend. Check back regularly as new schools are scheduling each day!

Community Service

Looking for information on how to document community service hours? How about existing opportunities available for all students? Please click here for the most up to date information from our Student Services Department. Horns Up!

Please use the following contact points for your scheduling or registration needs:

- Registration, Schedule Questions, Schedule a Date/Time with a Counselor
 - O Kim Tabala (904) 547 4278 kimberly.tabala@stjohns.k12.fl.us
- Home Access Center (HAC), Registration Questions
 - o Marvin Jenkins 904) 547 4275 marvin.jenkins@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Who is my Counselor?

•	Elizabeth Wright -	9 th and 10 th last names A-L	elizabeth.wright@stjohns.k12.fl.us
•	Rachel Blount -	9 th and 10 th last names M-Z	rachel.blount@stjohns.k12.fl.us
•	D'Erica Gibbs -	11 th and 12 th last names A-L	derica.gibbs@stjohns.k12.fl.us
•	Linda Smith -	11 th and 12 th last names M-Z	linda.m.smith@stjohns.k12.fl.us

SENIORS:

College Application season has officially begun! If you haven't already, now is the time to start working on your college applications. We have posted the classroom guidance presentation that we shared with Juniors in the spring on our website along with other application and financial aid resources. We will continue to post helpful resources throughout the year, so be sure to save this page and visit frequently: https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/seniors/

All transcripts and letters of recommendations must be sent through Naviance. You can see instructions and how-to videos here: https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/transcripts/

ACT/SAT fee waivers

Students who participate in the free and/or reduced lunch program are eligible for a standardized test waiver. Please see your school counselor for additional information.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

Next TCHS SAC Meeting – October 13th, 8:10 am in The Hub (Media Center)

Want to get involved? Contact Mr. Joany Cabrera, SAC President, at <u>Joany.cabrera@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> or 904-547-4260 ext. 8244

WEEK AT A GLANCE: TCHS CAREER ACADEMIES

Be sure to checkout the October edition of the <u>Academy Newsletter</u>. Did you miss the September edition? You can find it here to see everything your students are working on in the career academy.

- T-Shirt sales end October 3rd. Use the links below to purchase today! Each Academy has a unique design created by TCHS students in our Digital Art classes.
 - o Academy of Innovation in the Built Environment
 - o Academy of Leadership in Emerging Technologies
 - o Flagler Health + Academy of Future Healthcare Professionals
- American Electrical is hosting TCHS students in the Academy of Innovation in the Built Environment for a job-shadow on October 17th from 8am-12pm. Students can sign-up here by the end of next week.
- October 8th- <u>Healthcare Career Conference</u>. Registration deadline is October 4th.
- October 9th- Registration deadline for the Mednexus Innovation Challenge



Happenings in The Hub

We have a new motivational reading activity occurring in The Hub for the month of October. See the details below. All staff and students are welcome to participate.

Thanks for encouraging your students to read!







6) Repeat!

We have two different Hub cups for sale. The original Hub cup is \$10 and the new Hub cup is \$15 (cash only). Both come with 5 free drinks at the Hub coffee bar and refills are only \$1 after that. Get them while you can!

TCHS ACT/SAT Prep/Test Resources and Tutoring

Tocoi Creek High School families,

We are working hard to support our families this school year with additional resources. Our friends at Revolution Prep are offering a practice ACT to all TCHS families. Please see below...

Insider's Guide to College admissions

College admissions tests are important. They do more than just help your child get into college.

They can help your child win merit-based scholarships, and a good score never hurt anybody's college application. It can even be the deciding factor between being granted admission or not.

When we say "college admissions tests," we're not just talking SAT® and ACT®. AP® Exams and IB® tests are college admissions tests too!

In this free webinar, a Revolution Prep team member who's helped hundreds of high school students get into college shares insider tips and tricks and gives an overview of each test so you can develop a test-prep plan with your child.

Register here: https://www.revolutionprep.com/partners/163618

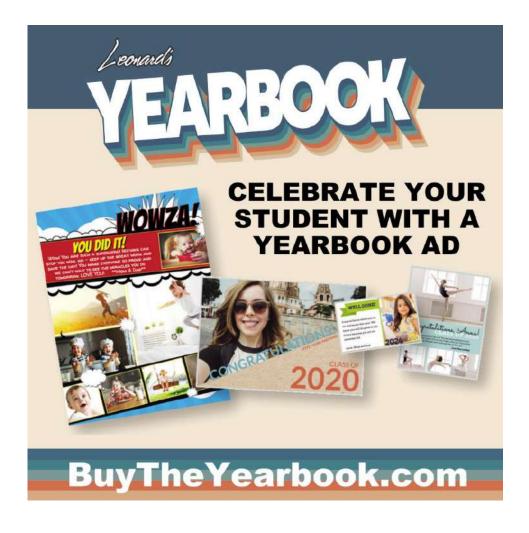
Senior Class Information

Senior Portraits

Seniors, please schedule your appointments at Leonard's Studios in either Jacksonville or St Augustine. The cost of the sitting is \$25, and only formal portraits taken by Leonard's may be used in the yearbook. The link to schedule at the studio is www.leonards.com. Appointments are available from 5-7 weekday evenings and 10-6 on Saturdays at both locations.

Senior Yearbook Information

The TCHS Yearbook is now accepting **SENIOR ADS** for our 1st ever graduating class! To purchase a senior ad and celebrate your graduate, please visit https://buytheyearbook.com/. Ads may be purchased until 12/1, but space is limited and may sell out prior to date. Please see flyer.









- Please follow @OneToroArtsBoosters on Facebook!
- 2. Please join us in supporting the fine arts at Tocoi Creek High School. The vision of the One Toro Arts Booster Organization is to ensure that ALL students at Tocoi Creek High School benefit from the collaborative support of our parent, community, and booster organization. **Membership benefits includes two tickets to the All-Arts Showcase, two tickets to one theatre production of your choice and a TC arts car decal.** It's worth it to join just for those benefits! You can join the One Toro Arts Booster Organization at this

link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f45a8a92daaf4c07-onetoro

3. Be a part of the new Tocoi Creek High School Auditorium by sponsoring a seat. For your \$75 per chair donation, your name or the name of someone you wish to honor/remember will be affixed to the arm of one of our auditorium seats with a gold tag. Your message can be printed up to 50 characters. Sponsor a seat at this

link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45A8A92DAAF4C07-sponsor

4. Our musical theatre students will be presenting, Next to Normal, on October 6-9. This is a play about a suburban family trying to cope with an emerging crisis. We recommend this show for people high school aged and up. **Tickets are now on sale here**: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tocoi-creek-high-school-presents-next-to-normal-tickets-417907250837

Interested in becoming a patron of the arts at TCHS? To find out how, please visit our Facebook page @OneToroArtsBoosters or email us at onetoroarts@gmail.com.





Date Change
Saturday, November 12th. Tocoi Creek High School



Athletics News

Check the TCHS website for more information

Athletics Volunteers

Students needing service hours? Come be a part of our athletic program.

Volunteers needed for concessions and ticket takers at home events in the stadium and the gymnasium.

Please stop by and see Mrs. Lay in the front office for an application.

Participation Fees

Pay to Play fees are required for each student participating in athletics and are a "per sport" fee. For rostered sports, your Pay to Play fee will be due *the Friday after your team roster is posted. Due dates will be provided at the beginning of the season for all non-rostered sports*. Payment must be made by the dates noted above to retain your spot on the team.

Participation fees can be paid here

Game Tickets

Attending a ticketed home athletics event? Tickets are *only available at GoFan.co*. Toco Creek athletics does not offer cash ticket sales.

Want to save a few bucks on your GoFan convenience fees? We have options available to save some bucks for bulk ticket packages.







Official TCHS Spirit Store Launches

Click HERE to Begin Shopping for your OFFICIAL Toro Gear!

TCHS will be partnering again with Baker Sports this year to provide our competitive and spirit needs. Based on community feedback, TCHS administration met with both Baker's Sports and Adidas to improve the athletic and spirit apparel service and programming. Baker's Sports is looking forward to meeting expectations and supporting our Toro community.

The following changes have been made:

- Order email chains that include tracking, contact information and order timelines
- Stockpiling of popular merchandise (hats, hoodies, sweatpants, etc...) in their Jacksonville store for fast processing and delivery
- Baker's representative will communicate with customers when items are backordered, choice will be offered when items are delayed/out of stock
- Restructuring and communication of team store programming
- Inservice with coaching staff and athletic administration on ordering timelines (began last Spring)
- Dedicated local sales representative for TCHS

Any use of TCHS copyrighted logos (athletic or academic) is NOT permitted by second/third party vendors unless approved by administration

If you should have questions about an open order, please feel free to contact us at <u>904.388.8126</u>. You can also follow the prompt on each individual store with an e-mail contact

General School Information

<u>YEARBOOK SALES NOW OPEN!</u> Last year we sold out of yearbooks, so make sure you get one early, and at the best price! Go to <u>Order a TCHS Yearbook</u> for more information on adds, prices, and ordering. Prices will go up soon, so don't miss out! Contact Ms. Shannon Welch for more information.

<u>Lunch Applications</u> - Parents can complete the online Free and Reduced lunch application by using this link https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/food/free/ We encourage them to fill out the online application-English or Spanish, but they can also print a form on the same website and return it to school (send it to us by internal mail once completed). Parent should not delay applying to prevent a gap in their student's meal eligibility.

<u>Dress Code</u> – TCHS will follow the <u>St. Johns County School District Code of Student Conduct</u> for appropriate dress while at school.

<u>PE Uniforms</u> - PE Uniforms are for sale for the 2022-2023 school year. If your student is enrolled in any PE class, including hope, they are required to dress out in approved PE gear and wear athletic shoes each day. Students are permitted to wear the approved PE uniform, any TCHS sports package gear, or a school appropriate shirt with black shorts. PE Uniforms will be available for pick up at Toro Round-Up prior to the start of the school year. <u>Please click the link here to purchase yours today!</u>

<u>Lockers</u> – All TCHS students will be offered a free locker in Building 4, 5 (Gym), and Band areas as appropriate. During Toro Round-UP, Meet the Teacher, or within the first 2 weeks of school, students can

select any locker that fits their schedule. PE and HOPE classes will be sharing lockers, varsity athletes will be issued lockers in team locker rooms.

<u>Student Clubs</u> – Toros will have the opportunity to help TCHS develop various formal and informal clubs for all students to join. Prior to the first quarter interims a Toro Club Virtual Fair will be held where students can select a club of their choosing. <u>Click here to see what was available during the 2021-22 school year.</u>

Schoology -

- o Students who attended a St. Johns County School last year click here
- Students who are NEW to St. Johns County were given log-in information when registering or with new schedules.
- Need assistance HAC or Schoology, Mr. Jenkins is available in the front office throughout the day.

<u>Digital ID</u> – Click here for directions on how to download and register your Digital Student ID

<u>Cafeteria</u> – <u>Click here for Food Services pricing lists and contact information</u>

<u>Absences and Early Dismissal</u> – <u>Click here -DIGITAL links to report absence OR to check out early.</u>

Athletic Game Passes – Click here to save money on bulk pass options for Toro Athletics

<u>Toro Time</u> – Each Wednesday ALL students engage in Toro Time for 45 minutes to engage in support, enrichment, remedial, or school culture programming. Students can be "tagged" for Toro Time by teachers who need them in their class for additional support, test preparation, or assessments. Self-selected options are also available for students to choose.

News from The Nurse

Tabitha Danson - <u>tabitha.danson@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> 904-547-4292

For the 2022-2023 SY, please refer to the **St. Johns County School District Illness Guidelines** found here: https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/health/illness/ for general health concerns related to your child.

Driver Education Program Through the St. Johns County Tax Collectors Office

Phase I: Learner Permit Preparation (Taught at TCHS on selected mornings)

A classroom lecture designed to assist a student preparing to obtain a Learner Permit. The classes are conducted prior to school from 8am-9am for a total of 10 consecutive school days. On the last day, students will be administered the Learner Permit Knowledge Exam that is required to obtain a Learner Permit. In addition to the Phase I course, students must also complete a state required 4-hour online drug and alcohol course prior to obtaining a Learner Permit. Registration and Schedule

Driving Track Day - Registration and Schedule

Phase II: Behind the Wheel - Registration and Schedule

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact: Chris Keelin – Program Director

SJCTC Driver Education Program

Email: driversed@sjctax.us Phone: 904-209-2298



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