THE BULL PEN

Tocoi Creek High School Weekly Newsletter

OUR TRADITION STARTS HERE!

Toro Nation,

Celebrate Literacy Week was filled with fun and excitement for our students and staff! There were "Thing 1s & 2s," Gryffindor's & Hufflepuff's, Atticus Finch's, our favorite DC & Marvel heroes (and villains), and many rockers walking our campus this week to celebrate the many great literary works that we all have come to know and love. We want to send a special thank you to our ELA & "Hub" teams who organized the week.

Course registrations for the 2023-2024 are in full swing and our school counselors are meeting with each and every student to build their individualized schedule for next school year. Students will meet with their counselor during their ELA class; please talk with your student prior to their registration appointment so they are prepared to discuss their course requests. Counselors are hard at work and may have delayed responses to emails and calls as they meet with your student(s), we sincerely appreciate your patience and support.

Next week is a BIG week for the class of 2023! Please see the "Seniors Only!" page on our website, as well as the "Important Dates" in this week's bullpen for critical information. We cannot wait to celebrate each of our seniors, while enjoying each moment of this exciting season!

Horns Up... T.O.C.O.I!

4 50 april om 20.00 n op zondagi NEWSWORTHY **EVENTS** STUDENTS IN HOSA PARTICIPATED IN THE REGIONAL COMPETITION THIS PAST SATURDAY. TCHS WILL BE ADVANCING 9 PARTICIPANTS TO THE STATE LEVEL COMPETITION IN APRIL! NATALIE RODRIGUEZ, 2ND: HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT ISABELLA ROBBINS, 5TH: MEDICAL LAW AND ETHICS KEVIN ANDREW, 2ND: NUTRITION ELENA SANDOVAL, 3RD: PATHOPHYSIOLOGY SCIENCE RJUN POLATY, 2ND: DENTAL SCIENC VICTORIA CROSBY, 1ST: MEDICAL esi VIDHARTHI JAGADISH KUMAR, 1ST: PREPARED SPEAKING ARISSA LATIF, 3RD: PERPARED SHREYA SINGH, 1ST: PHARMACY SCIENCE ALYSSA SEAMAN AND ELENA SANDOVAL, 4TH: CPR/ FIRST AID COLE KLEIN, 4TH: JOB SEEKING SKILLS

IMPORTANT DATES



SAVE THE DATE

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

FEBRUARY 8TH: JUNIOR CLASS RING CEREMONY @ 6PM
 FEBRUARY 10TH: SPRING QUEEN OF HEARTS DANCE
 FEBRUARY 17TH: POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL GAME

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

Monday, 1/30/23 @ 6/7:30PM Basketball-Boys vs Temple Christian @ TCHS Tuesday, 1/3123 @ 6/7:30PM Basketball- Boys vs Fernandina Beach @ TCHS Tuesday, 1/31/23 @ 7M Basketball- Girls District Final @ TCHS Thursday, 2/2/23 @ 6PM Basketball- Boys vs Seacoast HS @ TCHS Friday, 2/3/23 @ 12PM Wrestling-Clay Rotary Boys and Girls IBT @ Clay HS Saturday, 2/4/23 @ 8AM Wrestling-Clay Rotary Boys and Girls IBT @ Clay HS



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

virtual info session

2023
Dual &

Dual & Secondary Enrollment

Log on to learn about hands-on programs & how to apply for credits and certifications...it's simple.

Thursday, February 9th at 6 PM



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.

Upcoming College Visits:

- Tuesday, Jan. 31st @ 8:45am The University of Alabama
- Wednesday, Feb. 1st @ 10AM-Palm Beach Atlantic University
- Tuesday, Feb. 21st @ 8:45am Valdosta State University
- Tuesday, Feb. 21st @10am Nova Southeastern University
- Wednesday, March 8th @
 8:45am Saint Leo University

If interested in any of these visits sign up in the Guidance office

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

Home Access Center (HAC), Registration Questions o <u>Marvin Jenkins</u> – (904) 547 – 4275

Who is my counselor?

<u>Elizabeth Wright</u> - 9th and 10th last names A-L <u>Rachel Blount</u> - 9th and 10th last names M-Z <u>D'Erica Gibbs</u> - 11th and 12th last names A-L <u>Linda Smith</u> - 11th and 12th last names M-Z



SENIOR CHECKLIST:



It's an exciting time for seniors! Applications should be submitted and decisions rolling in. Now is the time to enjoy the fruits of your labor and make sure all of the boxes are checked before graduation.

- College Admissions
 - Set up school based portal and confirm that all documents were received.
 - Receive admissions decision.
 - Follow enrollment steps (pay admissions deposit, submit residency documentation, signup for housing, meal plans, orientation, etc.)
- Apply for Financial Aid
 - Complete the FAFSA
- Apply for Bright Futures
 - Confirm that community service hours have been turned in to school counselor.
 - Send SAT/ACT scores to a Florida State University



Seniors:

- Bright Futures
- <u>FAFSA</u> (Financial Aid)
- Naviance Help

Juniors:

- ACT Test Prep
- FAFSA (Financial ACT Practice Test
 - ACT Phone App
 - SAT Practice
 - ACT/SAT Practice

JUNIORS:

The spring of junior year is one of the most critical in the college application process. Here are some things that you should be checking off your list:

- Take the ACT and/or SAT (All juniors will automatically be registered to take the ACT on March 28th at TCHS)
- Complete the "Find your Fit" activity in Naviance to narrow down your college list.
- Schedule college visits at schools that you are interested in.
- Finish junior year strong and select rigorous courses for senior year.

ALL GRADES:

Make your plans with our helpful step by step <u>Academic</u> <u>Handbook</u>

How to choose ACT or SAT?
How to Register?
Information on pages 11 & 12
of the <u>Academic Handbook</u>

Appointment with Guidance Links:

Rachel Blount

<u>D'Erica Gibbs</u>

Linda Smith

Elizabeth Wright





Don't let finances be a barrier!

Each year, millions of financial aid dollars go unclaimed. This event provides qualified students with assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is the first and most important step in applying for financial aid.

Potential students who intend to enroll in college during the 2023-24 academic year can increase their chances of receiving financial aid by applying early and meeting deadlines.

Join us to receive personalized assistance!

Monday, February 6

Palatka Campus Viking Center 6 - 8 P.M.

Tuesday, Febraury 7

Orange Park Campus T Building 6-8 P.M.

Thursday, Febraury 9

St. Augustine Campus H Building 6 - 8 P.M.

Last session begins at 7:30 P.M.

To complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you will need:

- · Your Social Security Number
- Your Driver's License Number
- Your Alien Registration Number (if you are not a U.S. citizen)
- 2021 federal income tax returns, applicable schedules, W-2s, and other records of money earned.

(Note: You may be able to transfer your federal tax return information to your FAFSA using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.)
Students can base their financial information on the previous year's tax return.

- Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable)
- Records of untaxed income (if applicable)
- An FSA ID to sign electronically (Can be completed online during the event)

If you are a dependent student, then you will also need the above information from your parent(s).



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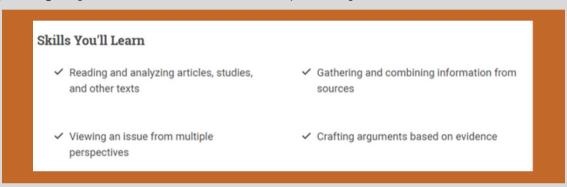
SJR STATE COLLEGE NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT: St. Johns River State College, an equal access institution, prohibits discrimination in its employment, programs, activities, policies and procedures based on race, sex, gender, gender identity, age, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disability, pregnancy, sexual orientation, marital status, genetic information or veteran status. Questions pertaining to education equity, equal access or equal opportunity should be addressed to the College Title IX Coordinator/Equity Officer: Charles Romer, Room A0173, 5001 St. Johns Avenue, Palatka, FL 32177; (386) 312-4074; CharlesRomer@sjrstate. edu. Anonymous reporting is available at SJRstate.edu/report. Inquiries/complaints can be filed with the Title IX Coordinator/Equity Officer online, in person, via mail, via email or with the US Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights, Atlanta Office, 61 Forsyth St. SW Suite 19T10, Atlanta, GA 30303-8927.



ATTENTION RISING 11TH STUDENTS AND PARENTS:

Do you want your student to have an extra edge when applying to colleges? Do you want your student to learn critical thinking, presentation and evaluation skills to help them in any academic course? Consider encouraging your student to take AP Seminar!

In AP Seminar, students develop and practice the skills in research, collaboration, and communication that they will need in any academic discipline. Students investigate topics in a variety of subject areas, write research-based essays, and design and give presentations both individually and as part of a team.



Tocoi Creek High School is unique because we offer the AP Capstone program. Through this program, you can earn either the AP Capstone Diploma™ or the AP Seminar and Research Certificate™. When your student applies to college, they can denote these awards through the application process. Earning a Capstone Diploma makes students extremely competitive in the application process.

AP Capstone Awards are listed on AP score reports, and students who earn the diploma or certificate can view and print their award certificate from their online account. Awards are also included on any AP score report sent to colleges. Here are the requirements to earn an AP Capstone award:

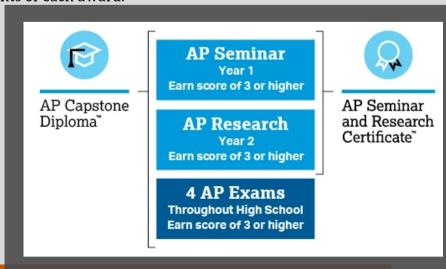
- The AP Capstone Diploma is granted to students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on 4 additional AP Exams of their choosing.
- The AP Seminar and Research Certificate is granted to students who earn scores of 3 or higher in both AP Seminar and AP Research.

This diagram (to the right) illustrates the requirements of each award:

If you believe your student would be interested in this course, please have them discuss this with their counselor during registration!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me:

Megan Young megan.young@stjohns.k12.fl.us



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

- The second payment for GradBash is open for students that made the first payment. The second payment is due no later than 3/1. The cost of the 2nd payment is \$100, which accounts for rising transportation and inflation costs. The total cost for the event is \$175.00 which is lower than the usual \$250.00 thanks to a generous donation from one of our community members. Pay your 2nd payment here.
- If you wish to cancel your Grad Bash reservation, please <u>click here</u>.
- 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





Be sure to check out the new January edition of the <u>Academy</u> <u>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. 31st- Academy Application window closes in HAC at 5pm. Current 8th and 9th grade student can apply for an academy.
- Jan. 31st- Summer internship application deadline (academy juniors)
- Feb. 3rd- Academy Drop Forms are due
- Feb. 3rd-Blood Drive
- Feb. 4th- First Tech Challenge Robotics Competition
- Feb. 7th- SOAR Symposium Field Trip (Emerging Tech)
- Feb. 8th- ICG/Pulte Field Trip (Built Environment)
- Feb. 8th- Guest Speaker (FCTC)- Healthcare Academy
- Feb. 13th- Solar Stik Field Trip (Emerging Tech)
- Feb. 14th- ACE Trades Day Field Trip (Built Environment)

Students in HOSA participated in the regional competition this past Saturday. TCHS will be advancing 9 participants to the state level competition in April. Congratulations to all of the participants.





POWDERPUFF FOOTBALL

OPEN TO UPPERCLASSMEN !!!

2023
KICK OFF AT 7 PM
TOCOL CREEK STADIUM
\$5 TICKET FEF

Practices : Tues + Thurs, 6:30-7:30 PM @ TC Practice Fields

\$ 25 PARTICIPATION FEE

FOR ANY QUESTIONS MESSAGE @ TOCOL CREEK_JUNIOR_LADIES





QUEEN OF HEARTS DANCE FRI, FEB 10, 2023 7P - 9:30P

COME DANCE AND ENJOY AT THE QUEEN OF HEARTS DANCE! WE'LL HAVE THE MUSIC OF DJ ALVAREZ, FUN PHOTO OPS, DELICIOUS DESSERTS, PLUS JUST-MADE COTTON CANDY & POPCORN!

STUDENT TICKET PURCHASED THROUGH THURSDAY, FEB 2, 2023 ~ \$20 STUDENT TICKET PURCHASED ON OR AFTER FRIDAY, FEB 3, 2023 ~ \$25 GUEST TICKET ~ \$25

PURCHASE TICKETS HERE: TINYURL.COM/QUEENOFHEARTSDANCE

IF YOU ARE BRINGING A GUEST, PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY GET THE DANCE GUEST FORM FULLY APPROVED BY FRIDAY, FEB 10TH AT NOON. YOU CAN GET THE DANCE GUEST FORM AT THE DEANS' OFFICE.

COORDINATED BY YOUR PTSO AND THE DANCE COMMITTEE



NEW CLUB!

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



CLASS OF 2023



Tocoi Creek HS Tumblers

Tocoi Creek HS Band Fundraiser Scan the QR code to order online







TUTORING

WEDNESDAYS
DURING TORO TIME IN
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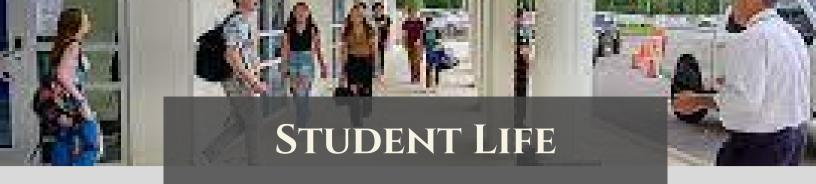
SCAN THE QR CODE FOR INDIVIDUAL TUTORING BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL



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ORDER A YEARBOOK!

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







3D Arts updates

Semester 2 is in full swing. Report cards came out in HAC and we are off and running in Quarter 3. The Arts team took 63 students to NYC this past week and had an amazing time in Times Square learning, seeing, and doing all things Arts! From Broadway workshops and shows to Graffiti artists and The Met, students had the chance to really explore the city from an arts perspective. This will be an annual trip so look out for more details about next year's trip. It's open to any arts student here



3D 1 & 2 Arts fee



Visual Arts Fee

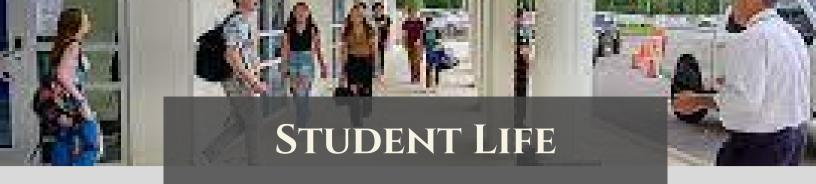
Fareshare QR Codes Have you paid your fareshare yet for

Thanks to all who have paid so far this year! This fireshare money goes to support and pay for the classroom supplies such as clay, glazes and tools

3D Arts 3 Honors and AP Studio fee



grocery hags, dry cleaner haugers (heavy ones), a hair dryer and a blender.



Toros 3D Arts News

Scholastic Arts Awards

Over 35 3D art students (66 art students total) were recognized with honors for their works en Awards. 4 students received Gold Key awards, which means their works will go to national jud eans their works will go to national judication wi from around the country. Also, their works will be displayed

at Jacksonville Main Library during the month of February. All honorees will



Support our incredible TCHS arts students by stocking up on some of our new One Toro Arts merch! Sale extended until Sunday 1/22!



SALE EXTENDED UNTIL SUNDAY!

... See more

Order Merch

Follow us on insta:

@tchsstudio3D



*** Need to contact me? Susan.smith@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Supporting the future & creativity

TCHS SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

"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





Lend a Hand, Make a Difference

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!

Service hours counted!
We need help setting up, taking pictures, welcoming guests, and handling small tasks.

Event: Bentley Players Party Date: March 10, 2023

Address: Private Residence in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082. Available upon request.

Text @lenmat to 81010 with any questions or to sign up!



1841 Ocean Grove Drive
Allantic Beach, FL 32233
904.610.7604 * www.lenmattiace.com * len@lenmattiace.com

Stop the Bullying CAMPAIGN



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!

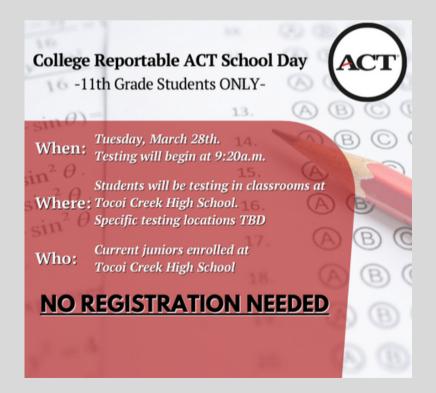


UPCOMING TESTING DATES:

FSA/Alg. 1 Retake Window: Feb. 21st-March
 9th

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>



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:

- ENG/ ESE TEACHER (40% 11TH GR ELA AND 60% ESE)
 - GEOMETRY TEACHER
- ESE PARAPROFESSIONAL (1 OFFERING 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!





SAC MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH @ 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

