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Tocoi Creek High School Weekly Newsletter

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Toro Nation,

A busy week ahead as our Toros begin Winter Sports District/Regional action, Winter Queen of Hearts Dance, and Junior Pin/Ring Ceremony to prepare for 2024 graduation! Be sure to "like or follow" TCHS on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to get your information on "All things Toro" for your child.

Have a wonderful weekend and GO TOROS!

JUNIOR CLASS RING AND PIN **CEREMONY WEDNESDAY** @ 6:00PM

Come join the TCHS tradition of the Junior Class Pin and Ring Ceremony at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, February 8th in the Toro Auditorium. All students will receive their Senior Class Pin, and class ring if ordered, in a ceremony designed to "kick-off" the Class of 2024 activities. All rising seniors are encouraged to attend this "Right of Passage" and TCHS tradition! Students requested to dress in casual business attire.

QUEEN OF HEARTS DANCE INFORMATION

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

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GIRLS WEIGHTLIFTING IS BACK-TO-BACK DISTRICT CHAMPIONS!!! THESE LADY TOROS WILL MOVE ON TO THE REGIONAL TOURNAMENT ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY, 8TH! INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT CHAMPRIONS/RUNNERS-UP ARE AS 3 FOLLOWS: 20

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IMPORTANT DATES

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	Mon., Feb. 6th-	School in session (Hurricane Make-up)
	Tues., Feb. 7th-	FCTC Showcase
	Wed., Feb. 8th-	NHS Meeting @ 8:30 AM
		J <mark>unior C</mark> lass Ring Ceremony @ 6PM
V	Thurs., Feb. 9th-	SAC Meeting @ 8:10 AM
1	Fri., Feb. 10th-	Queen of Hearts Dance @ 7PM
	Sat., Feb. 11th-	FCDI Tournament @ Westwood MS

SAVE THE DATE

- **FEBRUARY 6TH: FEBRUARY 8TH:**
- **FEBRUARY 10TH:** FEBRUARY 17TH:
- MARCH 3-4TH:
- MARCH 29TH:
- **APRIL 21ST:**
- APRIL 22ND:
- **MAY 23RD:**

- HURRICANE NICOLE MAKE-UP DAY (NO LONGER TEACHER INSERVICE)
- **JUNIOR CLASS RING CEREMONY @ 6PM**
 - **SPRING QUEEN OF HEARTS DANCE**
- POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL GAME
- **SENIOR CAMPOUT**
 - **TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIR**
 - SENIOR/IUNIOR PROM @ THE RIVERHOUSE IN ST. AUGUSTINE
 - **SENIOR GRAD BASH** (4) UNIVERSAL STUDIOS
 - **GRADUATION** (7) THE AMP (ST. AUGUSTINE AMPHITHEATER) 7:00PM

TORO ATHLETICS

at a Flance Tuesday, 2/7/23 @ 4PM Tennis- vs Clay @ Magnolia Point CC Tuesday, 2/7/23 @ 6:15PM Lacrosse- vs Nease @ TCHS Wednesday, 2/8/23 @ 2:30PM Wrestling-Girls District Tournament @ Matanzas HS Wednesday, 2/8/23 @ 4:30PM Weightlifting-Boys vs Matanzas @ Matanzas HS Thursday, 2/9/23 @ 6:15PM Lacrosse- Girls vs St. Augustine @ TCHS Thursday, 2/9/23 @ 4PM Tennis vs Matanzas @ Matanzas HS Saturday, 2/11/23 @ 8:30AM Track and Field -Orange and Gray Meet @ TCHS

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: <u>Registration Link</u>

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>

VIRTUAL INFO SESSION

2023 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:

- 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?

<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

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



Seniors:

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

Juniors:

- ACT Test Prep
- ACT Phone App
- SAT Practice
- ACT/SAT Practice

UNIORS:

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

<u>Elizabeth Wright</u>

COLLEGE PLANNING INFO

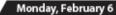


Don't let finances be a barrier!

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!



Tuesday, Febraury 7



H Building

6 - 8 P.M.

Palatka Campus Viking Center 6 - 8 P.M. Orange Park Campus T 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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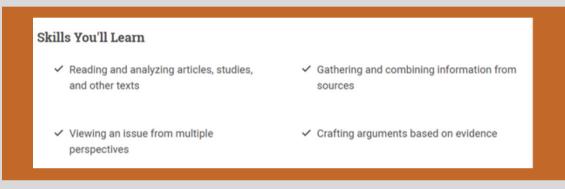
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ATTENTION RISING 11TH STUDENTS AND PARENTS:

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:

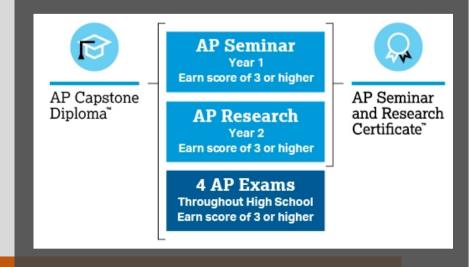
- The AP Capstone Diploma is granted to students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on 4 additional AP Exams of their choosing.
- The AP Seminar and Research Certificate is granted to students who earn scores of 3 or higher in both AP Seminar and AP Research.

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 <u>here</u>.
- 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. <u>Click Here</u> to join the Waiting List.

Helpful Links for Seniors:

<u>FAFSA (Financial Aid)</u> Naviance Help

<u>Senior Guidance Page</u> <u>Senior Info on TCHS Webpage</u> <u>Senior Dates/Deadlines</u>

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



Upcoming Events:

- **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)



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
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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.



TCHS CAREER ACADEMIES

Dear High School Sophomores and Their Parents/Guardians,

Applications will soon be available for Youth Leadership St. Johns (YLSJ), a community-led youth leadership development program of Flagler Health +.

The program will be held monthly during the student's junior year from Sept. 2023 - April, 2024. The program will share techniques for becoming an effective leader. It will also have monthly visits to various businesses in our county to teach the participants about how communities work and where they may wish to lend their skills in the future as an employee or volunteer.

Each month's program will have a different focus such as Law & Government, Business, Arts and Leisure, Social Services, Education & Health Care and Environmental Issues. Twenty-two sophomore students will be selected county-wide this spring for this program. The program will be held during the junior year.

If this type of program is of interest to you, please do the following:

1. Read the <u>Information Sheet</u> for more details about the program.

2. Complete the <u>Online Application</u> by Feb. 14, 2023.

3. Print the <u>Agreement Form</u>, obtain signatures. Scan, and email it to

YouthLeadershipStJohns@gmail.com by Feb. 14, 2023.

* Application reviews and interviews using Zoom will take place in March 2023.

* An Orientation for the twenty-two students selected and their parents/guardians will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 7 - 8 pm at the Emergency Communications and Training Center, 911 Law Enforcement Way, near SR 16 and I-95.

Dates for next year's programs are in the Information Sheet, along with the eligibility requirements sophomores must have to be considered.

We look forward to hearing from those sophomores for whom this program holds interest.

Best regards,

Youth Leadership St. Johns

Be sure to check out the new February 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.

For complete program details & application visit https://ysp.osta.fsu.edu/ 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



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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1. Pick a wrapped book based on the clues.

2. Bring your wrapped book to the Checkout desk.

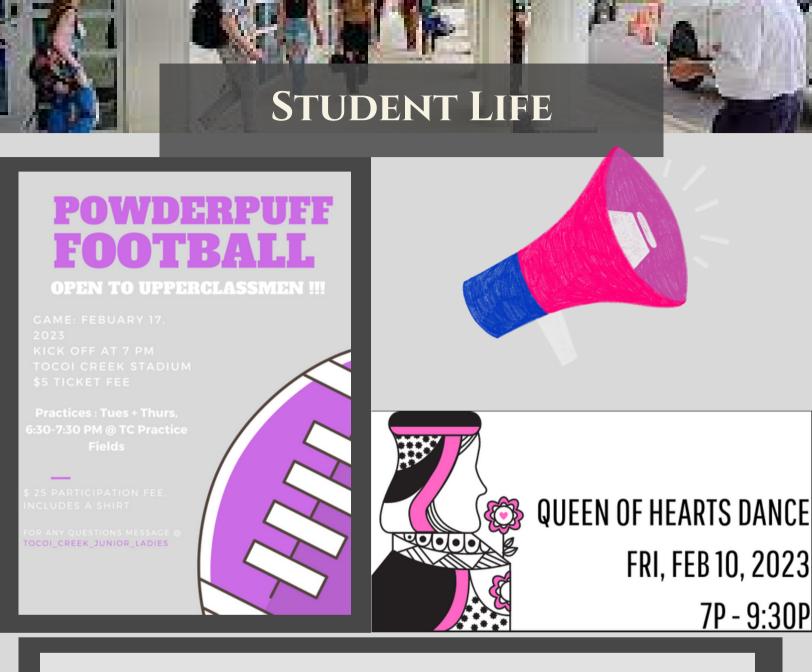
3. The book will be checked out to you and you will get a "Rate Your Date" form.

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!



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STUDENT LIFE

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







Tocoi Creek HS Tumblers Tocoi Creek HS Band Fundraiser

Scan the QR code to order online



TUTORING

WEDNESDAYS DURING TORO TIME IN THE CAFETERIA

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TUTORING PROVIDED BY. IONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBER 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.

STUDENT LIFE





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

at TCHS.



3D 1 & 2 Arts fee



Visual Arts Fee

Fareshare QR Codes Have you paid your fareshare yet for Thave you pain your intennet yet for your classes? Thanks to all who have paid so far this year! This fareshare money goes to support and pay for the classroom supplies such as clay, glaces and tools out to make our stronger. supplies such as a supplies such as a supplies such as a supplier such as a supplier such as a supplier supplicit supplier supplicit supplier supplicit supplised supplicit sup rks.

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3D Arts 3 Honors and AP Studio fee



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STUDENT LIFE

Toros 3D Arts News

January 2025

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Scholastic Arts Awards

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

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





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 Atlantic Beach, Fl 32233 904.610.7604 * www.lenmattiace.com * len@lenmattiace.co Stop the Bullying CAMPAIGN



Looking for information on how to document community service hours? How about existing opportunities available for all students? Please <u>click</u> <u>here</u> for the most up to date information from our Student Services Department. Horns Up!

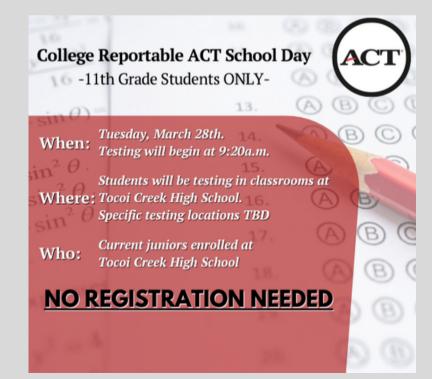


UPCOMING TESTING DATES:

- FSA/Alg. 1 Retake Window: Feb. 21st-March 9th
- 3/22: SAT-NCR for registered 12th graders only
- 3/28: ACT School Day for all 11th graders

For more testing dates <u>click here</u>!

For more info on FAST Testing <u>Click Here</u>!



Helpful Links:

TCHS Yearbook

Lunch Applications

SJCSD Dress Code

TCHS Clubs

<u>Absences and Early</u> <u>Dismissal</u>

Athletic Games Pass

<u>Cafeteria</u>

<u>Schoology</u>



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



Interested in joining or donating to PTSO? • <u>Our Website</u>

- Our FB Group
- Our FB Page
- Our Email

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

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/CHARACTERCOUNTSinStJohnsCountySixPillars <u>6K3KRunWalk</u>

Race proceeds support CHARACTER COUNTS! initiatives throughout the St. Johns County School District (SJCSD). 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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