

Dear Toro Nation,

Another eventful week at TCHS ended with a fun Spirit Rally in the morning prior to school starting. Face paint, line dancing, dance - cheer squads, and fun tunes started our Friday in preparation for our first home football game...we hope to see you tonight at 7:00 pm for kickoff.

I would like to also personally Publix Supermarkets for partnering with our Beaches Go Green club at TCHS. We are so grateful for a generous \$12,240.00 donation to purchase metal reusable water bottles for our all our Toro staff, athletes, and band members to use throughout their seasons...THANK YOU PUBLIX!

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

- ESE Teacher (full teaching position)
- ESE Teacher (60% 5 hours per day)
- ESE Paraprofessional (3 full time offerings)
- Custodial (5 full time offerings)

PTSO NEEDS YOU!

The PTSO is setting up a committee structure to help get done all that needs to get done to ensure that this school year is THE VERY BEST school year yet for all our kids, the teachers, and staff! Visit the PTSO Facebook page for more information and updates.

Each Committee will have Committee Members and Chair positions to lead. These Committees will ensure that each event/cause gets done timely and well because it will have the full and focused attention of the Committee.

If you are interested in being a Committee Member, please visit, Click here to sign up for PTSOCommitteeMemberSignup

If you are interested in leading and being a Committee Chair, please visit Click here to sign up for PTSOCHAIR

School Advisory Council (SAC)

The School Advisory council helps explore ways to improve the education of the students in our school. A member can also represent the views of others in the community and encourage their participation in the school. By valuing and respecting everyone's views, the council creates a partnership among the school, the students' families, and the community. Such a partnership can help all students become well-educated, well-adjusted, and productive citizens. When the entire school community works together to support learning, children tend to succeed, not just in school but throughout their lives. Member participation in this process in crucial.

First TCHS SAC Meeting – September 15th, 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. 82443

Save the Date

• September 8th Open House at TCHS

September 15th SAC Meeting in The Hub @ 8:10am
 September 28th Junior Ring Presentation – Toro Time

• October 12th PSAT (all 10th and only registered 9th and 11th)

SAT NCR (non-college reportable) for registered 12th grade only

October 28th Homecoming Game vs. Keystone
 October 29th Homecoming Dance @ TCHS

April 28th Senior/Junior Prom @ The Riverhouse in St. Augustine

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

Toro Week at a Glance

Monday – Aug 22 Tuesday - Aug 23 Wednesday – Aug 24 Thursday – Aug 25 Friday – Aug 26 Fall Play Rehearsal 3:50-6:30 Fall Play Rehearsal 3:50-6:30

Toro Time – All Grades

Fall Play Rehearsal 3:50-6:30

Pep Rally

TCHS vs. Beachside "Surf and Turf Bowl" 7:00pm

Athletic Week at a Glance



TESTING INFORMATION

SAT-NCR (Non-College Reportable) Exam – 12th Gr ONLY Oct 12th Cost: \$60

This test is for 12th grade students who have not met the FSA Grade 10 ELA and/or the Algebra 1 EOC graduation requirement. Students who participate in this SAT-NCR experience will be granted accommodations (i.e., extended time) in hopes that the extra time will give the student a better chance to acquire the necessary SAT English and Reading (EBRW) score of 480 to meet the FSA Grade 10 ELA graduation requirement and/or SAT Math score of 420 to meet the Algebra 1 EOC graduation requirement. However, because these accommodations are not officially approved by College Board, results earned during a non-college reportable SAT administration cannot be used for admissions or scholarship purposes.

The SAT-NCR will be offered at Tocoi Creek on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 to 12th Graders ONLY. The cost of the SAT-NCR exam is \$60.00. Payment can be made via this link in School Pay. Payment is due by Friday, September 9, 2022.

PLEASE CLICK HERE TO REGISTER YOUR 12th GRADER FOR SAT-NCR

For more information on the SAT-NCR, please visit the TCHS Testing Website

PSAT - Date:October 12th - All 10th Grade and Registerd 9th and 11th

The PSAT exam is an important upcoming assessment for high school students on Wednesday, October 12th, 2022. As a reminder, the PSAT is for ALL 10th grade students as well as any 9th or 11th grade students who register and pay to take the exam.

The purpose of the test is to give all students an opportunity to experience taking a college readiness test and to identify students who might benefit from advanced coursework.

Students in 9th and 11th grade must pay a \$22 registration fee to take the test and receive their scores. **REGISTRATION CLOSES ON SEPTEMBER 9**TH **AT 11:59P.M.**

Click here to register for the PSAT

All 10th grade students will take the test and receive a score report at no charge.

Who: ALL 10th grade or 9th & 11th that registered/paid by 9/09/22 ONLY

Where: 2022 PSAT Room Locations TBD

When: Wednesday- October 12, 2022 – Students testing should promptly report to their testing room by

9:20am.

Your student's Score Report for the PSAT/NMSQT® will be available in mid-to-late December from College Board.

All PSAT accommodations must be requested through College Board. Click <u>Here</u> to view the parental consent form that must be completed and turned into the student's counselor.

Please note: Students will receive an Official Student Guide to the PSAT/ NMSQT® through their English classes. This guide contains valuable information as well as a full-length practice test with answer keys.

Provided is a PSAT student guide for more information: PSAT Student Guide 2022

Please visit www.collegeboard.org/psat for more information.

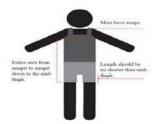
Any student on campus who is not taking the PSAT will be held in the auditorium for a study hall.

General School Information

Lunch Applications - 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 St. Johns County School District Code of Student Conduct for appropriate dress while at school.

- Personal attire may be in the style of the day. Clothing, piercings and accessories displaying profanity, violence, discriminatory messages, sexually suggestive phrases, phrases or symbols of alcohol, tobacco or drugs is unacceptable.
- Gang graffiti will not be drawn or worn on backpacks, notebooks, folders, papers, clothing or any other object or on the body of any student or person on school property.
 Pajamas shall not be worn as exterior clothing on campus.
- Head gear, including but not limited to, caps, hats, bandanas and/or sunglasses shall not be worn indoors on campus unless permitted by school administration for religious or medical reasons. Students may wear sunglasses, hats, or other sun-protective wear while outdoors during school hours.
- Clothing must cover areas from one armpit to the other armpit, down to the mid-thigh. Tops must have shoulder straps and be long enough to adequately cover the waistline and not expose the midriff.



- Students must wear shoes that are safe and appropriate for the learning environment. Middle school and elementary school students must wear shoes that have a back or strap on the heel. High school students may wear backless shoes. Bedroom slippers are prohibited.
- See-through or mesh garments must be worn with opaque clothing over it or underneath that meets the standard for clothing coverage.
- Rips or tears in clothing above the mid-thigh must not expose skin.
- Any student who attends First Coast Technical College must follow dress code regulations established by each occupational department of FCTC (i.e., safety clothing, protective garments, and business attire)

PE Uniforms - 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. Please click the link here to purchase yours today!

Lockers – 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.

Student Clubs – 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. Click here to see what was available during the 2021-22 school year.

Schoology -

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

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

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

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

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

<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.

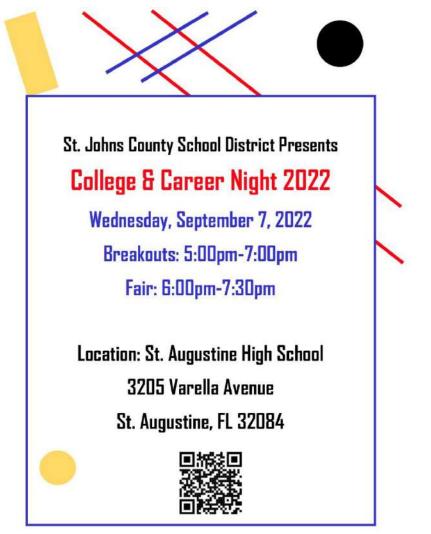
<u>YEARBOOK SALES NOW OPEN!</u> Last year we sold out of yearbooks, so make sure you get one early, and at the best price! Go to <u>Order a TCHS Yearbook</u> for more information on adds, prices, and ordering. Prices will go up soon, so don't miss out! Contact Ms. Shannon Welch for more information.

News from The Nurse

Tabitha Danson - tabitha.danson@stjohns.k12.fl.us 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.



School Counselor Updates

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 <u>kimberly.tabala@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u>
- 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/

Senior Photos - Please be sure to reserve your spot for your senior portraits needed for the 2022-2023 yearbook. Please visit https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/seniors-only/ to schedule. Makeups will be held on 9/16 at TCHS during lunches.

Arts News

- 1. Show your support of One Toro Arts with a line of merch specifically for the TCHS Arts Programs! We've got a variety of items and colors to help show your One Toro Arts pride and support! Go to: https://sportscorner.itemorder.com/shop/ and enter code: 2355C. The deadline to order is Sunday, August 21st.
- 2. Please follow @OneToroArtsBoosters on Facebook!
- 3. 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. You can join the One Toro Arts Booster Organization at this

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







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 <u>GoFan.co</u>*. 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.

Beaches Go Green | Publix/Publix GreenWise Market to provide Reusable Bottles to Local Youth Athletes in an Effort to Reduce Plastic Pollution!

Jacksonville, FL, August, 2022 — THINK REUSABLE for a healthier planet & healthier athletes! Reducing plastic pollution is the goal of the Beaches Go Green's Reusable Sports Bottle Program (RBS). Through a generous sponsorship by Publix & Publix GreenWise Market, and a partnership with Beaches Go Green (BGG), over 12,000 youth athletes will receive a SIC stainless-steel reusable sports bottle as part of their sport's uniform for the 2022-23 school year. Student athletes who receive their school's custom logo'd bottles will receive education on plastic pollution and will be strongly encouraged to use and reuse the bottles at practices, games and beyond!

"Our Publix Mission challenges us to be responsible citizens in our communities," said Maria Brous Publix director of communications. "Part of that mission is to meet today's needs while being mindful of what's essential for tomorrow. We are proud to support student athletes and share in the responsibility to educate our youth on the principles of reduce, reuse and recycle."

Founder of Beaches Go Green, Anne Marie Moquin, added "Our goal is to create awareness about wasteful & polluting single-use plastic. Plastic does NOT biodegrade. It breaks up into tiny pieces of plastic called microplastics, which are now found almost everywhere, especially in our soil, air, water & food. As a society, we are just beginning to understand the negative impact of plastic on our planet! The schools/teams benefiting from this RBS program also have Beaches Go Green Student Environmental Education Clubs. BGG Student Club members help to educate their peers and help to put the "reuse" ideas into action! We are optimistic that student athletes will adopt these REUSE habits and skip single-use plastic at school, on the field/court, at home and in everyday life."

Beaches Go Green, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, aims to create awareness and education around the waste that we produce and how it impacts our planet. With a focus on single-use plastics and our oceans, BGG encourages people to take small steps to decrease their plastic consumption and overall waste. We believe that through awareness and education, people will make small changes in their lives that will add up to BIG changes for the planet. For more information or to sponsor your favorite team, please contact annemarie@beachesgogreen.org or see https://www.beachesgogreen.org/

For more information about Publix: https://sustainability.publix.com/storefront

Driver Education Program

Our Mission: To provide an affordable, quality driver training program for the youth of St. Johns County.

Classroom and Behind the Wheel courses

Classes are offered at all St. Johns county public high schools. *removed year Classes are available only to enrolled high school students who reside in St. Johns County. Home school and private school students must attend at the public high school for which they are zoned.

Phase I: Learner Permit Preparation

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

*Defensive driving course for beginner to intermediate teen drivers Student must have at least 10 hours of driving experience prior to registering (not prior to attending) An 8-hour driving course designed to improve students' driving skills and confidence with practical experience. The course begins with a classroom lecture that focuses on the concepts of being a defensive driver, laws that relate to the operation of a motor vehicle, as well as course safety procedures. The 7 hour "Behind the Wheel" portion of the training will consist of braking, backing, parking, off road recovery, hydroplaning and lateral control movements. We will also introduce the student to driving in traffic situations as they drive on roadways within St. Johns County with a state certified driving instructor. Registration and Schedule

Phase II: Behind the Wheel

*Defensive driving course for intermediate to advanced teen drivers Student must have at least 20 hours of driving experience prior to registering (not prior to attending) A 27-hour driving course designed to improve students' driving skills and confidence with practical experience. The class begins with a classroom lecture that focuses on the concepts of being a defensive driver, laws that relate to the operation of a motor vehicle, as well as course safety procedures. The 26-hour "Behind the Wheel" portion of the training starts on an off-road site working on braking, backing, parking, off road recovery, hydroplaning and lateral control movements. We will also introduce the student to driving in traffic situations (neighborhoods, downtown and interstate) as they drive on roadways within St. Johns County with a state certified driving instructor. 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

Toro SAT/ACT Prep and FREE Seminars

TCHS is excited to partner with **Revolution Prep** to get our Toros ready for their college entrance exams. Please review the attached flyer for FREE seminars for students/parents to use this summer.

Revolution Prep has two remaining summer webinars:

<u>Understanding the New Digital SAT for International Students | Tuesday, August 30th at 6</u> PM











