Toro Nation,



We hope you and your Toro family weathered the storm well and your home was not affected by our most recent string of storms. Please review the information below to help support a Toro/Panther family in need as well as getting ready for Senior activities!

GoFundMe for the Fagan Family!

TCHS and Nease beloved Marine Science teaching family, Mr. and Mrs. Fagan are facing some tough times ahead as Mr. Fagan, who teaches at Tocoi, has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer and is on FMLA and the family is now dependent on Mrs. Fagan's income. Nease has created a Go Fund Me account to help them with all their medical bills and family needs to get through this difficult time. Here is the link if you would like to help support this beloved TCHS/Nease family. Mr. Fagan helped to open TCHS, loves teaching Earth/Space and Marine Biology and helped to coach our TCHS Toros to our first Golf District Championship. Mrs. Fagan has been teaching at Nease for 20 years and is the sponsor for Marathon High and has given so much of herself over the years to her students and the TCHS/Nease community. Let's unite and show them true TORO and PANTHER LOVE!

https://www.gofundme.com/f/85zfy6?member=22866287&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_source=customer

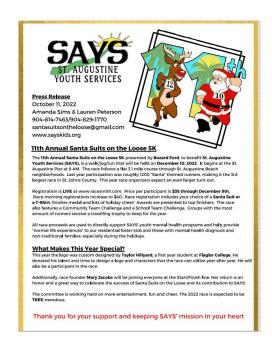
TCHS Toros Rock Northeast Florida Debate Tournament

The Civics and Debate Club attended their first Northeast Florida Tournament where they competed against 25 other schools, including SJCSD schools Nease and Bartram Trail. All three of our competitors took home a medal: Noah DeHaan- 3rd Place in Lincoln Douglas Debate, Arissa Latif- 1st Place in Informative Speaking, and Gracia Romaine- 2nd Place for Dramatic Performance.

Senior GradBash Announcement

GradBash is a special ticketed event for seniors that takes place at Universal Studios. Seniors cannot use an annual pass for access to this event or drive themselves. Seniors will depart Tocoi Creek during the afternoon on 4/22/23 and return at approximately 5 a.m. on 4/23/23. There are only **10** Grad Bash spots remaining. Email Ms. Welch at Shannon.welch@stjohns.k12.fl.us for the GradBash link once you have paid your Senior Dues. Once all the spots have been filled, we will start adding names to a waiting list in the event another student ends up not being able to attend.





Save the Date

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

December 8th Holiday All Arts Showcase – Auditorium

February 10th Spring Queen of Hearts Dance

March 3-4th Senior Camp-Out

• 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

Monday -Nov 14 Make-Up Picture Day – Classes called throughout the day

TCHS Hosts District Honor Chorus

Tuesday- Nov 15 Theater Parent Meeting @ 6 pm in Black Box Theater

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Wednesday – Nov 16 NHS Meeting in Auditorium Toro Time

Thursday – Nov 17 SAC Meeting @ 8:10AM in Mr. Cabrera's Room

2nd Quarter Interims Issued in HAC

Friday – Nov 18 Theatre – TCHS Hosts Regional One-Act

Bloodmobile On Campus

Saturday – Nov 19 Theatre- TCHS Hosts Regional One-Act

State Marching Band Competition

Robotics Club Competition

ATHLETICS WEATHER UPDATES

ALL ATHLETIC EVENTS
FOR THE WEEK ARE
CANCELLED OR
POSTPONED
BEGINNING
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9th
@ 2:50 PM



Any rescheduled events will be updated on the interactive calendar located at the bottom of the athletics web page: https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/athletics/

HORNS UP TOCO!!

TCHS Service Opportunities:

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 Nurtirition, 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!







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!

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)
- ESE Paraprofessional (1 Offering base pay starting at \$15 per hour and full benefits)
- Custodial (3 full time offerings with base pay starting at \$15 per hour and full benefits

School Counselor Updates

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 <u>senior</u> is encouraged to complete <u>both</u> applications and the counseling office has set aside time to help students complete them. <u>Senior Help Flier</u>

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

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 marvin.jenkins@stjohns.k12.fl.us

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
 derica.gibbs@stjohns.k12.fl.us
 linda.m.smith@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Senior Information:

Important Things to Do This Week

Visit the links on the Senior to do list to place your cap and gown order and pay your dues



.Scholarship search engines:

https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/?excmpid=vt-00061

https://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/

https://www.chegg.com/scholarships

https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships

https://www.fastweb.com/

https://www.raise.me/

https://www.goingmerry.com/

College Applications

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 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. **THERE ARE ONLY 18 SPOTS REMAINING!!!**

Senior Camp Out

Our Senior Camp Out on the courtyard turf is scheduled for March 3, 2023. Registration is NOW OPEN and will close on December 16th, 2022. We are looking forward to having our inaugural senior class be a part of this exciting and fun experience! This event aims to celebrate and energize our seniors as they head into the last grading quarter of their high school experience. Due to limited space, campsite spaces will be granted to the *first 100* eligible seniors who completes registration. For more information, check out: Senior Camp Out Registration and Permission Forms

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 <u>Joany.cabrera@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> or 904-547-4260 ext. 8244

TCHS Career Academies



WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Be sure to check out the November edition of the <u>Academy Newsletter</u> to see everything your students are working on in the career academies.

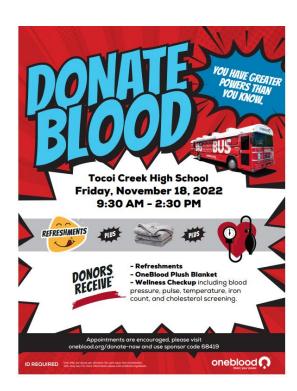
Congratulations to the following students who represented Tocoi Creek High School on Tuesday at the district Project Innovation Competition. From the Academy of Leadership in Emerging Technologies we had Colin Arsenault, Reed Smith, Anden Herman, and Jace Cox share their innovation The Integrated

Sprinkler. This group will be moving on and pitching their idea to investors at The Link on November 17th. From the Healthcare Academy we had Annika Emmert, Mauricio Gallardo Fuentes, Andre Suarez, Natalie Polleschultz, and Natalie Rodriguez share their adaptive glove project Helping Hands. Great job to both teams!

Upcoming Events:

- Nov 14th- Guest Speaker- Nova SouthEastern University- Healthcare Academy
- Nov 15th- AutoCAD retakes for Built Environment Students in Year 2
- Nov 16th Guest Speaker- Drones in Green Energy (Toro Time- Emerging Tech)
- Nov 17th NEFBA Apprenticeship Fall Expo (invite only)
- Nov 18th Blood Drive hosted by HOSA and the OneBlood Club
- Nov 19th- *First Tech Challenge* Robotics Competition





Happenings in The Hub



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

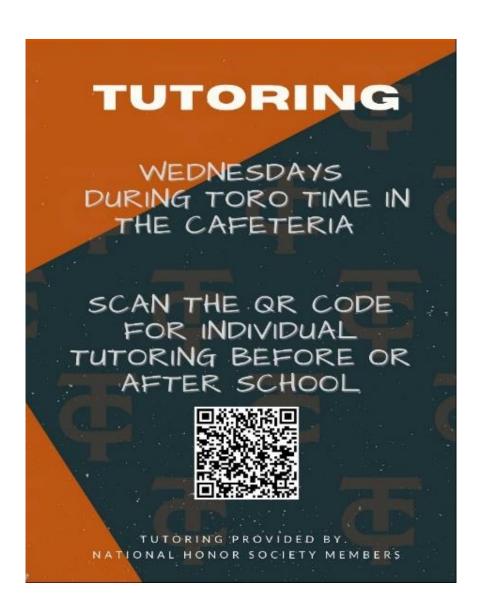
College admissions tests are important. They do more than just help your child get into college.

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



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 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.** <u>It's worth it to join just for those benefits!</u> 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

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. 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

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 at Shannon.Welch@stjohns.k12.fl.us

<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. Please click the link here to purchase yours today!

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

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.

<u>Athletic Game Passes</u> – <u>Click here to save money on bulk pass options for Toro Athletics</u>

<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.

<u>Driver Education Program Through the St. Johns County Tax</u> <u>Collectors Office</u>

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

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.





