

THE BULL PEN

Tocoi Creek High School Weekly Newsletter

Toro Nation,
Spring Break is upon us! Our Toros finished the 3rd Quarter in style and are ready to charge into our final half of the second semester on March 20th.

PROM 2023

Tickets are now on sale for Seniors, Junior window will open after Spring Break, [CLICK HERE](#) to order tickets!

TCHS will be participating in an ACT School Day for all 11th grade students on March 28th. After testing, if you would like your student to be released before the school day ends, a printable form will be available for an early dismissal ticket.

TCHS wants to congratulate its Volunteers of the Year:

Student - Cassandra Jenkins

Parent – Laurie Weaver

Senior – Patty Dulaney

One Toro Arts needs your help!

We have just launched our newest fundraiser! HundredX Causes is an entirely new, and totally free way to help us support all of the incredible arts departments at TCHS.

In order to keep our thespians, musicians, singers, dancers, and artists performing at the level of excellence we have seen since TCHS opened its doors, we are asking for you to join us in this endeavor!

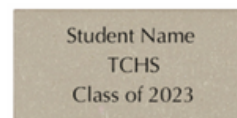
Join us by signing up here!

**DUE TO SPRING
BREAK, THERE WILL
NOT BE A BULLPEN
ON 3/17.**



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\$100



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Up to 20 characters per line

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Up to 12 characters per line

IMPORTANT DATES

TORO WEEK

at a Glance

- Mon., March 13th- Fri. March 17th- Spring Break
- Mon., March 20th- 22-23 Parking Presale Ends
- Tues., March 21st- Army Visit During lunches
- Wed., March 22nd- SAT-Non Reportable for Seniors
- Thurs., March 23rd-
- Fri., March 24th- Character Chats (Focus: trust, managing emotions, building a good reputation, and courage)

SAVE THE DATE

- **MARCH 28TH** JUNIOR ACT (COLLEGE REPORTABLE) DIGITAL LEARNING DAY GRADES 9,10,12
- **MARCH 29TH:** TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIR
- **MARCH 29TH:** BRAVE SUMMIT
- **APRIL 1ST:** MISS TOCOI PAGEANT @ 7PM
- **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, 3/13/23 @ 1PM Softball vs Heritage HS @ TCHS
- Monday, 3/13/23 @ 1PM Baseball Spring Break Classic vs Crescent City HS @ TCHS
- Saturday, 3/18/23 @ 7:30AM Track &Field (Varsity) Bob Hayes @ UNF
- Monday, 3/20/23 @ 6PM Lacrosse-Girls vs St. Joseph @ St. Joseph Academy
- Monday, 3/20/23 @ 6:30PM Baseball (JV) vs Bishop Kenny @ Bishop Kenny HS
- Monday, 3/20/23 @ 7PM Baseball (Varsity) vs Dr. Phillips HS @ TCHS
- Monday, 3/20/23 @ 7PM Lacrosse-Boys vs St. Joseph @ St. Joseph Academy
- Tuesday, 3/21/23 @ 3:30PM Tennis vs Bishop Kenny HS @ TCHS
- Tuesday, 3/21/23 @ 6PM Softball (Varsity) vs Beachside @ BHS
- Tuesday, 3/21/23 @ 6PM Lacrosse-Girls vs Nease @ NHS
- Tuesday, 3/21/23 @ 6PM Volleyball-Boys (Varsity) vs Beachside @ TCHS
- Tuesday, 3/21/23 @ 6:30PM Baseball (Varsity) vs St. Joseph Academy @ TCHS
- Wednesday, 3/22/23 @ 5PM Weightlifting-Boys vs Nease @ TCHS
- Thursday, 3/23/23 @ 3:30PM Tennis vs Beachside @ BHS
- Thursday, 3/23/23 @ 4:30/7PM Baseball vs Interlachen @ TCHS
- Thursday, 3/23/23 @ 6PM Lacrosse- Girls vs Santa Fe @ TCHS
- Thursday, 3/23/23 @ 6:30PM Volleyball-Boys (Varsity) vs St. Augustine @ SAHS
- Thursday, 3/23/23 @ 7PM Lacrosse- Boys vs Pedro Menendez @ PMHS
- Friday, 3/24/23 @ 1PM Track & Field Toco Creek Toro Showdown @ TCHS
- Friday, 3/24/23 @ 3:30PM Tennis - Boys vs St. Augustine @ TCHS
- Friday, 3/24/23 @ 6/7:30PM Softball vs Orange Park HS @ Orange Park HS
- Friday, 3/24/23 @ 6:30PM Baseball (JV) vs Ponte Vedra @ TCHS



STUDENT LIFE



MISS TOCOI

COME WATCH THE MISS TOCOI PAGEANT ON SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST AT 7:00 PM. TICKETS ARE \$10 FOR STUDENTS/CHILDREN AND \$15 FOR ADULTS

23-24 PARKING

PARKING FOR THE 23-24 SCHOOL YEAR IS LIVE FOR RISING SENIORS AND JUNIORS. THIS PRE-SALE PARKING OPPORTUNITY WILL END ON MARCH 20TH. THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE PARKING DURING THE SUMMER. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO READ THE BULL PEN FOR FUTURE PARKING UPDATES.

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR MORE INFO ON POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

PROM TICKETS

PROM TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR **SENIORS ONLY**. USE [THIS SCHOOLPAY LINK](#) TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY! ONLY SENIORS WILL HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF BUYING THEIR TICKETS FROM 3/10 - 3/19 FOR \$85.

IF YOU PLAN TO BRING A GUEST FROM OUTSIDE TCHS, YOU WILL NEED TO FILL OUT A GUEST FORM FOUND IN THE DEAN'S OFFICE AFTER SPRING BREAK.



TOCOI CREEK HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

TORO GALA 2023 PROM

Friday, April 21, 2023
7:00 - 10:00 PM
The River House
179 Marine Street
St. Augustine

[HTTPS://WWW.SCHOOLPAY.COM/PAY/FOR/JUNIOR-AND-SENIOR-PROM-2023/SBIOEEP](https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/junior-and-senior-prom-2023/sbioeep)



STUDENT LIFE


National Honor Society visited Mill Creek to help celebrate literacy for Dr. Seuss Day! Members spent the day reading and writing with the Kindergarten and First grade classes of Mrs. Grimes, Mrs. Warner, and Mrs. Estes. Thank you to these teachers for their hospitality in allowing us to work with future Toros!



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



Our students in the IND department went to Pedro Menendez Thursday for Victory Days. We had such a great time: the weather was perfect, the kids did great, and the school did a great job hosting! We had 18 of our students participate, and we just couldn't be prouder of how well they did.



STUDENT LIFE

Congratulations!



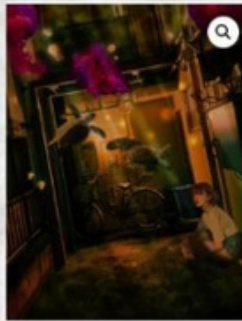
The Teenage Mind

Ceramics by Emerson Rodgers
11th Grade, Toxoi Creek High School
(Taught by S. Smith)



Self Portrait

Digital Art by Anthony Sciana
9th Grade, Toxoi Creek High School
(Taught by J. Post)



Meet me at our spot

Digital Art by Alyssa Fisher
9th Grade, Toxoi Creek High School
(Taught by J. Post)



Piece by Piece

Drawing by Alannah Curtis
10th Grade, Toxoi Creek High School
(Taught by J. Cabrera)



Can't Save Each Other

Drawing by Brice Mashburn
10th Grade, Toxoi Creek High School
(Taught by J. Cabrera)

TCHS ARTISTS AT THE ST. AUGUSTINE ART ASSOCIATION
ALL-COUNTY ART SHOW

One for Arts Boosters

3/11/2020

PLEASE CONGRATULATE THESE STUDENTS AS THEIR ART WAS CHOSEN IN THE ALL-COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ART SHOW. TOCOI CREEK HAD WINNERS IN SEVERAL CATEGORIES: CERAMICS, DIGITAL ART, AND DRAWING. THEIR TALENT IS AMAZING! THE ART IS SHOWN AT THE ST. AUGUSTINE ART ASSOCIATION DOWNTOWN ON MARINE ST. THROUGH THE MONTH OF MARCH. ABOVE IS THEIR ARTWORK.



GENERAL SCHOOL INFO

UPCOMING TESTING DATES:

- 3/22: SAT-NCR for registered 12th graders only
- 3/28: ACT School Day for all 11th graders (More info below)

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

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

March 28th ACT Day:

On Tuesday, March 28th, TCHS will be participating in a school administered ACT for **ALL JUNIORS**. The state is covering the cost of the test for all 11th graders and SJCS D has opted in for the 3/28/23 date. The test IS college reportable. *9th, 10th, and 12th grade students will participate in a digital learning day at home.*

Attention Juniors! if you plan to leave campus after the completion of the ACT, please print and complete the [March 28 ACT School Day Early Release Form](#). You will submit it to school personnel upon your exit from campus. If a student does not have this form, they will not be permitted to leave early unless regular check out procedures are completed.

If you have any questions, please reach out to our testing coordinator, Ms. Amanda Lewis, at Amanda.Lewis@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Helpful Links:

[TCHS Yearbook](#)

[Lunch Applications](#)

[SJCS D Dress Code](#)

[TCHS Clubs](#)

[Absences and Early Dismissal](#)

[Athletic Games Pass](#)

[Cafeteria](#)

[Schoology](#)



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



SENIORS: May 15th will be the Academy Senior Signing Day. This is an event to celebrate seniors who are going straight into the workforce upon graduation in a job related to their academy field OR seniors who are pursuing post-secondary education (2-year, 4-year, or certificate programs) related to their academy field.

Sign up for the event using the link posted in your academy schoology group. Academy senior scholarship applications are also live. Use the link posted in your academy schoology group to apply for a scholarship sponsored by academy business partners.

Be sure to check out the new March edition of the Academy Newsletter to see everything your students are working on in the career academies.

Upcoming Events:

- March 22nd- Guest Speaker- Toro Time- Healthcare Academy- Brooks Rehab
- March 24th- Field Trip to K-8 NN- Built Environment
- March 27th- Mock Interviews for Academy Juniors pursuing summer internships
- March 29th- Career Fair at TCHS

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



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

GUIDANCE INFORMATION

ADVICE
ASSISTANCE

GUIDANCE

HELP

ATTENTION:

April 1st is the deadline for ALL Dual Enrollment test scores and consent forms to be submitted to the guidance office for ANYONE planning to participate in ANY Dual Enrollment in the 23-24 school year.

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](#)

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

Tocoi Creek High School Families,

We are working hard to support our families this school year with additional resources. We have partnered with our friends at Revolution Prep to offer all our students an opportunity to take a Free Online SAT practice exam, Please see below...

SAT Practice Exam:

Saturday April 15, 2023

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Free - Online

[Click Here](#) to register !

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity!

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.

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



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with our friends at Revolution Prep



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1. Sign up for a practice test at <https://www.revolutionprep.com/partners/163618/>

or scan this QR code



2. Turn your child's goals into a plan. Schedule a time to go over your score report with your Revolution Prep academic advisor at www.revolutionprep.com/christina-brownell

Upcoming practice tests

SAT Practice Exam Saturday April 15, 2023	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Online

About Revolution Prep

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Contact Christina Brownell your Revolution Prep Advisor with any questions

(904) 862-2663

christina.brownell@revolutionprep.com

SENIOR INFORMATION



- 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:

3/31- 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

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](#)



SAC MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 13TH @ 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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