

THE BULL PEN

Toro Nation,

Tocoi Creek High School Weekly Newsletter

School opens in 6 DAYS! We are excited to get our Toros back on campus and can announce that we are almost fully staffed for the new year! Please continue to be patient with our new employees as they progress through the onboarding process with the district. During the Meet the Teacher event next Wednesday (8am-11am) you will have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher, collect information on class expectations/needs, secure lockers, meet OneToro Arts Boosters, gather schedules and parking passes if already ordered.

Schedules are now LIVE on Home Access Center (HAC). Please use this newsletter as your official guide to connect, get answers, and prepare for your "Back to School" needs. Please see below for important updates on TCHS:

- **Staffing** - 175/178 positions are filled for TCHS - Cafeteria, Guidance Secretary, Social Science positions remain open/unfilled. Onboarding of new staff is still ongoing. Certified Substitutes and/or virtual options will be secured if positions cannot be filled. Know of any outstanding applicants for the above positions? Please have candidates reach out to Mr. Willets directly!
- **Schedules** - Schedules are now LIVE in HAC! 537 adjustments that met schedule change criteria have been completed. How do you know if your schedule was changed? August 4th HAC goes LIVE again for schedule reviews....OR...a hard copy of your schedule will be available in the cafeteria during Meet the Teacher! Counselors are currently processing requests, approving changes, and beginning scheduling appointments as requested (please see Guidance Updates in Bull Pen). Any family that has not completed residency requirements will not be able to see schedules until complete.
- **Digital/Physical IDs** - ALL students will be required to have an ID while on campus. The Digital ID from Leonard's is now ready to download for all new students. Please go to your app store and search for *Digital ID by Leonard's*. Complete the steps and you will be good to go. Returning students, please open your app to ensure it has rolled to the 23-24 school year. If not, delete and reinstall. PLEASE set-up to accept text messages as Mr. Willets will text student reminders of schedule changes and info about events throughout the year. All students will be issued a physical ID after school pictures are taken (first quarter). Representatives from Leonard's will be at Meet the Teacher to assist with any needs.
- **Parking** - All parking spots are SOLD OUT! Tags will be issued to students who purchased a spot during Meet the Teacher in the Cafeteria, then in the Dean's Office once school starts. If a student does not have all paperwork AND copies of insurance, license, and registration ON ONE SHEET, parking pass **WILL NOT** be issued. Wait List links, parking and Senior spot painting information is listed below in the Bull Pen.

Changes/Updates/Announcements for the New Year

- **CELL PHONES** - ***NEW*** In an effort to meet new legislative guidelines, as well as to assist with providing a distraction free learning environment, ALL students will be required to place their cell phone in a pocket upon entering each class throughout the day. Students may access their phones during class periods under the direction of the teacher during activities tied to class standards. Approximately 60% of classrooms utilized this process last year, it is now expected that all classrooms meet this expectation. Students will be directed to turn off/silence their phones, place them in a holder inside the classroom, and only access their device upon directions from the teacher. Outside the classroom environment (transitions, lunch, before/after school) students will have full access to their devices/phones.
- **AP Psychology** - Will remain as scheduled, as originally planned, based on direction from SJCSD and DOE on Friday, 4 2023.


School Clothes Shopping?
See Below!

DRESS CODE POLICY

Expectation: Student clothing choices are both respectful of the school community and are appropriate for an educational environment.

Dress Code Standards

- Clothing must cover areas from one armpit to the other armpit, down to mid-thigh. Tops must have shoulder straps.
- Examples of Violations
 - Garments worn on the upper half of the body that are low cut and revealing.
 - Tube top or tube top w/ arm cutts.
 - Undergarments do not count as "straps."
 - Shirts short enough to expose midriff.
 - Sagging pants. All pants must be worn around the waist.
 - Garments worn on the lower half of the body must not be shorter than mid-thigh or have holes exposing skin above mid-thigh.
- See-through or mesh garments must be worn with opaque clothing over it or underneath that meets the standard for clothing coverage.
- Shoes must be worn at all times and should be safe for travel around campus. Backless shoes are allowed; however, slippers are not permitted.
- Headgear is permitted but must not cover student ears or be distracting to the educational environment. A teacher may require headgear to be removed while in their classroom.
 - Examples of Violations
 - Hoodies pulled-up covering ears
 - No clothing or accessory advertising alcohol, drugs, weapons, nudity, profanity, etc.
 - NO earbuds in classrooms, gym, locker room or auditorium.
 - One earbud ONLY while outside and in cafeteria.



Students who violate the dress code will be provided a Nease t-shirt, shorts or leggings to wear, so they may attend class. T-shirt, shorts or leggings must be returned to receive personal clothing item(s) back. Earbuds will be taken and returned at the end of the day in the ISS Room in C-Pod.

Violations (per SEMESTER):

• 1 st offense – Warning	• 4 th offense – ISS (In-School)
• 2 nd offense – Lunch Detention	• 5 th offense – ISS
• 3 rd offense – 2 Lunch Detentions	• 6 th offense – OSS (Out of School)

IMPORTANT DATES

BACK TO SCHOOL

at a Glance

Monday, Aug. 7th-	Teacher Planning Day
Tuesday, Aug. 8th-	Teacher Inservice Day Football & Cheer Pictures 2pm
Wednesday, Aug. 9th-	Meet the Teacher: 8-11am
Thursday, Aug. 10th-	First Day of School! Modified Bell Schedule
Friday, Aug. 11th-	Regular School Day

School Advisory Council (SAC)
Interest Form



SAVE THE DATE

- **SEPTEMBER 22ND:** HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME VS CLAY HIGH
- **SEPTEMBER 23RD:** HOMECOMING DANCE
- **APRIL 12TH:** SENIOR GRADBASH @ UNIVERSAL STUDIOS
- **APRIL 18TH:** JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM @ WGV RENAISSANCE RESORT
- **MAY 20TH:** GRADUATION AT THE ST. AUGUSTINE AMPHITHEATER (TENATIVE)

TORO ATHLETICS

at a Glance

Golf --Boys & Girls Wed., Aug. 9 @ 4:20pm
Thurs., Aug. 10 @ 4:20pm
Fri., Aug. 11 @ 4:20pm

Tryouts @ Slammer and Squire
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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.
- **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
- **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!

SCHOOL CLINIC NEWS:

All medication forms are found on the school website under Health Clinic. Students can self carry over the counter medications with a signed form by their parent/guardian which is kept in their backpack. The school clinic does not supply any non prescription medications including cough drops, Tylenol & Ibuprofen. Please call the school nurse at 547-4292 with any health related questions.



Helpful Links:

[SJCSD Dress Code](#)

[TCHS Clubs](#)

[Lunch Applications](#)

[TCHS Yearbook](#)

[Absences and Early Dismissal](#)

[Athletic Tickets](#)

[Cafeteria](#)

[Clever](#)



GENERAL SCHOOL INFO

SCHOOLGY PARENT ACCESS

Schoology Parent Access allows parents to easily see Schoology information for all of their children in one place.

If you have previously signed up for Schoology Parent Access for your child, you do not need to do so again. If you have not created a Schoology Parent Access Account or need to add a child to your account, please follow these instructions. Please note: If you forget your Schoology Parent Access Account password, you will need to follow the instructions provided on the Schoology.com site to reset or retrieve your password. The St Johns County School District does not have access to parent account passwords.

You will need to find the Schoology Parent Access Code for your Child. This is located in HAC under “Registration” and then “Additional Information”

If you have never used Schoology Parent Access:

- 1) Go to www.schoology.com
- 2) Click on “Sign Up”
- 3) Click on “Parent”
- 4) Type in the Schoology Parent Access Code from HAC
- 5) Click “Continue”
- 6) Type your information (not your child’s information) in the boxes.
- 7) Check the appropriate boxes at that bottom of your information
- 8) Click “Register”
- 9) You are now logged into Schoology Parent Access.



To see your child’s information, go to the right side of the screen and click on the down arrow near your name. Click on your child’s name. You will now be able to see all of the information in Schoology related to your child including updates, discussion posts, tests and quizzes, and calendar items.

If you have another child at a St Johns County School District school that is using Schoology, you can easily add them to your parent access account by following these steps. Click on the down arrow near your name on the right of the screen. Scroll down and click “add child.” Type in the access code for that child (provided to you by your child’s school). Click “Use Code.” You can now easily switch between your children’s Schoology accounts.

If you already have a Schoology Parent Access account (created for a child at another SJCS D school):

- 1) Go to www.schoology.com
- 2) Login with the information you used to create the account
- 3) Click on the down arrow near your name on the right side of the screen
- 4) Click on “add child”
- 5) Type in the Schoology Parent Access Code that can be found in HAC
- 6) Click “Use Code”
- 7) You can now easily switch between your children’s Schoology accounts by going to the drop down arrow and selecting the child’s account you wish to view.

BACK TO SCHOOL MATERIALS & RESOURCES



Parking on TCHS's Campus is **SOLD OUT**, as a result, parking passes are reserved for juniors and seniors. For FAQs on parking passes (wait list), [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 Meet the Teacher 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.

ONE TORO ATHLETICS

Tocoi Creek Cross Country

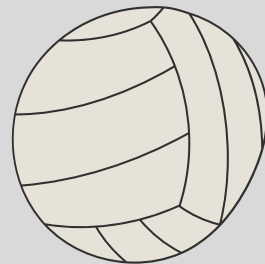
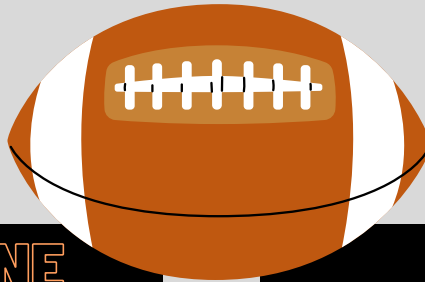
Community Fun Run

August 19th - 8:00 AM

\$5 Entry Fee - Open to the Public -
All Runners/Walkers are welcome



SCAN QR CODE
FOR TIX or BUY TICKETS ON GOFAN.CO



SPECIAL MEDICINE CLINIC

ANY FRESHMAN INTERESTED IN
JOINING THE SPORTS 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.

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-Ml
- Rachel Blount :
 - Last Names Mo-Sa
- Linda Smith :
 - Last Names Sc-Z



SENIOR INFORMATION

SENIOR DATES:

- 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



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](#)

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The SAC committee is seeking interested teachers, staff, parents, students, and community members to join Toci Creek High School's School Advisory Council for the 2023-24 school year. Over the past 2 years, as a new school, we have encountered both anticipated and unforeseen challenges. With the assistance of SAC members, we can continue to address these challenges effectively.

If you or someone you know is interested, please follow this link: [SAC Interest Form](#). Once I have a list of interested teachers, staff, parents, students, and community members, we will hold elections for the corresponding representatives. It is crucial to have representation from each group, so please help us spread the word.

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:

- **12-MONTH GUIDANCE SECRETARY**



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/>
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