THE BULL PEN

Tocoi Creek High School Weekly Newsletter

OUR TRADITION STARTS HERE!

Happy New Year! Our second semester is off and running with our Toros digging into a new quarter and, in some cases, their final coursework in high school. Enclosed in this edition of the Bull Pen parents can find information on Senior "to do" lists and activities, SAT/ACT prep resources, yearbook links, and important dates.

With the new calendar year, I know many of you are scheduling family trips. PLEASE consider the dates below while planning.

2nd semester of 22-23 school year

- · Last day of 3rd quarter March 9th
- · Students have off for spring break Friday, March 10th through Friday, March 17th.
- · 4-day weekend in April April 7th through 10th
- \cdot Last day of school Thursday, May 25th (There will be exams the last week, so it is very important that students are present.)

CONGRATULATONS TOROS

TCHS won first place in the High School Toys for Tots
Challenge for a second year in a row! We donated 915 toys,
which was almost 700 more than the 2nd place school.
Thank you to all who participated. These donations helped
make many less fortunate kids' holidays a little brighter.

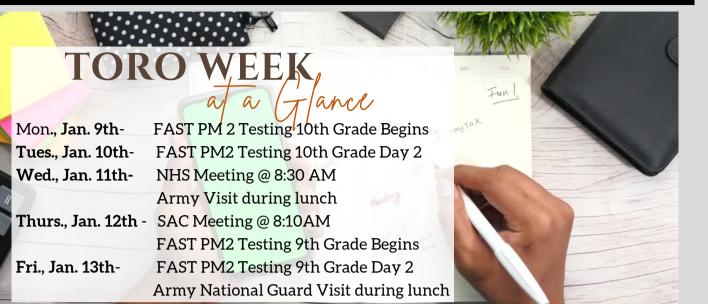
Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Mr. Willets



IMPORTANT DATES



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, 1/9/23 @ 6PM Soccer-Girls vs Sandalwood @ TCHS
Monday, 1/9/23 @ 6PM Basketball- Girls vs Atlantic HS @ TCHS
Tuesday, 1/10/23 @ 5:30/7:20PM Soccer- Boys vs Palatka @ Palatka HS
Tuesday, 1/10/23 @ 6/7:30PM Basketball- Boys vs Pedro Menendez@ PMHS
Wednesday, 1/11/23 @ 5:30PM Weightlifting- Girls vs Creekside @ CHS
Wednesday, 1/11/23 @ 6:30PM Wrestling vs Nease @ NHS
Thursday, 1/12/23 @ 6/7:30PM Basketball- Boys vs Fletcher @ TCHS
Thursday, 1/12/23 @ 6PM Basketball- Girls vs Trinity Christian @ TCHS
Thursday, 1/12/23 @ 6PM Soccer- Girls vs PK Younge @ TCHS
Friday, 1/13/23 @ 5:30/7:20PM Soccer- Boys vs Beachside @ TCHS
Friday, 1/13/23 @ 6/7:30PM Basketball- Boys vs Bartram @ BTHS

Saturday, 1/14/23 @ 10AM Wrestling Wolfpack Challenge @ Wolfson HS Saturday, 1/14/23 @ 10AM Wrestling Lady Pirate Challenge @ Matanzas 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.

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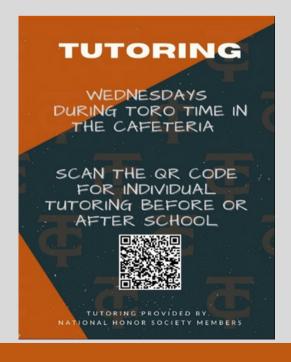
TC ARTS BOOSTERS HAVE OPENED ANOTHER MERCHANDISE SHOP BASED ON THE DIGITAL ART SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST. A SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES OUT TO MRS. POST AND THE TWO FINALISTS, JANESSA MELENDEZ-FRONT OF T-SHIRT TC ARTS LOGO DESIGN AND VEE VORONTOSOVA-BACK OF T-SHIRT DESIGN. THEIR DESIGNS WERE COMBINED TO CREATE WHAT YOU SEE ON THE ONLINE STORE.

ORDER HERE USING THE SALE CODE: FESP8

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

FREE TUTORING!!



Need help in Math??

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

Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society) is offering free tutoring after school on Monday the 19th!

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

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





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
- FAFSA (Financial ACT Practice Test Aid)
- Naviance Help

Juniors:

- ACT Test Prep
- 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 handbook:

How to choose ACT or SAT? How to Register? Information on page 11 & 12 of the Academic Handbook

Appointment with Guidance Links:

Rachel Blount

D'Erica Gibbs

Linda Smith

Elizabeth Wright



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



standardized test waiver. Please see your school counselor for additional information.

Students who participate in the free and/or reduced lunch program are eligible for a

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 <u>kimberly.tabala@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u>

Home Access Center (HAC), Registration Questions o Marvin Jenkins – (904) 547 – 4275 <u>marvin.jenkins@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u>

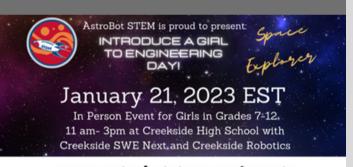


Academy of Future Healthcare Professionals:

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 January 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. 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 16- Deadline to Apply for the Citi Women in IT internship. See the January newsletter for more information
- Jan. 18- TCHS Academy Night (open-house for current and rising 9th graders)
- Jan 18- Guest Speaker- Fleet Readiness- Paid apprenticeship opportunity for all interested seniors- Presentation during Toro Time in room 01-020 (see flyer below)
- Jan. 31- 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:

- ENG/ ESE TEACHER (40% 11TH GR ELA AND 60% ESE)
 - GEOMETRY TEACHER
 - 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 vour choice and a TC arts car decal. lt'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



