THE BULL PEN

Tocoi Creek High School Weekly Newsletter

OUR TRADITION STARTS HERE!

Dear Toro Nation.

It is my pleasure to announce that the Senior Brick Courtyard is ready for installation! Thanks to our very own TCHS Academy of Innovation in the Built Environment, our courtyard will be installed by our students under the direction of local businesses and Mr. Argentina. The project is expected to take 4 weeks to complete once started. Any Toro community member who purchased a brick will be invited to help set their paver into the pattern.

We are also happy to announce that our TCHS PTSO will be starting a new brick fundraiser after the holiday break for any student/family that would like to add a personalized brick to our campus.

Thank you for your patience throughout this process and HORNS UP!



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Want to bring up your grade before the end of the quarter?

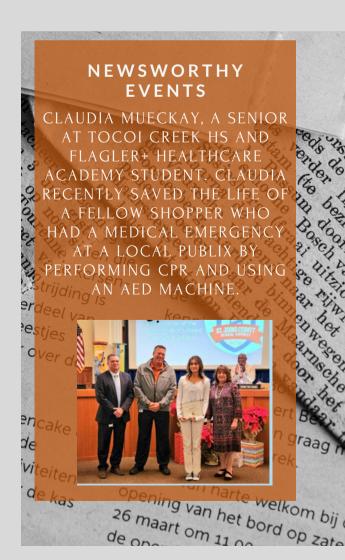
Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society) is offering free

Bring your schoolwork, test review, remediation, etc and get help!

Use the QR code below to sign up! Space is limited!!



Due to Winter Break, the next Bull Pen will be Friday, Jan. 6th.



IMPORTANT DATES



Tues., Dec. 20th- Army Nat'l Guard Visit during lunches

Wed., Dec. 21st- 2nd Quarter Ends

Pajama Day

Thurs., Dec. 22nd-Wed. Jan. 4th- No School- Winter Break

Thurs., Jan. 5th - Winter Play Rehearsal

Fri., Jan. 6th- Artists in the Breezeway @ WGV



SAVE THE DATE

• FEBRUARY 6TH: HURRICANE NICOLE MAKE-UP DAY (NO LONGER TEACHER INSERVICE)

• FEBRUARY 10TH: SPRING QUEEN OF HEARTS DANCE

• MARCH 3-4TH: SENIOR CAMPOUT

• MARCH 29TH: TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIR

• 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

Monday, 12/19/22 @ 5:30/7:30PM Soccer-Boys vs Flagler Palm Coast @ Flagler Palm Coast HS

Monday, 12/19/22 @ 5:30/7:20PM Soccer- Girls vs Creekside @ TCHS Tuesday, 12/20/22 @ 6/7PM Basketball- Girls vs Clay @ TCHS

Tuesday, 12/20/22 @ 6:30PM vs St. Augustine @ SAHS

Wed. 12/28/22-Fri., 12/30/22 @ TBA Basketball- Boys Jarvis Williams Tournament in Palatka

Tuesday, 1/3/23 @ 12 PM Wrestling FSHAA District Duals @ Union County HS

Thursday, 1/5/23 @ 6/7:30PM Basketball- Boys vs Beachside @TCHS

Thursday, 1/5/23 @ 6/7:30PM Basketball- Girls vs Fletcher @ Fletcher HS

Friday, 1/6/23 @ 5/8PM Basketball- Boys vs Nease @ TCHS

Friday, 1/6/23 @ 6:30 PM Basketball- Girls vs Nease @ TCHS

Friday, 1/6/23 @ 12PM Wrestling Yulee Battle of the Border @ Yulee HS

Saturday, 1/7/23 @ 8AM Wrestling Yulee Battle of the Border @ Yulee HS



ORDER A YEARBOOK!

THERE ARE STILL 200 COPIES
OF THE 2022-2023 TCHS
YEARBOOK LEFT! CLICK HERE
TO PURCHASE FOR \$95.
PRICE INCREASES TO \$100 ON
FEB. 15TH.

NEW GLUB!

Holocaust History Club is a new student club at TCHS that promotes Holocaust Awareness and fights against Antisemitism. The primary purpose of this club is to enrich student's knowledge of the event, as well as to raise money for a yearly trip to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. After Winter Break, this club will meet weekly with Mr. Lankford in Rm 04-215 on Thursdays at 8:45 AM. Any student looking to join can contact Mr. Lankford at jake.lankford@stjohns.k12.fl.us

FREE TUTORING!!



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Technical College and Career Fair:

Tocoi Creek High School is hosting our first Technical College and Career Fair on March 29th from 9:20-2:50, and we are hoping that you are interested in participating. Our goal is to showcase careers for our traditionally non-college bound students. We would like to highlight Associate Degrees, Technical Certificates, Workforce Certificates, Apprenticeship Programs, careers that do not require a college degree, etc. We will run large groups of targeted students through the fair to meet with you and make it worth your while.

If you are a parent who is part of a program that would be interested in coming, please complete this survey link so that we can plan for you: Registration Link

As we get closer to the event, we will send out additional details for those that would like to attend the event as participants and vendors. Please make sure that any vendors who needs this information gets on the mailing list by completing the link above. St. Johns County School District requires that anyone on our campus during school hours complete a background check for the safety and security of our students. Anyone that plans to attend our Technical College and Career Fair should complete an <u>application</u>



INFO Session

HOW TO ATTEND COLLEGE
WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL
AND GAIN INDUSTRY
CERTIFICATIONS

for High School

Dual Enrollment, Secondary Electives
and Early Career

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023

AT 6 PM

CULINARY THEATRE BUILDING C

LEARN HOW TO APPLY
MEET OUR STAFF
VISIT YOUR CHOSEN PROGRAM

RSVP not required

FOR MORE INFO RECRUITER@FCTC.EDU



reduced lunch program are eligible for a standardized test waiver. Please see your school counselor for additional information.

Students who participate in the free and/or

HELPFUL LINKS:

- Bright Futures
- FAFSA
- ACT/SAT Test Prep & Tutoring
- Dual Enrollment

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

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

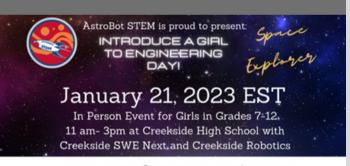


Academy of Future Healthcare Professionals:

Are you interested in a job shadow at Nemours on March 10th? Complete the survey in the Schoology group to let Mrs.

Tavill know. Please be aware that you'll have to attend a paperwork completion session during the week of January 9-13 and that Nemours requires proof of COVID vaccination to attend this opportunity.

Please complete the survey no later than January 6th to be considered.



www.astrobotstem.org/events

AstroBot STEM Event Partners





AstroBot STEM Sponsors







Be sure to check out the new December edition of the <u>Academy Newsletter</u> to see everything your students are working on in the career academies. Important dates for joining a career academy (current and rising 9th graders) are included.

TCHS CAREER ACADEMIES

Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 5th- Academy Application window opens in HAC
- Jan. 11- Guest Speakers for Emerging Tech and Future Healthcare Professionals during Toro Time. Learn about apprenticeship opportunities (E. Tech) and the SJCFR Ride Along program (FHP).
- Jan. 13- Dr. Ansaari- Guest Speaker Healthcare Academy
- Jan. 14- First Tech Challenge Robotics Meet
- Jan. 18th- TCHS Academy Night (open-house for current and rising 9th graders)
- Jan. 31st- Academy Application window closes in HAC at 5pm



SENIOR INFORMATION

Attention SENIORS: spots are filling up for senior campout! This event is only open to the 1st 100 seniors, so move fast and get registered before spots run out. See Mr. Cabrera (2-017) for forms and event information.



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)
 - **ECONOMICS TEACHER**
- ESE PARAPROFESSIONAL (1 OFFERING BASE PAY STARTING AT \$15 PER HOUR AND FULL BENEFITS)
- CUSTODIAL (1 FULL TIME OFFERINGS WITH BASE PAY STARTING AT \$15 PER HOUR AND FULL BENEFITS)

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SNOW MANY BOOKS Instructions

- Pick a wrapped book based on the clues.
- Bring your wrapped book to the checkout desk.
- 3. The book will be checked out to you and you will get a rating form.
- 4. Unwrap the book to see what awesome title you got.
 - 5. Read the book.
- 6. Fill out the rating form and return it for a prize.
 - 7. Repeat as many times as you'd like!

We have a new motivational reading activity taking place for the next few weeks in The Hub called "Snow Many Books." All students and staff are encouraged to participate!





UPCOMING TESTING DATES:

- ELA FAST Grade 10: Jan. 9th and 10th
- ELA FAST Grade 9: Jan. 12th and 13th
- FAST Make-Ups: Jan. 17th-20th

For more testing dates click here!

For more info on FAST Testing Click Here!



Helpful Links:

TCHS Yearbook

Lunch Applications

SJCSD Dress Code

TCHS Clubs

Absences and Early Dismissal

Athletic Games Pass

<u>Cafeteria</u>

<u>Schoology</u>



SAC MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12TH @ 8:10AM IN MR. CABRERA'S ROOM, BUIDLING 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



Join the Athletics Booster to hep 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



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!

"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



