

THE BULL PEN

Tocoi Creek High School Weekly Newsletter

OUR TRADITION STARTS HERE!

Toro Nation,

What a week we had at TCHS! On Wednesday we hosted our first ever Career Fair with over 40 vendors looking to offer post secondary careers or training/education options for our Toros. We also had our first set of students "go pro" with Flagler Hospital offering two of our students positions ON THE SPOT due to their training and certifications....Many thanks to our Academy and Guidance Department for hosting this event!

Miss Tocoi is this SATURDAY NIGHT

Come out this Saturday night to watch and support our 2023 Miss Tocoi Creek contestants compete for the crown. This event provides scholarship money to the top 3 contestants and proceeds benefit the entire arts department, so your support would be greatly appreciated. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for adults and can be bought using [this link](#). Thank you for your support!



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...



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IMPORTANT DATES

TORO WEEK

at a Glance

- Sat., April 1st- Miss Tocoí Pageant @ 7pm
- Mon., April 3rd-
- Tues., April 4th- Certification Exams
- Wed., April 5th- Army visit during lunches
- Thurs., April 6th-
- Fri., April 7th- No School- Good Friday
Artists in the Breezeway @ WGV

SAVE THE DATE

- **APRIL 1ST:** MISS TOCOI PAGEANT @ 7PM
- **APRIL 14TH:** LAST DAY TO ORDER A YEARBOOK, [PURCHASE HERE](#)
- **APRIL 21ST:** SENIOR/JUNIOR PROM @ THE RENAISSANCE RESORT @ WORLD GOLF VILLAGE
- **APRIL 22ND:** SENIOR GRAD BASH @ UNIVERSAL STUDIOS
- **MAY 23RD:** GRADUATION @ THE AMP (ST. AUGUSTINE AMPHITHEATER) 7:00PM

TORO ATHLETICS

at a Glance

- Monday, 4/3/23 @ 5:30/7PM Softball vs Creekside @ TCHS
- Monday, 4/3/23 @ 6:15PM Lacrosse- Boys vs Oak Hall School @ TCHS
- Monday, 4/3/23 @ 6:30PM Baseball (JV) vs Creekside @ TCHS
- Tuesday, 4/4/23 @ 3:30PM Tennis vs Clay HS @ TCHS
- Tuesday, 4/4/23 @ 5:30PM Lacrosse-Girls vs Mandarin HS @ TCHS
- Tuesday, 4/4/23 @ 5:30PM Volleyball-Boys (JV) vs Global Outreach Charter @ TCHS
- Tuesday, 4/4/23 @ 6:30PM Volleyball-Boys (Varsity) vs St. Augustine @ TCHS
- Tuesday, 4/4/23 @ 6:30PM Baseball (Varsity) vs Fletcher HS @ Fletcher HS
- Tuesday, 4/4/23 @ 7:15PM Lacrosse-Boys vs Mandarin HS @ TCHS
- Wednesday, 4/5/23 @ 4:30/7PM Baseball vs Nease @ NHS
- Wednesday, 4/5/23 @ 5:30PM Lacrosse- Girls vs Beachside @ BHS
- Wednesday, 4/5/23 @ 5:30/7PM Softball vs Pedro Menendez @ TCHS
- Wednesday, 4/5/23 @ 6PM Volleyball-Boys (Varsity) vs Beachside @ BHS
- Thursday, 4/6/23 @ 2:45PM Track & Field (Varsity) Ancient City St. Augustine @ SAHS
- Thursday, 4/6/23 @ 3:30PM Tennis vs Beachside @ TCHS
- Thursday, 4/6/23 @ 6PM Baseball (JV) vs Fleming Island @ TCHS
- Thursday, 4/6/23 @ 7PM Softball vs West Port HS @ West Port 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.

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!

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

This week, senior English teachers gave students a copy of their Bright Futures evaluations. These evaluations are based on their first semester grades, test scores, and community service hours. Please review the evaluation and make sure that everything looks accurate to you. If you have any questions about your eligibility or the accuracy of the report, please reach out to your school counselor.

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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Online instruction delivered



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Contact Christina Brownell your Revolution Prep Advisor with any questions

(904) 862-2663

christina.brownell@revolutionprep.com



STUDENT LIFE

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)




**MISS
Tucci**

**APRIL 1
AUDITORIUM**

Doors open at 6:30pm
Show starts at 7pm

Ticket Prices
\$10 for Students
\$15 for Adults



SCAN HERE

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 CLOSING ON 8/11

National Honor Society Selection
Form 2023-2024





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!](#)

LAST CALL FOR YEARBOOKS!

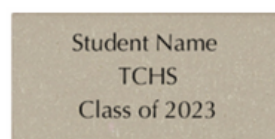
APRIL 14TH IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER ONLINE TCHS'S PICTAVO NATIONAL YEARBOOK OF THE YEAR. LIMITED COPIES REMAIN, SO PLEASE BE SURE TO GET ONE BEFORE THEY SELL OUT. TO PURCHASE, [CLICK HERE!](#)

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](#)

4x8 Brick - Text Only

\$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



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



SENIOR INFORMATION



Important Senior Dates:

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



Update:

We are less than a month away from Grad Bash! If you have requested a cancellation, refunds will be going out starting 4/3. We are also beginning to pull from the waitlist and will notify students if they receive a spot.



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Helpful Links for Seniors:

[FAFSA \(Financial Aid\)](#)

[Naviance Help](#)

[Senior Guidance Page](#)

[Senior Info on TCHS Webpage](#)

[Senior Dates/Deadlines](#)

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:

- 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:

- 4/4: Industry Certification Exams
- 4/13-4/14: FAST Writing Field Test (9th Grade)
- 4/18: ACT- Nonreportable
- 4/26-4/28: Florida Civic Literacy Exam

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

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



Helpful Links:

[TCHS Yearbook](#)

[Lunch Applications](#)

[SJCSD Dress Code](#)

[TCHS Clubs](#)

[Absences and Early
Dismissal](#)

[Athletic Games Pass](#)

[Cafeteria](#)

[Schoology](#)

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, sign up 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
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](#)

Parents interested in serving on the One Toro Arts Booster Executive Board for the 2023-2024 school year can fill out [this form](#) to express their interest.

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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