

THE BULL PEN

Tocoi Creek High School Weekly Newsletter

OUR TRADITION STARTS HERE!

Toro Nation,

I would like to thank the Toro community for your support of our students, staff and fellow parents during this difficult week. Please know that our school and district staff are available to support you and your family, this philosophy is the heart of our OneToro support programming.

Please let this communication also serve as your OFFICIAL notice to join our community OneToro Athletics fundraiser: Toro Fest. Mark your calendars on February 25th from 1pm-7pm at the World Golf Village Hall of Fame. Food, fun and entertainment for the whole family...come one...come all!

[Click Here for 2023 Toro Fest Information!](#)

Calling all golfers! The 2nd Annual Toro Fest Golf Tournament is Saturday, 2/25 at Slammer and Squire! All proceeds go to supporting Tocoi Creek High School Athletics. Sign up for golf at <https://www.onetoroathletics.com/toro-fest> Local businesses can also choose to be a hole sponsor! #HornsUp

Our planning for the 2023-24 school year is in full swing! Please see the attached documents for updates on PARKING 23-24.

Have a wonderful weekend and GO TOROS!



2023 TORO FEST

Closest To The Pin
Face Painting
Bounce Houses
DJ Alvarez

Laser Tag
Game Truck
Sheriff K9
Demonstration
Food & Drinks

Toro Fest Golf Outing
Sponsored By **BOZARD**
Bozard Ford

1 World Golf Place, St. Augustine, FL 32092

Saturday
February 25
1 - 7 PM

<https://www.onetoroathletics.com/toro-fest>



CAR WASH

Benefitting
the Tocoi Creek Wind Ensemble

Sunday, February 12th
1 pm - 5 pm
Murabella McDonalds
Donations Accepted



OUR NHS GROUP HAS ACCOMPLISHED SO MUCH IN THE LAST TWO YEARS:

- TOYS FOR TOTS WINNERS, TWICE-- COLLECTED OVER 1500 TOYS
- TUTORING EVERY WEDNESDAY
- WEEKLY INDIVIDUAL TUTORING
- MILL CREEK READING AND MATH VOLUNTEERS
- BOOK DRIVE
- 2 FOOD DRIVES
- CARDS FOR SENIORS
- CARDS FOR SOLDIERS
- FREE SUMMER CAMP FOR FACULTY/STAFF TOROS
- TEACHER APPRECIATION GOODIES CART
- TRAVELING HERD ORGANIZING
- ADOPTED A 1ST GRADE CLASS AT MILL CREEK WE EXCHANGE LETTERS AND VISIT



IMPORTANT DATES

TORO WEEK

at a Glance

- Mon., Feb. 13th-** Senior Parking Goes Live on Schoolpay
- Tues., Feb. 14th-** Academy Advisory Meeting 8am-9am
- Wed., Feb. 15th-** Spring Sports Pictures after school
- Thurs., Feb. 16th-** Academy Advisory Meeting 8am-9am
- Fri., Feb. 17th-** Powder Puff Game

SAVE THE DATE

- **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

- Tuesday, 2/14/23 @ 3:30PM Tennis-Girls vs Fernandina @ TCHS
- Tuesday, 2/14/23 @ 6:15PM Lacrosse-Girls vs Sandalwood @ TCHS
- Tuesday, 2/14/23 @ 6:30PM Baseball- vs Wolfson @ TCHS (Pre-Season)
- Wednesday, 2/15/23 @ 4:30PM Weightlifting- Boys vs Pedro Menendez @ PMHS
- Wednesday, 2/15/23 @ 5:30PM Track & Field St. Augustine Meet @ SAHS
- Wednesday, 2/15/23 @ 7:15PM Lacrosse-Boys vs Creekside @ CHS
- Thursday, 2/16/23 @ 4PM Tennis vs Pedro Menendez @ PMHS
- Thursday, 2/16/23 @ 6PM Lacrosse- Girls vs Creekside @ CHS
- Thursday, 2/16/23 @ 6:30PM Baseball vs Atlantic Coast @ Atlantic Coast HS (Pre-Season)
- Thursday, 2/16/23 @ 7PM Softball vs Atlantic Coast @ Oakleaf HS (Pre-Season)
- Saturday, 2/18/23 @ 9AM Track & Field -Nease Classic JV Meet @ NHS
- Saturday, 2/18/23 @ 2PM Softball vs Baker @ Oakleaf HS (Pre-Season)

GUIDANCE INFORMATION

ADVICE
ASSISTANCE

GUIDANCE

HELP

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.

Upcoming College Visits:

- Wednesday, Feb. 15th @ 8:45 am- University of South Alabama
- Tuesday, Feb. 21st @ 8:45am - Valdosta State University
- Tuesday, Feb. 21st @ 10am - Nova Southeastern University
- Thursday, Feb. 23rd @ 8:45am- Queens University of Charlotte
- 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 [Marvin Jenkins](#) - (904) 547 - 4275

Who is my counselor?

[Elizabeth Wright](#) - 9th and 10th last names A-L

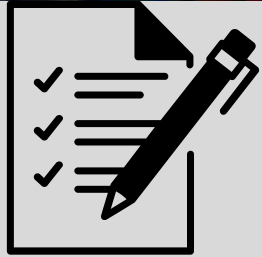
[Rachel Blount](#) - 9th and 10th last names M-Z

[D'Erica Gibbs](#) - 11th and 12th last names A-L

[Linda Smith](#) - 11th and 12th last names M-Z

COLLEGE PLANNING INFO

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

Links
HELPFUL

Seniors:

- [Bright Futures](#)
- [FAFSA](#) (Financial Aid)
- [Naviance Help](#)

Juniors:

- [ACT Test Prep](#)
- [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 [Academic Handbook](#)

How to choose ACT or SAT?
How to Register?
Information on pages 11 & 12 of the [Academic Handbook](#)

Appointment with Guidance Links:

[Rachel Blount](#)

[D'Erica Gibbs](#)

[Linda Smith](#)

[Elizabeth Wright](#)



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.

Skills You'll Learn

- ✓ Reading and analyzing articles, studies, and other texts
- ✓ Viewing an issue from multiple perspectives
- ✓ Gathering and combining information from sources
- ✓ Crafting arguments based on evidence

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:

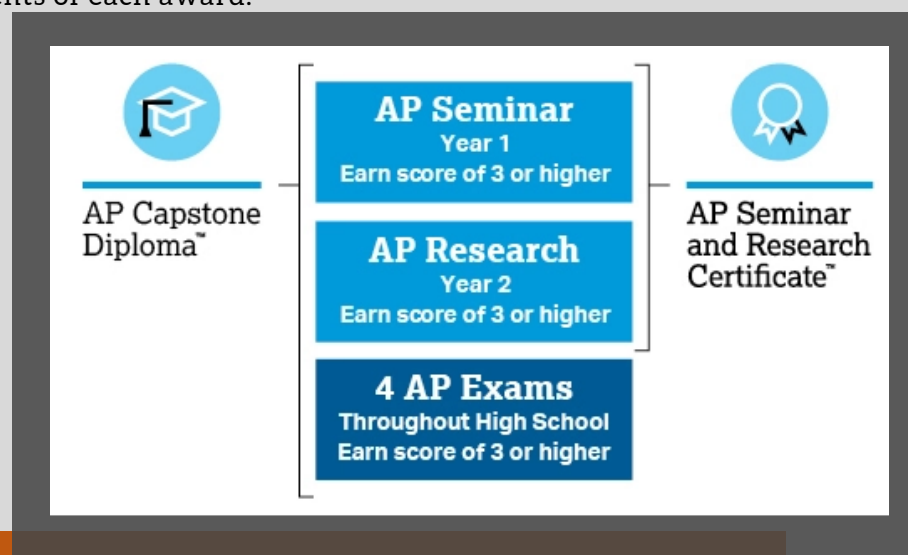
- The AP Capstone Diploma is granted to students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on 4 additional AP Exams of their choosing.
- The AP Seminar and Research Certificate is granted to students who earn scores of 3 or higher in both AP Seminar and AP Research.

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

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 [click here](#).
- 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.

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.



Helpful Links for Seniors:

[FAFSA \(Financial Aid\)](#)

[Naviance Help](#)

[Senior Guidance Page](#)

[Senior Info on TCHS Webpage](#)

[Senior Dates/Deadlines](#)

Important Senior Dates:

3/1- FINAL GRAD BASH PAYMENT DUE- SCHOOLPAY

3/3-3/4- SENIOR CAMP OUT

3/31- ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GRAD ITEMS
DISTRIBUTED DURING LUNCH

4/21- PROM

4/22-4/23 GRAD BASH

5/12- SENIOR SUNSET

5/16- GRADUATION REHEARSAL 4-7PM @THE AMP

5/17- CAP AND GOWN PICK UP AND DEBT DAY-
AUDITORIUM 9AM-12PM

5/17- SENIOR AWARDS- TIMES TBD

5/23- GRADUATION

TCHS CAREER ACADEMIES



Highlights from the week:

The Robotics team had a great end to their season, congratulations for all of your accomplishments this season! Students in the healthcare academy dissected sheep brains, cow eyes, and had a guest speaker to learn about healthcare programs at FCTC. Students in the Academy of Innovation in the Built Environment and Academy of Leadership in Emerging Technologies had two field trips this week, the SOAR STEM symposium and a tour of Innovative Construction Group and Pulte. Students in the Academy of Leadership in Emerging Technologies finally got their drones in the air!

Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 13th- Solar Stik Field Trip (Emerging Tech)
- Feb. 14th- ACE Trades Day Field Trip (Built Environment)
- Feb. 24th- Nemours Field Trip
- March 1st- Construction and Career Days Field Trip (Built Environment and Emerging Tech)



YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Young Scholars Program (YSP) is a six week residential science and mathematics summer program for Florida high school students with significant potential for STEM careers. The program was developed in 1983 and is administered by the Office of STEM Teaching Activities in the College of Arts and Sciences at Florida State University.

YSP continues to be accessible to all qualified students who meet the eligibility requirements. As in the past, room, board, and tuition are provided for every admitted student, funded by Florida State University. Students with significant financial need may also apply for a supplemental program stipend to cover the cost of travel and books.

To be considered for acceptance, applicants must:

- Have completed 11th grade in a Florida public or private high school
- Have scored in the 90th percentile or better in Math on a nationally standardized exam
- Be able to commit for the entire six weeks of the program (no exceptions will be made for travel to other summer internship opportunities, camps, Mu Alpha Theta, etc.)
- Maintain a permanent residence in the State of Florida
- Maintain at least a 3.0 GPA (unweighted)
- Be enrolled in or have completed Pre-Calculus

Important Deadlines:

- January 1: Application available online (on or before this day)
- February 15: Application and Recommendations deadline
- May 15: Admission decisions finalized (on or before this day)

Program Dates for 2023:

YSP will run from June 11-July 22, 2023.



For complete program details & application visit

<https://ysp.osta.fsu.edu/>



Be sure to check out the new February 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 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

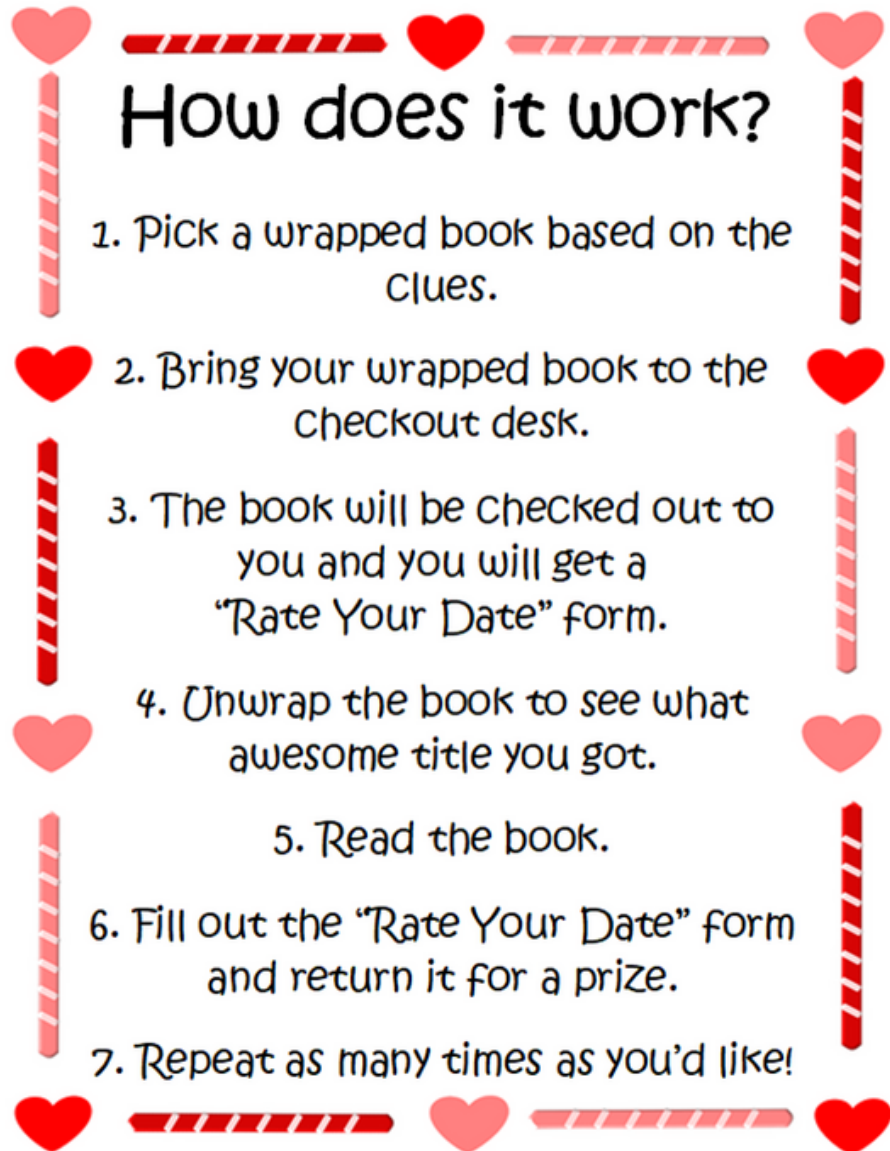
TCHS IS LOOKING FOR SOME OUTSTANDING STAFF MEMBERS TO WORK WITH OUR TOROS!

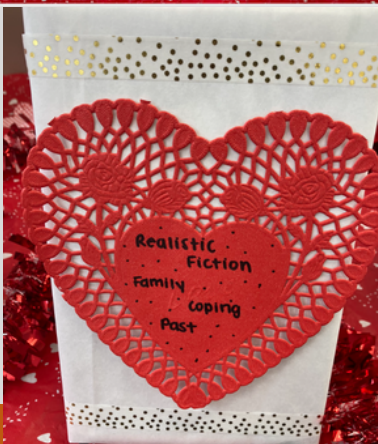
PLEASE EMAIL MR. WILLETS DIRECTLY AT JAY.WILLETS@STJOHNS.K12.FL.US FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

- SCIENCE TEACHER - MARINE SCIENCE
- GEOMETRY TEACHER

happenings at THE HUB

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

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



STUDENT LIFE

POWDERPUFF FOOTBALL

OPEN TO UPPERCLASSMEN !!!

GAME: FEBRUARY 17,
2023
KICK OFF AT 7 PM
TOCOI CREEK STADIUM
\$5 TICKET FEE

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

\$ 25 PARTICIPATION FEE,
INCLUDES A SHIRT

FOR ANY QUESTIONS MESSAGE @
TOCOI_CREEK_JUNIOR_LADIES



Toro Band
TOCOI CREEK HIGH SCHOOL



Tocoi Creek HS Tumblers

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



ORDER A YEARBOOK!

THERE ARE LESS THAN 50 COPIES OF THE 2022-2023 TCHS YEARBOOK LEFT! [CLICK HERE](#) TO PURCHASE FOR \$95. PRICE INCREASES TO \$100 ON FEB. 15TH.

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



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




**LEN MATTIACE
FOUNDATION**

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!



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Atlantic 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!

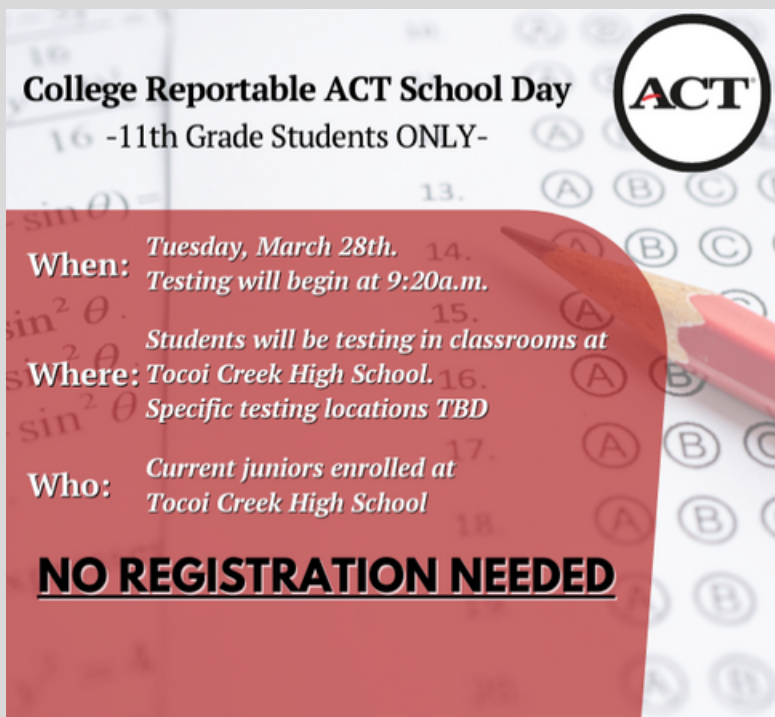
GENERAL SCHOOL INFO


UPCOMING TESTING DATES:

- 3/22: SAT-NCR for registered 12th graders only
- 3/28: ACT School Day for all 11th graders

For more testing dates [click here!](#)

For more info on FAST Testing [Click Here!](#)



College Reportable ACT School Day 
-11th Grade Students ONLY-

When: *Tuesday, March 28th.*
Testing will begin at 9:20a.m.

Where: *Students will be testing in classrooms at*
Tocoi Creek High School.
Specific testing locations TBD

Who: *Current juniors enrolled at*
Tocoi Creek High School

NO REGISTRATION NEEDED

Helpful Links:

[TCHS Yearbook](#)

[Lunch Applications](#)

[SJCSD Dress Code](#)

[TCHS Clubs](#)

[Absences and Early
Dismissal](#)

[Athletic Games Pass](#)

[Cafeteria](#)

[Schoology](#)



SAC MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 9TH @ 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



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



Please join us in supporting the fine arts at Toci Creek High School. The vision of the One Toro Arts Booster Organization is to ensure that ALL students at Toci 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

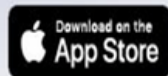


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