



Happy New Year Toro Nation!

We hope you enjoyed the holiday season and are excited as we are to get our second semester under way. Please be prepared to review your student's Home Access Center (HAC) account on January 19th as grades and report cards will be available in digital format only. If any parent would like a paper copy of your child's report card, please give our front office a call and one will be available for pick-up.

2022-23 course selection and scheduling is right around the corner and teachers are making course recommendations for the 22-23 school year. Teachers will be reviewing student's test scores, current grades, and their effort in class to make their recommendations. Students, parents, and teachers are encouraged to discuss these as they are being determined. School counselors will be meeting with students' individually with students during the 3rd quarter to finalize their selections for next year. To find out more about scheduling and guidance services, please visit our [School Counselors website](#) for more information.

A tremendous THANK YOU again for our One Toro PTSO, Arts and Athletics Booster organizations for all the support provided for our very first semester at TCHS. Ms. Heather Toombs, Wendy Lay, and Mr. Jake Dunn have done an outstanding job lifting our support organizations off the ground to help our students, staff and community have a memorable start to the school year and our traditions at TCHS. Please visit the information listed below on this newsletter to find out how you too can get involved in the building of our programs.

Important Updates for the New Year

- **Materials/Food Deliveries to TCHS for Students** –
 - **Parent Drop-Off of Food/Materials** – Parents may drop off food or miscellaneous items for their student during the school day in the front office. A cart will be available in the front office for drop-off, each item must be labeled with the student's name. TCHS personnel will NOT call for students to come pick up items, parents MUST text their student to advise a delivery has been made. TCHS is not responsible for any materials (non-medical) or food delivered/dropped off at the school.
 - **Uber Eats/Door Dash** - Students are not permitted to receive food deliveries from Uber Eats or Door Dash during the school day. If these services are utilized after school hours, then students MUST remain outside on the dismissal front deck ONLY to wait/receive delivery. TCHS personnel will NOT accept food deliveries or allow food delivery vendors to enter any building.
- **Parents' Bill of Rights, F. S. 1014.06** – Parental Consent for Health Care Services, parents must give written consent for their child to access health care while at school. This consent will allow the school nurse to provide care and treatment to your child for injuries and illnesses, and when necessary, emergency health services performed until Emergency Medical Services arrive on campus. Should you decline consent for these services, you will be notified any time your student has such a need, and you will be responsible for arrangement of care outside of the school setting. This consent will remain in effect until your child transfers to another school district, graduates, or you indicate in writing that you wish to rescind this consent for school health services.

Please visit [this form](#) to give permission for your child to receive school health services. **This information must be completed by January 18, 2022.**

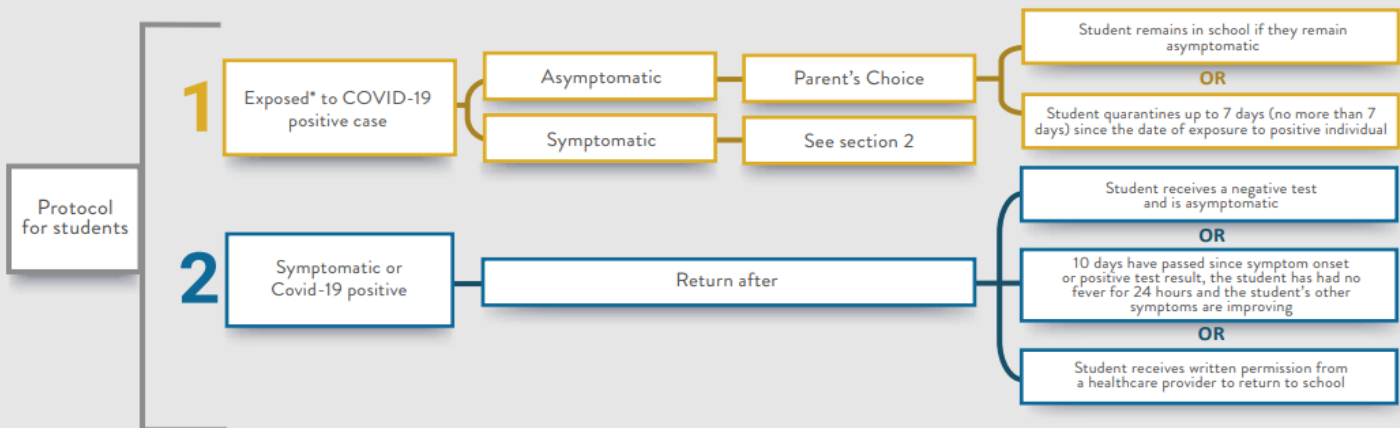
Covid Updates -

2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

PROTOCOLS FOR CONTROLLING COVID-19



COVID-19 SYMPTOMATIC DECISION TREE



*Per CDC, exposure is close contact of 6 feet or less for 15 minutes or more. Contact at greater than 6 feet or for less than 15 minutes is generally not sufficient to transmit the virus.
Updated: September 22, 2021



- **Be a Part of TCHS History** - Be a part of the TCHS tradition! Toco Creek High School is paving the way for new traditions by offering engravable bricks to commemorate student activities and achievements. Does your student play a sport? Are they involved in the Arts? Are they going to be part of our first ever graduating class? Consider purchasing a brick and creating a lifetime memento as the first students at TCHS. Visit [TCHS Toro Legacy Brick Fundraiser](#)
- **Official TCHS Gear** - Visit the OFFICIAL [TCHS Toro Team Shop](#) to purchase your spirit gear! Have questions about your order? Call Baker Sporting Goods at 904-388-8126 for questions about orders or materials availability. Also visit our OneToro support organizations for other apparel options.
- **Calling All Business Owners** - Are you interested in getting your business name out to the TCHS community? Consider placing an advertisement in our first ever TCHS Yearbook! Your ad is tax deductible and goes to helping students learn journalism and photography. Please review the link for more information <https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:b4d9cd4e-1ef0-4790-8298-0c9cf3f8e856> or contact shannon.welch@stjohns.k12.fl.us
- **Free Tutoring** - National Honor Society tutoring is available during Toro Time, after school Wednesdays, and before school Thursdays.

Save the Date

- Jan 13, 2022, 3:30-7:00pm High School Showcase - World Golf Village Convection Center
- Jan 17th Martin Luther King Day/No School
- Jan 18th Hype Day – Construction Theme
- Jan 19th Report Cards Issued on HAC
- Jan 24, 2022, 6-7:30pm Toco Creek High School Academy Night
- Feb 4th Hype Day – Red Out Theme
- Feb 10th, 2022, 5:00 pm Academy application window closes
- Feb 28th Toro Fest at World Golf Village
- April 9th Sophomore/Junior Prom



Toro Week at a Glance

Monday 10-22

Spring Musical Practice Continues

Tuesday 11-22

School Advisory Council (SAC) The Hub 8:10am

Wednesday 12-22

OneToro Arts Booster Meeting (6-7:30pm – Hub) and Early Release 2:50 pm

Thursday 13-22

High School Academy Showcase (World Golf Village)

Toro Cheer Showcase – Gymnasium 6pm

Athletics Calendar

Showing 1/9/2022 - 1/15/2022



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| 10 | January, Monday | 6:30 PM | Basketball, Girls | VR | Baker County (Glen St. Mary) | | Non-District |
| 11 | January, Tuesday | 5:30 PM | Soccer, Girls | JV | Bishop Kenny (Jacksonville) | | Non-District |
| 11 | January, Tuesday | 6:00 PM | Basketball, Boys | JV | Keystone Heights | Toco Creek High School Gymnasium | Non-District |
| 11 | January, Tuesday | 7:20 PM | Soccer, Girls | VR | Bishop Kenny (Jacksonville) | | Non-District |
| 11 | January, Tuesday | 7:30 PM | Basketball, Boys | VR | Keystone Heights | Toco Creek High School Gymnasium | Non-District |
| 12 | January, Wednesday | 4:30 PM | Weightlifting, Girls | VR | Ponte Vedra | | Non-District |
| 12 | January, Wednesday | 5:30 PM | Soccer, Boys | JV | Palatka | | Non-District |
| 12 | January, Wednesday | 6:00 PM | Basketball, Girls | VR | Wolfson (Jacksonville) | | Non-District |
| 12 | January, Wednesday | 7:20 PM | Soccer, Boys | VR | Palatka | | Non-District |
| 13 | January, Thursday | TBA | Wrestling, Boys | VR | Multiple Opponents - FHSAA Regional Duals | | Post Season |
| 13 | January, Thursday | 6:00 PM | Basketball, Boys | JV | Stanton (Jacksonville) | | Non-District |
| 13 | January, Thursday | 6:00 PM | Soccer, Girls | VR | Episcopal (Jacksonville) | Toco Creek (St. Augustine) | Non-District |
| 13 | January, Thursday | 6:00 PM | Competitive Cheerleading | VR | St. Augustine, Nease (Ponte Vedra), Menendez (St. Augustine) | Toco Creek High School Gymnasium | Non-District |
| 13 | January, Thursday | 7:30 PM | Basketball, Boys | VR | Stanton (Jacksonville) | Stanton (Jacksonville) | Non-District |
| 14 | January, Friday | 5:00 PM | Basketball, Boys | JV | Nease (Ponte Vedra) | Nease (Ponte Vedra) | Non-District |
| 14 | January, Friday | 6:30 PM | Basketball, Girls | VR | Nease (Ponte Vedra) | Nease (Ponte Vedra) | Non-District |
| 14 | January, Friday | 8:00 PM | Basketball, Boys | VR | Nease (Ponte Vedra) | Nease (Ponte Vedra) | Non-District |
| 16 | January, Saturday | 9:00 AM | Wrestling, Boys | VR | Multiple Opponents - Wolfson IBT | | Post Season |

Please review the following information and weekly reminders:

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.

Early Student Dismissal – Please review HOW TO CHECK YOUR STUDENT OUT EARLY

- **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.**
- **Completing the [EARLY DISMISSAL FORM](#) allows your student and teacher to be informed of the need for check-out AND makes the process fast and easy for all parents (especially when in a hurry) IMPORTANT – If you do not use the [EARLY DISMISSAL FORM](#), then there will be a delay (at times 10-15 minutes) in getting your student from class.**
- **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/>

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.

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.

Picture Retakes - Leonard's was on campus November 15th for picture makeups/retakes. To order or view pictures, please use the following

lin<https://new.leonards.com/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=/Codes.aspx>


Access code: C559724k

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

- **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 \(sjctax.us\)](https://sjctc.org/driver-education-program) or <https://sjctax.us/student-driver-education/> for more information.

A service provided by
**St. Johns County Tax Collector
 Dennis W. Hollingsworth, CFC**



PHASE I LEARNER PERMIT PREPARATION

This program, provided by the St. Johns County Tax Collector’s Driver Education Program, is conducted at each public high school from 8:00am-9:00am for a 12-day cycle. The Learner Permit knowledge exam is administered on the last day.

Requirements: Students **must** be at least 14½ years old at the **beginning** of the class. Prospective students will be required to submit the following information via email to driversed@sjctax.us

- **Student name**
- **Date of birth**
- **Last five (5) digits of student social security number**
- **Parent name**
- **Parent address (including zip code)**
- **Parent phone number (including area code)**
- **Parent email address**
- **Student high school (If home-school or private school, please indicate the St. Johns County public high school you are zoned for)**
- **Requested class date**

The \$20.00 registration fee for Phase I is non-refundable and due on the first day of class (check payable to the SJCTC Driver Education Program). Please make sure to coordinate the dates with sports and activity schedules before you register.

For questions or technical assistance, please contact us by email at driversed@sjctax.us

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| <p><u>ALLEN D. NEASE HIGH SCHOOL</u> 09/13/21 THROUGH 09/28/21 11/29/21 THROUGH 12/14/21 02/22/22 THROUGH 03/09/22 05/03/22 THROUGH 05/18/22</p> | <p><u>CREEKSIDE HIGH SCHOOL</u> 09/14/21 THROUGH 09/29/21 11/30/21 THROUGH 12/15/21 02/23/22 THROUGH 03/10/22 05/04/22 THROUGH 05/19/22</p> |
| <p><u>TOCOT CREEK HIGH SCHOOL</u> 10/04/21 THROUGH 10/20/21 01/07/22 THROUGH 01/25/22 03/21/22 THROUGH 04/05/22</p> | <p><u>PEDRO MENENDEZ HIGH SCHOOL</u> 10/05/21 THROUGH 10/21/21 01/10/22 THROUGH 01/26/22 03/22/22 THROUGH 04/06/22</p> |
| <p><u>PONTE VEDRA HIGH SCHOOL</u> 10/06/21 THROUGH 10/22/21 01/11/22 THROUGH 01/27/22 03/23/22 THROUGH 04/07/22</p> | |

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

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](https://www.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



Academy News

Important Dates for 9th graders:

- Academy Application window opens for current 8th and 9th graders on January 6, 2022 at 8:00 am
- High School Showcase held at World Golf Village Convection Center on January 13, 2022 from 3:30-7:00pm
- Toco Creek High School Academy Night on January 24, 2022 from 6-7:30pm
- Academy application window closes on February 10th, 2022 at 5:00 pm

For more information related to academy applications, please visit our website: <https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/academies/>

or contact Stephanie Tavill at stephanie.tavill@stjohns.k12.fl.us or 904-547-4273

Academy Highlights:

TCHS Robotics Teams Take Home Wins. Click the link to read more! <https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/tchs-robotics-club-takes-the-field/>

Students in the Flagler Health + Academy of Future Healthcare Professionals tour Flagler Hospital.

Click the link to read more! <https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/toros-tour-flagler-health-hospital/>

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.

Toro Cheer Showcase

Thursday, January 13th

6:00 pm - Gymnasium

Tickets \$5 only thru GoFan



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: 1-11-22

Time: 8:10 AM

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

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

TCHS Arts News

OneToro Arts Spirit Night

January 21st 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A, SR 16

All "app based mobile orders"
(whether dine in, drive-thru,
curbside or take-out) benefit your
Tocoi Arts programs

OneToro Arts General Meeting

Wednesday, January 26th – 7:00
pm - 7:30 pm

Musical Theatre presents Amelie

Feb. 10th - 12th at 7:00 pm

Feb. 13th at 2:00 pm

Ms. Tocol

February 26th at 7:00 pm

Spring Play auditions

March 21st - 22nd

All Arts Spring Showcase

April 7th and 8th, 7:00pm

Want to get involved in The Arts at TCHS?

Please see the attached for membership information and Arts Account registration [Click Here for Document](#)

Please follow us on Facebook @ Tocoi Creek Arts

Would you like to learn more about becoming a sponsor for your Toro Arts Programs? Please see the attached [sponsorship letter and form](#) .

Would you like to purchase ad space in the All Arts "One Toro" Playbill. Please complete the attached form along with your payment. This can be dropped off for Mrs. Lay at the front office, or with your student's Arts teacher. [Play Bill Sponsorship Form](#)

<https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/arts/> You can reach us by emailing: TocoiArtsBooster@yahoo.com.

Happenings at The Hub

The Hub Hours:

Did you know The Hub has open access? That means students can visit The Hub ANYTIME during the school day, with teacher permission! The Hub is also open for students before school beginning at 8:45, after school with varying hours, and during lunch, with no permission needed. Students are encouraged to stop by anytime they need a book, research help, technology troubleshooting, or even just to see a friendly face.

Battle of the Books Club:

The Battle of the Books club is forming. Students in this club will read the 2021-2022 Florida Teens Read books. The club will meet with other high school students in the county to discuss the books and compete, answering questions about the books. Students interesting in participating in the Battle of the Books club should see Ms. Badger, in The Hub. In order to participate students must read at least 1 of this year's Florida Teens Read titles. The list of books and more information about Florida Teens Read can be found at [Florida Teens Read - FAME: FLORIDA ASSOCIATION FOR MEDIA IN EDUCATION \(floridamediaed.org\)](http://FloridaTeensRead-FAME:FLORIDAASSOCIATIONFORMEDIAINEDUCATION(floridamediaed.org))

Guidance Corner

December School Counseling Newsletter – Want to find out how to best support your Toro get ready for college, post secondary programming or Dual Enrollment opportunities for next year? Then check out the [TCHS School Counselor Newsletter - December](#)

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.

OneToro Support Organizations

Want to get involved with TCHS? Use our OneToro contact list below to get involved with any one of our community support organizations. Horns UP!

| PTSO Board Members | Arts Booster Board Members | Athletic Board Members |
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| <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Liaison</i> Jay Willets, Principal Jay.willets@stjohns.k12.fl.us</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>President</i> Heather Toombs tocoiPTSO@gmail.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Vice President</i> Theresa Lunsford</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Vice President W</i> Thanh Bauer</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Secretary</i> Cara Seifart</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Treasurer</i> Margot Feza</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PTSO Website https://tocoi creek toros ptso.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PTSO Email Contact tocoiPTSO@gmail.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PTSO Phone Contact Heather Toombs 904.392.6788</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Liaison</i> Mike Beaman, Director Michael.Beaman@stjohns.k12.fl.us</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>President</i> Wendy Lay onetoroarts@gmail.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Vice President</i> Vickie Cobb</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>2nd Vice President</i> Amy Lasswell</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Secretary</i> Christi Rosa Zielinski</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Treasurer</i> Larissa Orjuela</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TCHS Arts Website https://stjohns.k12.fl.us/arts</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TCHS Arts Email onetoroarts@gmail.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OneToro Phone Contact Wendy Lay 904.547.4272</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Liaison</i> Jeff Holland Jeff.holland@stjohns.k12.fl.us</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>President</i> Jake Dunn onetoroathletics@gmail.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Vice President 1</i> Jason Outzs</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Vice President 2</i> Cindy Leeber</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Treasurer</i> Meredith Turpen</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Secretary</i> Jenn Boisclair</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OneToroAthletics Website https://Onetoroathletics.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OneToroAthletics Email onetoroathletics@gmail.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OneToro Phone Contact Jake Dunn 904.803.3563</p> |

Additional School and District Information

Character Counts Run

The CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee is calling all walkers, runners, and fitness enthusiasts to participate in the CHARACTER COUNTS! 6K/3K Run/Walk on Saturday, February 5, 2022, at 9 a.m. The run/walk will begin and end at Palencia Elementary School located at 355 Palencia Village Drive, St. Augustine.

Walkers and runners will enjoy a course running through the neighborhoods of Kensington and Las Calinas and can choose to participate in the 6K (3.73 miles) or 3K (1.86 miles) distance.

Registration fees are as follows:

6K: \$30 before January 1 \$35 January 1-January 31 \$40 on race day

3K: \$25 before January 1 \$30 January 1-January 31 \$35 on race day

Registration forms and more information are available online at

<https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/StAugustine/CHARACTERCOUNTSinStJohnsCountySixPillars6K3KRunWalk>

Race proceeds support CHARACTER COUNTS! initiatives throughout the St. Johns County School District (SJCSD). The run/walk is open to all ages, and the top three winners will be awarded in each of the age categories as well as the overall male and female finishers. A cash donation will be awarded to the top three schools with the most registrants. In 2020, these schools were Palm Valley Academy, Valley Ridge Academy and Ocean Palms Elementary School. All race registrants will receive a t-shirt and other goodies from area businesses and organizations. At the finish line, each race participant will receive a commemorative item.

This event is produced by the CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee and is presented by Beaver Toyota with support from businesses and community groups. Action News Jax CBS47/FOX30 is the official media sponsor of this run/walk.

The SJCSD, along with area businesses, youth organizations and civic groups, selected the national character education program of CHARACTER COUNTS! as a countywide initiative to instill positive character traits in young people throughout the county. Additionally, the SJCSD became the first school district in Florida to implement Pursuing Victory With Honor in all of its athletic programs. Character education is an important part of every School Improvement Plan and a major component of the Student Code of Conduct and the school district's Strategic Plan.

TCHS Café News

SJCSD Families,

Please be reminded that beginning Wednesday, December 1, 2021 Meal Prices will be:

| | | Breakfast | Lunch |
|--------------|---------|-----------|--------|
| Elementary: | Paid | \$1.25 | \$2.80 |
| | Reduced | \$0.30 | 0.40 |
| Middle/High: | Paid | \$1.25 | \$2.95 |
| | Reduced | \$0.30 | \$0.40 |

Prepayments into student lunch accounts can be made by using PayPAMS. The link to this service is located at <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/food/paypams/>

Online and printable Free/Reduced lunch applications can be located at <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/food/free/>

Sean Prevatt, RD, LD, SNS

Food & Nutrition Services

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