

THE BULL PEN

OUR TRADITION STARTS HERE!

Dear Toro Nation,

A full week of arts, athletics and academic programming at TCHS! Help our PTSO meet their goals in supporting our teachers and staff members...see how you can help below!

PTSO Funding Request

PTSO wants to make the Holiday Season brighter for our teachers and staff!

Click here to donate (click "+" until you reach your desired amount) **OR** have your child drop off a \$20 gift card (generic or for any store) to the Front Desk. Donations must be received by Mon, 12/12/22 so that they can be given to staff by 12/16.

Thank you and Happy Holidays-

TCHS PTSO



NEWSWORTHY EVENTS

TCHS hosted a thespian competition last weekend where we earned 22 Superior Ratings. We also had a few student standouts:

- Gracia Romaine & Kai Fuata- 3rd Overall & Critics Choice for Duet Acting
- Shea Meyer & Kai Fuata- scholarship winners
- Ava Marini- Critic's Choice Runner Up for Solo Musical.

Our Debate Team also brought home some wins at the Wolfson HS FCDI Tournament:

- Shreya Singh- 1st in Oral Interpretation
- Arissa Latif- 2nd in Congressional Debate

IMPORTANT DATES

TORO WEEK *at a Glance*

- Mon., Dec. 12th-** PTSO Board Meeting 8AM
Club Picture Day
- Tues., Dec. 13th-** American Gov't District Final Exam
- Wed., Dec. 14th-** Career Academy Showcase @ WGV
- Thurs., Dec. 15th-** Economics District Final Exam
Winter Chorus Concert @ 6:30PM
- Fri., Dec. 16th-** Senior Snack (Cookies & Cocoa) during lunch
10th Grade Holiday Movie Night

SAVE THE DATE

- **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
- **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 *at a Glance*

- Monday, 12/12/22 @ 5:30/7:20PM Soccer-Boys vs Sandalwood@ TCHS
- Monday, 12/12/22 @ 6PM Basketball- Girls vs Trinity Christian @ TCHS
- Tuesday, 12/13/22 @ 5:30/7:20PM Soccer- Girls vs Bartram Trail@ BTHS
- Tuesday, 12/13/22 @ 6/7:30PM Basketball- Boys vs Ponte Vedra @ TCHS
- Wednesday, 12/14/22 @ 4PM Weightlifting- Girls St Johns County Meet @ SAHS
- Wednesday, 12/14/22 @ 5:30/7:20PM Soccer- Boys vs. Nease @ NHS
- Thursday, 12/15/22 @ 5:30/7:20PM Soccer-Girls vs Mandarin @ TCHS
- Friday, 12/16/22 @ 5:30PM Basketball-Girls vs Vero Beach @ Vero Beach HS
- Friday, 12/16/22 @ 7:00PM Basketball- Boys vs Vero Beach @ Vero Beach HS
- Saturday, 12/17/22 @ 3:30PM Basketball-Boys vs Sebastian River @ Sebastian River HS
- Saturday, 12/17/22 @ TBA Basketball-Girls vs Sebastian River @ Sebastian River HS
- Saturday, 12/17/22 @ 10AM Wrestling St Johns Super 8 @ CHS
- Saturday, 12/17/22 @ 10:30AM Wrestling-Girls Freedom High School IBT @ Freedom HS

GUIDANCE INFORMATION

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 [application](#)

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](#)
- [Dual Enrollment](#)

Catching Up in Math: 6 Steps for Closing the Learning Gap

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

at 5:00 PM (PT), 8:00 PM (ET)

Is your child struggling with math? If so, you're not alone. According to the most recent National Assessment of Educational Progress report, students are showing the largest decline ever in math scores. The good news is that research also shows that direct intervention can help students catch up.

In this webinar, learn what you can do to help your child close the math learning gap:

- How to identify a math learning gap, including a learning loss parent questionnaire
- Evidence-based approach to closing the math learning gap
- What successful intervention looks like and the 6 steps to get there

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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



STUDENT LIFE

*Get Your
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.

happenings at THE HUB

SNOW MANY BOOKS Instructions

1. Pick a wrapped book based on the clues.
2. Bring your wrapped book to the check-out 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!



SENIOR 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](#)

Senior To Do List

Order cap and gown

[Click Here](#)

Pay senior dues

[Click Here](#)

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**
- **ENGLISH (9TH GRADE ELA)**
- **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)**



CAREER ACADEMIES
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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 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

GENERAL SCHOOL INFO

UPCOMING TESTING DATES:

- Algebra 1 EOC Make-Up: Dec. 12th-15th
- American Gov't Final Exam: Dec. 13th
 - 1st-3rd Periods-9:20am
 - 4th-6th Periods- 1:25pm
- Econ Final Exam: Dec. 15th
 - 1st-3rd Periods-9:20am
 - 4th-6th Periods- 1:25pm
- 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](#)

[Cafeteria](#)

[Schoolology](#)



SAC MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12TH @ 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



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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 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](#) 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



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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