

# THE BULL PEN

Tocoi Creek High School Weekly Newsletter

## OUR TRADITION

### Toro Nation,

Another fantastic week at TCHS ends with Spring Sports, Wind Ensemble and End of Year Testing taking center stage on campus. Please be sure to keep your eye on the various assessment windows listed on the TCHS webpage for the "when, where, who, how" of testing on campus.

### Mark Your Calendars

**Junior ACT (College Reportable) Test on March 28th**  
**Digital Learning Day Grades 9,10,12**

### Toro Fest This Saturday

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!



SOLIDIFY YOUR CHILD'S SPOT IN THE ORIGINAL TOROHOOD! BE PART OF THE TORO TRADITION OF CELEBRATING OUR AMAZING KIDS AND THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH A CUSTOMIZABLE, COMMEMORATIVE BRICK. CHECK OUT THE DETAILS HERE:

[HTTPS://DONATE.BRICKMARKETS.COM/TOCO](https://donate.brickmarkets.com/tocoi)

A HUGE SHOUTOUT TO MR. ARGENTINA AND THE STUDENTS IN THE ACADEMY OF INNOVATION AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PROGRESS THEY HAVE MADE IN THE SENIOR COURTYARD!



# IMPORTANT DATES

## TORO WEEK

*at a Glance*

- Mon., Feb. 27th- Rising Junior Parking Opens
- Tues., Feb. 28th- Pre-MPA Band/Chorus Rehearsal
- Wed., March 1st- Final GradBash Payment Due
- Thurs., March 2nd- Construction & Career Day  
Field Trip
- Fri., March 3rd- Senior Campout

## SAVE THE DATE

- **MARCH 3-4TH:** SENIOR CAMPOUT
- **MARCH 28 TH** JUNIOR ACT (COLLEGE REPORTABLE) DIGITAL LEARNING DAY 9,10,12
- **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, 2/27/23 @ 5:30/7:30PM Softball vs Ponte Vedra @ PVHS
- Monday, 2/27/23 @ 6:30PM Baseball (JV) vs Nease @ TCHS
- Tuesday, 2/28/23 @ 4PM Tennis vs St. Augustine @ SAHS
- Tuesday, 2/28/23 @ 5/7PM Softball vs Keystone Heights @ TCHS
- Tuesday, 2/28/23 @ 5:30/7:30PM Volleyball-Boys vs Nease & PV (Scrimmage) @ TCHS
- Tuesday, 2/28/23 @ 6PM Lacrosse-Girls vs Bartram Trail @ BTHS
- Tuesday, 2/28/23 @ 6:30PM Baseball (Varsity) vs Ponte Vedra @ TCHS
- Tuesday, 2/28/23 @ 7PM Lacrosse-Boys vs Fleming Island @ Fleming Island HS
- Wednesday, 3/1/23 @ 3PM Track & Field JV Meet @ NHS
- Wednesday, 3/1/23 @ 4PM Weightlifting- Boys vs Beachside @ TCHS
- Wednesday, 3/1/23 @ 5:30PM Baseball (JV) vs Creekside @ CHS
- Thursday, 3/2/23 @ 4PM Tennis vs Bishop Kenny @ Bishop Kenny HS
- Thursday, 3/2/23 @ 6:30PM Lacrosse- Girls vs Newberry HS @ TCHS
- Thursday, 3/2/23 @ 6:30PM Lacrosse- Boys vs Beachside @ BHS
- Thursday, 3/2/23 @ 6:30PM Baseball (Varsity) vs Christ's Church @ Christ's Church Academy
- Friday, 3/3/23 @ 1PM Track & Field (Varsity) -Bulldog Classic @ The Bolles School
- Friday, 3/3/23 @ 5:30/7:30PM Softball vs Creekside @ CHS
- Friday, 3/3/23 @ 6:30PM Baseball (Varsity) vs Father Lopez HS @ TCHS
- Saturday, 3/4/23 @ 8:25AM Track & Field (Varsity) -Craig Speziale Memorial @ PVHS



**The time has finally come to REGISTER FOR THE 2023 BRAVE SUMMIT!! Share this with your friends and classmates and make sure to register soon, we anticipate a full house! We can't wait to see you on March 29th at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre for a summit focused on teen mental health. Food trucks, games, and live music! [Click Here](#) to register.**

**100 spots are available for students who wish to ride a school bus to and from the event. Students can sign up for a school bus spot by returning a completed permission slip to the front office C/O: Stephanie Tavill. Permission slips are available for pickup during all three lunch periods. Bus spots will be awarded on a first-come-first serve basis. Students wishing to attend the event as student drivers or parent pick-up should register for the event using the link above, they do not require a permission slip.**

# TCHS CAREER ACADEMIES



**Miller Electric Job Shadow:** There are two remaining spots open for a job-shadow opportunity with Miller Electric on March 10th (teacher planning day). Students in the Academy of Innovation in the Built Environment who are interested in this opportunity should reach out to Stephanie Tavill directly to get registered. This is an incredible opportunity to learn more about the electrical industry!

## Upcoming Events:

- March 1st- Guest Speaker- Healthcare Academy
- March 2nd- Construction and Career Days Field Trip (Built Environment and Emerging Tech)
- March 7th- Field trip to Unmanned Squadron (Emerging Tech)

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.

## COLLEGE IS POSSIBLE!

If you are a new or returning SJR State student, of any age, we encourage you to apply for one of the SJR State scholarships. These scholarships can reduce the need for college debt.

SJR State offers a variety of scholarships from need-based to academic performance, to program of study or county you live in. Complete only ONE online application to be considered for the best scholarship match for you.

Some scholarships require information from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). To get help or complete the FAFSA, follow the link below.

[StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)



SJR is now accepting applications for scholarships. Visit: <https://sjrstate.edu/scholarships> to learn more!

# SENIOR INFORMATION



## Senior Name Verification

Attention all seniors!!  
Since graduation is just around the corner, it is time to verify your name for your diploma. Please click on [this link](#) to verify your name.

All responses are due by end of day on March 3rd.



- 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.



## 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



# STUDENT LIFE

## 23-24 PARKING

PARKING FOR THE 23-24 SCHOOL YEAR IS LIVE FOR RISING SENIORS UNTIL FEB. 24TH AND RISING JUNIORS FEB. 27TH-MARCH 9TH! [CLICK HERE](#) FOR MORE INFO ON POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

**Toro Band**  
TOCOI CREEK HIGH SCHOOL



### Tocoi Creek HS Tumblers

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



## 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

# 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, 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

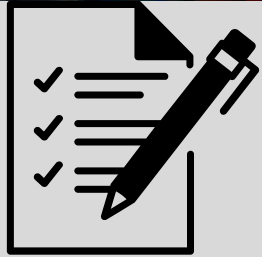
[Rachel Blount](#) - 9th and 10th last names M-Z

[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](#)





# 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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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!](#)

A poster for the ACT School Day. It features a background of a test paper with math problems and a red pencil. The ACT logo is in a circle. The text is as follows:

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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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