



Tocoi Creek School Counseling Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates:

April 5-6: 10th Grade FSA Writing

April 7-8: 9th Grade FSA Writing

April 9: Prom

April 15: No School

April 18: No School

April 19: NCR ACT Exam

Appointment Links:

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Believe it or not, it is time for our JUNIORS to start getting ready for their college applications.

In the next few weeks, counselors will be visiting Junior classrooms and assisting them in a “college match” activity to help them find schools that would be a good fit for them. While we are there, we will discuss how to get started working on college applications this summer, requesting transcripts, etc.

ACT Scores Are In!

Juniors had the opportunity to take the ACT for free on March 1st. Those scores are now available for students to view in HAC. Students should compare those scores against their postsecondary goals (Bright Futures, College Applications, etc) to see if they need to consider retaking the tests. Students may also want to consider attempting the SAT as some students find that they prefer that test instead.

Remember- College Application season starts this summer so do not delay in getting test prep and retaking the tests as necessary.

Students that still need a passing score for the FSA Reading or Algebra 1 EOC are invited to take the NCR (Not College Reportable) Test on April 19th. Details here: <https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/testing/medical-forms/act/>

Final Grades and Summer School

Third quarter report cards were posted in HAC on March 29th. The counselors are now reviewing 1st-3rd quarter grades and making recommendations for summer school. **If a student is currently on track to fail a graduation requirement, their counselor will be sending parent emails to communicate about summer school recommendations.**

Parents can request their students participation in the district summer school program if their student has a final grade of a D or F in a graduation requirement.

Summer School will be on-line and MUST be completed between June 6 and 24th. Any coursework not completed on June 24th will be lost.

Students and parents can also take courses through St. Johns Virtual and can discuss those options with their counselor.

You can review graduation requirements here: <https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/graduation-requirements/>

FREE TEST PREP RESOURCES:

ACT Websites: [ACT Test Prep](#)
[Printable ACT Full Length Practice Tests](#)
ACT Phone App: [ACT Prep App](#)

SAT: [College Board Test Prep](#) (Khan Academy!)

Both: [SAT/ACT Practice Tests](#)
[March 2 Success Courses](#)



School Counseling Curriculum

FRESHMAN:

- Know graduation requirements.
- Understand GPA
- Keys to Success (tutoring, study skills, 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.



As we get ready for summer, students who are hoping to earn the Bright Futures scholarship should be considering ways to collect community service hours.

Please review the School Counseling webpage under Community Service to review what counts and does not count. Students will need to get the hours documented on the organizations letterhead and turn the letter and their reflection form (available on the webpage) into the school counseling office.

Our webpage and schoology page have the opportunities that we have been made aware of. If you want to share an opportunity, let us know!

<https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/community-service/community-service-opportunities/>

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— GARY RYAN BLAIR —

Understanding all of the 4th quarter testing:

Summatives: These are the regular classroom tests that your student has been taking all year long. Students typically take 3-4 a quarter in each class and together they are worth 70% of the quarter grade for the class. These exams can be retaken if students earn less than an 85 and complete the remediation in the assigned time after the exam.

Teacher Final Exams: In courses that do not have a state or district EOC, students take a teacher created final exam that represents 10% of the semester grade for the class.

District Final Exam: For courses that are commonly taught across the district that do not have a state EOC, students take an end of course exam created by the district office. These exams are cumulative and will account for 10% of the semester grade for the class.

State EOC: For Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, and US History students will take an exam created by the State of Florida that will account for 30% of the year grade for the class.

Reading FSA: All 9th and 10th grade students will take this exam which guides course placement adjustments that need to be made for next year. Passing the 10th grade version of the test is a graduation requirement.

For more information regarding testing, when/where your student will be testing, etc, visit the testing website here: <https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/testing/>

Our TCHS School Counseling Page is up and running! Come check it out for a TON of resources including SAT/ACT test prep and more!



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