

Toro Nation,

Today we celebrated our students who met the following benchmarks during the 2021-22 school year -earned an industry certification, passed a dual enrollment class, and/or passed an AP exam. A TREMENDOUS THANK YOU to our PTSO, families and one of our newest business partners – The Hippie Chix Frozen Treats for providing a wonderful lunch treat for our amazing Toros. As you may know, the PTSO is making Student Rewards a quarterly event for 2022-23! Each of the four quarters will be based on different things, not just grades, to make sure every one of our amazing students has an opportunity to earn a Student Reward!

Q2 will be based on Honor Roll and Reading/Math Achievements

Q3 will be based on Service Hours and Reading/Math Achievements

Q4 will be based on getting Honor Roll, Attendance and Reading/Math Achievements

Special thanks to all the parents who donated and volunteered to make Q1 special - it was a huge undertaking but very satisfying! As always, we appreciate your support & volunteerism in rewarding our students for their outstanding efforts!

Horns Up

Our Website ~ tocoicreektorosptso.com

Our FB Group ~ [tinyurl.com/HornsUpTocociFBGroup](https://www.facebook.com/tinyurl.com/HornsUpTocociFBGroup)

Our FB Page ~ [tinyurl.com/HornsUpTocociFBPage](https://www.facebook.com/tinyurl.com/HornsUpTocociFBPage)



Homecoming 2022

- Monday – Soccer Mom vs. BBQ Dad
- Tuesday – Country Vs. Country Club and TCHS Skit Night at Auditorium (\$3 at door or on-line)
- Wednesday – Anything But a Backpack Day – (nothing live, no elevator use, safe for busy halls)
- Thursday – Favorite Celebrity Dress-up Day
- Friday – Color Wars Spirit Day
- **Saturday - HoCo 2022** - Tickets are on sale through SchoolPay. Each student attending must have a ticket. Remember, to get a ticket for a guest (Non-TCHS high school students up to 20 years old), you must submit your form to the dean's office.
 - When – October 24th-29th
 - Who – ALL TOROS
 - Dance Ticket Link: <https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Homecoming-Tickets-2223/SKdStn>
 - Dance Volunteers Needed! [Click here to help](#)

TOYS FOR TOTS COMPETITION RUNS OCTOBER 25- DECEMBER 2

Help support Tocoi Creek's National Honor Society by donating a packaged unwrapped toy to the Toys for Tots program. Donation bins can be found in the main office and hub. For each toy donated students can earn a raffle ticket for gift card drawings. Thank you to the following businesses for supporting this cause: Edible Arrangements, BeautyMark, Café Cairano, Wawa, Pizza Hut, Orangetheory, St. Mary's Seafood, Jeremiah's Italian Ice, Ruby Tuesday, Willie Jewels, Taco Bell, Shell, China Sun, The Village Chiropractic, Blue Wave Nutrition, Gator's Dockside, Posh Nails, Coldstone Creamery, Dominoes, Hair Mechanix, Tropical Smoothie Café, Pirate Pizza, Dollar General, Simone's, and the new Publix store #1729.

Help us keep our trophy and honor of being the Toys for Tots High School Winner!

Save the Date

- November 1st ACT-Non College Reportable (11th and 12th Graders)
- November 12th Toro Invitational Band Competition *Date Change*
- November 14th Make-Up Picture Day
- November 30th [Yearbook Reduced Price - 11/30- \\$85, 2/14 - \\$95, 2/15-Sold Out \\$100](#)
- February 10th Spring Queen of Hearts Dance
- April 21st Senior/Junior Prom @ The Riverhouse in St. Augustine
- April 22nd Senior Grad Bash @ Universal Studios
- May 23rd Graduation @ The Amp (St. Augustine Amphitheater) 7:00pm

Toro Week at a Glance

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| Monday – Oct 24 | Soccer Mom or BBQ Dad |
| Tuesday- Oct 25 | Country or Country Club |
| Wednesday – Oct 26 | TCHS Skit Night (\$3 at the door or on-line) |
| Thursday – Oct 27 | Anything but a Backpack |
| Friday – Oct 28 | Senior Capsule Night 6-7pm |
| Saturday – Oct 29 th | Dress as Favorite Celebrity |
| | Color Wars Spirit Day – Kickoff at 7:00pm |
| | Homecoming Dance 7-9:30 pm |



Athletic Week at a Glance

ATHLETIC EVENTS, WEEK OF OCTOBER 24 – 29

Monday	10/24/2022	8:00 AM	Golf - Boys	Districts	Palatka Golf Club
Tuesday	10/25/2022	8:30 AM	Golf - Girls	Districts	Palatka Golf Club
Thursday	10/27/2022	9:00 warm-up / 10:00 AM	Swim & Dive	Districts	Eastside HS / Northeast Pool
Friday	10/28/2022	7:00 AM	Cross Country	Regionals	The Bolles School
Friday	10/28/2022	7:00 PM	Varsity Football	Keystone Heights	TCHS

TCHS HOME COMING
Showdown
October 29th 7pm-9:30pm

Dress Code:
Semi-Formal. Clear bags only
Please be in school dress code, no jeans, no costumes

Behavior Expectations:
The homecoming dance is seen as a reward event for students. Any student who receives an out of school suspension or two or more referrals, beginning on October 10th, will be ineligible to attend the homecoming dance. No ticket refunds will be issued.

Non-TCHS Student Guests:
No guest over the age of 20; no middle school students or younger; and no student currently suspended from any SJCSO school may attend. For the safety and security of TCHS students and guests, we require that all non-TCHS students attending register with the form available in the dean's office. Forms are due to office by October 21st.

How to buy a HoCo Ticket:
Tickets will go on sale through SchoolPay October 10th. Remember, in order to get a ticket for a guest, you must submit your form to the deans office. [Link: https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/tor/homecoming-tickets-2223/9698a](https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/tor/homecoming-tickets-2223/9698a)

Spirit Week:
Themes:
Monday: Soccer Mom vs. BBQ Dad
Tuesday: Country vs. Country Club **Tuesday PM:** Skit Night in Auditorium @ 7pm
Wednesday: Anything but a backpack (Rules: No live animals, must be able to bring up the stairs) **Wednesday PM:** Senior Capsule Night
Thursday: Celebrity
Friday: Spirit Day/Color War **There will be a pep rally & a modified schedule on Friday**
Game Theme: Rodeo

Homecoming Week Themes

10/24-10/28

Monday Soccer Mom vs. BBQ Dad	Tuesday Country vs. Country Club	Wednesday Anything but a backpack
Thursday Celebrity	Friday Spirit Day/Color War	

TCHS Employment Opportunities

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

- English/ ESE Teacher (40% 11th Grade ELA and 60% ESE)
- Spanish 1 – 1 Offering
- ESE Paraprofessional (1 Offering – base pay starting at \$15 per hour Oct 1 and full benefits)
- Custodial (3 full time offerings with base pay starting at \$15 per hour Oct 1 and full benefits)

School Counselor Updates

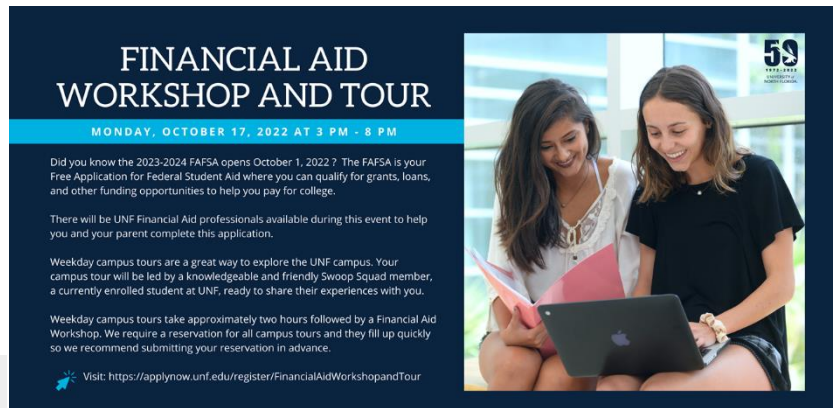
October is Financial Aid Month!

The Florida Financial Aid Application (also known as the Bright Futures application) and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) open on October 1st. Every senior is encouraged to complete both applications and the counseling office has set aside time to help students complete them. [Senior Help Flier](#)

Students DO NOT need to meet the requirements for Bright Futures prior to applying. Students have until the June ACT/SAT test dates to get the required test scores and until graduation day to meet the community service requirements; however, it is recommended to try and meet the requirements by the end of the first semester. You can learn more information here: [TCHS Bright Futures Webpage](#). In addition, students planning to enter the military or attend school out of state have 5 years to reinstate the scholarship if they decide to return to Florida to attend school IF they apply for the scholarship by graduation day. Instructions for completing the scholarship are available here: [Bright Futures Application Instructions](#)

If you are unable to attend the TCHS Parent Night to assist with FAFSA, please check out the other FAFSA resources that are available to help you here: <https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/seniors/> and here: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

Upcoming College Visits:



FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP AND TOUR
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022 AT 3 PM - 8 PM


Did you know the 2023-2024 FAFSA opens October 1, 2022? The FAFSA is your Free Application for Federal Student Aid where you can qualify for grants, loans, and other funding opportunities to help you pay for college.

There will be UNF Financial Aid professionals available during this event to help you and your parent complete this application.

Weekday campus tours are a great way to explore the UNF campus. Your campus tour will be led by a knowledgeable and friendly Swoop Squad member, a currently enrolled student at UNF, ready to share their experiences with you.

Weekday campus tours take approximately two hours followed by a Financial Aid Workshop. We require a reservation for all campus tours and they fill up quickly so we recommend submitting your reservation in advance.

Visit: <https://applynow.unf.edu/register/FinancialAidWorkshopandTour>



[Jacksonville University](#)

Mon October 24, 2022

10:00 AM

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
 - 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/>

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.

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.

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.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

Next TCHS SAC Meeting – November 10th , 8:10 am in Mr Cabrera’s Room Building 2

Want to get involved? Contact Mr. Joany Cabrera, SAC President, at Joany.cabrera@stjohns.k12.fl.us or 904-547-4260 ext. 8244

WEEK AT A GLANCE: TCHS CAREER ACADEMIES



Be sure to checkout the October edition of the [Academy Newsletter](#). Did you miss the September edition? You can find it [here](#) to see everything your students are working on in the career academy.

- October 19th- Mr. Maynard from the SJC Chamber of Commerce will be visiting classes to talk about local career opportunities related to our academies. If he won't be in your period, Toro Time is another chance to hear his presentation. Upperclassmen are strongly encouraged to attend and non-academy students are welcome to join the Toro Time presentation as well.
- October 26th- Project Innovation School Competition during Toro Time (invite only).
- October 29th- First Tech Challenge Robotics Meet

Happenings in The Hub

We have a new motivational reading activity occurring in The Hub for the month of October. See the details below. All staff and students are welcome to participate.

Thanks for encouraging your students to read!

\$15
New HUB Cup!!!
Comes with 5 free drinks



Get them while you can!

\$10
Original HUB Cup!!!
Comes with 5 free drinks



Trick or Treat
choose
SCARY or Sweet

- 1) Pick a slip from either the scary or sweet container.
- 2) Bring your slip to the checkout desk.
- 3) The book that goes with the slip will be checked out to you.
- 4) Read the book and fill out the Trick or Treat, Scary or Sweet form.
- 5) Bring the form to The Hub to receive a prize.
- 6) Repeat!

We have two different Hub cups for sale. The original Hub cup is \$10 and the new Hub cup is \$15 (cash only). Both come with 5 free drinks at the Hub coffee bar and refills are only \$1 after that. Get them while you can!

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...

Insider's Guide to College admissions

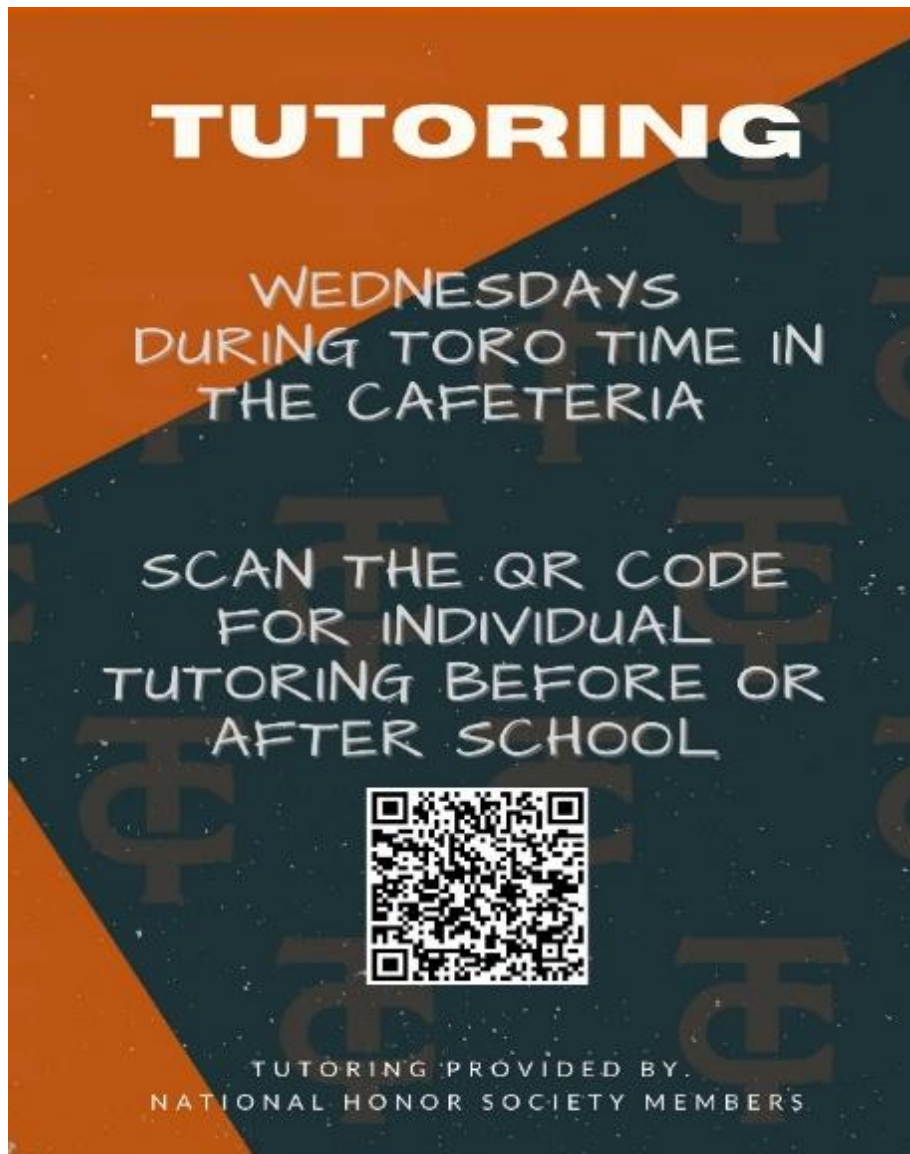
College admissions tests are important. They do more than just help your child get into college.

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>



TUTORING

WEDNESDAYS
DURING TORO TIME IN
THE CAFETERIA

SCAN THE QR CODE
FOR INDIVIDUAL
TUTORING BEFORE OR
AFTER SCHOOL



TUTORING PROVIDED BY
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS

**You're Invited to be an
Inaugural Member of the
Tocoi Creek High School PTSO**

Be a part of our first ever PTSO Membership Drive and help fund our initiatives for the 2022-2023 school year.

Will your business match your donation? Maybe your business can partner with the PTSO! Contact us at OneToroPTSO@gmail.com.

Payments are made through Square, please include your email address so you will get a receipt for your tax purposes, as the PTSO is now a 501c3.

FUND ALLOCATION

It is important to us that you know how this money will be spent. Funds are expected to be allocated in the following manner:

50% on Students

25% on Teacher & Staff Appreciation

15% on a special project, this year it is Operation Sunshade

10% as needed on the above categories

Horns Up!

TORO MEMBER \$25

Thank you for your support!



HERD MEMBER \$75

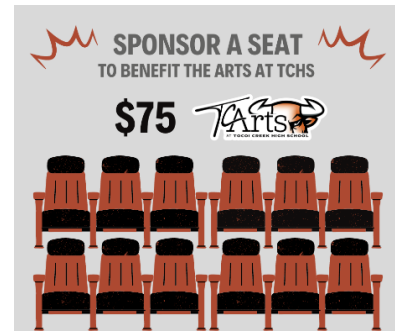
Thank you! This premium membership will include your family's name on a banner thanking you for your support.



MATADOR CIRCLE \$250+

Thank you! This premium membership will also include your family's name on a banner thanking you for your support. If you find yourself in a position to financially support the initiatives of the PTSO and help us take care of our students, teachers, and staff - please donate generously. The minimum donation is \$250 but you can add more to increase your support.





1. Please follow @OneToroArtsBoosters on Facebook!

2. Please join us in supporting the fine arts at Toco Creek High School. The vision of the One Toro Arts Booster Organization is to ensure that ALL students at Toco 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 Toco 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>

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.



Date Change

Saturday, November 12th. Toco Creek High School

The Toro Band will be hosting over 20 bands for the Inaugural Toco 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.

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)



VARSIY 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

[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

YEARBOOK SALES NOW OPEN! Last year we sold out of yearbooks, so make sure you get one early, and at the best price! Go to [Order a TCHS Yearbook](#) 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 <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.

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.](#)

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 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](#)

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.

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.

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](mailto:driversed@sjctax.us)

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

Letterman Jacket Ordering Season

Looking for that perfect holiday gift for your Toro? Look no further.....it is time to order your official TCHS Letterman Jacket from [The Sports Corner](#).



TOCOI CREEK HIGH SCHOOL LETTERMAN JACKET



PRICING	
LETTERMAN JACKET	\$180
ADD ONS	
1. LETTER	\$22
<i>*Letters are provided by the customer.*</i>	
2. NAME	\$12
3. SCHOOL LOGO	\$75
<i>*Each sport/club will be charged separately.*</i>	
4. SPORT/CLUB	\$12
5. NUMBER	\$15

The Sports Corner
CUSTOM APPAREL

Must cover inventory to purchase jacket.
2 Pacific Spring
St. Augustine, FL 32084

904-824-5818



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