Toro Nation,



Looking for a test-prep resource that is flexible to your schedule? TCHS is hosting a FREE practice ACT online tomorrow through Revolution Prep. Registration closes soon, the assessment is given on-line and is provided at NO COST to all TCHS students. Please use the link below for registration and information for the event:

Saturday-Sept 24

ACT Practice Exam for TCHS - Online - Register Here - Free!

Congratulations to our 2022-23 National Honor Society inductees! Last week TCHS had the honor to induct 56 new NHS students to join our thriving chapter. The night was full of highlights from our fist year of honor society programming along with a wonderful reception with families and friends...Outstanding job new inductees!



Important Update from the Dean's Office

Social media can be a platform to share celebrations and positive content. Recently, we have seen a rise in students creating social media pages where the goal is to discriminate, demean, or harass other students on our campus. These pages have become a platform for students to interact in a negative way and are making a negative impact on the daily life of students, and more, the culture of our school. We want all families to be aware that students which are found to be held responsible for creation or are involved in participation on these negative platforms, will be disciplined based on the SJCSD Student Code of Conduct.

TCHS Employment Opportunities

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:

- English/ ESE Teacher (40% 11th Grade ELA and 60% ESE)
- Biology/Environmental Science 1 Offering
- English III 1 Offering
- ESE Paraprofessional (1 Offering base pay starting at \$15 per hour Oct 1 and full benefits)
- Custodial (5 full time offerings with base pay starting at \$15 per hour Oct 1 and full benefits)
- Substitutes Positions open daily for interested individuals (\$100 per day minimum)

ACT Non-College Reportable November 1st

This test is for 11^{th} and 12^{th} grade students who have not met the FSA Grade 10 ELA and/or the Algebra 1 EOC graduation requirement.

The ACT will be offered at Tocoi Creek on Tuesday, November 1st, 2022 to 11th and 12th grade students who have registered and paid.

The cost of the ACT exam is \$37.00. Payment can be made via **SchoolPay**.

Payment is due by Wednesday, October 12th at 11:59pm.

Students who participate in this ACT-NCR will be granted accommodations (extended time) in hopes that the extra time will give the student a better chance to acquire the necessary ACT English and Reading subset score of 18 (average of the subtests) to meet the FSA Grade 10 ELA graduation requirement and/or ACT Math subtest score of 16 to meet Algebra 1 EOC graduation requirement.

Because these accommodations are no officially approved by ACT, results earned during a non-college reportable ACT administration cannot be used for admissions or scholarship purposes. By submitting the payment to ACT-NCR, you are acknowledging that you understand these scores cannot be used for admissions and scholarship purposes.

If you have any questions regarding testing, you can contact our Testing Coordinator, Amanda.Lewis@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Toro Nation! Don't forget to sign up for a practice online ACT

Below is the information to register through Revolution Prep:

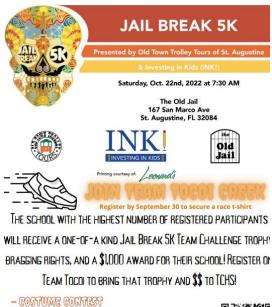
ACT Practice Exam

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

Where: Online

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

SENIORS! Are you stressed about college applications and financial aid? Attend one of our help sessions (flier attached to Bull Pen Email)



- FINISHER'S MEDAL FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS
- PRIZE FOR TOP 3 IN EACH AGE GROUP





Save the Date

• September 29th Yearbook Reduced Price \$75, 11/30- \$85, 2/14 - \$95, 2/15-Sold Out \$100

October 6th Senior Cap and Gown/Senior Dates Presentation during Toro Time

October 10th Picture Day – Grades 9-11

• October 12th PSAT (all 10th and only registered 9th and 11th)

SAT NCR (non-college reportable) for registered 12th grade only

October 28th Homecoming Game vs. Keystone

October 29th Homecoming Dance @ TCHS – Dean's Office Form Coming Soon

(Other High Sch and Out of High Sch up to 20yo will be allowed w/ form)

• November 1st ACT-Non College Reportable (11th and 12th Graders)

February 10th Spring Valentines Dance (Sadie Hawkins Style)

April 21st Senior/Junior Prom @ The Riverhouse in St. Augustine

May 23rd Graduation @ The Amp (St. Augustine Amphitheater) 7:00pm

Toro Week at a Glance

Monday – Sept 26 FSA Reading Retakes Tuesday- Sept 27 FSA Reading Retakes

Wednesday – Sept 28 Junior Ring Ceremony in Toro Time and FSA Reading Retakes

Thursday – Sept 29 Algebra 1 and Geometry EOC Retakes Friday – Sept 30 Algebra 1 and Geometry EOC Retakes

Athletic Week at a Glance

26	September, Monday	5:30 PM	Volleyball, Girls	JV	Crescent City	Tocoi Creek High School Gymnasium
26	September, Monday	6:30 PM	Volleyball, Girls	VR	Crescent City	Tocoi Creek High School Gymnasium
27	September, Tuesday	5:30 PM	Volleyball, Girls	JV	Atlantic Coast (Jacksonville)	Tocoi Creek High School Gymnasium
27	September, Tuesday	6:30 PM	Volleyball, Girls	VR	Atlantic Coast (Jacksonville)	Tocoi Creek High School Gymnasium
28	September, Wednesday	3:30 PM	Golf, Girls	VR	Palatka	
29	September, Thursday	3:45 PM	Golf, Boys	VR	Creekside (St. Johns)	St. Johns Golf and Country Club
29	September, Thursday	5:10 PM	Swimming, Girls	VR	Bartram Trail (St. Johns)	
29	September, Thursday	5:10 PM	Swimming, Boys	VR	Bartram Trail (St. Johns)	
29	September, Thursday	6:00 PM	Cheer, Fall	JV	Palatka	Toro Stadium
29	September, Thursday	6:00 PM	Football (11 man)	JV	Palatka	Toro Stadium
30	September, Friday	7:00 PM	Football (11 man)	VR	Palatka	Veterans Memorial Stadium
30	September, Friday	7:00 PM	Cheer, Fall	VR	Palatka	
1	October, Saturday	TBA	Cross Country, Boys	VR	TBA - Alligator Lake Invitational	
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School Counselor Updates

Upcoming College Visits and College News

UNF Mednexus Innovation Challenge Opportunity

This is the <u>second year that the University of North Florida has teamed up with the city of Palm Coast and Flagler Schools</u> to host the <u>Mednexus Innovation Challenge</u>, a team-based entrepreneurship competition showcasing to regional high school students tasked to pitch their solutions to Florida's evolving healthcare needs.

It's a unique educational opportunity for students to receive scholarship prize money, mentoring by top university faculty, and to practice formulating and sharing innovative solutions to real needs within Florida's First Coast. The selected competition theme will be focused on improving sleep quality for young adults and all selected participating teams will receive free fit bits. While this Challenge is being cohosted by Palm Coast and being held at their City Hall, this is a regional event and open to other high school students to participate. Last year, we had a team from Creekside High School place in the top three.

Please find additional details about the event attached and below. **Applications to participate are due October 2**!

Mednexus Innovation Challenge Website

2021 Challenge:

- https://youtu.be/dqTNjT0DQi4
- https://evolve-success.com/mednexus-innovation-challenge-offers-students-chance-to-shine/

College Visits

College	<u>Date</u>	Registration Deadline
Florida Southern College	9/26/22 10:00 AM	9/25/22
Andrew College	9/27/22 10:00 AM	9/26/22
Trinity Baptist College	9/29/22 10:00 AM	9/28/22
University of Florida	10/5/22 8:45 AM	10/4/22
First Coast Technical College	10/14/22 10:00 AM	10/13/22
Jacksonville University	10/24/22 10:00 AM	10/23/22

Sign up for visits by logging into Naviance (go to links for students, click on Naviance, use your school username and password), click on colleges, click on college visits, and then register for the visit that you want to attend. Check back regularly as new schools are scheduling each day!

Community Service

Looking for information on how to document community service hours? How about existing opportunities available for all students? Please click here for the most up to date information from our Student Services

Department. Horns Up!

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

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

Who is my Counselor?

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

ACT/SAT fee waivers

Students who participate in the free and/or reduced lunch program are eligible for a standardized test waiver. Please see your school counselor for additional information.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

First TCHS SAC Meeting – October 13th, 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

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 – ONLINE- AND FREE

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 christina.brownell@revolutionprep.com.

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

Revolution Prep is providing the following free webinars

- Internet Safety in the Distance Learning Era
- PSAT, Now What?
- Intro to the SAT
- Intro to the ACT
- How Executive Functioning Improves Grades & Lowers Stress
- Cost of College: Financial Aid & Planning
- Plus Many More

Time: Days and times will vary Location: Live online

Register Here: https://www.revolutionprep.com/webinars/ You will get a link the day of the webinar to use to sign in.





Senior Class Information

Senior Portraits

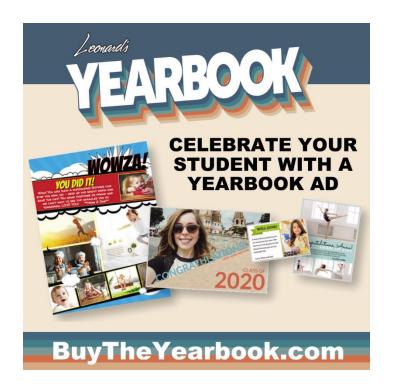
Seniors, please schedule your appointments at Leonard's Studios in either Jacksonville or St Augustine. The cost of the sitting is \$25, and only formal portraits taken by Leonard's may be used in the yearbook. The link to schedule at the studio is www.leonards.com. Appointments are available from 5-7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

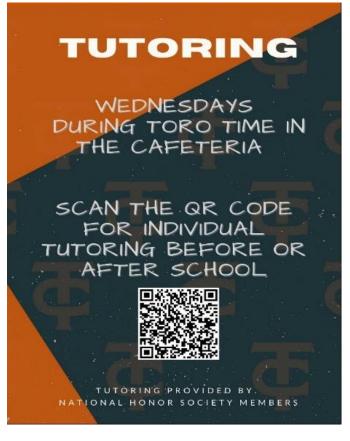
You MUST have your photo taken by Sept 19th to be included in the yearbook. For your convenience, a final formal only may be scheduled on the Tocoi Creek campus for Sept 16 between 9 and 3pm. Spots are limited, so please sign up now!

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 https://buytheyearbook.com/. Ads may be purchased until 12/1, but space is limited and may sell out prior to date. Please see flyer.









- 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

- <u>4</u>. Our musical theatre students will be presenting, Next to Normal, on October 6-9. This is a play about a suburban family trying to cope with an emerging crisis. We recommend this show for people high school aged and up. **Tickets are now on sale here**: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tocoi-creek-high-school-presents-next-to-normal-tickets-417907250837
- 5. We need your help to send the TCHS Marching Band to the Florida Marching Band Championships in Ft. Lauderdale this November! Please support the Toro Band by pledging a dollar amount for each time our fight song is played during the *Home Football game Vs. Ridgeview on September 16th*. We'll cap it at 30 plays! To pledge or make a flat donation, go to this link: https://forms.gle/QAy4PFccy88svJCd8

Interested in becoming a patron of the arts at TCHS? To find out how, please visit our Facebook page @OneToroArtsBoosters or email us at onetoroarts@gmail.com.







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 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.







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

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.

<u>Lunch Applications</u> - 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.

<u>Dress Code</u> – TCHS will follow the <u>St. Johns County School District Code of Student Conduct</u> for appropriate dress while at school.

<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>

Schoology -

- o Students who attended a St. Johns County School last year click here
- o 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.

<u>Digital ID</u> – Click here for directions on how to download and register your Digital Student ID

<u>Cafeteria</u> – <u>Click here for Food Services pricing lists and contact information</u>

<u>Absences and Early Dismissal</u> – <u>Click here -DIGITAL links to report absence OR to check out early.</u>

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 - <u>tabitha.danson@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> 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.

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. Registration and Schedule

Driving Track Day - Registration and Schedule

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

Email: driversed@sjctax.us Phone: 904-209-2298



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