



Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

A full schedule of activities and celebrations was had at TCHS this week as we began the second quarter, opened buildings, courtyards, and field spaces. Our students and teachers celebrated taking over the academic portion of building 2 and the performing and visual arts programs are off and running. The auditorium is still under construction and is expected to be released for use in mid to late November. I would like to thank our District Facility Department and Culpepper Contractors for ensuring we have an amazing opening for our activities next week.

First Quarter Report Cards will post on October 26th inside your child's HAC account. Any time you need to communicate with your child's teacher, please access ALL contact information through either the parent or student Schoology account to ask questions, arrange a meeting or to see daily/weekly activities and assignments.

Homecoming week is on the horizon, and you can feel the excitement building at TCHS. Please take some time from your day to review all the information contained in this communication to plan for all the events for our FIRST Homecoming.

Homecoming Information:

- **Homecoming 2021** – Please review the following event dates, times and offerings:
 - **Homecoming Game** – Friday, October 29th, 6:00 Community Pep-Rally on steps of Bld 2, Running of the Bulls and Kick-Off 7:00pm. All attendees coming to the game must have a [ticket \(\\$8.00\) through GoFan](#) beginning Wednesday, October 27th.
 - Students who purchased the TCHS Homecoming Shirt/Ticket combo package last week will use their shirts as their ticket for entrance in the game. Your student didn't purchase a Homecoming shirt and still wants to attend? All students who purchase a ticket, or have the Homecoming shirt, will be invited to come "take the field" for our first Running of the Bulls event.
 - **Homecoming Dance** – \$25, Saturday, October 30th 7:00pm to 9:30pm (last dance will start at 9:30pm) at TCHS in our courtyard for TCHS students only
 - [ON SALE NOW THROUGH SUNDAY for \\$25.00 - Purchase TCHS Homecoming DANCE Tickets HERE](#)
 - Dance Tickets will be on sale again in the TCHS Courtyard during LUNCH beginning Monday for \$30.00, cash or check (with 2 phone numbers) only.
 - **Homecoming Spirit Week** – Please review the list of fun activities for students to enjoy throughout HOCO Spirit Week. All costumes must meet dress code expectations.
 - **Congratulations to our Homecoming Court:**
 - **Freshman** – Bbriana Czelusniak, Lindsay Hopkins, Mia Kennedy, Joshua LeFere and Grant Sellas
 - **Sophomore** – Destiny Brown, Zoe Claytor, Natalie Thompson, Jackson Christoforo, Aiden Hodges, and Ronaldo Medina
 - **Junior** – Jason Callahan, Wendell Dean, Dylan Freet, Caden Phillips, Grace Gallagher, Layne Kennedy, Mia Naughton, Marissa Peirce, and Mackenzie Todd

Toci Creek High School cordially invites all our community members to come out to our first ever home football game and Homecoming festivities! Be the first to see our "Running of the Bulls" and to see who will be our first TCHS Homecoming Prince and Princess!



Please read below for important updates:

- **Parent drop-off/pick-up** - Locations will be shifting soon to the middle of Buildings 1 and 5 as soon as our awnings and student entrance gates are installed. When this occurs, students will use this entry point (gates will open at 7:45am) when getting dropped off/picked up, waiting areas for loading/unloading will occur in front of the gym and the front doors of the school will be no longer be used during these times. We ask for your patience and understanding while this portion of our school opens, students learn new pathways and drivers learn new protocols. As always, cellphones should be off/not used while entering the drop-off/pick-up loop to allow for 100% focus on student and driver safety.
- **Free Tutoring** -National Honor Society students will offer free Math, ELA and Science tutoring in the cafeteria during Toro Time and before/after school on Thursdays in room 04-038. Any student can sign up (get tagged) in the Guidance Office to reserve their spot.
- **Congratulations to Lily Sanilia who earned TCHS's FIRST ever Beaver Toyota Student of the Week!** This means she was nominated by one of her teachers at Toco Creek High School for one of the six pillars of character: RESPECT. The St. Johns County school district in conjunction with Beaver Toyota and Beach 105.5 radio station selected her nomination to win. She received a certificate, photo op, and conducted a short interview that will air on Beach 105.5 all week of Oct 25. There are only 40 weeks in a school year, and over 40,000 students in St. Johns County. Only ONE student is chosen per week. Therefore, Lily is one of only 40 students to receive this honor for the entire year in the entire county! The Toro Nation is so proud of all that she has been able to accomplish in such a short time and represents what we feel is the “best” about our students at TCHS...WAY TO GO LILY!

Respectfully,

Jay Willets



Save the Date

- Homecoming Football @TCHS October 29, 2021, Pep Rally – 6:00, Kickoff – 7:00pm
- Homecoming Dance October 30, 2021, 7:00 pm
- Picture Retake Day November 15, 2021

[ON SALE NOW - Purchase TCHS Homecoming Tickets HERE through Sunday](#)

Toro Week at a Glance

Monday 10-25

Dream Day – Dress up like your favorite dream job

Toys for Tots High School Competition Begins

Tuesday 10-26

Twin, Triplet, Quadruplet or Quintuplet Day...dress alike

Report Cards Posted

Wednesday 10-27

Color War – Juniors – Black

Sophomores - Grey

Freshmen – White

Toro Expectations – Sophomores

Thursday 10-28

Throwback Thursday

Juniors – 70’s

Sophomores – 80’s

Freshmen – 90’s

Friday 10-29

Aliens Vs. Cowboys Spirit Day

Homecoming Community PepRally 6:00

Homecoming Game 7:00 Kickoff

Saturday 10-30

Homecoming Dance 7—9:30 pm (last song starts at 9:30pm)



Athletics Calendar

29	October, Friday	7:00 PM	Football (11 man)	VR	Melbourne Central Catholic	Non-District
30	October, Saturday	TBA	Cross Country, Girls	VR	TBA - FHSAA Districts	Post Season
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Please review the following information and weekly reminders:

Picture Day – Picture Day was Monday October 11th through student English classes. Picture makeup day is November 15. To order pictures, please use the following link
<https://new.leonards.com/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=/Codes.aspx> Access code: C559724

Open House – Miss our Virtual Open House event? All presentations that include teacher contact information, class expectations and pacing guides can be found on our school website under [TCHS Virtual Open House](#)

Early Student Dismissal

- **Students are not to be picked up/checked out after 3:00 pm on M,T,TH,F and not after 2:00 pm on Wednesdays unless a Pre-Dismissal Form has been completed.**
- **Dismissal at Lunch-** If you need to check your child out during their lunch time please be patient. You are welcome to text your student upon arrival to the school to help speed up the process. Please know that you will still need to come into the school to sign out your child and show proper identification. If you have any questions about attendance, please use the link below.
<https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/attendance/>

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. **If you are passing a vehicle in front of you, please use your blinker to indicate a lane change.** 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.

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

- **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

Drivers Education Courses – TCHS is pleased to collaborate with The St. Johns County Tax Collectors Office to provide drivers education courses to our students. Please visit [SJCTC DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM – St. Johns County Tax Collector \(sjctax.us\)](#) or <https://sjctax.us/student-driver-education/> for more information.

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.

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 – **Our PE Department is in contact with Baker Sporting Goods to work through unexpected supply chain challenges.** 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 REQUIRED to use their digital/hard ID when checking out to assist with line movement.



Student Life

Student Club Life



Beaches Go Green Club - Last weekend Beaches Go Green sponsored a community cleanup in Jacksonville's Riverside neighborhood. This is from the News4Jax website (link here: <https://www.news4jax.com/positively-jax/2021/10/03/hundreds-of-volunteers-pitch-in-to-clean-up-banks-of-st-johns-river/>)

In two hours, 273 volunteers collected 56 bags of trash, 16 bags of recyclable material and 4,426 cigarette butts. The event contributed \$17,325.24 in volunteer hours and trash abatement to the city. More than 10 local schools sent volunteers including students from Mayport Middle School, Ponte Vedra High School, Nease High School, Bartram Trail High School, Mandarin High School, Toco Creek High School, Fletcher High School Greenwood School, Episcopal School of Jacksonville and Bishop Kenny High School.

Academy News

Academy Announcements:

Students wishing to become an Academy Ambassador should visit their academy schoology group to learn details about how to apply. Applications are due to Mrs. Tavill on October 21st.

Academy News:

Students in the Academy of Leadership in Emerging Technologies welcomed Mr. Messick of ROI Logistics to campus last week to learn all about the connections between robotics, drones, electronics, and the field of logistics.

<https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/emerging-technologies-meets-logistics/>

Toros tour Owen Electric on the first Academy of Innovation in the Built Environment field trip of the 2021-2022 school year.

<https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/toros-tour-owen-electric/>

Happenings at The Hub

All 9th grade English classes have started working on a research project. Classes are coming to The Hub to learn research skills including choosing valid sources, avoiding plagiarism, making a works cited page, using databases, and the importance of picking an interesting topic. For more research help please visit our website at <https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/research/>

Did you know that ALL TCHS students and staff have access to eBooks and digital audiobooks through our library? Click [here](#) to learn how!

The Hub website has a lot of helpful information and more is being added each day. Please visit it at: <https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/>

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.

**INTERESTED IN TRYING OUT FOR
TCHS WINTER SPORTS?
DATES ARE BELOW**

Girl's Weightlifting	10/11	7:30 am	TCHS
Competitive Cheer	10/13	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	TCHS Gym
Girl's Soccer	10/18	4:00 pm	Mill Creek
Boy's Soccer	10/18	4:00 pm	Mill Creek
Girl's Basketball	10/25	4:00 pm	TCHS
Boy's Basketball	11/1	4:00 pm	TCHS
Wrestling	11/8	4:00 pm	TCHS



*ALL student athletes are required to complete the Athletic Clearance process prior to any participation. Instructions are available by visiting the following link:
<https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/athletics/clearance/>

School Advisory Council

Our second School Advisory Meeting (SAC) will be held on the first Tuesday of each month, in the TCHS Media Center “The Hub”.

Date: 11/2/21

Time: 8:10 AM

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

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

Guidance Corner

The School Counseling Department is excited to welcome a third counselor to our team! Mrs. Blount will be taking over students with the last names A-G. Mrs. Gibbs will shift her caseload slightly and take over working with students with the last names H-N. Mrs. Smith will continue working with students with the last names O-Z. All of the counselors contact information and appointments links are listed on the TCHS School Counseling website here: <https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/>

Students interested in Dual Enrollment should plan to attend our upcoming Dual Enrollment information sessions. Sophomores should plan to attend during Toro Time on 11/3/21 and Juniors should plan to attend on 11/10/21. Interested students are encouraged to check out the Dual Enrollment section of our website (<https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/dual-enrollment/>) prior to signing up. Student planning to attend the assembly should sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/r/4ScU9T5yXB>

Rachel Blount’s Tocol Introduction:

Hi, my name is Rachel Blount and I joined TCHS on 10/18. I absolutely love it here! I have been a School Counselor for 7 years. Most recently I was at Gamble Rogers Middle School, here in St. Augustine. Before that I was at Gruening Middle in Eagle River, Alaska. I lived in Alaska for 27 years, and in North Carolina for 12. I moved to St. Augustine in 2019 and am looking forward to making Florida home. The winters here are the best! I have a 5-year-old daughter named Amina, and 4 stepchildren: three boys and one girl. Along with the two dogs and cat, it's kind of like the Brady Bunch in my home.

I look forward to meeting you all and being a Toro!

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.

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

School and District COVID Protocols

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The DOH has adjusted the student quarantine guidelines as of yesterday. There has been information sent out via the news stations but I wanted to communicate it clearly to you so that you understand your choices if you are notified that your child is a close contact of a positive COVID individual.

On 9/22/2021, the Department of Health has updated their emergency rule (64DER21-15) to include student quarantines.

1. *Student quarantines: (3)(a) Parents or legal guardians of students who are known to have been in direct contact with an individual who received a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19 **may choose one of the following options:***
 - a. *Allow the student to attend school, school-sponsored activities, or be on school property, without restrictions or disparate treatment, so long as the student remains asymptomatic; or*
 - b. *Quarantine the student for a period of time not to exceed seven days from the date of last direct contact with an individual that is positive for COVID-19.*

Based on this new ruling, you have a choice whether to quarantine your child or not, if they have no symptoms. Below is the new email communication that you will receive notifying you of your choices if your child is a close contact:

We have been advised that your child, [student name], has potentially been exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual on [exposure date]. In accordance with the FL DOH Emergency Rule, you may choose to keep your child home to quarantine for a period of time not to exceed seven days. Your child does not need to seek COVID-19 testing or produce a negative test result to return to school tomorrow if he/she is without any symptoms.

If you choose to keep your child home to quarantine, please call the District COVID Support Team at 904-547-8230 to report your child on quarantine.

If you have health-related quarantine questions, we have set up a quarantine call line at 904-819-1101.

To be clear, if your child has NO symptoms and is on quarantine, they may return to school if you choose. This begins today. If you choose to quarantine, you need to contact the District COVID support team and report that you are opting to quarantine your child. This also begins today.

Due to this change in policy, it is more important than ever to monitor your child for symptoms and keep them home if they are not well. We want students to be in school learning and we also want children healthy and safe. We are in this together and will continue to work together to navigate this new normal.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. If you have any questions, please call 904-547-8230 for further clarification.

Sincerely,

SJCSD Administration