

THE BULL PEN

Tocoi Creek High School Weekly Newsletter

OUR TRADITION

Toro Nation,

Tuesday, March 28th is a BIG day for TCHS...See below

Traveling Herd Spring Sports Pep-Rally - The first 200 students who come to the cafeteria at 4:00pm will receive a FREE Traveling Herd t-shirt that will get them into 8 home sporting events (baseball V/JV, tennis V-GB, volleyball V-B, lacrosse V-GB). Fan of the Game prizes and fee based concession stands available...Did we mention the FREE Traveling Herd t-shirt that acts as your ticket into all games? First event starts at 4:30pm, last event starts at 7:15pm.

ACT DAY for ALL 11th Grade Students - TCHS will be participating in an ACT School Day for all 11th grade students on March 28th. Please review the following information:

- Test is college reportable...and free to 11th grade students
- All 9th,10th,and 12th grade students will have a digital learning day through Schoology
- [Early dismissal form CLICK HERE](#)
 - Upon completing, **PRINT OUT FORM**
 - **PRINTED OUT FORM** will serve as dismissal ticket at exit gates
 - Students who **DID NOT** print out form will not be able to leave until parent is contacted
- **Schedule for testing** →

SJCSD Exceptional Student Education *Transition Services Fair*

You're Invited!

The St. Johns County School District is hosting a Transition Fair for students with disabilities, their parents and guardians. Local vendors and agencies who provide supports and services to individuals with disabilities will be available to share information about their programs and community resources.

Details

- Tuesday, April 4th
- 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
- Location: First Coast Technical College, Building C
Character Counts Conference Room
2980 Collins Avenue, St. Augustine, FL 32084

Community Agencies Attending

- Project 10 Transition Network
- The ARC of St. Johns
- The ARC of Jacksonville
- Life Work Transition Program
- Project SEARCH
- First Coast Technical College
- Disability Rights of Florida
- Best Buddies
- The Florida Division of Blind
- Agencies for Persons with Disabilities (APD)
- Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD)
- And many more...



For More Information Contact

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ACT SCHOOL DAY TESTING SCHEDULE JUNIORS ONLY MARCH 28, 2023

START - END TIME	TESTING TIME/TASKS	TIME
4:20a.m.	Admit all students	10 minutes
4:30a.m.	Non-test activities	10 minutes
4:40a.m.	Begin reading test script	5 minutes
9:45a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Reading Test	45 minutes
10:30a.m. - 11:30a.m.	Math Test	60 minutes
11:30 - 11:40a.m.	BREAK	10 minutes
11:45a.m. - 12:20p.m.	Reading Test	35 minutes
12:20 - 12:55p.m.	Science Test	35 minutes
After Testing (approx. 1:30p.m.)	LUNCH (DO NOT DISMISS STUDENTS UNTIL THE ANNOUNCEMENT)	45 minutes
2:15p.m. - 3:50p.m.	Auditorium	90 minutes

IMPORTANT DATES

TORO WEEK

at a Glance

Mon., March 27th-

Tues., March 28th- ACT Day for Juniors -Virtual Day for 9, 10, 12
Q3 Report Cards Posted

Traveling Herd 4:00 PM Cafe for Shirt

Wed., March 29th- Technical College & Career Fair

Thurs., March 30th-Miss Tocoí Dress Rehearsal @ 4PM

Fri., March 31st- Grad Items Distributed during Lunches

Sat., April 1st- Miss Tocoí Pageant @ 7PM

FCDI State Championship in Orlando

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, 3/27/23 @ 6PM Softball (Varsity) vs Ponte Vedra @ TCHS

Monday, 3/27/23 @ 6:30PM Baseball (JV) vs St. Augustine @ SAHS

Tuesday, 3/28/23 @ 3:30PM Tennis vs Matanzas HS @ TCHS

Tuesday, 3/28/23 @ 4/7PM Baseball vs St. Augustine @ TCHS

Tuesday, 3/28/23 @ 5:30PM Lacrosse-Girls vs Atlantic Coast HS @ TCHS

Tuesday, 3/28/23 @ 6/7PM Volleyball-Boys vs Bartram Trail @ TCHS

Tuesday, 3/28/23 @ 7PM Softball (Varsity) vs St. Augustine @ SAHS

Tuesday, 3/28/23 @ 7:15PM Lacrosse-Boys vs Beachside @ TCHS

Wednesday, 3/29/23 @ TBA Volleyball-Boys vs Ponte Vedra @ PVHS

Wednesday, 3/29/23 @ 6PM Baseball (Varsity) vs Mandarin @ Mandarin HS

Thursday, 3/30/23 @ 3:30PM Tennis vs Pedro Menendez @ TCHS

Thursday, 3/30/23 @ 6PM Softball (Varsity) vs Atlantic Coast HS @ TCHS

Thursday, 3/30/23 @ 6PM Lacrosse- Girls vs Matanzas HS @ Matanzas HS

Thursday, 3/30/23 @ 6:15PM Lacrosse- Boys vs Father Lopez Catholic HS @ TCHS

Thursday, 3/30/23 @ 6:30PM Volleyball-Boys (JV) vs Warner Christian @ Warner Christian Academy

Saturday, 4/1/23 @ 9AM Track & Field (Varsity) Bartram Bear Classic @ BTHS

Saturday, 4/1/23 @ 10AM/12PM Baseball (JV) vs Fletcher HS @ Fletcher HS

GUIDANCE INFORMATION

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. Our goal is to showcase careers for our traditionally non-college bound students. We will be highlighting Associate Degrees, Technical Certificates, Workforce Certificates, Apprenticeship Programs, careers that do not require a college degree, etc.

Some students will be attending the fair with their teachers. Students that wish to participate that are not enrolled in one of these classes, should come to the 1st floor guidance office to receive a pass to come during their lunch. Teachers attending include: Argentina, A&J Brux, Flowers (1st, 3rd, 4th), Harvey (3rd, 4th, 7th), K. Johnson (6th, 7th), A. Levy (2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th), McGuffin (1st, 3rd, 7th), Mousley (1st, 6th, 7th), Nemecek, O'Steen, Pellicer (1st, 2nd, 4th, 7th), Therre (4th), Vitolo (1st, 3rd), Welch (2nd, 4th, 7th), Young (2nd, 3rd, 6th).

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



Take a Practice SAT®

with our friends at Revolution Prep



The SAT, which covers the entirety of your child's high school learning, can seem daunting and overwhelming, but if your child is prepared, they'll feel less overwhelmed. The best way to prepare is to practice.

Proctored practice tests are an opportunity for your child to work on pacing and endurance in a setting that best simulates the test day environment. Plus, you can see your child's score instantly in the Revolution Prep mobile app!

How it works

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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(904) 862-2663

christina.brownell@revolutionprep.com

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2023**

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GAMES • COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS**

A FREE EVENT TO ENCOURAGE
TEEN MENTAL HEALTH

MARCH 29 | 3PM - 7PM
ST. AUGUSTINE AMPHITHEATRE

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Be Resilient and Voice Emotions

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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.

40 spots are still 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.



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

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

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)

PROM UPDATE:

PROM HAS A NEW LOCATION AND MORE TICKETS AVAILABLE!! PROM WILL NOW BE LOCATED AT WGV RENAISSANCE RESORT. TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED [HERE](#)



STUDENT LIFE



TCHS CHEERLEADING IMPORTANT DATES:

1

Now-April 21:

Fill out interest form (link in bio)

2

April 18th at 5:00pm:

Interest meeting in TCHS Cafeteria (both parents and athletes are welcome)

3

April 24:

Athletic Clearance needs to be complete (instructions on TCHS athletics website)

4

Tryouts in the TCHS gym:

April 25: 4:30-6:30 pm
April 26: 4:30-6:30 pm
April 27: 4:30- TBD

[Click Here if you are interested](#)

NHS APPLICATION

OPEN TO RISING JUNIORS AND SENIORS THAT MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- 3.75 WEIGHTED CUMULATIVE GPA
- JUNIORS-40 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE
- SENIORS-50 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

THE APPLICATION IS USED BY THE FACULTY COUNCIL AS ONE OF THE CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP, ALONG WITH THE STUDENT'S GPA AND DISCIPLINARY RECORD.

APPLICATION LINK IS NOW OPEN- AND CLOSES ON 8/11

National Honor Society Selection
Form 2023-2024





STUDENT LIFE

happenings at THE HUB

The following students had the honor of representing Toco at the district Battle of the Books competition. They participated in a fun event at Creekside High that contained an author visit, crafts, and a quiz battle. Way to go reading Toros!

- Team members:
- Elena Sandoval
 - Sasha Sandoval
 - Olivia Samartan
 - Emily Cosgrove
 - Jade Stillwell





STUDENT LIFE

ONE TORO ARTS

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!

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.

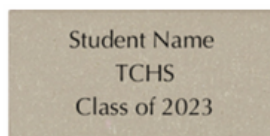
[CLICK HERE](#) FOR MORE INFO ON POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

START A LEGACY!

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](#)

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\$100



3 lines personalized text
Up to 20 characters per line

4x8 Brick - Logo (Left)

\$100



3 lines personalized text
Up to 12 characters per line



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.

The Jacksonville Post SAME is announcing an extension to the submittal deadline for applications for the high school scholarships. The flier below provides all the information on the requirements and submittal. The new deadline is March 31, 2023. Please let any of your senior students interested in pursuing a degree in engineering or related fields know about this opportunity.

Upcoming Events:

- **March 27th-** Mock Interviews for juniors who have applied for summer internships and all students enrolled in Health Science Foundations
- **March 29th-** Career Fair at TCHS
- **March 29th-** BRAVE Summit- 40 seats still available. Permission slips are in the front office
- **April 4th-** Industry Certification Testing Round 1 (teacher recommendation only)
- **April 13-16-** HOSA State Competition

APPLICATION DEADLINE March 31, 2023

AWARDS SPRING 2023

2023 AWARD
Up to \$2,000

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ★ Be entering college as a full-time student
- ★ Be a citizen of the United States at the time of application.
- ★ Have at least a 3.0 grade point average based on a 4.0 scale.
- ★ Preference to residents of Clay, Duval, St. Johns, Nassau and Baker counties, FL, or Camden County, GA.
- ★ Be a SAME student member (easy, free sign up on line).

Society of American Military Engineers
Jacksonville Post

Engineering, Construction & Architecture

The Jacksonville chapter of SAME offers scholarships to students who are enrolled in an engineering, construction or architecture program accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) or the National Council of Architectural Registration Board (NCARB).

Judging will be conducted by the local Jacksonville Post SAME Scholarship Committee on the basis of each candidate's high school record. In order to account for the variety of academic courses offered, transcripts are required and shall be submitted as part of the application package.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Walter Reigner
863-607-2054
Reignerw@bv.com

VISIT
<https://samejax.org/HS-scholarships>

TO DOWNLOAD YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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.



GENERAL SCHOOL INFO

UPCOMING TESTING DATES:

- 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](#)

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

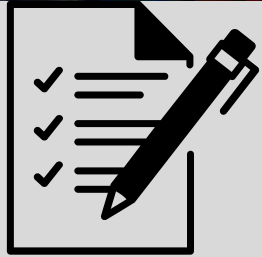
5/17- CAP AND GOWN PICK UP AND DEBT DAY-
AUDITORIUM 9AM-12PM

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, 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



TOCOI CREEK
HIGH SCHOOL
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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

SOCIAL STUDIES TEXTBOOK ADOPTION



The St. Johns County School District has begun the review process for the Social Studies Instructional Materials Adoption. **Once available for review, the digital resources will be posted [here](#) and available for review.** The core resources that have been submitted for evaluation were selected from the state adoption consideration lists when available. Additional resources for advanced programs may be reviewed from materials listed as appropriate for the program indicated.

Some print materials may be available for review. If you would like access to the available printed materials or require assistance reviewing the online resources, please call the Instructional Resources and Media Services office at 904.547.3947. Materials are available for review from 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM when district offices are open.

We encourage parent and community participation in our adoption process. If you would like to serve on a school committee and formally review the resources as a part of the school review team, please contact any school or our office at 904.547.3947 by **April 21, 2023**. Committee membership is limited. School administrators will select the appropriate number of reviewers from the list of interested participants.



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