



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our Toros are marching steadily towards the interim marking period and the activities for all to enjoy throughout the campus. Please consider this newsletter your special invitation to come and enjoy [Amelie the Musical](#) with our opening night on February 10th or to come and cheer on our Toros at the beginning of the Spring Sports season...including our first Regional Semifinal Girls Varsity Game Tuesday Night. Please come out and enjoy all the talents, hard work and excitement our performing arts and athletic programs have to offer.

News from our Toro School Counselors:

We have made it through the 1st week of registering students for next year! We met with students in Ms. Cassano, Ms. Ferrara, Ms. Linton, Ms. Welch, and Ms. Hanson's English classes. Due to the length of some of the conversations, we did not make it to all the students in those classes. If your student was missed, rest assured that we will catch your student over the next few weeks for make-ups. Please have your student continue to bring their orange course verification sheet to school so that they are ready for our conversation.

This week we will be meeting with 10th grade students in Ms. Cassano, Ms. Young, Ms. Porcellini, and Ms. Thomas' English classes. These students should have received their course verification forms this week to review with their families in preparation for their appointments.

FAMU Field Trip:

Interested students have the opportunity for students to attend the Florida A&M University Spring Preview on Saturday March 26th. An Academy Bus Line Charter has been reserved to depart from Creekside High School on Saturday, March 26, at 6:30 AM. Students who are interested in touring Florida A & M University should stop by the counseling office for more information.

College Visits:

First Coast Technical College will be on campus February 9th during Toro Time. Students interested in career dual enrollment, trades, electives, or career training should attend. Interested students should stop by the counselors' office to get tagged.

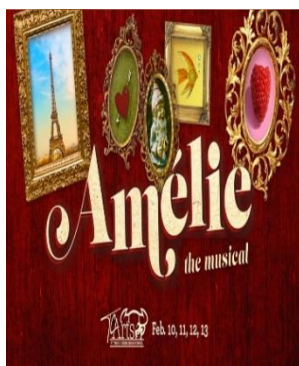
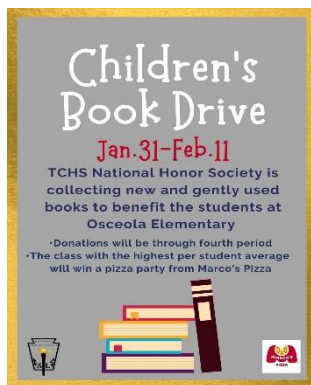
PTSO News – Want to become an active part of supporting our Toro students and families, mark your calendar for the following events:

- General PTSO Meetings – March 2nd, April 6th, and May 3rd from 7:30-8:30am in the front office
- Spring Fling Dance – March 4th – Mark your calendars, 7-9:30pm, semi-formal, open to all grades

Get Involved with TCHS!

Want to help support our Toros and keep the momentum going? Save the Date for our MAJOR annual fundraisers to help support the OneToro Arts, Athletic, and PTSO programming:

- Feb 10th-March [TCHS Toro Legacy Brick Fundraiser](#) – Supports PTSO/Prom /Jr. Class
- Feb 10th-13th [Amelie-Musical Theatre](#) – Supports Musical Theatre/Set Design
- Feb 25th, 7:00pm Miss. Tocoï – Supports OneToro Arts Department
- Feb 26th [Toro Fest at World Golf Village](#) – Supports OneToro Athletics



Save the Date

- Feb 10th, 5:00 pm
- Feb 10th-13th
- Dec 21 -Feb 14th
- Feb 25th, 7:00pm
- Feb 26th
- March 1st
- March 4th
- April 9th

Academy application window closes
 Amelie-Musical Theatre
 Yearbook on sale for \$80.00 (on 2/15 price \$100)
 Miss. Toco
 Toro Fest at World Golf Village
[ACT Test 11th Grade, Digital Learning Day 9th and 10th Grades](#)
 Spring School Dance (Open to all students – Semi Formal)
 Sophomore/Junior Prom (Formal)

Toro Week at a Glance

Monday Feb, 7th

No School – Teacher Inservice Day

Tuesday Feb, 8th

Regional Quarter Final Girls Soccer 7pm Kickoff

Wednesday Feb 9th

Valentine Grams – Sale Starts (Café)
 College Visit – St. Johns River State College (The Hub)

Thursday Feb 10th

Amalie -TCHS Theatre Presentation (Opening Night)
 Tropical Smoothie Spirit Night 4-8pm
 Academy Registration Window Closes

Friday Feb 4

Amalie -TCHS Theatre Presentation

Athletics Calendar

8	February, Tuesday	TBA	Basketball, Boys	VR	Multiple Opponents - FHSAA District Tournament; 2/8,9, and 11	School
8	February, Tuesday	6:00 PM	Lacrosse, Girls	VR	Nease (Ponte Vedra)	Nease
9	February, Wednesday	4:00 PM	Weightlifting, Boys	VR	Nease (Ponte Vedra), Ponte Vedra	
10	February, Thursday	3:30 PM	Tennis, Boys	VR	Menendez (St. Augustine)	
10	February, Thursday	3:30 PM	Tennis, Girls	VR	Menendez (St. Augustine)	
10	February, Thursday	6:00 PM	Lacrosse, Girls	VR	Mandarin (Jacksonville)	Toro Stadium
12	February, Saturday	TBA	Weightlifting, Girls	VR	TBA - FHSAA State Tournament	

Important Information

- **March 1st ACT Juniors Test Day Details:**

When: Tuesday, March 1st, 2022, from 9:15a.m. – 1:30p.m.

Where: Students will test in their assigned homeroom.

Who: This College Reportable ACT is only for **JUNIORS** enrolled at Toco Creek High School

Cost: FREE!

All 9th and 10th grade students will participate in a Flexible Learning Day at home

Please visit the [TCHS Testing Page](#) for more information on all things “testing” at TCHS

- **Parent Medical Consent Form** – Recently, a survey was sent by the SJCS D to give permission for your child to receive school health services. These services are ones traditionally provided by St. Johns County school nurses, including first aid, nursing assessment, health counseling and emergency treatment. This consent does not include vaccinations or any invasive testing. Please visit [this form](#) to complete it. **This information must be completed by January 18, 2022. If it is not completed, the school nurse will not be able to provide any nursing services to your child until the form is completed. You will need your student's ID number to complete the form, which you can find in HAC.**

For more information, please see the FAQ below or call the Health Services Department at (904) 547-7693. <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/health/wp-content/uploads/sites/57/2021/12/School-Health-Services-Parent-Consent-FAQ-12.21.21.pdf>

- **Attention Prospective Dual Enrollment students:**
 - Interested in taking Dual Enrollment over the summer? Next fall? You need test scores! SAT, ACT or PERT will work.
 - All scores must be given to the School Counseling department by April 1st.
 - Additional testing information can be found on the School counseling webpage and the Dual Enrollment Schoology group - group code: RCGS-QGPH-RZCG6
 - Please see Mrs. Gibbs, school counselor, for additional information.
 - PERT flyer: <https://www.sjrst.edu/pdfs/DE-PERTflyer.pdf>)
- **College/Military Visits**
 - College and military visits are being scheduled! The visits are located on the window of the Counselor suite, and on the Schoology School Counselor calendar.
 - College visits will be either at 8:45am – 9:15am or during Toro time – all visits will be in the HUB.
 - All military presentations will take place during Toro time.
 - If a student is interested in attending a college or military presentation, please stop by the Counselors office to receive a pass or get tagged for a Toro time session.

- **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
- **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.

Please review the following information and weekly reminders:

Fortify Florida – Do your part to help keep our schools safe. FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. Download your free app for your phone, or reports can be made via the website. Visit <https://getfortifyfl.com/> 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.

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.

Free Tutoring - National Honor Society tutoring is available during Toro Time, after school Wednesdays, and before school Thursdays.

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-1ef0-4790-8298-0c9cf3fbe856> or contact shannon.welch@stjohns.k12.fl.us

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

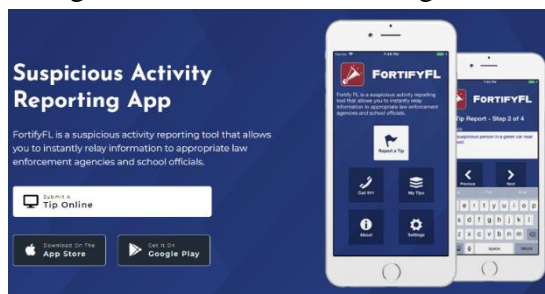
Drivers Education Courses – TCHS is pleased to collaborate with The St. Johns County Tax Collectors Office to provide drivers education courses to our students. Please visit [SJCTC DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM – St. Johns County Tax Collector \(sjctax.us\)](https://sjctc.org/DriverEducationProgram) or <https://sjctax.us/student-driver-education/>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

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 SJCSO school sites. For more information, please review the [SJCSO 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



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
- 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:

Stay up to date on current events in the

- Academy of Innovation in the Built Environment: <https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/category/tchs-innovation/>
- Academy of Leadership in Emerging Technologies: <https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/category/tchs-leadership/>
- Flagler Health + Academy of Future Healthcare Professionals: <https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/category/tchs-healthcare/>

Toro Athletics

Athletic Event Tickets - 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 the first Tuesday of each month, in the TCHS Media Center “The Hub”.

Date: 3-1-22

Time: 8:10 AM

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

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

TCHS Arts News

Musical Theatre presents Amelie

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

Feb. 13th at 2:00 pm

Ms. Tocoï

February 25th at 7:00 pm

Spring Play auditions

March 21st - 22nd

All Arts Spring Showcase

April 7th and 8th, 7:00

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 @ Tocoï 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](#)

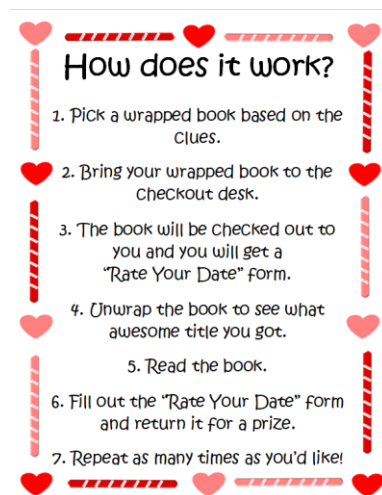
<https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/arts/> You can reach us by emailing: TocoïArtsBooster@yahoo.com.

Happenings at The Hub

Blind Date with a Book will be taking place in The Hub for the next few weeks! All students and staff are invited to participate in this fun reading activity! The details are below.

Thanks for helping us spread a love of reading!

Ms. Badger



Guidance Corner

Parents and Guardians,

We are ready to begin Phase 2 of the registration process. Verification forms were distributed this week through English classes. This form includes teacher recommended courses as well as electives chosen by students through Home Access Center. Students were instructed to do the following :

- 1) To change a course to a lower level, mark through the course and write new course title.
- 2) To change a course to a higher level, submit a course petition using the [Course Petition Form](#).
- 3) If you have a duplicate course on the form, mark through it.
- 4) If you did not select any electives or would like to change an elective, mark through the course, and circle your choices on the back.
- 5) Parent and student must sign the bottom of the form.

Freshman appointments will be conducted through English classes. If counselors do not complete their rosters within the 2 days, they will call students down during make-up times. You are invited to be part of the registration conversation via phone.

The graphic is a promotional poster for 'COLLEGE 101' webinars. At the top, it says 'FREE Online Webinars!' and 'COLLEGE 101 >>'. Below this, the text 'Think It. Plan It. Do It.' is prominently displayed. To the right of this text, there is a small paragraph: 'Thinking about going to college but don't know where to start? No matter what stage you're in, help is available. Start with these 3 steps: Think It. Plan It. Do It.' The bottom half of the graphic is divided into four columns, each representing a different audience group with their respective webinar dates and topics.

Adults	High School Seniors	High School Freshmen, Sophomores & Juniors	8th Graders
February 3, 2022 6:00-7:00 p.m. ET	February 10, 2022 6:00-7:00 p.m. ET	February 17, 2022 6:00-7:00 p.m. ET	February 24, 2022 6:00-7:00 p.m. ET
Earn a credential, advance your career. Education is one of the best ways to move up to a better job or prepare for a new career. This session will help you understand your options, financial aid, and how to build a schedule that works with your life.	You've been accepted. Now, how to pay for it? FA'SA, FFSA, evaluating financial aid offers, verification. Tune in to this session to make sense of the financial aid maze so you can build a solid plan to cover the cost of college.	There are multiple pathways to success. Which is right for you? Do you have a plan for life after high school? Enroll, enlist, employ? Learn how to map out your future, take the next steps to prepare, and find scholarships to make it all possible. Don't wait - senior year is just around the corner!	You've got big dreams. You need a plan. With so many choices, planning for your future can feel overwhelming. Begin thinking about the life you want to build now, and discover key steps to take in high school that will help get you there.

REGISTER TODAY! www.FloridaShines.org/College-101

Please feel free to reach out to your student's school counselor with any additional questions or concerns.

January 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 - January](#)

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
<p><i>Liaison</i> Jay Willets, Principal Jay.willets@stjohns.k12.fl.us</p> <p><i>President</i> Heather Toombs tocoiPTSO@gmail.com</p> <p><i>Vice President</i> Theresa Lunsford</p> <p><i>Vice President W</i> Thanh Bauer</p> <p><i>Secretary</i> Cara Seifart</p> <p><i>Treasurer</i> Margot Feza</p> <p>PTSO Website https://tocoicreektorosptso.com</p> <p>PTSO Email Contact tocoiPTSO@gmail.com</p> <p>PTSO Phone Contact Heather Toombs 904.392.6788</p>	<p><i>Liaison</i> Mike Beaman, Director Michael.Beaman@stjohns.k12.fl.us</p> <p><i>President</i> Wendy Lay onetoroarts@gmail.com</p> <p><i>Vice President</i> Vickie Cobb</p> <p><i>2nd Vice President</i> Amy Lasswell</p> <p><i>Secretary</i> Christi Rosa Zielinski</p> <p><i>Treasurer</i> Larissa Orjuela</p> <p>TCHS Arts Website https://stjohns.k12.fl.us/arts</p> <p>TCHS Arts Email onetoroarts@gmail.com</p> <p>OneToro Phone Contact Wendy Lay 904.547.4272</p>	<p><i>Liaison</i> Jeff Holland Jeff.holland@stjohns.k12.fl.us</p> <p><i>President</i> Jake Dunn onetoroathletics@gmail.com</p> <p><i>Vice President 1</i> Jason Outzs</p> <p><i>Vice President 2</i> Cindy Leeber</p> <p><i>Treasurer</i> Meredith Turpen</p> <p><i>Secretary</i> Jenn Boisclair</p> <p>OneToroAthletics Website https://Onetoroathletics.com</p> <p>OneToroAthletics Email onetoroathletics@gmail.com</p> <p>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 (SJCS D). 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 SJCS D, 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 SJCS D 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

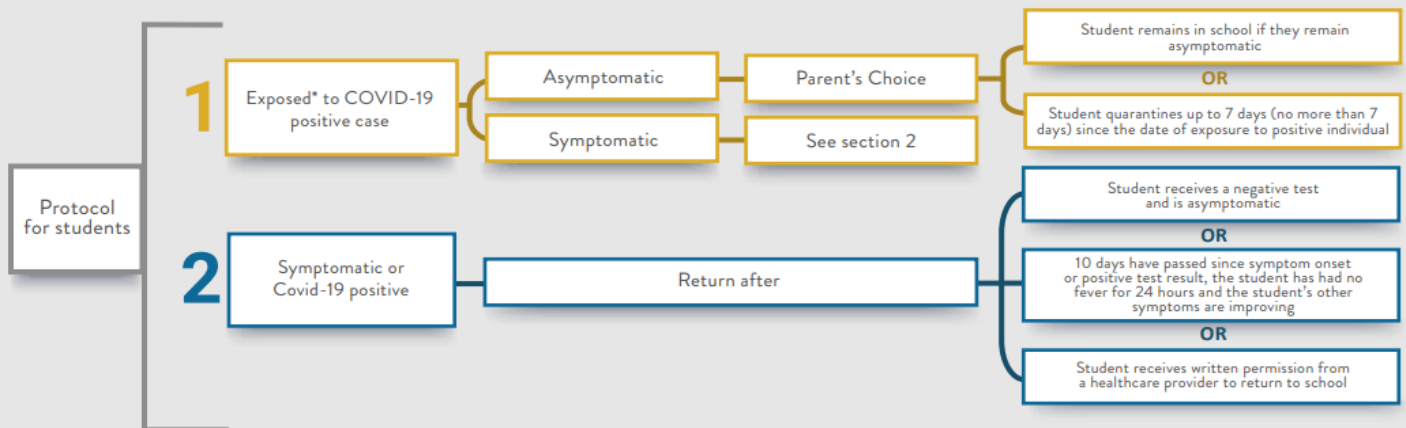
School and District COVID Protocols

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.
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