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### **Tocoi Creek High School Weekly Newsletter**

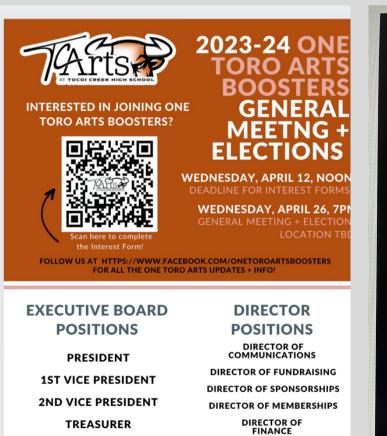
#### Toro Nation.

It's ELECTION Season for our support organizations.....OneToro Arts, OneToro Athletics, and PTSO need YOU! With all of the positive energy and interest going for the programming at TCHS, it is now your turn to help our school and support organizations grow even stronger! Have some extra time on your hands? Are you passionate about supporting TCHS? Then the time is NOW to get involved. Please see the attached flyers to channel your energy to meet our future needs at TCHS! Horns UP!



The current TCHS PTSO Board welcomes all of our parents and grandparents to a candidate meet and greet on Monday, April 24th at 6pm in the HUB. Take an opportunity to meet the individuals running and share your ideas for next year.

Light refreshments will be served.



DIRECTOR OF APPAREL

# ETICS 2023 - 2024 ELECTIONS

**INTERESTED IN BEING ON THE BOARD? Contact Caitlin Pinlac** caitlinpinlac@gmail.com

#### ANNUAL BOOSTER MEETING May 8th @6pm Tocoi Creek High School

Follow our website for more information regarding the annual meeting/elections

www.onetoroathletics.com

#### EXECUTIVE **POSITIONS:**

President Vice President 1 Vice President 2 Treasurer Secretary

#### DIRECTOR POSITIONS

Director of Volunteers Director of Concessions Director of Finance Director of Communications Director of Sports Teams Director of Merchandise Director of Events Director of Sponsorships **Director of Membership** 



https://onetoroarts.wixsite.com/one-toro-arts

TREASURER SECRETARY

### **IMPORTANT DATES**



Mon., April 10th-	No School			
	AP Mock Practice Exams 9am-12pm			
Tues., April 11th-				
Wed., April 12th-	CPR Training (HOPE & US History)			
Thurs., April 13th-	SAC Meeting @ 8:20 am			
-	FAST Writing (9th Grade)			
Fri., April 14th-	FAST Writing (9th Grade)			
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### SAVE THE DATE

•	APRIL 14TH:	LAST DAY TO ORDER A YEARBOOK, <u>PURCHASE HERE</u>
•	APRIL 21ST:	SENIOR/JUNIOR PROM @ THE RENAISSANCE RESORT @ WORLD GOLF VILLAGE
•	APRIL 22ND:	SENIOR GRAD BASH @ UNIVERSAL STUDIOS
•	APRIL 25TH:	INTERIM GRADES LIVE IN HAC
•	MAY 8TH-12TH:	SENIOR EXAMS
•	<b>MAY 12TH:</b>	LAST DAY FOR SENIORS
	MAY 23RD	GRADUATION @ THE AMP (ST AUGUSTINE AMPHITHEATER) 7:00PM

# TORO ATHLETICS

Tuesday, 4/11/23 @ 6PM Softball (Varsity) vs Beachside @ TCHS Tuesday, 4/11/23 @ 6:30PM Volleyball-Boys (Varsity) vs Warner Christian @ TCHS Tuesday, 4/11/23 @ 6:30PM Baseball (JV) vs Nease @ NHS Tuesday, 4/11/23 @ 6:30PM Baseball (Varsity) vs Bishop Kenny HS @ TCHS Wednesday, 4/12/23 @ 9AM Tennis Districts @ The Bolles School Wednesday, 4/12/23 @ 6/7PM Volleyball-Boys vs Creekside @ CHS Thursday, 4/13/23 @ 9AM Tennis Districts @ The Bolles School Thursday, 4/13/23 @ 3PM Track & Field Thursday Night Spikes @ BTHS Friday, 4/14/23 @ 7PM Softball (Varsity) vs Buckholz HS @ Buckholz HS Friday, 4/14/23 @ 7PM Baseball (Varsity) vs Palatka HS @ Palatka HS



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

<u>Click Here</u> to register ! We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity! 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 <u>Kim Tabala</u> – (904) 547 – 4278 Home Access Center (HAC), Registration Questions o <u>Marvin Jenkins</u> – (904) 547 – 4275

### Who is my counselor?

<u>Elizabeth Wright</u> - 9th and 10th last names A-L <u>Rachel Blount</u> - 9th and 10th last names M-Z <u>D'Erica Gibbs</u> - 11th and 12th last names A-L <u>Linda Smith</u> - 11th and 12th last names M-Z



# 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

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

or scan this QR code



 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

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#### About Revolution Prep

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(904) 862-2663

christina.brownell@revolutionprep.com

**NEWSWORTHY TOROS** 

Will they unfold smoothly?

### DEBATE STATE CHAMPIONS!!!

#### OUR DEBATE TEAM BROUGHT 4 STUDENTS TO THE FLORIDA CIVICS AND DEBATE INITIATIVE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP ON APRIL 1ST.

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE BROUGHT HOME 2 STATE CHAMPIONS AND A 4TH PLACE FINISHER!

NOAH DEHAAN WON 1ST PLACE IN THE DEBATE CATEGORY OF EXTEMPORANEOUS DEBATE. HIS CATEGORY HAD 29 OTHER DEBATERS FROM AROUND THE STATE, AND HE PERSONALLY DEBATED 7 GETTING A BYE ROUND FOR HAVING THE HIGHEST SCORE.



SHREYA SINGH WON 1ST PLACE IN THE SPEECH CATEGORY OF ORAL INTERPRETATION WHERE SHE PERFORMED 4 ROUND SOF PROSE AND POETRY.

ARISSA LATIF WON 4TH PLACE IN THE SPEECH CATEGORY OF INFORMATIVE SPEAKING WHERE SHE COMPLETED 5 ROUNDS!





DEBATTE TIEAM MEETS EVERY TUESDAY EROM 4-5PM IN ROOM 4-315. ALL ARE WELGOME!

PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: COACH MORGAN MOUSLEY, OFFICERS: NOAH DEHAAN, SHREYA SINGH, MEHNA LAKS, ARISSA LATIF, COACH MEGAN YOUNG

### **NEWSWORTHY TOROS**

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FOUR ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENTS WERE SELECTED TO GO PARTAKE IN JSMP (JACKSONVILLE SPORTS MEDICINE PROGRAM) SPORTS INJURY SYMPOSIUM AT THE JAGS STADIUM: SAVANNAH MALOTA, KAYCEE HUFF, ERIN BASTOW, AND ANA WILLETS. THESE FOUR STUDENTS WERE SELECTED OUT OF DUVAL, ST JOHNS, NASSAU, FLAGLER, AND VOLUSIA COUNTY STUDENTS WHERE THEY HAD TO APPLY TO BE CONSIDERED. THEY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT HEAD INJURIES, HEAT RELATED INJURIES, SPORT REHABILITATION, SPORT NUTRITION, STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING, WERE TAUGHT HOW TO TAPE, AND FINISHED UP WITH BEING TAUGHT CPR AND FIRST AID. THEY EVEN GOT A TOUR OF THE JAGS LOCKER ROOM AS WELL AND THEIR WEIGHT ROOM! THEY HAD AN ABSOLUTE BLAST AND STATED THEY HOPE THEY ARE SELECTED AGAIN TO GO NEXT YEAR.

ON SATURDAY, THEY WENT AND VOLUNTEERED WITH THE "WHO WE PLAY FOR ORGANIZATION", WHICH OFFERS FREE EKG SCREENINGS TO ATHLETES AS PART OF THEIR ATHLETIC PHYSICALS TO DETECT ANY HEART ABNORMALITIES A TYPICAL PHYSICAL SCREENING WOULD NOT CATCH. THEY WERE TAUGHT HOW TO ADMINISTER EKG'S AS WELL AS HELP READ/INTERPRET EKG READINGS AS WELL.











WE KNOW THAT STUDENTS WILL WANT TO LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY TO PREPARE FOR PROM. SCHOOL BOARD POLICY STATES THAT A STUDENT MUST BE PRESENT AT LEAST HALF THE SCHOOL DAY TO BE CONSIDERED PRESENT AND TO PARTICIPATE IN AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. STUDENTS MAY LEAVE WITH SIGNED PARENT PERMISSION FORM AFTER 4TH PERIOD/"C" LUNCH (1:20PM), OR AFTER 5TH PERIOD (2:10PM). YOUR CHILD WILL NEED TO KEEP THE SIGNED FORM AND SUBMIT TO STAFF PERSONN **BORCGATETOLEAVECAMPUSAT INDICATED TIME ON APRIL 21ST** STUDENTS WITHOUT A SIGNED FORM WILL BE RELEASED AT 3:50PM. WE WILL NOT CHECK-OUT STUDENTS THROUGH THE MAIN OFFICE BETWEEN 12:30PM AND 3:50PM FOR PROM AS WE DO NOT HAVE THE **OFFICE STAFF TO HANDLE LARGE** VOLUME CHECK-OUTS. AGAIN. PLEASE DO NOT COMPLETE THE EARLY-DISMISSAL ONLINE FORM FOR APRIL 21ST FOR PROM AS WE DO NOT HA THE OFFICE STAFF TO HANDLE THE VOLUME. PLEASE USE THIS PROM **CHECK-OUT FORM. THERE ARE HARD COPIES IN THE FRONT OFFICE.** 

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

# **PROM UPDATE:**

PROM HAS A NEW LOCATION AND MORE TICKETS AVAILABLE PROM WILL NOW BE LOCATED AT WGV RENAISSANCE RESORT. TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED <u>HERE</u>





ARE YOU A CURRENT 10TH OR 11TH GRADE STUDENT? INTERESTED IN BECOMING A TCHS LEADER? JOIN LINK CREW

APRIL 21

APPLICATIONS CAN BE PICKED UP IN ROOM 4-323 AND ARE DUE 4/21. ALL PREVIOUS LEADERS MUST REAPPLY.





### 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.



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#### **Now-April 21:** Fill out interest form (link in bio)

April 18th at 5:00pm: Interest meeting in TCHS Cafeteria (both parents and athletes are welcome)

#### April 24:

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

**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







- MAY 25TH LAST DAY TO SUBMIT ELECTIVE CHANGES (LINK ON THE WEBSITE AND THE QR CODE IS POSTED IN GUIDANCE OFFICES)
- JULY 19TH 20TH DISTRICT WIDE 2023-2024 STUDENT SCHEDULE PREVIEW
- JULY 19TH 25TH LINK GOES LIVE FOR CORE CLASS CHANGE REQUESTS (NO ELECTIVE CHANGES WILL BE PROCESSED)
- AUGUST 4TH 2023-2024 STUDENT SCHEDULES GO LIVE (NO MORE CHANGES)

### 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, <u>CLICK HERE</u>!

### 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!



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

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Student Name TCHS Class of 2023

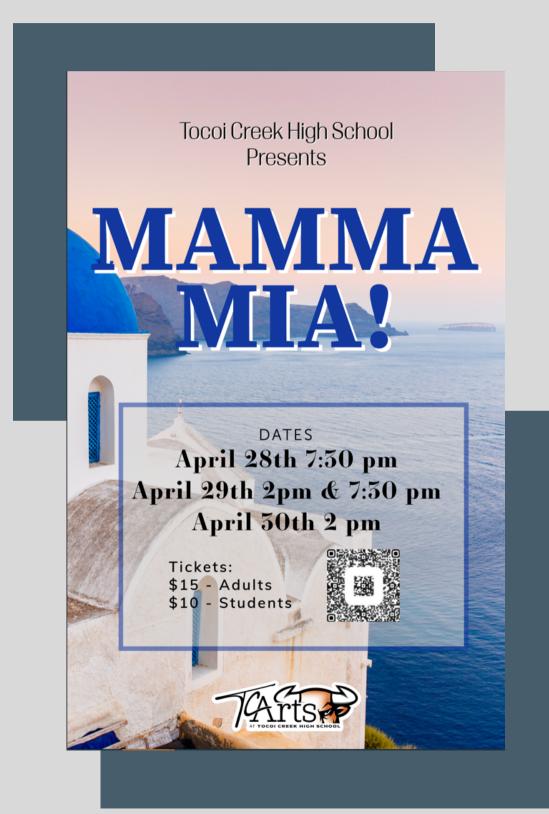
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#### 4x8 Brick - Logo (Left)

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3 lines personalized text Up to 12 characters per line





#### **Upcoming Events:**

- April 13-16- HOSA State Competition
- April 17-21- BLS certifications- select healthcare academy students
- April 24th- Healthcare Academy Summer Internship Interviews
- April 25th- Certification Testing
- April 28th- ACE Awards and Presentations
- April 28th- Flagler Hospital Graduation Celebration



Congratulations to the 94 students who earned an industry certification in our first round of testing. The next round of testing will take place on April 25th and will include all students in a CTE course with the exception of the healthcare academy, this includes Digital Video Technologies, Digital Art Imaging, the Academy of Innovation in the Built Environment (all levels), the Academy of Leadership in Emerging Technologies (level 2 only), and Foundations of Programming.

**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. Academy Scholarship applications are due no later than April 12th.

Northrop Grumman is offering paid internships for students interested in careers in aerospace. Check out the flyer for more information. This could be a great opportunity for students who have Co-Op in the afternoon next year.



#### Thursday, April 20, 2023

Orange Park Campus - 3:30 - 7:00 p.m.

- MEET college FACULTY, advisors and students
  EXPLORE your favorite PROGRAMS at your own pace
  DISCOVER the countless PATHWAYS an A.A. Degree offers
  APPLY for SCHOLARSHIPS, FINANCIAL AID, and summer/fall ADMISSION

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There are 2 options:

- 1. Apply for part-time work in your school's work experience program with Northrop Grumman
- 2. Enroll in the First Coast Technical College Aircraft Fabrication Program

Once enrolled apply on-line to Northrop Grumman Interview at Northrop Grumman

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- Offer dependent upon:
   Successful completion of the Northrop Grumman hiring process, includes background check/drug screen
  - **60000** noc.com/careers

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### **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.

Florida

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.

### Help<mark>ful Li</mark>nks fo<mark>r Sen</mark>iors:

Naviance Help

FAFSA (Financial Aid)

<u>Senior Guidance Page</u> Senior Info on TCHS Webpage

Senior Dates/Deadlines



### **UPCOMING TESTING DATES:**

- 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 <u>click here</u>!

For more info on FAST Testing Click Here!



### Helpful Links:

**TCHS Yearbook** 

Lunch Applications

SJCSD Dress Code

**TCHS Clubs** 

<u>Absences and Early</u> <u>Dismissal</u>

Athletic Games Pass

<u>Cafeteria</u>

<u>Schoology</u>

# **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



### **Seniors**:

- Bright Futures
- FAFSA (Financial ACT Practice Test Aid)
- Naviance Help

### Juniors:

- ACT Test Prep
- ACT Phone App
- SAT Practice
- ACT/SAT Practice

## **UNIORS:**

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

<u>Elizabeth Wright</u>



### 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 <u>Joany.cabrera@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> or 904-547-4260 ext. 8244

# PARENT INVOLVEMENT



Interested in joining or donating to PTSO? • Our Website

- Our FB Group
- Our FB Page
- Our Email

Join the Athletics Booster to hep 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 Tocoi Creek High School. The vision of the One Toro Arts Booster Organization is to ensure that ALL students at Tocoi 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<u>this form</u> 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 <u>contact any school</u> 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.

