



TOCOI CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Toro Students, Parents and Guardians,

Today we recognized, remembered, and honored our first responders, military families and those affected by the tragic events that occurred almost 20 years ago in New York, Washington DC, and Shanksville, PA with a special moment of silence and discussions about September 11th, 2001. I feel it is important for our students, who only know about the event through our stories and firsthand accounts, to understand the impact that this event had on our nation and world. One of TCHS's own, Mr. Chris Salamone – Retired NYPD Detective/Officer, Bronx, ran into the chaos of 9/11 and helped to rescue stranded commuters from subway tunnels and supported rescue efforts at the World Trade Center sites. Even today with our current COVID and national/international events we see these same hero's, our first responders, medical leaders, and military families, run into the chaos to offer help and support. Please join me in thanking Mr. Salamone, Deputy Alvarez, Nurse Danson and all our medical, military and first responder families for their support and sacrifice....as this is how we can continue to honor and most importantly remember our community hero's and victims of 9/11.

The end of week #4 adds another building and academic/athletic space for Tocoi Creek High School. PE classes are in the process of issuing lockers, unpacking boxes, and putting the final touches on office and athletic spaces. It is my honor to announce that our Lady Toro Volleyball JV and Varsity teams will be the first athletic teams to compete at our new school next Thursday, September 16th. Come out to see our new facility and cheer on the Toros!

Finally, a TREMENDOUS “THANK YOU” to our PTSO for helping to add some special treats and decorations to our teacher lounges for all our faculty and staff to enjoy. Please be on the look-out for our PTSO Membership Drive so you too can be a part of supporting TCHS.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Respectfully,

Jay Willets



Please review the following information and weekly reminders:

TCHS Clubs – Virtual Club Rush week has officially ended, and activities will begin soon. Please be sure to have your Toro get dates, times, and locations of their selected club to put on family calendars. If your Toro is still interested in joining a club, click on the [Clubs-Tocoi Creek High School-2021-2022.pdf](#) to find out more about each club, talk to the sponsor or look for announcement posters around the school.

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. 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.

Guidance Services – Please review the [September Guidance Newsletter](#) for all things ACT, SAT, PSAT and grade level planning. Also keep an eye out in the near future for ACT/SAT test prep opportunities at TCHS.

Open House – TCHS will host a Virtual Open House on September 21, 2021. Teachers will present a pre-recorded message regarding their class for all parents to view. More information to follow...Go Toros!

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.

Tardies – Students who are late to school (not in 1st 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.

Registration/Scheduling Updates - Thank you Toro families for your patience as we have continued to adjust classes and schedules during the first two weeks of school. Our increased enrollment at the last minute had our registrar, Ms. Johnson, working overtime. Our classes are balanced at this point and any other schedule adjustments will be discussed with student and parent prior to making any needed changes. Please continue to reach out to your guidance counselor for any scheduling concerns.

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

08/01/21 – 09/30/21 \$60.00

10/01/21 - 11/30/21 \$70.00

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

Be a part of the TCHS Tradition!

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

TCHS Gear – Visit the OFFICIAL [TCHS Toro Team Shop](#) to purchase your spirit gear! Go Toros!

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 – ****UPDATE**** Uniforms are in and coaches will begin distribution to students who have ordered on-line. Distribution will continue as orders come in along with in-person sales, online sales are currently open on [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 HIGHLY encouraged to use their digital/hard ID when checking out to assist with line movement.

Save the Date

- Yearbooks on Sale (reduced price) September 1, 2021
- Virtual Open House September 21, 2021
- Student Fall Photo Day October 11, 2021
- PSAT (all 10th Graders) October 13, 2021
- Homecoming Dance October 30, 2021

Toro Week at a Glance

Monday 9-13 The Hub Grand Opening and Building 5 Classes Begin

Tuesday 9-14 Interims Posted on HAC

Wednesday 9-15 Arts Booster Club Meeting 6pm, Cafeteria

Athletics Calendar

14	September, Tuesday	4:15 PM	Golf, Boys	VR	St. Joseph (St. Augustine)	King and the Bear Golf Complex	Non-District
15	September, Wednesday	5:30 PM	Volleyball, Girls	JV	Orange Park	Orange Park	Non-District
15	September, Wednesday	6:30 PM	Volleyball, Girls	VR	Orange Park	Orange Park	Non-District
16	September, Thursday	TBA	Swimming, Boys	VR	Bartram Trail (St. Johns)	Riverside Pool	Non-District
16	September, Thursday	4:15 PM	Golf, Boys	VR	Palatka		Non-District
16	September, Thursday	TBA	Swimming, Girls	VR	Bartram Trail (St. Johns)	Riverside Pool	Non-District
16	September, Thursday	5:30 PM	Volleyball, Girls	JV	Atlantic Coast (Jacksonville)	TCHS Gymnasium	Non-District
16	September, Thursday	6:30 PM	Volleyball, Girls	VR	Atlantic Coast (Jacksonville)	TCHS Gymnasium	Non-District
17	September, Friday	TBA	Volleyball, Girls	VR	Multiple Opponents - River City Classic		Tournament
17	September, Friday	7:00 PM	Football (11 man)	VR	Bishop Kenny (Jacksonville)	Bishop Kenny (Jacksonville)	Non-District
18	September, Saturday	6:30 AM	Cross Country, Girls	VR	Multiple Opponents - Alligator Lake Invitational	Alligator Lake Park	Non-District
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Student Life



Happenings at "The Hub"

Grand Opening – TCHS Media Center.... "The Hub"

The Hub grand opening will be on September 13th!!! From this date forward, students will be able to visit The Hub before school, after school, during lunch, for Toro Time, and anytime during the school day with teacher permission. The Hub contains a Maker Lab, books, magazines, a coffee bar, counselor corner, research tools, and much more for all staff and students! Staff are invited to stop by any time after 7:30am on September 13th for free coffee and breakfast treats!!!

TCHS Café News

What qualifies as a free lunch?

- * You must choose 3 components of the five food groups- Protein, Grain, Fruit, Vegetable, Dairy- to qualify for a free lunch
- * One of the choices must be a fruit or a vegetable
- * We have 100% fruit Juice boxes that can be a fruit substitute if desired to compose a free lunch
- * Milk or chocolate milk is the only item considered a Dairy and can be used as a component but is not required to qualify for a free lunch.
- * The only outside vendor that qualifies as a free lunch component is one slice of papa John’s pizza, slices after the first will be charged a-la-cart
- * There are Posters posted on the wall behind the serving line that instruct students to choose three components
- * On the serving line we will post a daily menu with options and examples of free lunch availability each day until we attain some stability with our supply chain and can solidify a set menu.
- * Each day we will offer multiple hot and cold entrée items as well as multiple rotating fruit and veggie options to choose from

What are the ala-carte prices?

OUTSIDE VENDORS					
Wednesday/Friday-	Papa John’s- Available as a component of free Lunch				
Thursday-	Chick-Fil-A- \$5.25				
Tuesday-	Zaxby’s w/ Chips- \$5.00				
MENU PRICE LIST					
Main Dishes and Sides		Snacks		Drinks	
Lunch	FREE	String Cheese	\$ 0.75	Gatorade	\$ 2.00
Lunch Entrée	\$ 2.50	Cereal	\$ 1.00	Coffee	\$ 1.50
Breakfast	FREE	Ice Cream	\$ 1.00	Starbucks	\$ 3.50
Breakfast Entrée	\$ 1.00	Premium Ice Cream	\$ 2.25	Juice 10oz	\$ 1.50
Vegetable	\$ 0.75	Scratch Baked Brownie	\$ 2.50	Kickstart	\$ 1.85
Fruit	\$ 0.75	Nutrigrain Bar	\$ 0.80	Water 20oz	\$ 1.50
BEC Biscuit	\$ 2.25	Pop Tart	\$ 0.80	Flavored Water 20oz	\$ 1.50
Chicken Biscuit	\$ 1.50	Rice Crispy Treat	\$ 0.80	Propel	\$ 2.50
Cinnamon Roll	\$ 1.25	Craisins	\$ 0.75	Soda	\$ 1.00
Hash Browns	\$ 1.00	Fruit Roll-Up	\$ 0.80	Tea 20oz	\$ 1.50
Premium Salad	\$ 4.50	Welch’s Fruit Snack	\$ 1.00	Naked Smoothie	\$ 2.50
Dill Chicken Sandwich	\$ 2.75	Kettle Chips	\$ 1.50	Tropicana Premium	\$ 2.80
Tenders & Fries	\$ 3.75	Baked Chips	\$ 1.00	Juice 6oz	\$ 0.75
Pasta Dish	\$ 4.00	Cheeze-Its	\$ 0.75	Milk	\$ 0.60
Teriyaki Chicken	\$ 4.00	Gold Fish	\$ 0.75		
Combo Special	\$ 3.75	Smart Food Popcorn	\$ 1.50	Faculty Staff	
Burger Basket	\$ 5.25	Cheetos	\$ 1.00	Adult Breakfast	\$ 1.60
Premium Sandwich	\$ 4.25	Doritos	\$ 1.00	Adult Entrée	\$ 2.75
Papa John’s Slice	\$ 2.50	Muffins	\$ 1.25	Adult Lunch	\$ 4.00
Chick-Fil-A	\$ 5.25	Big Muffins	\$ 2.50		
Zaxby’s	\$ 5.00	Parfait	\$ 2.50		
Fries	\$ 1.50				
Extra Condiment	\$ 0.50				
Waffle Sand	\$ 3.75				
Croissant Sand	\$ 3.75				
Eggroll	\$ 1.75				
Garlic Bread	\$ 0.75				

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.

School Advisory Council

Our second School Advisory Meeting (SAC) will be held on October 5th, in the TCHS Media Center “The Hub”.

Date: 10/5/21

Time: 8:10 AM

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

Location: TCHS Media Center, 2nd floor of Building 1

Guidance Corner

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.

Additional School and District Information

FSA and EOC Scores

[HAC Test Scores Quick Start Guide](#)

As we received the state assessment data late in the summer, we had to delay the final report card for the 2020-2021 school year and the availability of FSA / EOC scores for parents. All scores are now available for parents through the Home Access Center (HAC) by logging onto the SJCS D website and clicking on the HAC icon at the top right side of the webpage. The scores are sorted by name and then test date so for many students, the most recent FSA scores are in the middle of the screen. Attached is a quick start guide for reference and assistance. At this point all spring assessment results that we’ve received from the FLDOE have been entered into HAC/Student Test History, including; FSA ELA, FSA Math, EOC (Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, Civics, US History), FSAA, & Grades 5/8 science. i-Ready has also been loaded into the system Your school will communicate with you when hard copies of the test scores are available. We are so proud of the hard work done by students, teachers, and parents and the flexibility and patience shown by all last year. These scores will also be used to determine school grades for last year.

If you have questions relative to your student's data, you should connect with the school.

School and District COVID Protocols

Dear families,

Our district has put together a website for all the COVID information that you may need to access. It is now live at <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/covid-19/>. This site includes the COVID Dashboard, Quarantine Help Guides, directions to access online textbooks and Schoology, and Health & Safety resources. This is a great resource for families, and we are very grateful that our district has put all the pertinent information in one place for you. Please take a few minutes to review the shared information.

I have received emails regarding our safety protocols here at Patriot Oaks and rather than address each email specifically, I decided to send the information out to everyone as many may have the same questions. Many protocols will be the same as last year and some have been adjusted. I hope this helps.

- **Classroom configurations:** teachers will do their best to spread students out throughout the classroom. We are unable to space all desks out 3-6 feet. Our classroom sizes do not allow for that. Elementary will have students learn on the carpet during the day and seating charts will mirror the desk seating charts to minimize quarantining if needed.
- **Cafeteria:** We have been directed to limit our cafe capacity to 75% this school year. We will utilize both the cafeteria and the expansion so we can spread elementary classrooms and middle school students out. We will need to continue with seating charts for both elementary and middle school students. Due to the capacity limits, we must continue with no visitors at lunch time for all grades. Thank you for understanding.
- **Desks shields and temperature checks:** Neither of these former procedures will be utilized school-wide. These decisions were made by the restart committee for the district which included health officials, principals, and district staff in conjunction with the county department of health.
- **Masks:** parents and staff have the choice to come to school masked or unmasked. We will spend time during the first week of school reminding students to be respectful of each family's choice. We will not tolerate any negative comments regarding someone's decision to wear or not wear a mask. As a reminder, there is not a mask mandate for teachers and staff. We also have a choice. It is not appropriate for parents to request a teacher wear a mask, nor a teacher to request that a student wear a mask. We all need to respect each other's right to choose.
- **Vaccination status:** As a reminder, vaccines are a choice and we cannot ask anyone if they have been vaccinated or not. This would be a violation of the Personal Health Information Protection Act.
- **Quarantining:** Unfortunately, we are still experiencing a pandemic and quarantining will continue. As you reference the district website, you will see the updated quarantining timelines, how to access Schoology and on-line textbooks, instructional expectations for the school and the student, COVID testing information, etc. The information is complete and very helpful on the district site.
- **Small group instruction and/or interventions:** Yes, we will have small groups meet with teachers to reteach, remediate, or differentiate. Teachers are aware of the "close contact" guidelines (within 3-6 feet for 15 minutes or more). Teachers will either space students out if the small group instruction time will exceed the 15 minutes or they will limit the time to under 15 minutes. Students will not be grouped based on whether they wear a mask or not. Students will be grouped based on instructional needs only, as always.
- **School cleaning protocols:** All enhanced cleaning protocols that were introduced last year will continue with no interruption.