

# THE BULL PEN

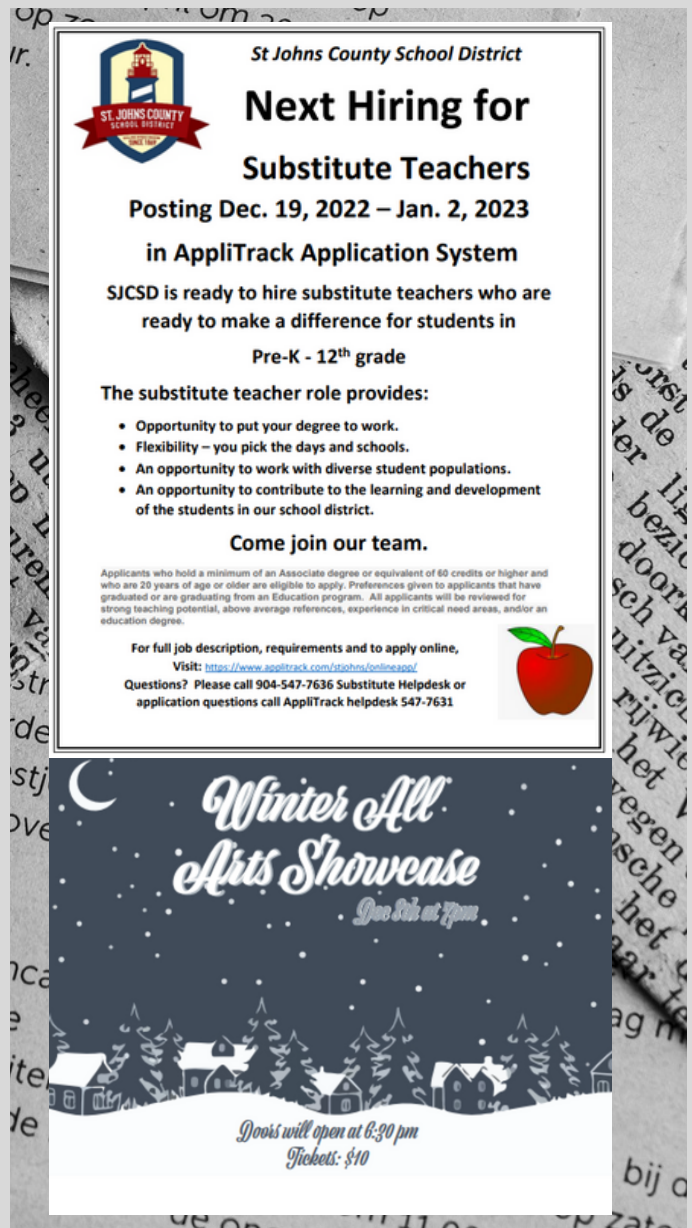
## OUR TRADITION STARTS HERE!

Dear Toro Nation,

I would like to thank all our parent volunteers, new substitutes to TCHS and our community members who have been stepping forward to help our Toros with class coverage, supervision and program support! Today, a local business donated \$350 to purchase our teachers/staff some coffee and treats as a "Thank You", selfless acts like these are one of the reasons that make our TCHS community so special!

As you are aware, TCHS and surround schools are experiencing teacher and substitute staffing shortages. Attached to this newsletter is a posting for another wave of substitutes, your assistance in passing this information forward would be greatly appreciated! In the interim, please know that the faculty, staff, and administration are doing everything in our power to provide consistent coverage and viable applicants for our Toros. While these times may be challenging, nothing we are facing is impossible and we will continue to offer; before/after school programming, Toro Time remediation, free tutoring through National Honor Society or ESE. In addition, your student will continue to receive attention and support from the admin teams to ensure our Toros have a positive day. Like most of our families who own or work for local businesses, staffing challenges are part of our current reality. We will continue to meet these daily challenges and seek every possible solution to support our students, staff members, and families.... this remains, and will continue, to be our CORE function.

Sincerely and Horns UP!,  
Jay Willets



**St Johns County School District**

### Next Hiring for Substitute Teachers

**Posting Dec. 19, 2022 – Jan. 2, 2023**  
**in AppliTrack Application System**

**SJCS is ready to hire substitute teachers who are  
ready to make a difference for students in**  
**Pre-K - 12<sup>th</sup> grade**

**The substitute teacher role provides:**

- Opportunity to put your degree to work.
- Flexibility – you pick the days and schools.
- An opportunity to work with diverse student populations.
- An opportunity to contribute to the learning and development of the students in our school district.

**Come join our team.**

Applicants who hold a minimum of an Associate degree or equivalent of 60 credits or higher and who are 20 years of age or older are eligible to apply. Preferences given to applicants that have graduated or are graduating from an Education program. All applicants will be reviewed for strong teaching potential, above average references, experience in critical need areas, and/or an education degree.

**For full job description, requirements and to apply online,  
Visit: <https://www.appli-track.com/stjohns/onlineapp/>**  
**Questions? Please call 904-547-7636 Substitute Helpdesk or  
application questions call AppliTrack helpdesk 547-7631**

**Winter All Arts Showcase**  
*Doors 6:30 at 7pm*

*Doors will open at 6:30 pm*  
*Tickets: \$10*

# IMPORTANT DATES

## TORO WEEK

*at a Glance*

- Mon., Dec. 5th- Middle School Blitz @ Pacetti Bay
- Tues., Dec. 6th- Sparklers Cheer Practice @ 4PM
- Wed., Dec. 7th- NHS Meeting @ 8:30AM
- Thurs., Dec. 8th- SAC Meeting @ 8:10AM  
Winter All Arts Showcase @ 6PM
- Fri., Dec. 9th- Character Chats

## SAVE THE DATE

- **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, 12/5/22 @ 6/7:30PM Basketball- Boys vs Fernandina Beach @ FBHS
- Tuesday, 12/6/22 @ 5:30/7:20PM Soccer-Girls vs Bolles @ Bolles
- Tuesday, 12/6/22 @ 6/7:30PM Basketball- Girls vs Matanzas @ TCHS
- Tuesday, 12/6/22 @ 6/7:30 PM Basketball- Boys vs Beachside @ Liberty Pines
- Wednesday, 12/7/22 @ 5 PM Weightlifting- Girls vs. Matanzas @ Matanzas HS
- Wednesday, 12/7/22 @ 5:30/7PM Basketball- Girls vs. Flagler Palm Coast @ FPCHS
- Thursday, 12/8/22 @ 6/7:30 Soccer-Girls vs Flagler Palm Coast @ Flagler Palm Coast HS
- Thursday, 12/8/22 @ 6/7:30PM Basketball-Boys vs Creekside @ CHS
- Thursday, 12/8/22 @ 6:30PM Wrestling vs Pedro Menendez @ PMHS
- Friday, 12/9/22 @ 7:30PM Basketball-Girls vs Atlantic @ Atlantic HS
- Friday, 12/9/22 @ 7:30PM Basketball- Boys vs St. Johns Country Day @ TCHS
- Friday, 12/9/22 @ 12PM Wrestling- Kiwanis Tournament @ Bishop Snyder HS
- Saturday, 12/10/22 @ 8AM Wrestling- Kiwanis Tournament @ Bishop Snyder HS
- Saturday, 12/10/22 @ 6PM Wrestling-Ponte Vedra Girls IBT @ PVHS



## STUDENT LIFE

Ms. Beland's Marine Science class dissected starfish on Thursday, December 1st. A group of student even made t-shirts to commemorate the event! See pictures below of students in action!



INTERESTED IN  
PLAYING SOFTBALL?

THERE WILL BE AN  
INFORMATIONAL MEETING  
IN ROOM 4-206 DURING  
TORO TIME ON WEDNESDAY  
12/7

\*IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND, PLEASE SEE  
COACH CASSANO\*





# GUIDANCE INFORMATION



## Who is my counselor?

- Elizabeth Wright - 9th and 10th last names A-L  
[elizabeth.wright@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:elizabeth.wright@stjohns.k12.fl.us)
- Rachel Blount - 9th and 10th last names M-Z  
[rachel.blount@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:rachel.blount@stjohns.k12.fl.us)
- D'Erica Gibbs - 11th and 12th last names A-L  
[derica.gibbs@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:derica.gibbs@stjohns.k12.fl.us)
- Linda Smith - 11th and 12th last names M-Z  
[linda.m.smith@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto: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](mailto:kimberly.tabala@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

***Home Access Center (HAC), Registration Questions***

o Marvin Jenkins - (904) 547 - 4275

[marvin.jenkins@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:marvin.jenkins@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

## Important Dates:

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](mailto: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**  
— of St Johns —  
Experience. The Difference.

Be sure to check out the new December edition of the Academy Newsletter 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:**

- **Dec 6th-** AutoCAD and Premier Pro Retakes
- **Dec 7th-** Guest Speaker: Rulon (Emerging Tech & Built Environment)
- **Dec 10th-** First Tech Challenge Robotics Competition
- **Dec 14th-** High School Showcase at WGV Renaissance 3:30-7:30pm.
  - Come and see all of the SJCS D Career Academies in one place at one time. Current 8th and 9th grade students are eligible to apply for Career Academies and Programs of Choice.
- **Dec 16th-** EKG Certification exam (EKG seniors only)
- **Jan 5th-** Academy Application window opens in HAC
- **Jan 18th-** TCHS Academy Night (open-house for current and rising 9th graders)
- **Jan 31st-** Academy Application window closes in HAC at 5pm



# 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







## 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](mailto:Joany.cabrera@stjohns.k12.fl.us) or  
904-547-4260 ext. 8244

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT



**TOCOI CREEK**  
HIGH SCHOOL  
**PTSO**

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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CHARACTER  
COUNTS!**



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