Toro Nation,



Another great week at TCHS! Upon return from our holiday weekend, we have a full week of activities, assessments and more Friday Night Lights Fun! This edition of the Bull Pen Weekly feed if full of important information regarding ACT/SAT preparation, testing, <u>Academy Newsletter</u>, Spirit Nights, yearbook, Senior Class News, Arts updates, and your special invitation to our Open House evening event.

We hope you have a wonderful holiday with your family and look forward to seeing our Toros on Tuesday, September 6th.

HORNS UP!

Open House September 8th 6:00 pm

Parents will have the opportunity to walk your child's schedule to visit with their teachers in 10 minute class periods. PTSO, OneToro Arts and Athletics representatives will be on hand to sell merchandise and provide information on programming for our Toros.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

First TCHS SAC Meeting – September 15th, 8:10 am in The Hub (Media Center)

Want to get involved? Contact Mr. Joany Cabrera, SAC President, at <u>Joany.cabrera@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> or 904-547-4260 ext. 82443

Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (F.A.S.T)

The new state reading & writing exam for grades 3-10, Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (F.A.S.T) is replacing the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA). FAST requires students to be progress monitored 2 times before the May administration. The first round of progress monitoring for 9th and 10th graders will start on Thursday, September 8th. The exam is computer-based and is 60 minutes in length. All FAST progress monitoring will occur through English classes.

- Thursday, September 8th 9th grade English classes (Periods 2,4,6)
- Friday, September 9th 9th grade English classes (Periods 3,5,7)
- Monday, September $12^{\text{th}} 10^{\text{th}}$ grade English classes (Periods 2,4,6)
- Tuesday, September 13th 10th grade English classes (Periods 3,5,7)

TCHS is looking for some OUTSTANDING staff members to work with our Toros! Please email Mr. Willets directly at <u>jay.willets@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> for any of the following positions:

- ESE Teacher (full teaching position)
- English/ ESE Teacher (40% 11th Grade ELA and 60% ESE)
- ESE Paraprofessional (4 full time offerings)
- Custodial (4 full time offerings)

Science Technology Engineering and Math Fair (S.T.E.M.)

It is time to sign up for the S.T.E.M. Fair. Anyone interested in showcasing your knowledge in either science, technology, engineering, or math, this is the place to be. Everyone interested is welcome to apply. See your science teacher or Ms. Sanford in 04-039 for more details. Or visit

<u>https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/science/science-fair-forms/</u> to fill out the appropriate forms to turn into Ms. Sanford for approval. Completing a S.T.E.M. Fair project and competing in the fair always looks good on a college application.

Save the Date

- September 15th
- September 16th
- September 28th
- October 12th
- October 28th
- October 29th
- April 28th
- May 23rd

SAC Meeting in The Hub @ 8:10am Senior Picture Make-ups (by appointment only) Blood Drive at TCHS

Junior Ring Presentation – Toro Time PSAT (all 10th and only registered 9th and 11th) SAT NCR (non-college reportable) for registered 12th grade only

Homecoming Game vs. Keystone

- Homecoming Dance @ TCHS
- Senior/Junior Prom @ The Riverhouse in St. Augustine
- Graduation @ The Amp (St. Augustine Amphitheater) 7:00pm

Toro Week at a Glance

Monday – Sept 5 Tuesday- Sept 6 Wednesday – Sept 7 Thursday – Sept 8 Friday – Sept 9 Labor Day – No School Academy of Innovation in Built Env. Steering Committee 8am Tropical Smoothie Spirit Night 4-8pm Open House at TCHS 6-7:45pm Friday Night Lights – Vs. Bishop Kenny

Athletic Week at a Glance

| September | r, Tuesday | 4:00 PM | Golf, Boys | VR | Palatka, Beachside (St. Johns) | King and the Bear Golf Complex | Non- Distric |
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| September | r, Tuesday | 5:30 PM | Volleyball, Girls | JV | Palatka | <u>Tocoi Creek High School</u> <u>Gymnasium</u> | Non- Distric |
| September | r, Tuesday | 6:30 PM | Volleyball, Girls | VR | Palatka | Tocoi Creek High School Gymnasium | Non- Distric |
| Septer Wedne | | 3:30 PM | Golf, Girls | VR | Creekside (St. Johns) | Cimarrone Golf Club | Non- Distric |
| September | , Thursday | 5:10 PM | Swimming, Boys | VR | Beachside (St. Johns) | | Non- Distric |
| September | , Thursday | 5:10 PM | Swimming, Girls | VR | Beachside (St. Johns) | | Non- Distric |
| September | , Thursday | 5:30 PM | Volleyball, Girls | JV | St. Augustine | <u>Tocoi Creek High School</u> <u>Gymnasium</u> | Non- Distric |
| September | , Thursday | 6:00 PM | Cheer, Fall | JV | Bishop Kenny (Jacksonville) | | Non- Distric |
| September | , Thursday | 6:00 PM | Football (11 man) | JV | Bishop Kenny (Jacksonville) | | Non- Distric |
| September | , Thursday | 6:30 PM | Volleyball, Girls | VR | St. Augustine | <u>Tocoi Creek High School</u> <u>Gymnasium</u> | Non- Distric |
| Septembe | er, Friday | 7:00 PM | Cheer, Fall | VR | Bishop Kenny (Jacksonville) | <u>Toro Stadium</u> | Non- Distric |
| Septemb | er, Friday | 7:00 PM | Football (11 man) | VR | Bishop Kenny (Jacksonville) | <u>Toro Stadium</u> | Non- Distrie |
| Septemb | er, Friday | 7:00 PM | Dance | VR | Bishop Kenny (Jacksonville) | <u>Toro Stadium</u> | Non- Distrie |
| September | r, Saturday | TBA | Cross Country, Boys | VR | Ridgeview (Orange Park) - Ridgeview Panther Invitational | | Non- Distrie |
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TESTING INFORMATION

SAT-NCR (Non-College Reportable) Exam – 12th Gr ONLY Oct 12th Cost: \$60

This test is for 12th grade students who have not met the FSA Grade 10 ELA and/or the Algebra 1 EOC graduation requirement. Students who participate in this SAT-NCR experience will be granted accommodations (i.e., extended time) in hopes that the extra time will give the student a better chance to acquire the necessary SAT English and Reading (EBRW) score of 480 to meet the FSA Grade 10 ELA graduation requirement and/or SAT Math score of 420 to meet the Algebra 1 EOC graduation requirement. However, because these accommodations are not officially approved by College Board, results earned during a non-college reportable SAT administration cannot be used for admissions or scholarship purposes.

The SAT-NCR will be offered at Tocoi Creek on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 to 12th Graders ONLY. The cost of the SAT-NCR exam is \$60.00. Payment can be made via this link in School Pay. Payment is due by Friday, September 9, 2022.

PLEASE CLICK HERE TO REGISTER YOUR 12th GRADER FOR SAT-NCR

For more information on the SAT-NCR, please visit the <u>TCHS Testing Website</u>

PSAT - Date: October 12th – All 10th Grade and Registerd 9th and 11th

The PSAT exam is an important upcoming assessment for high school students on Wednesday, October 12th, 2022. As a reminder, the PSAT is for ALL 10th grade students as well as any 9th or 11th grade students who register and pay to take the exam.

The purpose of the test is to give all students an opportunity to experience taking a college readiness test and to identify students who might benefit from advanced coursework.

Students in 9th and 11th grade must pay a \$22 registration fee to take the test and receive their scores. **<u>REGISTRATION</u>** <u>**CLOSES ON SEPTEMBER 9TH AT 11:59P.M.**</u>

Click here to register for the PSAT

All 10th grade students will take the test and receive a score report at no charge.

Who: ALL 10th grade or 9th & 11th that registered/paid by 9/09/22 ONLY **Where**: 2022 PSAT Room Locations TBD **When**: Wednesday- October 12, 2022 – Students testing should promptly report to their testing room by 9:20am.

Your student's Score Report for the PSAT/NMSQT® will be available in mid-to-late December from College Board.

All PSAT accommodations must be requested through College Board. Click <u>Here</u> to view the parental consent form that must be completed and turned into the student's counselor.

Please note: Students will receive an Official Student Guide to the PSAT/ NMSQT® through their English classes. This guide contains valuable information as well as a full-length practice test with answer keys.

Provided is a PSAT student guide for more information: <u>PSAT Student Guide 2022</u> Please visit <u>www.collegeboard.org/psat</u> for more information. *Any student on campus who is not taking the PSAT will be held in the auditorium for a study hall.*

General School Information

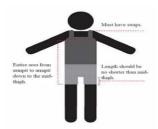
<u>YEARBOOK SALES NOW OPEN!</u> Last year we sold out of yearbooks, so make sure you get one early, and at the best price! Go to <u>Order a TCHS Yearbook</u> for more information on adds, prices, and ordering. Prices will go up soon, so don't miss out! Contact Ms. Shannon Welch for more information.

Lunch Applications - Parents can complete the online Free and Reduced lunch application by using this link <u>https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/food/free/</u> 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 <u>St. Johns County School District Code of Student Conduct</u> 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).

<u>PE Uniforms</u> - 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. <u>Please click the link here to purchase yours today!</u>

<u>Lockers</u> – 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.

<u>Student Clubs</u> – 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. <u>Click here to see what was available during the 2021-22 school year.</u>

<u>Schoology -</u>

- o Students who attended a St. Johns County School last year click here
- $\circ~$ 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 is available in the front office throughout the day.
- 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

<u>Toro Time</u> – 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.

News from The Nurse

Tabitha Danson - tabitha.danson@stjohns.k12.fl.us904-547-4292

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



School Counselor Updates

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 <u>kimberly.tabala@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u>
- Home Access Center (HAC), Registration Questions

 Marvin Jenkins 904) 547 4275
 <u>marvin.jenkins@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u>

Who is my Counselor?

- Elizabeth Wright 9th and 10th last names A-L
- Rachel Blount 9th and 10th last names M-Z
- D'Erica Gibbs 11th and 12th last names A-L
- Linda Smith 11th and 12th last names M-Z

elizabeth.wright@stjohns.k12.fl.us rachel.blount@stjohns.k12.fl.us derica.gibbs@stjohns.k12.fl.us 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: <u>https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/seniors/</u>

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





TCHS ACT/SAT Prep/Test Resources and Tutoring

Tocoi Creek High School families,

We are working hard to support our families this school year with additional resources. Our friends at Revolution Prep are offering a practice ACT to all TCHS families. Please see below...

Practice SAT and ACT Exams

This is a great chance to get started on your testing plan, or if you have already started, it will provide additional practice. Taking practice tests under timed conditions is essential to being ready for the official test. A proctored practice exam will help your child build testing endurance and give a real-time snapshot of testing performance.

ACT Practice Exam

When: Saturday, September 24, 2022 | 9:00 AM EDT

Where: Online

Register here: https://www.revolutionprep.com/partners/163618

Materials will be emailed to students 24 hours before the exam.

Every exam comes with a free 30-minute score report review with a Revolution Prep testing expert to assess specific strengths and areas of improvement. We highly recommend taking advantage of this opportunity. Schedule your consultation to review the score report with a dedicated Revolution Prep team member, who will help you interpret the results and develop a customized plan to prepare for the official exam. You can pre-schedule this Score Report Review here: www.revolutionprep.com/christina-brownell

Questions? If you have additional questions or want to learn more about Revolution Prep, you can reach out to Christina Brownell at (904) 862-2663 or by email at <u>christina.brownell@revolutionprep.com</u>.

Revolution Prep has a back to school resource guide for families:

https://www.revolutionprep.com/resources/back-to-school-resource-guide-for-parents/

Below are some upcoming free webinars hosted by Revolution Prep:

How Executive Functioning Skills Improve Grades and Lower Stress

In this free webinar, a Revolution Prep professional online tutor shares their executive functioning secrets that have helped struggling students become successful independent learners.

Register here: https://www.revolutionprep.com/partners/163618

Insider's Guide to College admissions

College admissions tests are important. They do more than just help your child get into college.

They can help your child win merit-based scholarships, and a good score never hurt anybody's college application. It can even be the deciding factor between being granted admission or not.

When we say "college admissions tests," we're not just talking SAT[®] and ACT[®]. AP[®] Exams and IB[®] tests are college admissions tests too!

In this free webinar, a Revolution Prep team member who's helped hundreds of high school students get into college shares insider tips and tricks and gives an overview of each test so you can develop a test-prep plan with your child.

Register here: https://www.revolutionprep.com/partners/163618

Senior Class Information

Senior Portraits

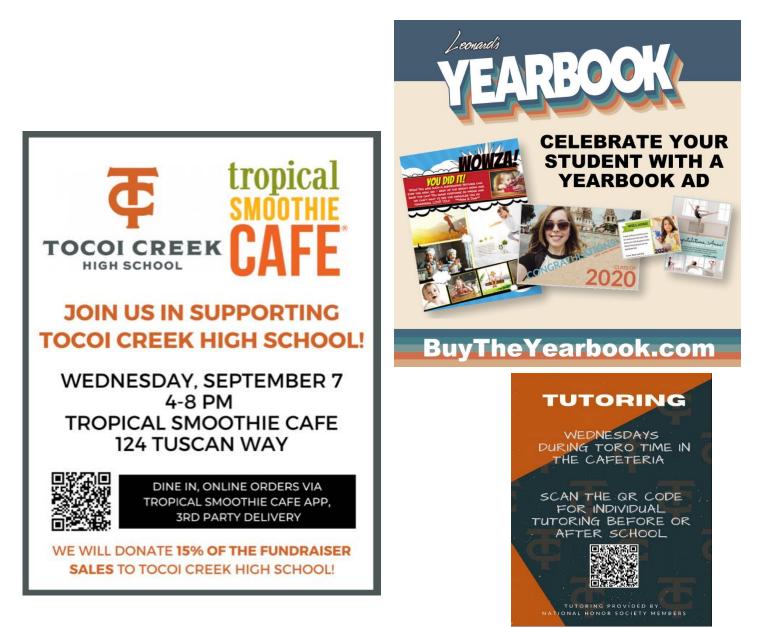
Seniors, please schedule your appointments at Leonard's Studios in either Jacksonville or St Augustine. The cost of the sitting is \$25, and only formal portraits taken by Leonard's may be used in the yearbook. The link to schedule at the studio is <u>www.leonards.com</u>. Appointments are available from 5-7 weekday evenings and 10-6 on Saturdays at both locations.

You MUST have your photo taken by Sept 19th to be included in the yearbook. For your convenience, a final formal only may be scheduled on the Tocoi Creek campus for Sept 16 between 9 and 3pm. Spots are limited, so please sign up now!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0548aaab2fa1fe3-tocoi

Senior Yearbook Information

The TCHS Yearbook is now accepting **SENIOR ADS** for our 1st ever graduating class! To purchase a senior ad and celebrate your graduate, please visit <u>https://buytheyearbook.com/.</u> Ads may be purchased until 12/1, but space is limited and may sell out prior to date. Please see flyer.





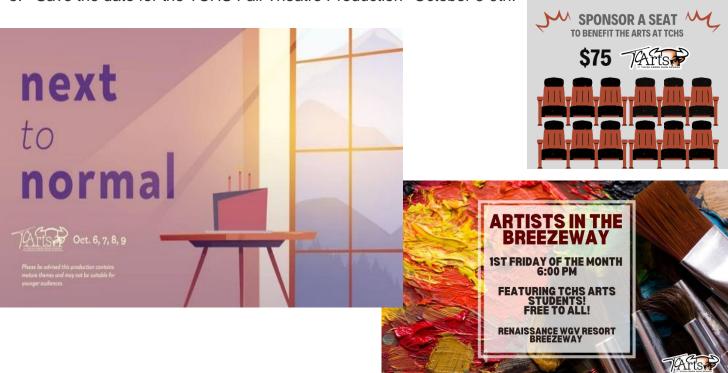
1. Please follow @OneToroArtsBoosters on Facebook!

2. Please join us in supporting the fine arts at Tocoi Creek High School. The vision of the One Toro Arts Booster Organization is to ensure that ALL students at Tocoi Creek High School benefit from the collaborative support of our parent, community, and booster organization. **Membership benefits includes two tickets to the All-Arts Showcase, two tickets to one theatre production of your choice and a TC arts car decal.** It's worth it to join just for those benefits! You can join the One Toro Arts Booster Organization at this link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f45a8a92daaf4c07-onetoro

3. Be a part of the new Tocoi Creek High School Auditorium by sponsoring a seat. For your \$75 per chair donation, your name or the name of someone you wish to honor/remember will be affixed to the arm of one of our auditorium seats with a gold tag. Your message can be printed up to 50 characters. Sponsor a seat at this

link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45A8A92DAAF4C07-sponsor

4. All are invited to our **September 2nd opening of the World Golf Village Renaissance Resort's 'Artists in the Breezeway' at 6:00pm. At 7:00pm enjoy a Friday Night Live entertainment show.** The September Art Show will feature artwork by 32 of our very own AP Drawing, 2D Art and Design students. This is a free show and there is free food, so please show your support by coming out the artwork and talking to our emerging artists. See you in the Breezeway, Horns Up!



5. Save the date for the TCHS Fall Theatre Production--October 6-9th!





Saturday, October 1. Tocoi Creek High School

The Toro Band will be hosting over 20 bands for the Inaugural Tocoi Creek Marching Invitational. Interested in sponsoring, donating or volunteering? Email torobandboosters@gmail.com.

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 <u>GoFan.co</u>*. 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

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Participation fees for Tocoi 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/A thletics-Participation-Fee-/Sb4rlRb



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

Official TCHS Spirit Store Launches

<u>Click HERE to Begin Shopping for your OFFICIAL Toro Gear!</u>

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 <u>904.388.8126</u>. You can also follow the prompt on each individual store with an e-mail contact

Driver Education Program Through the St. Johns County Tax Collectors Office

Phase I: Learner Permit Preparation (Taught at TCHS on selected mornings)

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. <u>Registration and Schedule</u>

Driving Track Day - <u>Registration and Schedule</u> Phase II: Behind the Wheel - Registration and Schedule

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact: Chris Keelin – Program Director SJCTC Driver Education Program <u>Email: driversed@sjctax.us</u> Phone: 904-209-2298

PTSO NEEDS YOU!

The PTSO is setting up a committee structure to help get done all that needs to get done to ensure that this school year is THE VERY BEST school year yet for all our kids, the teachers, and staff! Visit the <u>PTSO</u> Facebook page for more information and updates.

Each Committee will have Committee Members and Chair positions to lead. These Committees will ensure that each event/cause gets done timely and well because it will have the full and focused attention of the Committee.

If you are interested in being a Committee Member, please visit, <u>Click here to sign up for PTSOCommitteeMemberSignup</u>

If you are interested in leading and being a Committee Chair, please visit <u>Click here to sign up for PTSOCHAIR</u>

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.

