



# Tocoi Creek School Counseling Newsletter

## August 2021

### Meet the School Counseling Team:

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### Upcoming Dates:

- August 12:** 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation
- August 13:** 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Gr. Orientation
- August 16:** First day of School
- August 24 & 26:** Counselors visit 9<sup>th</sup> grade English classes
- August 27:** Counselors visit 10<sup>th</sup> grade English classes
- August 31:** Counselors visit 11<sup>th</sup> grade English classes

### Appointment Links:

D'Erica Gibbs:  
<https://calendly.com/derica-gibbs-1>

Linda Smith:  
<https://calendly.com/lindamsmith>



**Any student with a St. Johns Virtual School or Florida Virtual School account needs to have their account changed over to Tocoi Creek High School.**

### Steps for Changing Account:



1. Login into your FLVS account
2. Click the Virtual School Administrator link to enter VSA.
3. Click the menu (3 lines) at the top left of the screen next to FLVS.
4. Click Student Records then Academic Profile.
5. Click the dropdown to the right of the Physical School and select the new school.
6. Scroll to the bottom right and click SAVE.

### Counselor Resources:

**Individual School Counseling:** Counselors are available in our offices by appointment. We are also available through email and phone.

**Classroom Lessons:** Counselors will be providing classroom guidance lessons to all grade levels multiple times throughout the school year.

**Counselor Corner in the Hub:** Counselors have resources and activities for you in the Hub.

**Schoology:** Visit the Tocoi Creek School Counselors Schoology Page for lots of resources including classroom guidance presentations, informational videos, etc.

## Our Tradition Starts Here!



Mrs. Gibbs

Mrs. Smith

**OUR COUNSELORS ARE LOOKING FOR PARENT INPUT! PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO ANSWER THE SHORT SURVEY:**

<https://forms.gle/2qHhmSiXUGEURoUC8>

### Mission Statement:

The mission of the Tocoi Creek School Counseling Department is to inspire all students to be culturally competent lifelong learners. Our comprehensive school counseling program provides students with necessary skills to make emotional, social, behavioral, and academic decisions. School Counselors will collaborate with parents, guardians, faculty, staff, and administration to advocate for our students so they can achieve their academic and career goals while supporting their personal and social needs.

### Vision Statement:

Tocoi Creek High School students will graduate with a strong foundation of personal worth and character, academic confidence, a growth mindset to meet their future career and college goals, and resiliency to navigate obstacles as they choose their path to become contributing members of society and influence future generations.





# Your Toro Journey Starts Here

## School Counseling Curriculum

### FRESHMAN:

- Know graduation requirements.
- Understand GPA
- Keys to Success (tutoring, study skills, organization, etc)
- Community Service
- Goal Setting

### SOPHOMORES:

- Review graduation requirements
- PSAT
- Extracurricular suggestions
- Dual enrollment
- Explore college & career options

### JUNIORS

- Review graduation requirements
- Create post secondary plan including: SAT/ACT/ASVAB, NCAA registration, Financial Aid, College search, & next steps document.



ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT KEYS TO SUCCESS IS HAVING THE DISCIPLINE TO DO WHAT YOU KNOW YOU SHOULD DO, EVEN WHEN YOU DONT FEEL LIKE DOING IT.

## Toro's Tips for Success:

- Attend orientation and take advantage of opportunities to pick up your schedule, pick out your locker, get your textbooks, ID, gym clothes, and school supplies list. Look around and find your classes and ease the stress of the first day of school.
- Create a schedule for yourself. Plan when you will participate in extra-curricular activities, complete homework, study, and still have time for your hobbies and family obligations. Be prepared to need more homework and study time than you did in middle school.
- Be Strategic: Understand how much assignments and tests are worth along with their difficulty level and plan your time accordingly.
- Get excited and get involved! High school is a memorable and fun time. The more students participate and build relationships through athletics, clubs, and other organizations the more likely they are to be successful in high school and transition to post-secondary success.

PARENTS: Do you have a career that you love that you would be willing to share with high school students? Complete this form and let us know how you are willing to be involved: <https://forms.gle/H5A6QXBSTfVT9JEG9>

## Community Service

- Students can complete community service hours starting the summer between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade through graduation day.
- All community service hours must be turned in to and approved by the school counselor.
- Community Service guidelines can be found here: <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/community-service/>
- Students can view the number of community service hours on file in HAC.



### SERVICES AVAILABLE

- Academic Counseling:**
- Study Skills
  - Tips for Good Grades
  - Test taking strategies
  - Strategic Planning
- College & Career:**
- College Planning
  - Financial Aid
  - Vocational Planning
  - Military Planning
- Social/Emotional Concerns:**
- Managing Stress
  - Relationships

We are SO EXCITED to be your school counselors!