

THE BULL PEN

Tocoi Creek High School Weekly Newsletter

OUR TRADITION

Toro Nation,

The TCHS Wind Ensemble takes straight Superiors in their final music performance assessment (MPA) of the year....CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Parking, schedules, and plans for the 2023-24 school year take center stage this final week prior to Spring Break (Spring Break is NEXT WEEK! beginning Friday, March 10th-17th). Counselors are completing middle school registration and will circle back to any student who missed their scheduled time for the new year. ALL students have until the final day of this school year to adjust any elective choices...then they are LOCKED. During the summer we will advertise a 3 week window during this summer following assessment data to adjust any core class movement.

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

PARKING FOR THE 23-24 SCHOOL YEAR IS LIVE FOR RISING JUNIORS FEB. 27TH-MARCH 9TH!

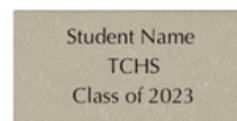
[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO ON POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.](#)



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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IMPORTANT DATES

TORO WEEK

at a Glance

- Mon., March 6th- Mama Mia Auditions 4-7pm
- Tues., March 7th- Emerging Tech Field Trip
- Wed., March 8th- St. Leo University Visit 8:45am
- Thurs., March 9th- SAC Meeting @ 8:20 am
Deadline for Parking (Rising Juniors)
- Fri., March 10th- No School - Teacher Planning

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 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, 3/6/23 @ 6:30PM Baseball (JV) vs Providence @ Providence HS
- Tuesday, 3/7/23 @ 3:30PM Weightlifting- Boys SJC Tournament@ SAHS
- Tuesday, 3/7/23 @ 4:15PM Tennis vs Nease @ NHS
- Tuesday, 3/7/23 @ 4:30/7PM Baseball vs Clay @ TCHS
- Tuesday, 3/7/23 @ 5/7PM Softball vs Middleburg @ TCHS
- Tuesday, 3/7/23 @ 5:30PM Lacrosse-Girls vs Fleming Island @ TCHS
- Tuesday, 3/7/23 @ 7:15PM Lacrosse-Boys vs Atlantic Coast @ TCHS
- Wednesday, 3/8/23 @ 6PM Volleyball-Boys (Varsity) vs Pedro Menendez @ PMHS
- Thursday, 3/9/23 @ 4:30/7PM Baseball Providence vs Providence @ Providence HS
- Thursday, 3/9/23 @ 5/7PM Softball vs Palatka@ Palatka HS
- Thursday, 3/9/23 @ 6PM Volleyball-Boys (JV) vs Creekside @ TCHS
- Thursday, 3/9/23 @ 6:30PM Lacrosse- Girls vs Flagler Palm Coast @ TCHS
- Thursday, 3/9/23 @ 7:30PM Lacrosse- Boys vs Matanzas @ Matanzas HS
- Friday, 3/10/23 @ 3/6PM Volleyball- Boys (Varsity) vs Choctaw/GOCA@ TCHS



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!

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.

TCHS thanks Nemours Health for a great field trip last week. (Pictured Below) Check out the newsletter to hear more!

Upcoming Events:

- March 7th- Field trip to Unmanned Squadron (Emerging Tech)
- March 22nd- Guest Speaker- Toro Time- Healthcare Academy- Brooks Rehab
- 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



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. Important dates for joining a career academy (current and rising 9th graders) are included.

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



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

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TUTORING

WEDNESDAYS DURING TORO TIME IN THE CAFETERIA

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR INDIVIDUAL TUTORING BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL



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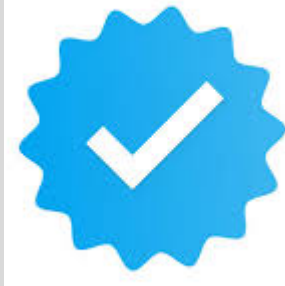


Tocoi Creek HS Tumblers

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



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:

3/3-3/4- 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

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](#)

Upcoming College Visits:

- Wednesday, March 8th @ 8:45am - Saint Leo University

If interested in any of these visits, sign up in the **Guidance office**

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

For 20 years, Revolution Prep's professional tutors have been mentoring one million (and counting) students, helping them become the bright and ambitious learners they are.



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Online instruction delivered



100 academic & test prep subjects

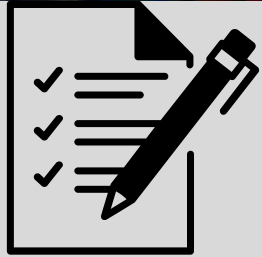
Contact Christina Brownell your Revolution Prep Advisor with any questions

(904) 862-2663

christina.brownell@revolutionprep.com

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!



1841 Ocean Grove Drive
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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