



Tocoi Creek High School

Dear Toros,

We have arrived! It is my honor and privilege to welcome the TCHS Nation to their new school and learning community. Our staff, student, service organizations and business partners have been working tirelessly throughout the past year to help prepare for our first day of instruction on August 16, 2021. As expected, our enrollment has been climbing throughout the past few months and we expect to open our doors with approximately 1300 Toros. With this said, we are in the process of hiring and securing amazing instructors and support personnel throughout the next few weeks. I am also pleased to announce that our front office staff has officially moved into Building 1 at TCHS and staff will begin to arrive later this week to have an early access opportunity in their new home. It is important to recognize and thank our general contractor- Culpepper, local businesses, companies, trade personnel and our very own SJCS D Facilities Department for building Tocoi under some of the most challenging circumstances....they have done an outstanding job!

Last Friday TCHS held a workshop with students, parents, teachers and community members to help develop our vision and mission statements that will help lead our school into the future. It is my pleasure to present the following:

TCHS Vision Statement

Legends for Life - "Tocoi Creek High School will create a Tradition of Excellence. Through collective school, community, and district support, we will empower all Toros with the foundations and strength to follow desires and dreams, fulfilling true inner passion for legendary success. Legends are made when life's true passion is realized."

Mission Statement

Horns Up... T.O.C.O.I! - *Tradition of Excellence – Ownership – Character – One Community – Inspire Life-Long Learning for All "Where we have a Tradition of Excellence! We take Ownership, develop Character, act as One Community, and Inspire Life-long Learning for ALL."*

Please review the following updates for our "Back to School Activities":

- Facility Readiness – For those families/students who have been a part of opening a new school, the adventure we are about to embark upon will be no different, however, TCHS will be ready for instruction on August 16th!
 - What is operational? - Site water, sanitary, safety, HVAC, energy/ice plant, and entry/egress systems are operational and approved for use. In addition, Buildings 1 (Admin-Academies-Media Center), Building 3 (Cafeteria and Exterior Eating Area Awnings), Building 4 (Academic House – 3 story) and all parking/bus loop areas are also ready for students, buses, and visitors.
 - Where are our challenges? - As of today, portions of Building 2 (Performing Arts – arts, band, chorus, drama) and Building 5 (Gym) are running behind due to the unique nature of specific construction materials. These areas may not be available for the first day of school. Building 4 (Academic House - 3 story) will provide a secondary classroom site for any portion of the facility that may need to be relocated due to construction needs. All students will have an assigned classroom/building for each of their 7 periods. Exterior landscaping, portions of the main courtyard, various awnings, performance/practice field grass, and track event areas will continue to be under construction/delivery/installed throughout the next few weeks.
 - What are the next steps? – TCHS will host our general contractor, Culpepper, on-site throughout the remainder of the year to help with the management of construction projects, punch-out lists, and warranty programming. Our students, staff, and visitors will see construction fences and approved/screened workers in hardhats as portions of our campus are completed.
- Freshman Day – August 12th - Rising 9th grade Toros get to meet their Link Crew mentors and have a fun day getting ready for their high school experience (this is a drop and parents drive away activity). For more information, please review the Freshman Day – Class of 2025 flyer enclosed in the newsletter.
- Orientation – All Toros and their families will have access to come walk schedules, explore the campus, load lunch accounts, rent lockers, and purchase PE uniforms in advance on SchoolPay and a link will be provided early next week or in-person on the following dates and times:
 - Freshman August 12th 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm
 - Sophomores and Juniors August 13th 8:00 am to 11:30 am
- Student Schedule Windows – August 9th schedules are visible in HAC, August 11th @3:00 pm Schedules will be DISABLED in HAC for final maintenance, and August 13th schedules visible again on HAC at 3:00 pm.
- Student First Day – Campus gates open at 8:45 am on August 16, 2021 for students
- PE Uniforms are on sale NOW, you can purchase via School Pay with the following links <https://www.schoolpay.com/link/peuniformgirl> and <https://www.schoolpay.com/link/peuniformboys> or you can pay in-person during orientation on August 12 or August 13. Uniforms are MANDATORY for all PE, Hope, Weight Training, etc. The cost of the uniform is \$10.00 for shirts and \$10.00 for shorts.
- Student Parking – Parking passes are still available for 10th and 11th grade students who hold a valid driver's license, please review the TCHS Parking Pass qualifications and process located on our website.
- Traffic – Please expect heavy traffic patterns on both International Golf Parkway (IGP) and on campus for our Toro families while we learn new pathways.

We are pleased to announce that there will be a Public Service Assistant (PSA) at our school entrance who will assist with all entry/exit of student drivers and busses.

Please feel free to reach out to TCHS if you have any questions, we look forward to seeing our Toros soon!

Respectfully,

Jay Willets
Principal

2021-2022 Arrival & Dismissal Patterns
TCHS Arrival and Egress Patterns 21-22 on Vimeo

Bus Arrival

- All Buses will travel east to west on International Golf Parkway and will enter SR 2209 in the right-hand lane. This is intentional so no buses will need to turn left onto campus.
- There will be TCHS Staff and a PSA officer to help direct the flow of traffic.
- Buses will enter the bus loop and stage themselves accordingly.
- When permitted, students will exit the bus and will proceed to enter campus near the cafeteria at Entry Gate C. There will be designated staff to assist students to their first class of the day.

Bus Dismissal

- At the end of the day, students who ride a bus home will proceed to Entry Gate C and board their designated bus. Please note that students must have a provisional waiver approved by the SJCSO transportation department prior to them riding another bus home.
- Buses will depart and, under the direction of TCHS staff, will exit in the right hand lane off campus and buses will be directed by the PSA upon entering International Golf Parkway.

Parent Pick-Up: Arrival & Dismissal

- Parent Pick-Up drivers will enter SR 2209 from either lane of International Golf Parkway. Please follow PSA directions and be mindful as you enter campus. There will be additional TCHS staff and signage to assist you.
- Parent Pick-Up drivers will follow the direction of staff and will turn left heading towards the TCHS bus loop. A designated TCHS Staff member will be present to provide you additional directions.
- Parent Pick-Up will turn left and follow the parent pick-up loop around the Student and Staff parking lots.
- The parent Pick-Up loop wraps around the front office at TCHS and, once stopped, students may exit their vehicles and enter campus via Entry Gate A.
- To leave, the parent pick-up loop will wrap to the right through our Auxiliary lot to provide additional relief to traffic congestion.
- Upon reaching the end of the Auxiliary lot, traffic will split and westbound traffic will turn right and exit directly onto International Golf Parkway. Eastbound traffic will turn left, follow the flow of traffic and, under the direction of the PSA, turn left onto International Golf Parkway.
- This is the same traffic pattern for Dismissal.

Student Driver Arrival

- All student drivers should have completed a 2021-2022 TCHS parking application and are permitted to drive on campus only with a designated parking pass located on the righthand side of the front windshield. If you wish to purchase a parking pass, please visit our school website, or contact our Deans of Students.
- Unauthorized vehicles are subject to ticketing and towing at owners expense, or additional discipline measures may be taken.
- Student Drivers will enter SR 2209 from either lane of International Golf Parkway. Please follow PSA directions and be mindful as you enter campus. There will be additional TCHS staff and signage to assist you.
- Student drivers will follow the direction of staff and will turn left heading towards the TCHS bus loop. A designated TCHS Staff member will be present to provide you additional directions.
- Student Drivers will turn left into the student parking lot and must remain vigilant to not enter the parent pick up loop or the Staff parking lot.
- Upon entry, students will proceed directly to their designated parking spot and park facing in towards their spot.
- After parking, students proceed directly to Entry Gate C near the cafeteria. Additional staff will be present to assist you.

Student Driver Dismissal

- Upon Dismissal, all student drivers will be dismissed through Entry Gate C and will proceed to their vehicles.
- Students will pull out and exit through the same entry roadway and are mindful not to block parent pick-up traffic or enter the parent pick-up line.
- Students will follow all directions from TCHS staff and are only permitted to enter International Golf Parkway under the direction of the PSA.

Pedestrian Arrival & Dismissal

- Pedestrians are permitted to enter TCHS using the auxiliary parking gate. There is a sidewalk for students to use the entire length of IGP on TCHS's side. Please note that TCHS is unable to monitor any student traffic or activity outside of the campus gates.
- Pedestrians may enter campus as walkers, bikers, or skateboarders and place their pedestrian vehicles in the designated bike or skateboard rack. Students must provide their own locks and TCHS is not responsible for any lost or damaged items.
- Students will continue to follow the sidewalk around the gymnasium and are permitted to enter campus at Entry Gate A.
- Upon Dismissal, all pedestrians will follow the same traffic pattern and will exit via Entry Gate A and follow the sidewalks back home safely.

Want to see your schedule?

Schedules will be available through HAC and the eSchool Plus app beginning 8/9/2021
Viewing access will close at 3pm on 8/11/2021 to allow for adjustments.

Please understand, we are unable to review or approve schedule requests for the following reasons:

- Teacher preference
- Class period preference
- Lunch period preference
- Elective preference

Schedule change requests will be reviewed for the following areas:

- Course level adjustments (standard, honors, AP)
- Missing next course in progression (i.e. Spanish 1 to Spanish 2)
- Duplicate classes
- Missing a class (Hole in schedule)

Schedule changes cannot be guaranteed as a period for period change. Changing one course may require multiple period and teacher changes to accommodate the request. Please plan accordingly as we cannot change your schedule back once the request has been processed.

New to the county?

[Click here](#) to be directed to the county website for Home Access Center and the eSchool Plus app downloads.

Parent Login credentials

Username - email address used for enrollment.

Temporary Password - Temp1234#

Students may receive login credentials at orientation.

If you are unable to login due to an email/password issue, email Mr. Jenkins at Marvin.Jenkins@stjohns.k12.fl.us. He will place the temporary password on your account and check your email address for the username, using the email address from your correspondence. You will receive a confirmation email once this is completed.

Athletic Department

For the most up to date athletic department information please scan the QR code.



ONE TORO ATHLETICS

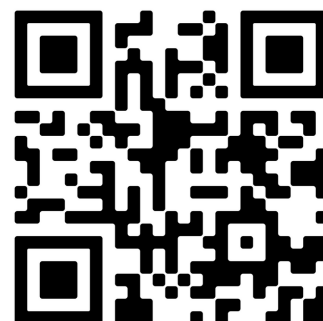
Parent/Student-Athlete Booster Club Meeting

Get Information on Membership,
Fundraising, Volunteer Opportunities, and
other Exciting Updates!

August 5th 6:00pm

Location: Wards Creek Elementary

Mark your
Calendars



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TCHS Parking

[Tocoi Creek High School Website](#)

Our inaugural parking pass application for rising Sophomores and Juniors is officially open! Please review the attached TCHS Parking Expectations document for important information regarding the application process and parking policies. In our first year, all eligible Sophomores and Juniors will be able to receive a parking pass.

[Complete and submit your 2021-2022 Parking Pass Application](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Drew Chiodo, one of our Assistant Principals, by [email](#) or phone at (904) 547-4269.

Go Toros!

TCHS Parking Policies & Expectations

Tocoi Creek High School Parking Expectations:

- You may only park in your assigned parking spot.
- Your parking tag must be displayed on front windshield, lower passenger's side.
- If you need to take a different car to school other than the one on file, you will need to secure a temporary parking pass from the dean's office or parking attendant ***immediately upon parking.***
- Parking passes are non-transferable and cannot be shared with other students.
- You must be in good standing with academics, attendance, and discipline to continue to drive on campus.
- You are expected to follow all traffic laws inside the parking lot and school zones.
- The parking area is off limits to all students during the school day. You must get a pass from the dean if you need access to your vehicle. Students entering the parking lot without a pass risk losing parking privileges.
- All vehicles are subject to search. Possession of drugs, alcohol, tobacco products/paraphernalia, pocket-knives or weapons of any kind or any other items not in compliance with the St. Johns County Code of Conduct will result in out of school suspension and loss of parking privileges. ***Not knowing that these items were in your vehicle will not change the consequences.***
- Neither TCHS nor the St. Johns County School District are responsible for any damages or losses to vehicles parked at TCHS.

The following offenses could result in Suspension or Revocation of Parking Pass:

- Excessive tardies / unexcused absences
- Leaving campus without permission
- Taking another student off campus without permission, prior to dismissal
- Texting/talking on your phone while driving
- Unlawful speed / reckless driving while operating your vehicle on campus
- Vehicle decals, accessories, flags etc. that may be deemed offensive, derogatory, or inappropriate
- Level 4 disciplinary actions per the St. Johns County Student Code of Conduct (permanently revoked)
- Excessive Level 1, 2, or 3 disciplinary actions per the St. Johns Student Code of Conduct (i.e. skipping class, defiance/disrespect, inappropriate conduct, class disruptions)
- Students found on campus with another student's parking pass or a counterfeit parking pass or selling their parking pass will be ineligible for parking indefinitely.

*If a student loses parking privileges, the parking pass will be rendered invalid. Refunds will not be given to students who loses parking privilege (suspended or revoked) for disciplinary reasons.



Tocoi Creek School Counseling Newsletter

August 2021

Meet the School Counseling Team:

D'Erica Gibbs: School Counselor,
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Kimberly Doyle: Secretary
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Marvin Jenkins: Computer Operator
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Upcoming Dates:

August 12: 9th Grade Orientation

August 13: 10th & 11th Gr. Orientation

August 16: First day of School

August 24 & 26: Counselors visit 9th
grade English classes

August 27: Counselors visit 10th grade
English classes

August 31: Counselors visit 11th grade
English classes

Appointment Links:

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

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



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.





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.

Your Toro Journey Starts Here

Toro's Tips for Success:



ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT KEYS TO SUCCESS IS HAVING THE DISCIPLINE TO DO WHAT YOU KNOW YOU SHOULD DO, EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE DOING IT.

- 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 8th and 9th 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!



Tocoi Creek
School Counseling



Tocoi Creek HS Toro Band Spirit Night @



WHEN: Tuesday, August 3rd from 5pm to 9pm

WHERE: 2 Creeks bar & grill – 74 Capulet Drive, Ste. #201 (next to VyStar Credit Union)

HOW DOES IT WORK:

- 1) Arrive at 2 Creeks ready to eat.
- 2) Tell your server you are supporting the TCHS TORO BAND.
- 3) Enjoy a delicious dinner (Disco Fries, Buckshot Burger and Key Lime Pie...I'm just sayin').
- 4) 2 Creeks will graciously donate 15% of their proceeds to the Toro Band program.

So, come alone, bring a date or call up the neighbors and bring the whole family to come have a great time supporting 2 Creeks and our Toro Band.

