
THE BULL PEN

Tocoi Creek High School Weekly Newsletter



**OUR TRADITION
STARTS HERE!**

Welcome and Welcome Back Toro Nation!

The faculty, staff, and administration hope you are enjoying your summer holiday! We would like to welcome our Graduating Class of 2027 as our new freshman, and those new to TCHS, families get ready for their high school journey.

Each family will receive a digital copy of The Bull Pen Weekly Feed each Friday during the school year to be your on-stop-shop for all things TCHS. In addition to "The Feed", parents and students are encouraged to utilize TCHS Website, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram links below to keep informed throughout the school year as these are the OFFICIAL school informational conduits to "stay connected".

[*Instagram CLICK HERE*](#)

[*Facebook CLICK HERE*](#)

[*Twitter CLICK HERE*](#)

As always, any parent can reach out directly to our TCHS Front Office at 904-547-4260 or visit our webpages for more information on [Guidance](#), [TCHS Arts](#) and [Athletics](#) program information.

Be on the lookout for more information coming in the next few weeks to help your Toro get off on the right hoof for the new year!

IMPORTANT DATES

BACK TO SCHOOL

at a Glance

- July 26-27- Schedule Preview in HAC (Parents ONLY)
- July 31- Freshman Day-- 8-10am: A-L, 11am-1pm: M-Z
- Aug. 1- Toro RoundUP--Juniors and Seniors: 8-11am
Toro RoundUP--Sophomores: 1-4pm
- Aug. 2- Toro RoundUP--Freshmen: 1-4pm
- Aug. 4- Senior Parking Paint Day--7-11am
Student Schedules GO LIVE
- Aug. 9- Meet the Teacher: 8-11am
- Aug. 10- First Day of School!

SAVE THE DATE

- **SEPTEMBER 22ND:** HOMECOMING FOOTBAL GAME VS CLAY HIGH
- **SEPTEMBER 23RD:** HOMECOMING DANCE
- **APRIL 12TH:** SENIOR GRADBASH @ UNIVERSAL STUDIOS
- **APRIL 18TH:** JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM @ WGV RENAISSANCE RESORT
- **APRIL 21ST:** SENIOR/JUNIOR PROM @ THE RIVERHOUSE IN ST. AUGUSTINE

TORO ATHLETICS

at a Glance

Cross Country	July 24-27 @ 6:30pm Mon., July 31 @ 5:30pm Mon., July 31 @ 6:30pm	Voluntary Conditioning @ TCHS Track First Practice @ TCHS Track Parent Meeting @ TCHS café
Football	Fri., July 27 @ 6pm Fri., July 28 @ 5-8pm Mon., July 31 @ 4:25pm	Parent Meeting @ TCHS Auditorium Mom's Clinic @ TCHS Stadium First Practice @ TCHS Practice Fields
Golf --Boys & Girls	Wed., Aug. 9 4:20pm Thurs., Aug. 10 @ 4:20pm Fri., Aug. 11 @ 4:20pm	Tryouts @ Slammer and Squire Tryouts @ Slammer and Squire Tryouts @ Slammer and Squire
Swim and Dive	Wed., Aug. 2 @ 5:30pm Thurs., Aug. 3 @ 6:15pm	Team Meeting @ TCHS café Training/Tryouts @ Silver Leaf Pool
Volleyball	Mon., July 31 @ 4-6:30pm Tues., Aug. 1 @ 4-6pm Wed., Aug. 2 @ 4-6:30pm	Open Gym @ TCHS Gym Tryouts @ TCHS Gym Tryouts @ TCHS Gym



GENERAL SCHOOL INFO

NEW TO TOCOI CREEK?

Here are some Toro Terms to help you get your Toro ready:

- **Bull Pen Weekly Feed** – The “Feed” is your weekly newsletter for ALL things TCHS. Parents will have access to all critical information, important dates, and contact information sent directly to your email each Friday.
- **Schedule Preview Day** – Parents will have the opportunity to look at their child’s actual schedule. Information will be sent to all parents on ways to access TCHS guidance for any needs.
- **Home Access Center (HAC)** – Student and Parent digital portal that shows class grades, assessment results, state scores and the official portal to update email, phone and address changes after registration.
- **Link Crew** – A dedicated group of 11th/12th grade leaders who partner up with ALL freshmen students to act as a “trusted peer” on campus to assist as needed
- **Freshman Day** – The official day where we match our Freshman with their Link Crew Leader to learn all about TCHS and the resources surrounding our new students each and every day.
- **Toro RoundUP** – Designated time for each grade level to gather schedules, lockers, PE uniforms, textbooks, parking decals, walk schedules, and some awesome TCHS swag from PTSO, and OneToro Arts/Athletic Boosters. (Teachers will NOT be available for RoundUP dates)
- **Meet the Teacher** – Visit TCHS and meet your child’s teacher. Collect classroom syllabus, gather needs for each class and chat with our amazing teachers and staff!



Helpful Links:

[SJCSD Dress Code](#)

[TCHS Clubs](#)

[Lunch Applications](#)

[TCHS Yearbook](#)

[Absences and Early Dismissal](#)

[Athletic Tickets](#)

[Cafeteria](#)

[Clever](#)

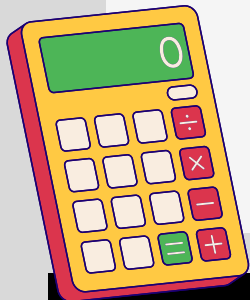
BACK TO SCHOOL MATERIALS & RESOURCES



Parking on TCHS's Campus is limited, as a result, parking passes are reserved for juniors and seniors. For FAQs on parking passes, [click here!](#)

RECOMMENDED CALCULATORS:

TI30XA
CASIO FX-260 SOLAR
CASIO FX-82 SOLAR
SHARP EL-510R
SHARP EL-510RN



PE UNIFORMS

Toros PE Uniforms will be **mandatory** for all students in PE, HOPE, Weight Training, etc.
Cost \$25.00 (Shorts and Shirt included with this fee)

Once payment is complete online, please bring your completed receipt to Toro RoundUP to pick up your uniform.

Uniforms can only be purchased on school pay [here](#); cash will not be accepted at Toro RoundUP this year



SUMMER READING



BELOW ARE THE SUGGESTED SUMMER READING TITLES FOR STANDARD, HONORS, AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT ENGLISH CLASSES. A FORMATIVE ASSIGNMENT WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN CLASSES RESUME IN AUGUST, BUT IT WILL IN NOT NEGATIVELY IMPACT A STUDENT'S GRADE AS SUMMER READING IS NOT REQUIRED AT THIS TIME.

Grade Level	Level	Title	Author	ISBN
9	Standard	American Born Chinese	Gene Luen Yang	978-0312384487
9	Honors	Outliers	Malcolm Gladwell	978-0316017930
10	Standard	Paper Towns	John Green	978-0142414934
10	Honors	Things Fall Apart	Chinua Achebe	978-0385474542
10	Speech	They Say, I Say	Gerald Graff	978-0393631685
11	Standard/ Honors	Into the Wild	John Krakauer	978-0385486804
11	Advanced Placement (AP) English Language	Getting Past the Past <i>(Highly recommended)</i> In Cold Blood <i>(Highly recommended)</i>	Lewis Hyde Truman Capote	978-1250619532 978-0679745587
*11/12	Advanced Placement (AP) Seminar	The Scout Mindset <i>(Highly recommended summer reading)</i> They Say/ I Say with readings (high school addition) <i>(Required text to purchase for course)</i>	Julia Galef Gerald Graff, Cathy Birkenstein, Russel Durst	978-0735217553 978-0393938432
12	Standard/ Honors	Beowulf		978-0451531193
*12	Advanced Placement (AP) Literature	How to Read Literature Like a Professor (Revised Edition) <i>(Highly recommended)</i>	Thomas C. Foster	978-0062301675

*= Advanced Placement recommended reading is paired with questions that were sent directly to students through Schoology on June 6th with the subject line AP English Summer Reading.

ONETORO ATHLETICS

TOROS FOOTBALL INVITES YOU TO

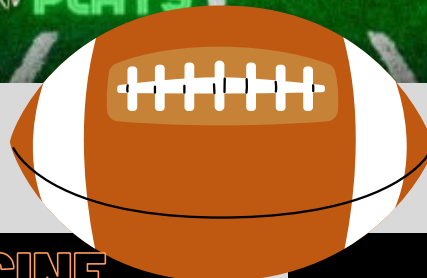
MOM 101 CLINIC

RSVP by completing the sign up google form

JULY 25TH | 5-8 PM  **TOCOI CREEK HIGH SCHOOL**

WATCH **FILM**
RUN **DRILLS**
LEARN **PLAYS**

\$10 cash only
to cover the cost of the T-shirt
Additional DONATIONS are welcomed
OPEN TO ALL WOMEN WITH
AN INTEREST IN LEARNING THE GAME



SPECIAL MEDICINE CLINIC

ANY FRESHMAN INTERESTED IN JOINING THE SPECIAL MEDICINE CLINIC PLEASE CONTACT KATELYN SARGENT.

ATHLETES ARE ENCOURAGED BUT NOT REQUIRED.
SPACE IS LIMITED.

ATHLETIC CLEARANCE

ALL STUDENT ATHLETES MUST BE CLEARED PRIOR TO PARTICIPATION, CONDITIONING, OR TRYOUTS.

[CLICK THIS LINK FOR MORE INFORMATION.](#)



GUIDANCE INFORMATION

ADVICE
ASSISTANCE

GUIDANCE

HELP

Schedules will be available on HAC Wednesday, July 26th & Thursday, July 27th.

For brand-new students to St. Johns County, schedules can be previewed through the parent's Home Access Center Account. Username - email address used during registration
Password - Temp1234#

Students will have these **TWO** days to review their schedule and notify us of a scheduling error or lowering a core course level using [this link](#).

Errors/changes will be corrected prior to school starting.
Errors include:

- a hole in the schedule
- a course on the schedule previously taken
- a missing course needed for graduation
- a missing course that is the next course in the progression from a course already taken. (For example, student took Spanish 1 last year with no grade lower than a C, but Spanish 2 is missing on schedule.)

Requests to increase a course level, change an elective, switch from a brick & mortar course to virtual, add modified, or to change a teacher will not be honored.

TCHS will be offering an Intro to the Teaching Profession class in the fall. This will be the 1st class in the Teaching Academy that will begin 2024-2025 and your student can get a head start. If interested, please use the "Teaching Academy" option under the "Core Course Request" link.

JUNIORS/SENIORS ONLY: modified/co-op period(s) might have been changed while classes were being balanced to meet class-size amendment requirements; therefore, requests to change a student's modified period(s) will not be honored.

ATTENTION:

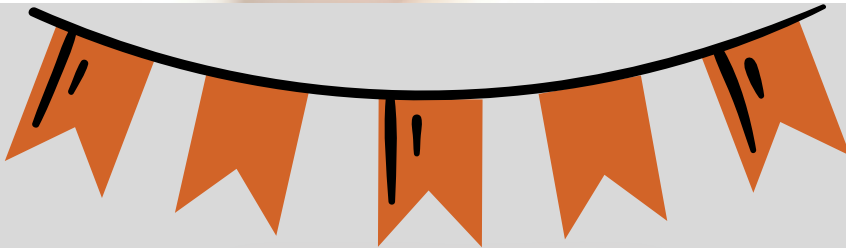
***Families that have not completed the annual RSV (Returning Student Verification) or have expired leases will NOT be able to see their schedule on July 26th & 27th. PLEASE take care of these issues **BEFORE** July 31st, so we can have HAC turned on before Toro Round-Up, which occurs 8/1 and 8/2.

Who is my counselor?

- Elizabeth Wright :
 - Early College Students & Last Name A
- Artina Coma:
 - Last Names B-Dh
- Laura Kuhel:
 - Last Names Di-I
- Alyssa Socket:
 - Last Names J-MI
- Rachel Blount :
 - Last Names Mo-Sa
- Linda Smith :
 - Last Names Sc-Z



SENIOR INFORMATION



SENIOR DATES:

- July 17th-28th: Register/Pay to paint parking space
- Aug. 1st (8-11am): Toro RoundUP
- Aug. 4th (7-11am): Senior Parking Spot Painting
- Aug. 18th (6-8:30am): Senior Sunrise @ TCHS Stadium
- Sept. 15th: Make-Up Senior Pictures w/ Leonard's
- Sept. 22nd: Homecoming Dance
- April 12th: GradBash @ Universal Studios
- April 18th: Prom @ WGV Renaissance Resort

PAINT YOUR PARKING SPOT!

Seniors who have already purchased a parking spot for the 23-24 school year can paint their spot on August 4th! [Click here for more information.](#) [Click here to register and pay](#) July 17th- July 28th. If you did not previously purchase a parking space, [click here to join the waitlist.](#)

Helpful Links for Seniors:

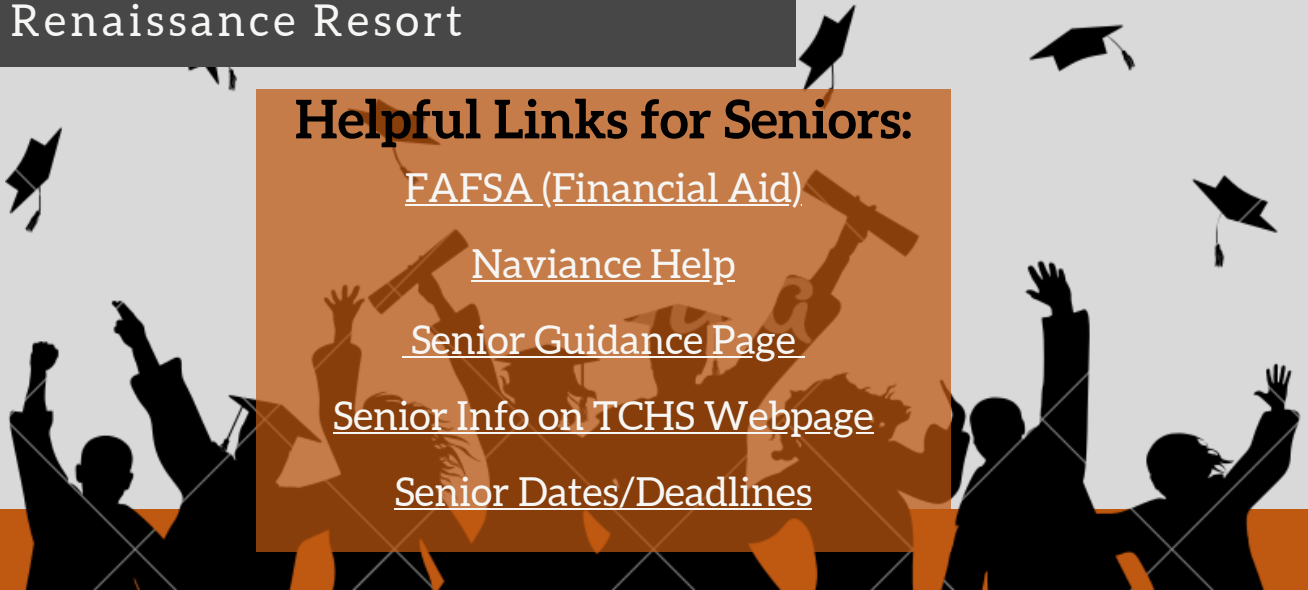
[FAFSA \(Financial Aid\)](#)

[Naviance Help](#)

[Senior Guidance Page](#)

[Senior Info on TCHS Webpage](#)

[Senior Dates/Deadlines](#)





TESTING CORNER

TESTING INFORMATION

SAT Testing Accommodations:

**Students with an IEP or 504 will not automatically receive accommodations. A signed consent form is required to start the process. Please complete the form below and return to the front office.

SAT Consent for Accommodations Request

ACT Testing Accommodations Guidelines:

Students with a disability may be eligible for testing accommodations through ACT for the ACT test.

Your child's IEP or 504 plan does not guarantee approval for accommodations for these college entrance exams. The final decision is up to College Board or ACT.

To request accommodations for your student, the ACT "Consent Form for Accommodations Request" must be signed by both the student and parent and returned to the Testing Coordinator.

Once the consent is received, we will begin the application process. For additional information about accommodations on the ACT, please visit their website or call them at 319-337-1332.

11th grade students wishing to take the school day ACT in March 2024 (paid for by the state) and are requesting accommodations, should do so before January 1, 2024.

Please keep in mind that the application and approval process can take up to 7 weeks and is NOT guaranteed.

If you are interested in applying for College Board or ACT accommodations, please fill out the attached requests and return it to your school's Testing Coordinator.



PARENT INVOLVEMENT



TOCOI CREEK
HIGH SCHOOL
PTSO

Interested in joining or donating to PTSO?

- [Our Website](#)
- [Our FB Group](#)
- [Our FB Page](#)
- [Our Email](#)



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. Follow us on Facebook @OneToroArtsBoosters

Join the Athletics Booster to help with:

- Facility improvement Projects
- Fundraising
- Concession Stand
- Promoting the School



If interested, contact: [Billy Blackmon](#)

SAC MEETING

Want to get involved?
Contact Mr. Joany Cabrera, SAC
President, at
Joany.cabrera@stjohns.k12.fl.us or
904-547-4260 ext. 8244

FIRST MEETING TBA

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

TCHS IS LOOKING FOR SOME OUTSTANDING STAFF MEMBERS TO WORK WITH OUR TOROS!
PLEASE EMAIL MR. WILLETS DIRECTLY AT JAY.WILLETS@STJOHNS.K12.FL.US FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

- **BIOLOGY**
- **MARINE SCIENCE**
- **STATISTICS/AP STATISTICS**
- **ALGEBRA II/PERSONAL FINANCE**
- **AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE**
- **BUILT ENVIRONMENT ACADEMY**
- **12-MONTH DATA OPERATOR (SUPPORT)**



St Johns County School District

Next Hiring for

GUEST TEACHER (Substitute)

Posting July 17, 2023 – August 6, 2023

in AppliTrack Application System

SJCSD is ready to hire Guest Teachers who are ready to make a difference for students in Pre-K - 12th grade. Daily hourly rate \$15.00.

The Guest Teacher role provides:

- Opportunity to put your degree to work.
- Flexibility – you pick the days and schools.
- An opportunity to work with diverse student populations.
- An opportunity to contribute to the learning and development of the students in our school district.

Come join our team.

Applicants who hold a minimum of an Associate degree or equivalent of 60 credits or higher and who are 20 years of age or older are eligible to apply. Preferences given to applicants that have graduated or are graduating from an Education program. All applicants will be reviewed for strong teaching potential, above average references, experience in critical need areas, and/or an education degree.

For full job description, requirements and to apply online, Visit: <https://www.applitrack.com/stjohns/onlineapp/>
Questions? Please call 904-547-7636 Smartfind Helpdesk or application questions call AppliTrack helpdesk 547-7631



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