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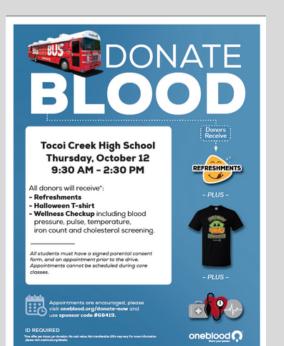
Tocoi Creek High School Weekly Newsletter

The end of the quarter is approaching next week. Please be sure to review with your Toro their grades and end of the quarter needs for a successful finish. Students have Toro Time each Wednesday to receive extra help from teachers or peer tutors.

We look forward to our final home football game this evening for the regular season! Please note that clear bags, digital tickets, and no outside food/drinks are permitted.

Important Reminders/Updates to the Toro Nation

- <u>PSAT for ALL 10th (and 11th graders who paid) is Wednesday, October</u> <u>11th!</u>
 - $\circ~$ All other grades will work digitally from home through Schoology
 - 10th (and 11th who paid) can check out early following the test.
 SPECIAL NOTE-Only the paper dismissal passes will be accepted for early dismissal. Please use link below, print out and sign. If students do not have this printed pass, they cannot leave early.
- Junior Class Ring Ceremony Juniors were presented with class ring information, see pg 5 for more information on ordering...deadline coming soon. October 16th is final day to order rings. Ring and Pin Ceremony is February 8th @ 6:00pm in the TCHS Auditorium
- <u>Blood Mobile</u> October 12th Parent permission forms required, see pg 4 for more information.



PSAT Date is Wednesday, October 11th for all 10th graders and registered 11th graders. Students not testing will have a digital learning day at home. All students will be given an assignment from their teacher that will be submitted. If students not taking the PSAT come to school, they will complete assignments in a study hall in the cafeteria. If you would like your child to leave after testing at 12:45pm on October 11th, an early release form must be submitted and printed by October 11th for your child to leave campus. You can submit and print the form <u>linked here.</u>

IMPORTANT DATES

TORO, WEEK -lance

Monday, Oct. 9th-Tuesday, Oct. 10th-Thursday, Oct. 12th-Friday, Oct. 13th-

Senior orders distributed during lunches End of Quarter Math Tutoring in cafe @ 4pm Wednesday, Oct. 11th- PSAT Day (Virtual Day for all 9th, 11th, & 12th) SAC Meeting @ 8:10 am End of Quarter 1

SAVE THE DATE

- OCTOBER 11TH
- FEBUARY 8TH
- APRIL 12TH:
- APRIL 18TH:
- MAY 20TH:

PSAT FOR ALL 10TH GRADERS (11TH GRADE PAID TESTS ONLY) ALL OTHER STUDENTS WILL HAVE A DIGITAL LEARNING DAY AT HOME **IUNIOR RING AND PIN CEREMONY IN AUDITORIUM SENIOR GRADBASH** (a) UNIVERSAL STUDIOS **IUNIOR/SENIOR PROM @ WGV RENAISSANCE RESORT (1000 TICKETS) GRADUATION AT THE ST. AUGUSTINE AMPHITHEATER** (9) 7PM

TORO ATHLETICS lance

Mon., Oct. 9th @ 5:30/6:30pm Girls Volleyball vs Nease @ TCHS Tues., Oct. 10th @ 4pm Boys Golf vs Atlantic Coast HS @ Slammer & Squire Tues., Oct. 10th @ 5:30/6:30PM Girls Volleyball vs St. Augustine @ TCHS **Senior Night Wed., Oct. 11th @ 4:55pm Girls Golf vs St. Johns Country Day School @ Slammer & Squire Wed., Oct. 11th @ 6pm JV Football v. Ponte Vedra @ TCHS Thurs., Oct. 12th@ 4pm Boys Golf vs Pedro Mendendez @ Slammer & Squire Thurs., Oct. 12th @ 5:30/6:30PM Girls Volleyball vs Matanzas HS @ TCHS Thurs., Oct. 12th @ 6pm JV Football v. St. Augustine @ TCHS Fri., Oct. 13th @ 7pm Varsity Football v. Ponte Vedra @ PVHS Sat., Oct. 14th @ 5am Cross Country (Boys) New World Fall Spectacular @ TBA

STUDENT LIFE









ALL ATHLETES MUST HAVE ATHLETIC CLEARANCE HTTPS://WWW-TCHS.STJOHNS.KI2.FL.US/ATHLETICS/CLEARANCE/

STUDENT LIFE

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YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE NOW!! The TCHS yearbook has reached the halfway point for selling out of yearbooks for the 2023-2024 school year. To guarantee a copy, please purchase soon at <u>www.buytheyearbook.com</u>

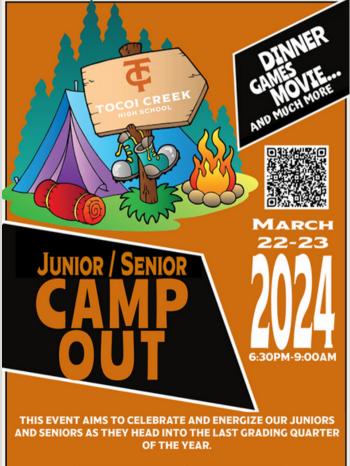
END-OF-QUARTER MATH TUTORING

Open to Anyone! Hosted by Mu Alpha Theta



OCTOBER 10, 2023 | 4PM-5PM IN THE CAFATERIA

Any questions? Contact either Ms. Bishop or Mr. Wilson



CONTACT MR. CABRERA 2-017 FOR MORE INFO



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COLLEGE APPLICATIONS AND FINANCIAL AID?

We are here to help!

College Application/ Naviance Help Sessions

Where: 04-007 When: Sept. 13 and 20th during Toro Time!



FAFSA Parent Night

Coming in January!

The NEW FAFSA will open in December this year. Stay tuned for more information!

Complete your Bright Futures Application!

Where: 04-007 When: Oct. 4th and 18th during Toro Time!

Fall Tasks for Seniors

- Complete your college applications
 (deadlines are as early as October 15th!)
- Requests transcripts in Naviance if needed
 Complete your Bright Futures application
- (after October 1 and before the semester ends!

Get tagged for Toro Time sessions in 1st floor guidance office.





to design your ring and place your order.

SENIOR INFORMATION

SENIOR DATES:

- Oct. 9th: Senior Jostens orders delivered during lunches
- April 12th: GradBash @ Universal Studios
- April 18th: Prom @ WGV Renaissance Resort
- May 20th: Graduation at St. Augustine Amphitheater



Grad Bash tickets are going fast! We currently have 90 seats left to attend the senior class overnight event at Universal Studios/Islands of Adventures on April 12th. To purchase tickets, you need to pay senior dues and select the first deposit for Grad Bash available in School Pay.



SENIOR INFORMATION

SENIOR TO-DO LIST:

- By October 21st: Order your Cap and Gown
- By December 1st: Order Senior Ads for Yearbook
- By December 1st: Pay Senior Dues: \$100
- **By January 15th or until full:** <u>Pay Grad Bash</u> <u>Deposit 1</u>: \$125.00 (Limited spots- please reserve early to guarantee a seat.) **must pay senior dues first

Yearbook ads for seniors are now open until sold out. To order an ad for your senior, please visit <u>www.buytheyearbook.com</u> and enter in school id 715033. There are a limited number of senior ad spaces available, and spaces will sell out.



GUIDANCE INFO FOR SENIORS

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FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

View information about the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program at the following link: <u>www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org/SAPBFMAIN/</u> SAPBFMAIN

The Bright Futures Student Handbook is divided into three chapters covering a variety of topics.

CHAPTER 1: INITIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDES:

- Requirements for Scholarship Types (FAS, FMS, GSC, and GSV); and
- Non-Traditional Students (Home-Educated, Personalized Education Program, GED, Out-of-State, and Mid-Year).

CHAPTER 2: SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION, INCLUDES:

- Length of the Scholarship Award;
- Award Amounts; and
- Transferring the Award between Institutions.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 2024-25 Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA): We encourage all high school seniors to submit an application, even if you do not plan to attend a university, college, or technical center immediately after graduation. The state application opens on October 1, 2023. Read the fact sheets for program deadlines found here: www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org/ SAPBFMAIN/ SAPBFMAIN.
- 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): The anticipated opening date for the federal application is December 2023. Create your FSA_ID and Password here: <u>https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm</u>.
- Private Scholarships: Apply! Apply! Apply!
- National College Fairs: <u>www.nacacfairs.org</u>



CHAPTER 3: RENEWAL ELIGIBILITY, INCLUDES:

- Renewal Requirements; and
- Reinstatement/Restoration Requirements.

Bright Futures Florida Medallion Scholarship (BFFMS) students enrolled in an associate degree program at a Florida College System (FCS) institution receive 100 percent of tuition and specific fees. Upon completing an associate degree, a student may use his or her award to pursue a baccalaureate degree and receive 75 percent of tuition and specific fees.

PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS:

Many scholarship committees are looking for students who have the ability to communicate effectively in writing. Essays are an excellent way for scholarship judges to choose the most qualified candidates. Tips for writing the essay include:

- <u>Giving yourself time</u> Quality essays take time;
- <u>Following directions</u> Word count and font size may be eligibility requirements;
- Focusing on the topic Answer the question that is being asked;
- <u>Proofreading and editing your work</u> Be clear, concise, and correct any errors; and
- <u>Getting feedback</u> Ask family or counselors to read your essay and provide feedback.

Upcoming College Visits:

Oct. 11th - Jacksonville
 University

Sign up in the 1st floor guidance office to participate!

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GUIDANCE INFORMATION

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School Counselors attended our annual training with the State University Admission Directors, ACT/SAT/CLT representatives, and the Department of Education last week. There are a lot of updates this year that we are anxious to share with you and your students.

We will be dispersing this information in the following ways:

Individual Senior Meetings: Counselors will meet with every senior individually. The counselors will discuss graduation requirements and postsecondary planning with each student. These appointments are time consuming and will take the remainder of the nine weeks to complete so please be patient as your student waits for their turn. On campus students will receive a pass delivered by the guidance intern to one of their classes. Off campus students will be contacted to schedule an in person or virtual meeting.

Classroom Guidance:

School counselors visited 9th and 10th grade English classes during the weeks of September 25th and October 2nd. <u>You can view a copy of the presentation here</u>. School counselors will be visiting 11th grade English classes during the week of October 17th. A copy of the presentation will be posted on the school counseling webpage after the presentation.

Who is my Counselor?

- <u>Elizabeth Wright</u>:
 Early College Students & Last Name A
- <u>Artina Coma</u>:
 Last Names B-Dh
- Laura Kuhel:
 - Last Names Di-I
- <u>Alyssa Socket</u>:
 Last Names J-<u>Ml</u>
- <u>Rachel Bloun</u>t :
 - Last Names Mo-Sa
- Linda Smith :
 - Last Names Sc-Z

Website: The following sections of the website have received significant updates:

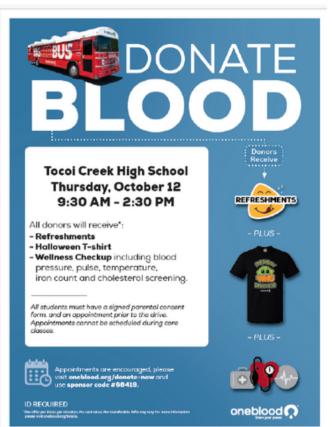
<u>Bright Futures</u>- Includes updated Bright Futures test score requirements for the class of 2024 and 2025. In addition, it specifies that community service hours and paid service hours can now be combined to reach the 100 hour requirement. Bright Futures has also extended the deadline to submit standardized test scores to the August 31st after graduation!

<u>Testing for College</u>- Includes an introduction to the Classic Learning Test (CLT) which is an online exam that can be taken from home and used for Bright Futures, College Admissions, and to meet high school graduation testing requirements! There is also additional information about the ACT, PERT, PSAT, and SAT exams.

<u>Graduation Requirements</u> - Includes notification that the on-line course requirement has been removed as a graduation requirement for all grade levels as well as NEW graduation requirements for students entering high school in the 23-24 school year and beyond.

<u>Counselor Videos</u>- Includes an updated Toro Academic Handbook which walks students 8-12th grade through navigating the high school and post-secondary process. It also has updated guides for both the Florida Private Schools and Florida State Universities which includes average accepted GPA's and test scores all in one place!

TOCOI CREEK HIGH SCHOOL



OneBlood drive will be held on October 12. Sign-up online(see link below)

Requirements are listed below:

- Donors must be at least 16 years old
- Donors must have a signed parent permission form
- Donors can only donate during their lunch or elective classes





UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 13- Academy T-shirt sales begin
 (link will be on Schoology page)
- October 17- Teaching Academy shadow field study
- October 24- Project Innovation School
 Competition
- October 27-Nail Drive hosted by NFBA
- November 7- Project Innovation District
 Competition
- November 14- Health Science field study to University of St. Augustine

<u>Check out the October</u> <u>edition of the Academy</u> <u>Newsletter Here!</u>





is approved by the Department of Veteran Affairs to certify Chapter 35 benefits

<u>When can Chapter 35 benefits be used in High School?</u> Students who are 18 years old and eligible to receive Chapter 35 Dependent Education Assistance can receive 5 months of benefits while still retaining the full 36 months of college entitlement

Contact your School Certifying Official, Kristina Johnson, at kristina.dulaney-johnson@stjohns.k12.fl.us for more information

TESTING CORNER

TESTING DATES & INFORMATION

PSAT/NMSQT (10th & 11th Grade)

- Wednesday, October 11th
- Tocoi Creek High School will administer the PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) to all 10th and 11th (paid only) grade students on Wednesday, October 11, 2023. The purpose of the test is to give all students an opportunity to experience taking a college readiness test. There is no need to register 10th grade students, as they will receive their test at no cost through state funding. Students will receive an Official Student Guide to the PSAT/ NMSQT® through their English classes. This guide contains valuable information as well as a full-length practice test with answer keys. Please visit <u>www.collegeboard.org/psat</u> for more information.
- Students in 11th grade wanting to take the test MUST register online. Deadline for 11th grade students to
 register and pay is Thursday, August 31st. Please click here to register and pay: PSAT SchoolPay. Your
 student's Score Report for the PSAT/NMSQT® will be available in mid-to-late November from College Board.
 The PSAT is the ONLY exam that is used for 11th graders to qualify for the National Merit Scholars Program.
 Click here for more information regarding the National Merit Scholarship Program. Additionally, a score of
 430 on the PSAT Math qualifies as a concordant score for the Algebra I EOC.

SAT-NCR (12th Grade ONLY)

- Wednesday, October 11th
- This test is for 12th grade students who have not met the FSA Grade 10 ELA and/or the Algebra 1 EOC graduation requirement. The cost of the SAT-NCR exam is \$60. Deadline for 12th grade students to register and pay is Sunday, September 10th. Please click here to register and pay: SAT-NCR SchoolPay.
- For more information, please visit the <u>TCHS Testing Website here</u>

ACT-NCR (11th and 12th Grade ONLY)

- Tuesday, October 17th
- This test is for 11th and 12th grade students who have not met the FSA Grade 10 ELA and/or the Algebra 1
 EOC graduation requirement. The cost of the ACT-NCR exam is \$38.50. Deadline for 11th and 12th grade
 students to register and pay is Monday, September 4th. Please click here to register and pay: ACT-NCR
 SchoolPay.
- For more information, please visit the <u>TCHS Testing Website here</u>

PARENT INVOLVEMENT





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



If interested, contact: Billy Blackmon



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. Follow us on Facebook @OneToroArtsBoosters

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Next SAC Meeting will be October 12th at 8:10AM in room 2-017



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VISION OF ONE TORO ARTS

TO ENSURE ALL STUDENTS AT TOCOL CREEK HIGH SCHOOL BENEFIT FROM THE COLLABORATIVE SUPPORT OF OUR PARENTS, COMMUNITY, AND BOOSTER ORGANIZATIONS.



2 TICKETS TO ALL-ARTS BOOSTERS! SHOWCASE 2 TICKETS TO ANY THEATRE PRODUCTION VOTING PRIVILEGES AT THE APRIL 26TH GENERAL ELECTION MEETING FOR THE ONE TORO ARTS EXECUTIVE BOARD (1 VOTE PER FAMILY)

COMING UP:

10/6 - MARCHING TOROS PERFORM AT HOME: TCHS VS MENENDEZ, **7PM (CHICK FILA FOR SALE AT** VISITOR CONCESSIONS)

10/7 - TOCOI CREEK OUTDOOR HOME SHOW, TCHS, 3PM

10/13 - MARCHING TOROS TRAVEL TO TCHS @ PONTE VEDRA

10/16 -MARCHING TOROS COMPETE AT BOONE OUTDOOR CONTEST. ORLANDO

10/19 - WHAT A NIGHT SPIRIT NIGHT AT WHATABURGER 4-9PM

FOLLOW US:

ONE TORO ARTS WEBSITE



FACEBOOK

EMAIL: ONETOROARTS@GMAIL.COM

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT HTTPS://ONETOROARTS.WIXSITE.COM/ONE-TORO-ARTS





JOIN US IN HELPING -TOCOI CREEK HIGH SCHOOL SUPPORT: ONE TORO ARTS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 FROM 4PM TO 9PM

AT 179 VILLAGE COMMONS DR., ST AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA

DINE-IN, DRIVE-THRU, TAKE-OUT, ONLINE & CURBSIDE!

DURING OUR FUNDRAISING EVENT, WE WILL DONATE A PORTION OF SALES TO HELP MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE.

WHATABURGER

Tocoi Creek Families and Community

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Help us Fill the Fence With Your Business Banners

1 Ft X 3 Ft Banner - \$150 2 Ft X 4 Ft Banner - \$300

Your banner will be prominently displayed within the Tocoi Creek High School fence line showing your support for our students, staff, and teachers while providing advertising for your business throughout the 2023-2024 school year

All proceeds go to the Tocoi Creek High School PTSO to support students, teachers, and staff

To show your support, please e-mail the Tocoi Creek High PTSO at <u>OneToroPTSOegmail.com</u> and include a copy of your business card, logo, and/or any camera ready artwork to be used on your banner







Contact Us

Email:

onetoroptso@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER RECAP...WHAT DID YOUR PTSO DO?

PARENTS







TEACHERS/STAFF

We continued our Fourth Friday Teacher/Staff cart with a homecoming theme with drinks and snacks and office supplies delivered to the teachers and staff.

COMING SOON - The PTSO is hard at work developing a grant opportunity for the teachers and staff. Be on the lookout for the application form coming next month!

STUDENTS

We introduced Cotton Candy in the Courtyard! We had student volunteers help us spin and hand out fresh cotton candy to the students. We hope to continue this monthly.

PARTNERS

We updated our fence banners and thanked all of our returning and new business partners. We unveiled our next fundraiser - **Fill the Fence.** This is where small local businesses will be encouraged to purchase a small banner to highlight their business and fill our fence! We're so excited.

GENERAL SCHOOL INFO

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@TOCOI CREEK HIGH SCHOOL



Helpful Links:

SJCSD Dress Code

TCHS Clubs

Lunch Applications

TCHS Yearbook

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

Athletic Tickets

<u>Cafeteria</u>

<u>Clever</u>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

TCHS is looking for some OUTSTANDING staff members to work with our Toros! Please email Mr. Willets directly at <u>jay.willets@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> for any of the Following positions:

- MATH TEACHER GEOMETRY
- MATH TEACHER ALGEBRA
- ESE TEACHER IND UNIT





St Johns County School District Next Hiring for

GUEST TEACHER (Substitute)

Posting September 1, 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: <u>https://www.apolitrack.com/stiohns/onlineapp/</u> Questions? Please call 904-547-7636 Smartfind Helpdesk or application questions call AppliTrack helpdesk 547-7631



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