

THE BULL PEN

Tocoi Creek High School Weekly Newsletter

OUR TRADITION STARTS HERE!

Dear Toro Nation,
Another great week at TCHS! Kudos to our Toro Chorus for their participation in the District Honor Chorus this past Monday and Tuesday! Best wishes to our Toro Marching Band, Thespians, and Winter Sports teams as we move into our mid-year activities!

2023-24 Dual Enrollment Announcement

Any student interested in taking Dual Enrollment for the 23-24 school year needs to attend Toro Time in the auditorium on November 30th

Tocoi Creek HS is searching for a Head and Assistant Girls' Lacrosse Coaches. If you have interest, please reach out to Jeff Holland at Jeff.Holland@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, there will not be a Bull Pen next week (Nov. 25th).

NEWSWORTHY EVENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LADY TOROS WEIGHTLIFTING TEAM IN THEIR DOMINATING VICTORY OVER NEASE ON TUESDAY NIGHT. THE FINAL SCORE WAS 103-70. WE HAD 9 LADIES TAKE 1ST PLACE LAST NIGHT: IZZY BERNAL, CLAUDIA HAAR, DHAMARA GUERRERO, DEIRDRE MCCARTHY, TATUM MCCOOL, EMMA REED, MARIELISA ORDONEZ, SAVANNAH REEVES, ANDEN IRYE JEFFERSON.

IMPORTANT DATES

TORO WEEK *at a Glance*

- Tues., Nov. 22nd- Band Concert @ 6PM in auditorium
Wed., Nov. 23rd- Fri. Nov. 25th -No School: Thanksgiving Holiday
Tues. Nov. 29th- Theater Parent Meeting @ 6PM
Wed., Nov. 30th- Dual Enrollment 23-24 Meeting during Toro Time
Fall Athletics Awards Night @ 6PM
Thurs., Dec. 1st- Early College Parent Night @ 6PM
Fri. Dec. 2nd- Artists in the Breezeway @ WGV
TCHS Hosts Thespian District Showcase
Sat., Dec 3rd- FL Civics and Debate Tournament @ Wolfson HS
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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
- **DECEMBER 12TH:** CLUB PICTURES
- **FEBRUARY 6TH:** HURRICANE NICOLE MAKE-UP DAY (NO LONGER TEACHER INSERVICE)
- **FEBRUARY 10TH:** SPRING QUEEN OF HEARTS DANCE
- **MARCH 3-4TH:** SENIOR CAMPOUT
- **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 ATHLETICS

at a Glance

- Monday, 11/21/22 @ 5:30/7:20PM Soccer- Girls vs Fleming Island@ TCHS
Monday, 11/21/22 @ 6/7:30PM Basketball- Boys vs Palatka @ TCHS
Tuesday, 11/22/22 @ 5:30/7:15PM Soccer-Boys vs Bishop Kenny @ Bishop Kenny
Tuesday, 11/22/22 @ 6/7:30PM Basketball- Girls vs Baker County @ Baker County
Monday, 11/29/22 @ 5:30/7:20 Soccer-Boys vs Orange Park @ Orange Park
Tuesday, 11/29/22 @ 5:30/7:20 Soccer-Boys vs Ponte Vedra @TCHS
Tuesday, 11/29/22 @ 5:30/7:20 Soccer-Girls vs Ponte Vedra @PVHS
Tuesday, 11/29/22 @ 6/7:30 PM Basketball- Girls vs Fletcher @ TCHS
Wednesday, 11/30 @ 4:30 PM Weightlifting- Girls vs. Menendez @ TCHS
Thursday, 12/1/22 @ 6/7:30PM Basketball-Boys vs Bishop Kenny @ TCHS
Thursday, 12/1/22 @ 6/7:30PM Basketball-Girls vs Bartram Trail @ BTCHS
Friday, 12/2/22 @ 5:30/7:20 Soccer-Girls vs Providence @ Providence HS
Friday, 12/2/22 @6/7:30PM Basketball- Girls vs Beachside @ TCHS
Saturday, 12/3/22 @ 10AM Wrestling Optimist Invitational @ Sandalwood High



“This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in.”

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Thankful Givings Donation Drive

This collection will benefit Hugs Across Saint Johns County and local students in need.

Items should be sealed, non-perishable, and enjoyable.

Canned goods: soups, ravioli, green beans, corn

Boxed goods: Mac & Cheese, cereal, mashed potato mix

Individually Wrapped Snack Foods: chips, trail mix, dried fruit, crackers, granola bars, Goldfish, Nutri Grain bars

Simple Meals: Ramen, rice, noodles

Full-sized bathroom products: shampoos, body washes, feminine products, towels

Please Drop-Off donations to the Front Office or Rooms 4-009, 4-034, 1-020.



Final Collection Date: Monday 11/21

TCHS SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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!

Help Tocol WIN the High School Toys for Tots Collection Competition!
October 25 - December 2
 Donate packaged toys to collection bins found in the Main Office or The Hub

Rules on Type of Toys:
 -Toys must be new and unwrapped
 -Clothing, food, and toy guns (including nerf guns) are not accepted

Each packaged toy donated gives you one entry into the drawings for prizes. Simone's will be catering lunch for the top donors.

Free Ticket:
 Come out on Dec 2 to the Home Basketball Opening Game and receive FREE Admittance when a toy is donated!

Logos for participating businesses: 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 Publix #1729.

TCHS National Honor Society would like to thank the following businesses for supporting the above 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.

GUIDANCE INFORMATION



Who is my counselor?

- Elizabeth Wright - 9th and 10th last names A-L
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- Rachel Blount - 9th and 10th last names M-Z
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- Linda Smith - 11th and 12th last names M-Z
linda.m.smith@stjohns.k12.fl.us

**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

kimberly.tabala@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Home Access Center (HAC), Registration Questions

o Marvin Jenkins - (904) 547 - 4275

marvin.jenkins@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Important Dates:

Nov. 30th- Dual Enrollment Interest Meeting during Toro
Time in the auditorium

March 29th- Technical College and Career Fair

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.

HELPFUL LINKS:

- [Bright Futures](#)
- [FAFSA](#)
- [ACT/SAT Test
Prep & Tutoring](#)

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

SENIOR INFORMATION

Senior To Do List



Order cap and gown

[Click Here](#)



Pay senior dues

[Click Here](#)

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 10 SPOTS REMAINING!!!**

GradBash

GradBash is a special ticketed event for seniors at Universal Studios. Seniors cannot use an annual pass for access to this event or drive themselves. All GradBash spots have been reserved, but we do offer a waiting list if spaces open up or a student who planned to go would like to sell their ticket. If we reach you on the waiting list, a senior sponsor will contact you with information on making a deposit, paying in full, or completing a transfer with another senior. You will have a limited amount of time to respond before we remove you from the waiting list and go to the next person on the list. You **MUST** have paid your senior dues to keep your spot in line on the waiting list.

[Click Here](#) to join the Waiting List.



Helpful Links for Seniors:

[FAFSA \(Financial Aid\)](#)

[Naviance Help](#)

[Senior Guidance Page](#)

[Senior Info on TCHS Webpage](#)

[Senior Dates/Deadlines](#)

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 (2 FULL TIME OFFERINGS WITH BASE PAY STARTING AT \$15 PER HOUR AND FULL BENEFITS)**
- **GIRL'S LACROSSE COACH (HEAD AND ASSISTANT)**



CAREER ACADEMIES
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TCHS CAREER ACADEMIES

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

Upcoming Events:

- **Nov 19th-** First Tech Challenge Robotics Competition
- **Nov 22nd** – Adobe Illustrator Retake Exams
- **Nov 29-** Field trip to SJR St. Augustine Campus- Healthcare (invite only)
- **Dec 6th-** AutoCAD and Premier Pro Retakes
- **Dec 7th-** Guest Speaker: Rulon (Emerging Tech & Built Environment)
- **Dec 10th-** First Tech Challenge Robotics Competition





SAC MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH @ 8:10AM
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

PARENT INVOLVEMENT



TOCOI CREEK
HIGH SCHOOL
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Interested in joining
or donating to PTSO?

- [Our Website](#)
- [Our FB Group](#)
- [Our FB Page](#)
- [Our Email](#)

Join the Athletics Booster to
help with:

- Facility improvement
Projects
- Fundraising
- Concession Stand
- Promoting the School

If interested, contact:

jeff.holland@stjohns.k12.fl.us



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](#) and follow us on Facebook @OneToroArtsBoosters

GENERAL SCHOOL INFO

UPCOMING TESTING DATES:

- Geometry, Biology & US History Retake Window: Nov. 29-Dec. 16
- Govt/Econ Final Exam: Dec. 13th and 15th
- ELA FAST Grade 10: Jan. 9th and 10th
- ELA FAST Grade 9: Jan. 12th and 13th

For more dates and info [click here!](#)



Helpful Links:

[TCHS Yearbook](#)

[Lunch Applications](#)

[SJCSD Dress Code](#)

[TCHS Clubs](#)

[Absences and Early Dismissal](#)

[Athletic Games Pass](#)

[Cafeteria](#)

[Schoolology](#)

Join the CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee for its 10th Annual CHARACTER COUNTS! 6K/3K Run/Walk on Saturday, February 4, 2023, at 9 a.m. and help us celebrate "10 Years Running!" The run/walk will begin and end at Palencia Elementary School, located at 355 Palencia Village Drive, St. Augustine.

Walkers and runners will enjoy a course running through the neighborhoods of Kensington and Las Calinas and can choose to participate in the 6K (3.73 miles) or 3K (1.86 miles) distance.

Registration fees are as follows:

6K: \$30 before January 1	\$35 January 1-February 2	\$40 on race day
3K: \$25 before January 1	\$30 January 1-February 2	\$35 on race day

Registration forms and more information are available online at

<https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/StAugustine/CHARACTERCOUNTSInStJohnsCountySixPillars6K3KRunWalk>

Race proceeds support CHARACTER COUNTS! initiatives throughout the St. Johns County School District (SJCS). The run/walk is open to all ages, and the top three winners will be awarded in each of the age categories as well as the overall male and female finishers. A cash donation will be awarded to the top three to five schools with the most registrants. In 2021, these schools were Otis A. Mason Elementary School, Pine Island Academy, Valley Ridge Academy, Ocean Palms Elementary School and Durbin Creek Elementary School. All racers registered by January 6 will receive a t-shirt and other giveaways from area businesses and organizations. At the finish line, each race participant will receive a finisher's medal.

This event is produced by the CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee and is presented by Beaver Toyota with support from businesses and community groups. Action News Jax CBS47/FOX30 is the official media sponsor of this run/walk.

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