



Dear Toro Nation,

Our Class of 2023 capped off our first week of school with our first ever Senior Sunrise this morning. Many thanks to our PTSO for rounding up a delicious breakfast, fun activities and volunteers who braved the early morning hours to help set up and serve our students....a fun time was had by all!

It is my pleasure to announce that on May 23rd at 7:00pm the FIRST graduating class of Tocoi Creek High School will receive their diplomas at The St. Augustine Amphitheatre (The Amp). More information on Senior Dues, Grad Bash at Universal, cap and gown ordering, and additional activities will be available soon.

Each week on Friday you will receive your Bull Pen Weekly Feed, please be sure to save these communications as they will contain information that you will need throughout the year (event information, dates and deadlines for activities, and important reminders). The format will remain consistent, and links will be provided to our website or through our support organizations, for you to get the information you need. As always, you are free to simply call the front office line if you have a question or need (904-547-4261).

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,
Jay Willets

Hot Topic Updates/Reminders are Below:

- **Schoology**
 - [Students who attended a St. Johns County School last year click here](#)
 - Students who are NEW to St. Johns County were given log-in information when registering or with new schedules.
 - **Need assistance HAC or Schoology, Mr. Jenkins will be available in The Hub (Media Center) during each lunch Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday next week to assist.**
- **Digital ID** – [Click here for directions on how to download and register your Digital Student ID](#)
- **Cafeteria** – [Click here for Food Services pricing lists and contact information](#)
- **Absences and Early Dismissal** – [Click here -DIGITAL links to report absence OR to check out early.](#)
- **Athletic Game Passes** – [Click here to save money on bulk pass options for Toro Athletics](#)
- **Toro Time** – Each Wednesday ALL students engage in Toro Time for 45 minutes to engage in support, enrichment, remedial, or school culture programming. Students can be “tagged” for Toro Time by teachers who need them in their class for additional support, test preparation, or assessments. Self-selected options are also available for students to choose.

Senior Week at TCHS

Monday 8/15- Dress Like a Senior Citizen

Tuesday 8/16- Dress Like a Favorite Holiday

Wednesday 8/17- Dress Like Book Smarts or Street Smarts

Thursday 8/18- It's All Greek to Me- Togas (over clothes) or College Greek Life

Friday 8/19- Color War- Wear Class Color (Black)

Save the Date

- August 19th Friday Night Lights Return to TCHS – Fall Classic vs. Paxon 7:00pm
- September 8th Open House at TCHS
- September 28th Junior Ring Presentation – Toro Time
- October 12th Senior Cap and Gown Presentation – Toro Time
- October 28th Homecoming Game vs. Keystone
- October 29th Homecoming Dance @ TCHS
- May 23rd Graduation @ The Amp (St. Augustine Amphitheater) 7:00pm

Toro Week at a Glance

Monday – Aug 15th

Seniors Spirit Week – Dress like a senior citizen

Tuesday- Aug 16th

Seniors Spirit Week – Dress like your favorite holiday

Wednesday – Aug 17th

Toro Time – All Grades

Seniors Spirit Week – Dress like Book Smarts or Street Smarts

Thursday – Aug 18th

Seniors Spirit Week -Greek Day (Togas over clothes) or Greek Life

Friday – Aug 19th

Color Wars (S-Black, J-Orange, So-Grey, Freshmen – White)

Pep Rally

Friday Night Lights Return to TCHS – Fall Classic vs. Paxon 7:00pm

Saturday – August 20th

First Varsity Girls Volleyball Game – Pre-Season @ TCHS 10:30am



Senior

Sunrise

2022-23



News from The Nurse

Tabitha Danson - tabitha.danson@stjohns.k12.fl.us

904-547-4292

For the 2022-2023 SY, please refer to the **St. Johns County School District Illness Guidelines** found here: <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/health/illness/> for general health concerns related to your child.

- There is no longer a dedicated district COVID hotline. For all future COVID-related testing, questions, or concerns, please consult your child's pediatrician for guidance and recommendations.
- Should the pediatrician recommend your child stay home from school, please notify your child's teacher(s) of their upcoming absence. Upon return to school, a parent or doctor's note must be provided to excuse the absence.
- St. Johns County School District will no longer provide exposure notifications for the upcoming school year.

Official TCHS Spirit Store Launches

[Click HERE to Begin Shopping for your OFFICIAL Toro Gear!](#)

TCHS will be partnering again with Baker Sports this year to provide our competitive and spirit needs. Based on community feedback, TCHS administration met with both Baker's Sports and Adidas to improve the athletic and spirit apparel service and programming. Baker's Sports is looking forward to meeting expectations and supporting our Toro community.

The following changes have been made:

- Order email chains that include tracking, contact information and order timelines
- Stockpiling of popular merchandise (hats, hoodies, sweatpants, etc...) in their Jacksonville store for fast processing and delivery
- Baker's representative will communicate with customers when items are backordered, choice will be offered when items are delayed/out of stock
- Restructuring and communication of team store programming
- Inservice with coaching staff and athletic administration on ordering timelines (began last Spring)
- Dedicated local sales representative for TCHS

Any use of TCHS copyrighted logos (athletic or academic) is NOT permitted by second/third party vendors unless approved by administration

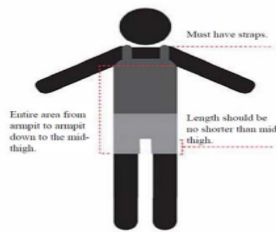
If you should have questions about an open order, please feel free to contact us at [904.388.8126](tel:904.388.8126). You can also follow the prompt on each individual store with an e-mail contact.

General School Information

Lunch Applications - Parents can complete the online Free and Reduced lunch application by using this link <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/food/free/> We encourage them to fill out the online application-English or Spanish, but they can also print a form on the same website and return it to school (send it to us by internal mail once completed) . Parent should not delay applying to prevent a gap in their student's meal eligibility.

Dress Code – TCHS will follow the [St. Johns County School District Code of Student Conduct](#) for appropriate dress while at school.

- Personal attire may be in the style of the day. Clothing, piercings and accessories displaying profanity, violence, discriminatory messages, sexually suggestive phrases, phrases or symbols of alcohol, tobacco or drugs is unacceptable.
- Gang graffiti will not be drawn or worn on backpacks, notebooks, folders, papers, clothing or any other object or on the body of any student or person on school property.
- Pajamas shall not be worn as exterior clothing on campus.
- Head gear, including but not limited to, caps, hats, bandanas and/or sunglasses shall not be worn indoors on campus unless permitted by school administration for religious or medical reasons. Students may wear sunglasses, hats, or other sun-protective wear while outdoors during school hours.
- Clothing must cover areas from one armpit to the other armpit, down to the mid-thigh. Tops must have shoulder straps and be long enough to adequately cover the waistline and not expose the midriff.



- Students must wear shoes that are safe and appropriate for the learning environment. Middle school and elementary school students must wear shoes that have a back or strap on the heel. High school students may wear backless shoes. Bedroom slippers are prohibited.
- See-through or mesh garments must be worn with opaque clothing over it or underneath that meets the standard for clothing coverage.
- Rips or tears in clothing above the mid-thigh must not expose skin.
- Any student who attends First Coast Technical College must follow dress code regulations established by each occupational department of FCTC (i.e., safety clothing, protective garments, and business attire).

PE Uniforms - PE Uniforms are for sale for the 2022-2023 school year. If your student is enrolled in any PE class, including hope, they are required to dress out in approved PE gear and wear athletic shoes each day. Students are permitted to wear the approved PE uniform, any TCHS sports package gear, or a school appropriate shirt with black shorts. PE Uniforms will be available for pick up at Toro Round-Up prior to the start of the school year. [Please click the link here to purchase yours today!](#)

Lockers – All TCHS students will be offered a free locker in Building 4, 5 (Gym), and Band areas as appropriate. During Toro Round-UP, Meet the Teacher, or within the first 2 weeks of school, students can select any locker that fits their schedule. PE and HOPE classes will be sharing lockers, varsity athletes will be issued lockers in team locker rooms.

Student Clubs – Toros will have the opportunity to help TCHS develop various formal and informal clubs for all students to join. Prior to the first quarter interims a Toro Club Virtual Fair will be held where students can select a club of their choosing. [Click here to see what was available during the 2021-22 school year.](#)

School Counselor Updates

Guidance Office

Please use the following contact points for your scheduling or registration needs:

- Registration, Schedule Questions, Schedule a Date/Time with a Counselor
 - Kim Tabala – (904) 547 – 4278 kimberly.tabala@stjohns.k12.fl.us
- Home Access Center (HAC), Registration Questions
 - Marvin Jenkins – 904) 547 – 4275 marvin.jenkins@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Who is my Counselor?

- Elizabeth Wright - 9th and 10th last names A-L elizabeth.wright@stjohns.k12.fl.us
- Rachel Blount - 9th and 10th last names M-Z rachel.blount@stjohns.k12.fl.us
- D'Erica Gibbs - 11th and 12th last names A-L derica.gibbs@stjohns.k12.fl.us
- Linda Smith - 11th and 12th last names M-Z linda.m.smith@stjohns.k12.fl.us

SENIORS:

College Application season has officially begun! If you haven't already, now is the time to start working on your college applications. We have posted the classroom guidance presentation that we shared with Juniors in the spring on our website along with other application and financial aid resources. We will continue to post helpful resources throughout the year, so be sure to save this page and visit frequently: <https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/seniors/>

All transcripts and letters of recommendations must be sent through Naviance. You can see instructions and how-to videos here: <https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/transcripts/>

Senior Photos - Please be sure to reserve your spot for your senior portraits needed for the 2022-2023 yearbook. Please visit <https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/seniors-only/> to schedule. Makeups will be held on 9/16 at TCHS during lunches.

Junior and Senior News

At this time, all 2022-2023 Student Parking spots are ***sold out***. However, additional spots will be added in the near future (approximately September-October 2022). [Please fill out the form here to place your name on the waitlist](#). Once a space becomes available, you will be contacted by TCHS to complete a payment and your student will be given a spot. Thank you again for your patience and we are excited for a great school year! Horns Up! ***Please note, parking for rising Juniors & Seniors becomes available in February & March of each school year. Mark your calendars so you or your student are prepared to purchase a space early.***

[Please click here to access the Parking Expectations for this school year.](#)

Athletics News

Check the TCHS [website](#) for more information

Athletics Volunteers

Students needing service hours? Come be a part of our athletic program.

Volunteers needed for concessions and ticket takers at home events in the stadium and the gymnasium.

Please stop by and see Mrs. Lay in the front office for an [application](#).

Participation Fees

Pay to Play fees are required for each student participating in athletics and are a “per sport” fee. For rostered sports, your Pay to Play fee will be due *the Friday after your team roster is posted. Due dates will be provided at the beginning of the season for all non-rostered sports.* Payment must be made by the dates noted above to retain your spot on the team.

Participation fees can be paid [here](#)

Game Tickets

Attending a ticketed home athletics event? Tickets are *only available at* [GoFan.co](#). Toco Creek athletics does not offer cash ticket sales.

Want to save a few bucks on your GoFan convenience fees? We have options available to save some bucks for bulk ticket packages.

PARTICIPATION FEES

Participation fees for Toco Creek High School athletics are due no later than the Friday following roster announcements. This deadline *must be met* for your athlete(s) to retain their spot on the team roster.

Participation Fees can be paid online at <https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Athletics-Participation-Fee-/Sb4rRb>



SAVE SOME BUCKS ON BULKS

2022-23 Home Game Ticket Packages AVAILABLE HERE



10-Pack
Home Game Tickets
(EXCLUDING VARSITY
FOOTBALL)



Varsity Football
Home Game Pass



20-Pack
Home Game Tickets
(EXCLUDING VARSITY
FOOTBALL)



*Excludes all post-season district,
regional and state competitions

Driver Education Program

Our Mission: To provide an affordable, quality driver training program for the youth of St. Johns County.

Classroom and Behind the Wheel courses

Classes are offered at all St. Johns county public high schools. *removed year Classes are available only to enrolled high school students who reside in St. Johns County. Home school and private school students must attend at the public high school for which they are zoned.

Phase I: Learner Permit Preparation

A classroom lecture designed to assist a student preparing to obtain a Learner Permit. The classes are conducted prior to school from 8am-9am for a total of 10 consecutive school days. On the last day, students will be administered the Learner Permit Knowledge Exam that is required to obtain a Learner Permit. In addition to the Phase I course, students must also complete a state required 4-hour online drug and alcohol course prior to obtaining a Learner Permit. [Registration and Schedule](#)

Driving Track Day

*Defensive driving course for beginner to intermediate teen drivers Student must have at least 10 hours of driving experience prior to registering (not prior to attending) An 8-hour driving course designed to improve students' driving skills and confidence with practical experience. The course begins with a classroom lecture that focuses on the concepts of being a defensive driver, laws that relate to the operation of a motor vehicle, as well as course safety procedures. The 7 hour "Behind the Wheel" portion of the training will consist of braking, backing, parking, off road recovery, hydroplaning and lateral control movements. We will also introduce the student to driving in traffic situations as they drive on roadways within St. Johns County with a state certified driving instructor. [Registration and Schedule](#)

Phase II: Behind the Wheel

*Defensive driving course for intermediate to advanced teen drivers Student must have at least 20 hours of driving experience prior to registering (not prior to attending) A 27-hour driving course designed to improve students' driving skills and confidence with practical experience. The class begins with a classroom lecture that focuses on the concepts of being a defensive driver, laws that relate to the operation of a motor vehicle, as well as course safety procedures. The 26-hour "Behind the Wheel" portion of the training starts on an off-road site working on braking, backing, parking, off road recovery, hydroplaning and lateral control movements. We will also introduce the student to driving in traffic situations (neighborhoods, downtown and interstate) as they drive on roadways within St. Johns County with a state certified driving instructor. [Registration and Schedule](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

Chris Keelin – Program Director

SJCTC Driver Education Program

[Email: driversed@sjctax.us](mailto:driversed@sjctax.us)

[Phone: 904-209-2298](tel:904-209-2298)

Toro SAT/ACT Prep and FREE Seminars

TCHS is excited to partner with **Revolution Prep** to get our Toros ready for their college entrance exams. Please review the attached flyer for FREE seminars for students/parents to use this summer.

Revolution Prep has two remaining summer webinars:

[Understanding the New Digital SAT for International Students | Tuesday, August 30th at 6 PM](#)



The flyer features a background image of a young woman with blonde hair, wearing headphones and a white t-shirt, sitting on a blue blanket on a grassy lawn with trees in the background. She is looking at a laptop. In the top left corner is the Revolution Prep logo, which consists of an orange square with a white 'R' and the text 'REVOLUTION PREP' next to it. The main title 'Free Summer Webinars' is in large white font, followed by 'From our friends at Revolution Prep' in a smaller white font. Below this, a line of text says 'Subject matter experts share their insights into current events and topics that are important to you.' On the right side, there is a blue rounded rectangle containing a QR code and the text 'Scan here to sign up' with a white arrow pointing to the QR code.

Leverage Your Summer to Get a Head Start on Fall
Wednesday, June 8 at 6 pm PT, 9 pm ET
Thursday, July 7 at 4 pm PT, 7 pm ET
Summer is a great time to catch up and get ahead at your own pace. Discover ways to spend your summer that will best prepare you for a successful fall.

Making the High School Transition
Tuesday, June 14 at 5 pm PT, 8 pm ET
Tuesday, July 12 at 5 pm PT, 8 pm ET
Tuesday, Aug 9 at 4 pm PT, 7 pm ET
As the importance of standardized tests, grades, course rigor, and extracurricular activities increases, get practical tips for a successful transition into high school.

Insider's Guide to College Admissions Testing
Thursday, June 2 at 5 pm PT, 8 pm ET
Tuesday, Aug 2 at 4 pm PT, 7 pm ET
Learn insider tips and tricks and get an overview of each test so you can develop a test-prep plan with your child.

How Executive Functioning Skills Improve Grades and Lower Stress
Tuesday, June 7 at 6 pm PT, 9 pm ET
Find out Revolution Prep's executive functioning secrets that have helped struggling students become successful independent learners.

Student Mental Health Challenges and Academic Impact
Thursday, July 14 at 4 pm PT, 7 pm ET
Join Revolution Prep Faculty Director and licensed physician, Audra Stanton, M.D., for a discussion about how COVID-19 has significantly impacted student mental health and get advice to better support students as they navigate this new world.

How to Succeed in a Test-Optional World
Tuesday, June 21 at 6 pm PT, 9 pm ET
Thursday, Aug 4 at 4 pm PT, 7 pm ET
Walk through up-to-date admissions trends and develop a strategy for all elements of an application to be best prepared and see best outcomes.

Maximizing Your Potential Using Growth Mindset
Thursday, June 9 at 4 pm PT, 7 pm ET
Thursday, Aug 18 at 3 pm PT, 6 pm ET
See how a growth mindset (by Stanford University's Carol Dweck) can help any student improve in any subject. By removing their "fixed mindset," we can unlock their ability to believe their capacity can overcome the difficulty of the content.

Supporting Your Child through Covid-19 Learning Loss
Wednesday, June 22 at 4 pm PT, 7 pm ET
Learn the early signs of learning loss for all ages and equip yourself with how to combat it quickly. Discuss ways to best support a student who may be experiencing learning loss with their mental health and academic goals in mind.

Sign up at www.revolutionprep.com/webinars/



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