

# TOCOI CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

Happy Holidays and Winter Break to all the Toro Nation! This edition of The Weekly Feed will be our final for the year (2021 that is), and we hope you enjoy a wonderful and restful time with family and friends.

I would like to thank Ms. Heather Toombs and our amazing PTSO support teams for helping to make our “TCHS 7 Days of Celebration” so special for our faculty and staff. Throughout the event our Toro staff enjoyed popcorn, sodas and candy from the Durbin Crossing Cinemark Cinemas, delicious lunch items from Moe’s of St. Augustine, and many gift cards/Venmo funding from our awesome parents to purchase enjoyable goodies from local businesses....THANK YOU! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Exam Week** - Exams continue for both Monday and Tuesday. Students will be released early each day during exams, so please review the attached [schedule](#).

- **Student drivers, walkers and parent pick-up** can be dismissed before lunch:
  - At 12:35 on 12/20
  - At 10:50 on 12/21
- **Bus riders** will be dismissed after lunch during the scheduled time:
  - At 1:05 on 12/20
  - At 11:30 on 12/21

Students will have an exam or culminating activity for EVERY class, so students need to be present. Students must sit for the entire exam and cannot leave until the block is done. Make-up exams will take place on Thursday, January 6, 2022.

**\*IMPORTANT\*** Due to the recent “Parents’ Bill of Rights”, F. S. 1014.06 – Parental Consent for Health Care Services, parents must give written consent for their child to access health care while at school. This consent will allow the school nurse to provide care and treatment to your child for injuries and illnesses, and when necessary, emergency health services performed until Emergency Medical Services arrive on campus. Should you decline consent for these services, you will be notified any time your student has such a need, and you will be responsible for arrangement of care outside of the school setting. This consent will remain in effect until your child transfers to another school district, graduates, or you indicate in writing that you wish to rescind this consent for school health services.

Please visit [this form](#) to give permission for your child to receive school health services. **This information must be completed by January 18, 2022.**

For more information, please call the Health Services Department at (904) 547-7693.

**\*Voting Closes Monday\*** Please take a moment to vote for TCHS’s Christmas tree. Go to [www.voteholidaytrees.com](http://www.voteholidaytrees.com) to vote. The visual arts department worked their tail off to put everything together in a short amount of time. Thank you, Mrs. Post and Mrs. Smith, for making the decorations and driving to downtown St. Augustine to decorate the tree!



## Updates and Important Information:

**School Lunches** – Effective December 1<sup>st</sup>, standard pricing for all school lunches began following pandemic emergency offerings. If your student needs to complete a new lunch form for their lunch account for free/reduced pricing, please visit [Free/Reduced Lunch Applications](#). Or to load lunch on [Pay Pams Lunch Accounts](#) for your Toro.

**Be a Part of TCHS History** - Be a part of the TCHS tradition! Toco Creek High School is paving the way for new traditions by offering engravable bricks to commemorate student activities and achievements. Does your student play a sport? Are they involved in the Arts? Are they going to be part of our first ever graduating class? Consider purchasing a brick and creating a lifetime memento as the first students at TCHS. Visit [TCHS Toro Legacy Brick Fundraiser](#)

**TCHS Gear for the Holidays** – Visit the OFFICIAL [TCHS Toro Team Shop](#) to purchase your spirit gear! Have questions about your order? **Call Baker Sporting Goods at 904-388-8126** for questions about orders or materials availability. Also visit our OneToro support organizations for other apparel options.

**Calling All Business Owners** - Are you interested in getting your business name out to the TCHS community? Consider placing an advertisement in our first ever TCHS Yearbook! Your ad is tax deductible and goes to helping students learn journalism and photography. Please review the link for more information <https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:b4d9cd4e-1ef0-4790-8298-0c9cf3fbe856> or contact [shannon.welch@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:shannon.welch@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

**Free Tutoring** - National Honor Society tutoring is available during Toro Time beginning Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, after school Wednesdays, and before school Thursdays.

**December School Counseling Newsletter** – Want to find out how to best support your Toro get ready for college, post secondary programming or Dual Enrollment opportunities for next year? Then check out the [TCHS School Counselor Newsletter - December](#)

## BASKETBALL HOME GAME THEMES

DEC. 14  WHITE OUT

DEC. 21  Holiday

JAN. 7  NEON

JAN. 18  CONSTRUCTION

FEB. 4  red out health

## Save the Date

- Dec 16-21<sup>st</sup> Midterm Testing [2021 Midterm Exam Schedule](#)
- Jan 6, 2022, 8:00 am Academy Application window opens for current 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders
- Jan 7, 2022, 8:00 am Phase I – Learners Permit Class Begins at TCHS (see below for more info)
- Jan 13, 2022, 3:30-7:00pm High School Showcase - World Golf Village Convection Center
- Jan 24, 2022, 6-7:30pm Toco Creek High School Academy Night
- Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 5:00 pm Academy application window closes
- April 9<sup>th</sup> Sophomore/Junior Prom

## Toro Week at a Glance

- Monday 12-20** Brick Fundraiser Continues - Visit [TCHS Toro Legacy Brick Fundraiser](#)
- Tuesday 12-21** **Spirit Squad Hype Day (\$1 to wear a hat all day )**  
**Theme – Holiday Hat to support St. Judes –Boys Varsity BB 7pm vs. BTHS**
- Wednesday 12-22** **First Day of Winter Break**
- Wednesday 1-5-22** **Teacher Planning Day**
- Thursday 1-6-22** **Students Return /2<sup>nd</sup> Semester and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Begin**

## Athletics Calendar

20	December, Monday	TBA	Basketball, Girls	VR	Multiple Opponents - Creekside Holiday Tournament	Non-District
21	December, Tuesday	TBA	Basketball, Girls	VR	Multiple Opponents - Creekside Holiday Tournament	Non-District
21	December, Tuesday	7:30 PM	Basketball, Boys	VR	Bartram Trail (St. Johns)	Non-District
29	December, Wednesday	TBA	Basketball, Boys	VR	Multiple Opponents - Middleburg Winter Classic; 12/29-31	Non-District
3	January, Monday	TBA	Wrestling, Boys	VR	Multiple Opponents - FHSAA District Duals Jan. 3rd - 8th	Tournament
5	January, Wednesday	4:30 PM	Weightlifting, Girls	VR	Nease (Ponte Vedra)	Non-District
6	January, Thursday	6:00 PM	Basketball, Girls	JV	Palatka	Non-District
6	January, Thursday	7:30 PM	Basketball, Girls	VR	Palatka	Non-District
7	January, Friday	TBA	Wrestling, Boys	VR	Multiple Opponents - Yulee Battle of the Border	Tournament
7	January, Friday	5:30 PM	Basketball, Boys	JV	Atlantic Coast (Jacksonville)	Non-District
7	January, Friday	5:30 PM	Soccer, Boys	JV	Menendez (St. Augustine)	<a href="#">Toro Stadium</a> Non-District
7	January, Friday	6:00 PM	Basketball, Girls	JV	Menendez (St. Augustine)	<a href="#">Menendez Gym</a> Non-District
7	January, Friday	7:00 PM	Basketball, Boys	VR	Atlantic Coast (Jacksonville)	Non-District
7	January, Friday	7:20 PM	Soccer, Boys	VR	Menendez (St. Augustine)	<a href="#">Toro Stadium</a> Non-District
7	January, Friday	7:30 PM	Basketball, Girls	VR	Menendez (St. Augustine)	<a href="#">Menendez Gym</a> Non-District
8	January, Saturday	TBA	Wrestling, Boys	VR	Multiple Opponents - Yulee Battle of the Border	Tournament

**Please review the following information and weekly reminders:**

**Attendance** - We are excited to share that our TCHS Attendance Page is now available on our website. This page will allow you to upload all early dismissal and absentee information digitally, including doctor's notes, so there is no need to turn in any documents to the front office due to an absence. This is the "one stop shop" for everything attendance and is compatible with any computer or phone.

[Please Click Here to Access the TCHS Attendance Information Page on our School Website](#)

After turning in information to the TCHS attendance page, please allow 48 hours for us to process information in HAC. We sincerely appreciate your patience as we work to help you and your student. As always, please do not hesitate to contact the front office at (904) 547-4260 if there is anything that you need.

**Early Student Dismissal – Please review HOW TO CHECK YOUR STUDENT OUT EARLY**

- **Students are not to be picked up/checked out after 3:00 pm on M,T,TH,F and not after 2:00 pm on Wednesdays unless a Pre-Dismissal Form has been completed.**
- **Completing the [EARLY DISMISSAL FORM](#) allows your student and teacher to be informed of the need for check-out AND makes the process fast and easy for all parents (especially when in a hurry) IMPORTANT – If you do not use the [EARLY DISMISSAL FORM](#), then there will be a delay (at times 10-15 minutes) in getting your student from class.**
- **Dismissal at Lunch-** If you need to check your child out during their lunch time please be patient. You are welcome to text your student upon arrival to the school to help speed up the process. Please know that you will still need to come into the school to sign out your child and show proper identification.  
If you have any questions about attendance, please use the link below.  
<https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/attendance/>

**Tardies** – Students who are late to school (not in 1<sup>st</sup> period by 9:20am), or in their scheduled classroom after the warning bell and class start signal, then they are to report to offices in Bld 1 (first floor) and Bld 4 (first, second and third floor) tardy kiosks where they enter their student ID or scan their digital/hard ID to receive a tardy slip to class, this tardy will automatically be uploaded to HAC attendance.

**Parent Drop-Off/Pick-Up** – When dropping off/picking up students in the front of the school, we ask that all drivers fill in the gap in front of your vehicle to allow all available loading/unloading space to be used. **If you are passing a vehicle in front of you, please use your blinker to indicate a lane change.** The front of the line begins at the edge of Building 5 (Gym) where the Toro Student Drop-Off sign is placed. Thank you in advance for pulling forward to help our line move more efficiently.

**Picture Retakes** - Leonard's was on campus November 15th for picture makeups/retakes. To order or view pictures, please use the following

lin<https://new.leonards.com/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=/Codes.aspx>


Access code: C559724k

**Yearbooks** – TCHS Yearbooks are on sale! Order your inaugural yearbook at discounted pricing before we sell out.

- **12/01/21 --02/14/21     \$80.00**
- **02/15/21 - Sold Out     \$100.00**
- Order at: <https://buytheyearbook.pictavo.com/PictavoSchool/FindSchool> School ID: 700659

**Drivers Education Courses** – TCHS is pleased to collaborate with The St. Johns County Tax Collectors Office to provide drivers education courses to our students. Please visit [SJCTC DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM – St. Johns County Tax Collector \(sjctax.us\)](https://sjctc.drivereducation.com) or <https://sjctax.us/student-driver-education/> for more information.

A service provided by  
**St. Johns County Tax Collector  
 Dennis W. Hollingsworth, CFC**



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**PHASE I    LEARNER PERMIT PREPARATION**

This program, provided by the St. Johns County Tax Collector's Driver Education Program, is conducted at each public high school from 8:00am-9:00am for a 12-day cycle. The Learner Permit knowledge exam is administered on the last day.

**Requirements:** Students **must** be at least 14½ years old at the **beginning** of the class. Prospective students will be required to submit the following information via email to [driversed@sjctax.us](mailto:driversed@sjctax.us)

- **Student name**
- **Date of birth**
- **Last five (5) digits of student social security number**
- **Parent name**
- **Parent address (including zip code)**
- **Parent phone number (including area code)**
- **Parent email address**
- **Student high school (If home-school or private school, please indicate the St. Johns County public high school you are zoned for)**
- **Requested class date**

The \$20.00 registration fee for Phase I is non-refundable and due on the first day of class (check payable to the SJCTC Driver Education Program). Please make sure to coordinate the dates with sports and activity schedules before you register.

For questions or technical assistance, please contact us by email at [driversed@sjctax.us](mailto:driversed@sjctax.us)

<p><b>ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL</b>              08/23/21 THROUGH 09/08/21              10/25/21 THROUGH 11/09/21              01/31/22 THROUGH 02/16/22              04/11/22 THROUGH 04/28/22</p>	<p><b>BARTRAM TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL</b>              08/24/21 THROUGH 09/09/21              10/26/21 THROUGH 11/10/21              02/01/22 THROUGH 02/17/22              04/12/22 THROUGH 04/29/22</p>
<p><b>ALLEN D. NEASE HIGH SCHOOL</b>              09/13/21 THROUGH 09/28/21              11/29/21 THROUGH 12/14/21              02/22/22 THROUGH 03/09/22              05/03/22 THROUGH 05/18/22</p>	<p><b>CREEKSIDE HIGH SCHOOL</b>              09/14/21 THROUGH 09/29/21              11/30/21 THROUGH 12/15/21              02/23/22 THROUGH 03/10/22              05/04/22 THROUGH 05/19/22</p>
<p><b>TOCOI CREEK HIGH SCHOOL</b>              10/04/21 THROUGH 10/20/21              01/07/22 THROUGH 01/25/22              03/21/22 THROUGH 04/05/22</p>	<p><b>PEDRO MENENDEZ HIGH SCHOOL</b>              10/05/21 THROUGH 10/21/21              01/10/22 THROUGH 01/26/22              03/22/22 THROUGH 04/06/22</p>
<p><b>PONTE VEDRA HIGH SCHOOL</b>              10/06/21 THROUGH 10/22/21              01/11/22 THROUGH 01/27/22              03/23/22 THROUGH 04/07/22</p>	

**Lockers and Textbooks** – If your Toro did not select a locker yet, please have them report to the Deans Office with their selections.

**COVID Protocols** – TCHS has implemented all COVID mitigation protocols that are standard at all SJCS D school sites. For more information please review the [SJCS D Health and Safety](#) updates.

**PE Uniforms** – **Our PE Department is in contact with Baker Sporting Goods to work through unexpected supply chain challenges.** Distribution will continue as orders come in along with in-person sales, online sales are currently open on [SchoolPay.com](https://www.schoolpay.com) or students can bring in cash/check directly to their PE/HOPE. *What if the uniform doesn't fit?* Coaches will assist in sizing/swapping uniforms as needed and if a specific size is not available, a student may bring in a pair of shorts/t-shirt until orders are fulfilled.

**Breakfast and Lunch Services** – Want to know what your Toro is eating throughout the day? [PayPams](#) will be used to load your student's lunch account, view balances and check to see what type of "feed" your Toro is eating. Students are REQUIRED to use their digital/hard ID when checking out to assist with line movement.



## Student Life



### Link Crew

The Link Crew “Coco and Cram” support session was a tremendous success with over 120 freshmen students working to cram in some final support before mid-term tests....Way to go Link Crew!



### Academy News

#### Important Dates for 9<sup>th</sup> graders:

- Academy Application window opens for current 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders on January 6, 2022 at 8:00 am
- High School Showcase held at World Golf Village Convection Center on January 13, 2022 from 3:30-7:00pm
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For more information related to academy applications, please visit our website: <https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/academies/>

or contact Stephanie Tavill at [stephanie.tavill@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:stephanie.tavill@stjohns.k12.fl.us) or 904-547-4273

#### Academy Highlights:

TCHS Robotics Teams Take Home Wins. Click the link to read more! <https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/tchs-robotics-club-takes-the-field/>

Students in the Flagler Health + Academy of Future Healthcare Professionals tour Flagler Hospital.

Click the link to read more! <https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/toros-tour-flagler-health-hospital/>

## Toro Athletics

Are you wondering how you can purchase tickets for any athletic event, bookmark our [TCHS Athletics Page](#) for future game schedules, purchases and specific sport information.

# TCHS Arts News

Please see the attached for membership information and Arts Account registration [Click Here for Document](#)

Please follow us on Facebook @ Toco Creek Arts

Would you like to learn more about becoming a sponsor for your Toro Arts Programs? Please see the attached [sponsorship letter and form](#) .

Would you like to purchase ad space in the All Arts "One Toro" Playbill. Please complete the attached form along with your payment. This can be dropped off for Mrs. Lay at the front office, or with your student's Arts teacher. [Play Bill Sponsorship Form](#)

<https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/arts/> You can reach us by emailing: [TocoiArtsBooster@yahoo.com](mailto:TocoiArtsBooster@yahoo.com).

## Happenings at The Hub

### **The Hub Hours:**

Did you know The Hub has open access? That means students can visit The Hub ANYTIME during the school day, with teacher permission! The Hub is also open for students before school beginning at 8:45, after school with varying hours, and during lunch, with no permission needed. Students are encouraged to stop by anytime they need a book, research help, technology troubleshooting, or even just to see a friendly face.

### **Battle of the Books Club:**

The Battle of the Books club is forming. Students in this club will read the 2021-2022 Florida Teens Read books. The club will meet with other high school students in the county to discuss the books and compete, answering questions about the books. Students interesting in participating in the Battle of the Books club should see Ms. Badger, in The Hub. In order to participate students must read at least 1 of this year's Florida Teens Read titles. The list of books and more information about Florida Teens Read can be found at [Florida Teens Read - FAME: FLORIDA ASSOCIATION FOR MEDIA IN EDUCATION \(floridamediaed.org\)](http://FloridaTeensRead-FAME:FLORIDAASSOCIATIONFORMEDIAINEDUCATION(floridamediaed.org))

### **Sticker Mosaic:**

We have a new activity taking place in The Hub. It is a collaborative sticker mosaic! Students will receive a sticker for the mosaic for each book they checkout. They put the sticker on the mosaic to help complete the picture. It will take about 3000 stickers (book checkouts) to complete the mosaic. How soon can we get the picture completed and what will it be?



# School Advisory Council

Our second School Advisory Meeting (SAC) will be held on the first Tuesday of each month, in the TCHS Media Center “The Hub”.

**Date:** 1-11-22

**Time:** 8:10 AM

**Facilitators:** Mr. R. Bruns & Mr. J. Cabrera

**Location:** TCHS Media Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Building 1

## Guidance Corner

**December School Counseling Newsletter** – Want to find out how to best support your Toro get ready for college, post secondary programming or Dual Enrollment opportunities for next year? Then check out the [TCHS School Counselor Newsletter - December](#)

**Guidance** – Visit our [Guidance Services](#) page to find out how to connect with our school counselors about schedules, college planning or counseling services.

**Bright Futures** – New rules regarding [Bright Futures Scholarship Service Forms/Rules](#) are posted on the District Web Site and will be available in the TCHS Guidance Services office.

## OneToro Support Organizations

Want to get involved with TCHS? Use our OneToro contact list below to get involved with any one of our community support organizations. Horns UP!

PTSO Board Members	Arts Booster Board Members	Athletic Board Members
<p><i>Liaison</i> Jay Willets, Principal <a href="mailto:Jay.willets@stjohns.k12.fl.us">Jay.willets@stjohns.k12.fl.us</a></p> <p><i>President</i> Heather Toombs <a href="mailto:tooiPTSO@gmail.com">tooiPTSO@gmail.com</a></p> <p><i>Vice President</i> Theresa Lunsford</p> <p><i>Vice President W</i> Thanh Bauer</p> <p><i>Secretary</i> Cara Seifart</p> <p><i>Treasurer</i> Margot Feza</p> <p><b>PTSO Website</b> <a href="https://tocoicreektorosptso.com">https://tocoicreektorosptso.com</a></p> <p><b>PTSO Email Contact</b> <a href="mailto:tooiPTSO@gmail.com">tooiPTSO@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>PTSO Phone Contact</b> Heather Toombs 904.392.6788</p>	<p><i>Liaison</i> Mike Beaman, Director <a href="mailto:Michael.Beaman@stjohns.k12.fl.us">Michael.Beaman@stjohns.k12.fl.us</a></p> <p><i>President</i> Wendy Lay <a href="mailto:onetoroarts@gmail.com">onetoroarts@gmail.com</a></p> <p><i>Vice President</i> Vickie Cobb</p> <p><i>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</i> Amy Lasswell</p> <p><i>Secretary</i> Christi Rosa Zielinski</p> <p><i>Treasurer</i> Larissa Orjuela</p> <p><b>TCHS Arts Website</b> <a href="https://stjohns.k12.fl.us/arts">https://stjohns.k12.fl.us/arts</a></p> <p><b>TCHS Arts Email</b> <a href="mailto:onetoroarts@gmail.com">onetoroarts@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>OneToro Phone Contact</b> Wendy Lay 904.547.4272</p>	<p><i>Liaison</i> Jeff Holland <a href="mailto:Jeff.holland@stjohns.k12.fl.us">Jeff.holland@stjohns.k12.fl.us</a></p> <p><i>President</i> Jake Dunn <a href="mailto:onetoroathletics@gmail.com">onetoroathletics@gmail.com</a></p> <p><i>Vice President 1</i> Jason Outzs</p> <p><i>Vice President 2</i> Cindy Leeber</p> <p><i>Treasurer</i> Meredith Turpen</p> <p><i>Secretary</i> Jenn Boisclair</p> <p><b>OneToroAthletics Website</b> <a href="https://Onetoroathletics.com">https://Onetoroathletics.com</a></p> <p><b>OneToroAthletics Email</b> <a href="mailto:onetoroathletics@gmail.com">onetoroathletics@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>OneToro Phone Contact</b> Jake Dunn 904.803.3563</p>



# Additional School and District Information

## Character Counts Run

The CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee is calling all walkers, runners, and fitness enthusiasts to participate in the CHARACTER COUNTS! 6K/3K Run/Walk on Saturday, February 5, 2022, at 9 a.m. The run/walk will begin and end at Palencia Elementary School located at 355 Palencia Village Drive, St. Augustine.

Walkers and runners will enjoy a course running through the neighborhoods of Kensington and Las Calinas and can choose to participate in the 6K (3.73 miles) or 3K (1.86 miles) distance.

Registration fees are as follows:

**6K:** \$30 before January 1 \$35 January 1-January 31 \$40 on race day

**3K:** \$25 before January 1 \$30 January 1-January 31 \$35 on race day

Registration forms and more information are available online at

<https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/StAugustine/CHARACTERCOUNTSinStJohnsCountySixPillars6K3KRunWalk>

Race proceeds support CHARACTER COUNTS! initiatives throughout the St. Johns County School District (SJCSD). The run/walk is open to all ages, and the top three winners will be awarded in each of the age categories as well as the overall male and female finishers. A cash donation will be awarded to the top three schools with the most registrants. In 2020, these schools were Palm Valley Academy, Valley Ridge Academy and Ocean Palms Elementary School. All race registrants will receive a t-shirt and other goodies from area businesses and organizations. At the finish line, each race participant will receive a commemorative item.

This event is produced by the CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee and is presented by Beaver Toyota with support from businesses and community groups. Action News Jax CBS47/FOX30 is the official media sponsor of this run/walk.

The SJCSD, along with area businesses, youth organizations and civic groups, selected the national character education program of CHARACTER COUNTS! as a countywide initiative to instill positive character traits in young people throughout the county. Additionally, the SJCSD became the first school district in Florida to implement Pursuing Victory With Honor in all of its athletic programs. Character education is an important part of every School Improvement Plan and a major component of the Student Code of Conduct and the school district's Strategic Plan.

# TCHS Café News

SJCSD Families,

Please be reminded that beginning Wednesday, December 1, 2021 Meal Prices will be:

		Breakfast	Lunch
Elementary:	Paid	\$1.25	\$2.80
	Reduced	\$0.30	0.40
Middle/High:	Paid	\$1.25	\$2.95
	Reduced	\$0.30	\$0.40

Prepayments into student lunch accounts can be made by using PayPAMS. The link to this service is located at <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/food/paypams/>

Online and printable Free/Reduced lunch applications can be located at <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/food/free/>

Sean Prevatt, RD, LD, SNS

Food & Nutrition Services

## School and District COVID Protocols

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The DOH has adjusted the student quarantine guidelines as of yesterday. There has been information sent out via the news stations but I wanted to communicate it clearly to you so that you understand your choices if you are notified that your child is a close contact of a positive COVID individual.

On 9/22/2021, the Department of Health has updated their emergency rule (64DER21-15) to include student quarantines.

1. *Student quarantines: (3)(a) Parents or legal guardians of students who are known to have been in direct contact with an individual who received a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19 **may choose one of the following options:***
  - a. *Allow the student to attend school, school-sponsored activities, or be on school property, without restrictions or disparate treatment, so long as the student remains asymptomatic; or*
  - b. *Quarantine the student for a period of time not to exceed seven days from the date of last direct contact with an individual that is positive for COVID-19.*

**Based on this new ruling, you have a choice whether to quarantine your child or not, if they have no symptoms.** Below is the new email communication that you will receive notifying you of your choices if your child is a close contact:

*We have been advised that your child, [student name], has potentially been exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual on [exposure date]. In accordance with the FL DOH Emergency Rule, you may choose to keep your child home to quarantine for a period of time not to exceed seven days. Your child does not need to seek COVID-19 testing or produce a negative test result to return to school tomorrow if he/she is without any symptoms.*

*If you choose to keep your child home to quarantine, please call the District COVID Support Team at 904-547-8230 to report your child on quarantine.*

*If you have health-related quarantine questions, we have set up a quarantine call line at 904-819-1101.*

**To be clear**, if your child has NO symptoms and is on quarantine, they may return to school if you choose. This begins today. If you choose to quarantine, you need to contact the District COVID support team and report that you are opting to quarantine your child. This also begins today.

Due to this change in policy, it is more important than ever to monitor your child for symptoms and keep them home if they are not well. We want students to be in school learning and we also want children healthy and safe. We are in this together and will continue to work together to navigate this new normal.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. If you have any questions, please call 904-547-8230 for further clarification.

Sincerely,

SJCSD Administration