

THE BULL PEN

Tocoi Creek High School Weekly Newsletter

Toro Nation,

The Arts take over TCHS! Mark your calendars for December 1st for the Winter Arts Showcase! If you are looking for a magical night of enjoyable music, visual, and performing arts, then this event is a true gift to witness. Tickets will go on sale prior to the showcase and opportunities to enjoy all our arts programs will be available throughout the evening.

A TREMENDOUS CONGRATULATIONS to our TCHS Chorus program on their first ever Choral Cafe last night. A beautiful evening for our Toro singers to take the stage in our courtyard for an enjoyable cafe experience...look forward to the next opportunity to see our talented students in November.

The Marching Toros continue their continued success in the heart of marching season! We look forward to a successful trip to FSU and Troy University in the next few weeks!



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WEAR A COSTUME ON HALLOWEEN

IF YOU BRING IN A NEW, PACKAGED, UNWRAPPED TOY TO THE TOYS FOR TOTS TABLE IN THE COURTYARD BEFORE SCHOOL ON MONDAY 10/30 OR TUESDAY 10/31

YOU WILL BE GIVEN A WRISTBAND ONCE YOU HAND IN YOUR TOY

BOO!

SPOOKY

MASKS
WEAPONS

COSTUMES MUST ADHERE TO DRESS CODE



IMPORTANT DATES

TORO WEEK

at a Glance

Monday, Oct. 30th-	Fall Food Drive Begins- see more info on page 3
Tuesday, Oct. 31st-	Costume Day - Halloween - Toys for Tots Drive
Wednesday, Nov. 1st-	Miss/Mr Tocol Meeting in 2-027 during Toro Time Best Buddies Halloween Party @ 3pm in Cafe
Thursday, Nov. 2nd-	
Friday, Nov. 3rd-	Football - Nease High School - Away

SAVE THE DATE

- **NOVEMBER 8TH** SOURCES OF STRENGTH TRAINING (SPECIFIC STUDENTS)
- **NOVEMBER 16TH** PICTURE RE-TAKES
- **FEBRUARY 8TH** JUNIOR RING AND PIN CEREMONY IN AUDITORIUM
- **MARCH 22-23RD** JUNIOR/SENIOR CAMPOUT
- **APRIL 12TH:** SENIOR GRADBASH @ UNIVERSAL STUDIOS
- **APRIL 18TH:** JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM @ WGV RENAISSANCE RESORT (1000 TICKETS)
- **MAY 20TH:** GRADUATION AT THE ST. AUGUSTINE AMPHITHEATER @ 7PM

TORO ATHLETICS

at a Glance

- Fri., Nov. 3rd @ 7pm Football (Varsity) v Nease @ NHS
- Sat., Nov. 4th @ 9am Girls Cross Country @ TBA
- Sat., Nov. 4th @ 9:30am Boys Cross Country @ TBA



STUDENT LIFE




TOY DRIVE

Help TCHS win the competition for the third year in a row!

Drop off new unwrapped toys to the main office between October 23- December 1

New unwrapped toys only
no toy guns, clothing, or food items allowed



PURCHASE A YEARBOOK!

YEARBOOKS ARE SELLING OUT!!!!

The TCHS yearbook only has 150 yearbooks left for the 2023-2024 school year. To guarantee a copy, please purchase ASAP at www.buytheyearbook.com

Information Meeting!



Miss Toccoi & Mr Toccoi

Join us Nov 1 during Toro Time
with Mr. O'Leary
Art's Building Room 27

TOCOI CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

FOOD DRIVE

OCT 30 - NOV 8

4TH PERIOD CLASSES WILL COLLECT PRIZES!!!

1ST PLACE = PIZZA PARTY 🍕 2ND/3RD PLACE = COOKIE PARTY 🍪

FOOD DRIVE ITEMS

- GRAVY PACKETS OR CANS
- CANNED CRANBERRIES
- CANNED YAMS
- BOX OF MACARONI AND CHEESE
- KOOL AID/CRYSTAL LIGHT PACKETS
- CRISPY ONIONS
- CANNED FRUITS
- BOXES OF STUFFING
- CANNED CORN
- CANNED GREEN BEANS
- CANNED PEAS
- BOXES OF POTATOES
- BROWNIE/CAKE/PIE MIXES
- CREAM SOUPS



FOOD IS A HUMAN RIGHT AND IS AN IMMEDIATE AND TANGIBLE WAY TO HELP SOMEONE. EVERY DONATION OF FOOD CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

TOCOI CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

**DINNER
GAMES
MOVIE...
AND MUCH MORE**

**MARCH
22-23
2024
6:30PM-9:00AM**

**JUNIOR / SENIOR
CAMP
OUT**

THIS EVENT AIMS TO CELEBRATE AND ENERGIZE OUR JUNIORS AND SENIORS AS THEY HEAD INTO THE LAST GRADING QUARTER OF THE YEAR.

CONTACT MR. CABRERA 2-017 FOR MORE INFO

**GET YOUR
TORO GEAR!**

Check out our Toro Shop for the latest gear!

ALL 4 ONE

**TRACK AND FIELD
CONDITIONING**

**WEIGHTROOM 4-5PM, COURTYARD 5-5:30
STARTING SEPTEMBER 18
MON. TUES. THURS.**

ALL ATHLETES MUST HAVE ATHLETIC CLEARANCE
[HTTPS://WWW-TCHS.STJOHNS.K12.FL.US/ATHLETICS/CLEARANCE/](https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/athletics/clearance/)

JUNIORS!



**TOCOI CREEK
HS
CLASS OF 2025**

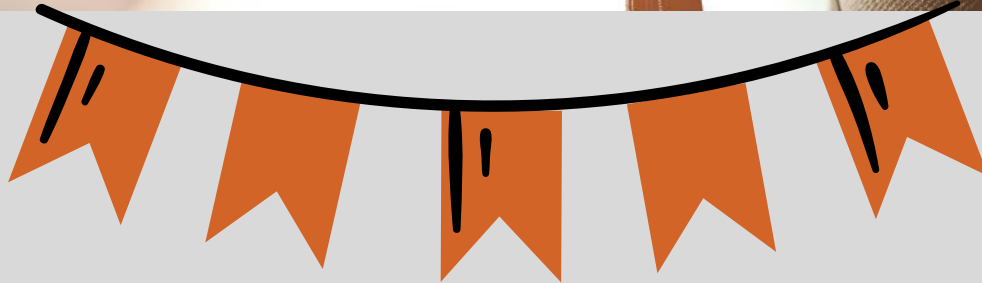
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**DEADLINE TO ORDER!
OCT. 16**

**RING CEREMONY
FEB. 8**

Visit
JOSTENS.COM
to design your ring and place your order.

SENIOR INFORMATION



SENIOR DATES:

- 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 have started filling our last bus 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.

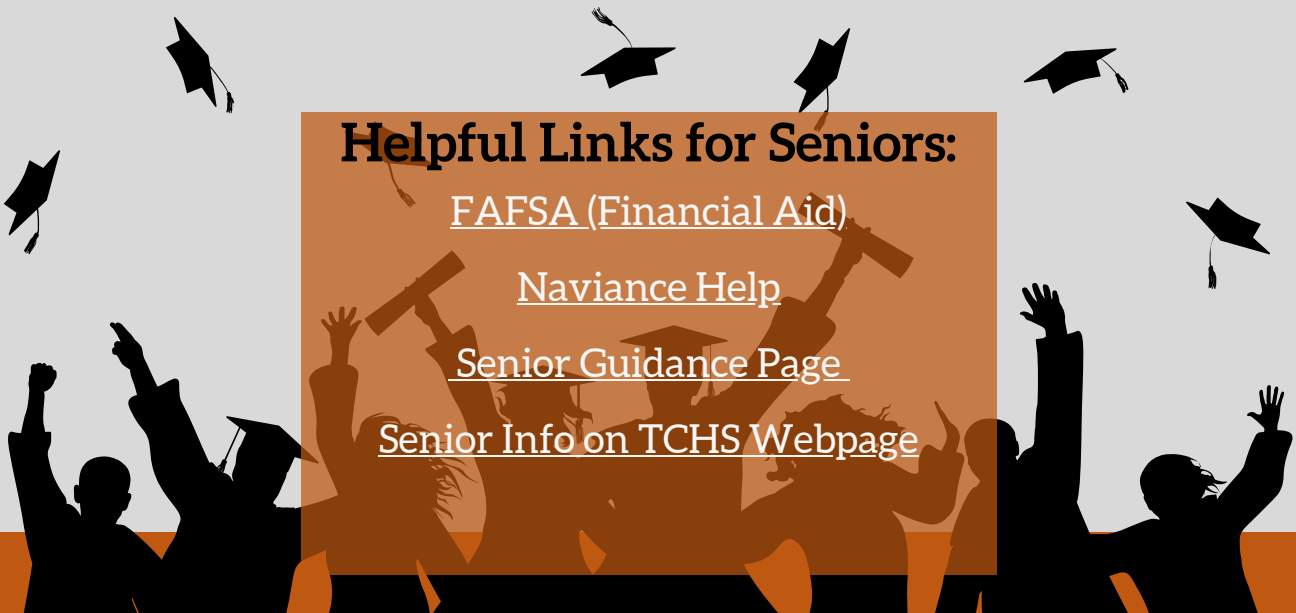
Helpful Links for Seniors:

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

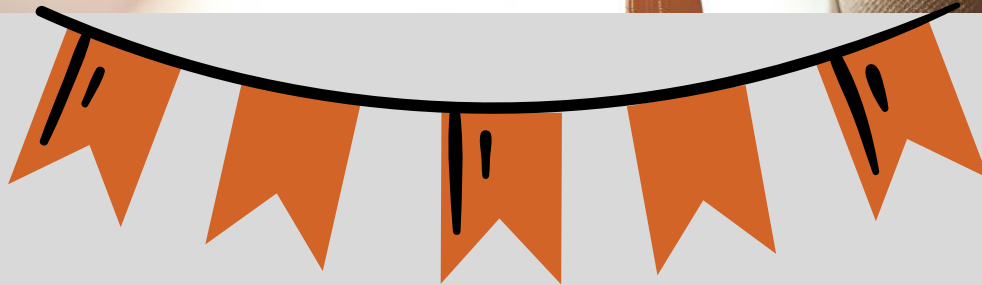
[Naviance Help](#)

[Senior Guidance Page](#)

[Senior Info on TCHS Webpage](#)



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:** Pay Grad Bash Deposit 1: \$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 www.buytheyearbook.com 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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Published by the Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance

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NAVIGATING YOUR
FINANCIAL FUTURE

OCT - NOV 2023

NAVIGATING YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Florida

View information about the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program at the following link:

www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org/SAPBFMAIN/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: <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>.
- Private Scholarships: Apply! Apply! Apply!
- National College Fairs: www.nacacfairs.org

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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:

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



TESTING CORNER



National Testing Accommodations for Students with an IEP or 504

IF A STUDENT CURRENTLY HAS AN IEP OR 504 PLAN WITH TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS, THERE IS A SEPARATE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR REQUESTING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PSAT, SAT, AP AND ACT.

YOU CAN ACCESS APPLICATIONS FOR BOTH COLLEGEBOARD AND ACT ON THE TCHS TESTING PAGE.

TCHS TESTING PAGE LINKED HERE!

FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING TESTING, PLEASE EMAIL TESTING COORDINATOR, AMANDA LEWIS AT AMANDA.LEWIS@STJOHNS.K12.FL.US.



GUIDANCE INFORMATION

ADVICE
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HELP

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 post-secondary 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. [You can view a copy of the presentation here.](#) 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.

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

Bright Futures- 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!

Testing for College- 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.

Graduation Requirements - 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.

Counselor Videos- 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!

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

PROJECT INNOVATION SCHOOL WINNERS



Petal Planters

TCHS winning teams will move onto the District Competition on 11/7!



Cord Convenience

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **October 27**-Nail Drive hosted by NFBA
- **October 30**- X-Ray in AIBE field
- **November 14**- Health Science field study to University of St. Augustine
- **November 17**- Senior AIBE leaders field study
- **December 5**- UNF College of Computing, Architecture, and Construction Tour (link on Schoology)

PARENT INVOLVEMENT



Please join us in supporting the fine arts at Toco Creek High School. The vision of the One Toro Arts Booster Organization is to ensure that ALL students at Toco Creek High School benefit from the collaborative support of our parent, community, and booster organization. Follow us on Facebook @OneToroArtsBoosters



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: [Billy Blackmon](#)

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Next SAC Meeting will be November 9th at 8:10AM in room 2-017.



ONETORO ARTS

EVENTS



UPCOMING ARTS

- OCT 27** **MARCHING TOROS AT FLAGLER PALM COAST**
7PM, MARCHING TOROS PLAY STAND TUNES AT TCHS @ FLAGLER PALM COAST HS
- OCT 28** **MARCHING MPA**
BARTRAM TRAIL HS PERFORMANCE TIME 6:40PM
- NOV 4** **BOA TROY**
VETERANS MEMORIAL STADIUM, TROY AL MARCHING TOROS COMPETE AT 3PM
- NOV 8** **SPIRIT NIGHT@ SIMONE'S**
4-9PM AT SIMONE'S WOOD-FIRED CRAFT KITCHEN, MUST MENTION TCHS
- NOV 11** **ONE-ACT FESTIVAL**
7PM, TCHS AUDITORIUM

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
[HTTPS://ONETOROARTS.WIXSITE.COM](https://onetoroarts.wixsite.com/one-toro-arts)
/ONE-TORO-ARTS



WE'RE AUCTIONING THREE OLD KEY WEST RESORT HOTEL STAYS!



to benefit



Auction Begins; 10/25 at 9AM
Auction Closes; 11/5 at 8PM
Opening Bid Per Room: \$200

- 2 night stay at Disney's Old Key West Resort in Lake Buena Vista FL (Orlando)
- Check In: November 25
- Check Out: November 27
- 2 Queen Beds, sleeps up to 4 Adults
- Views of Water, Woodlands or Fairways
- If one person wins more than one room, they are not guaranteed to have the rooms near each other.
- Auction does NOT include park admission

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PTSO



PTSO MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

What does the PTSO do?

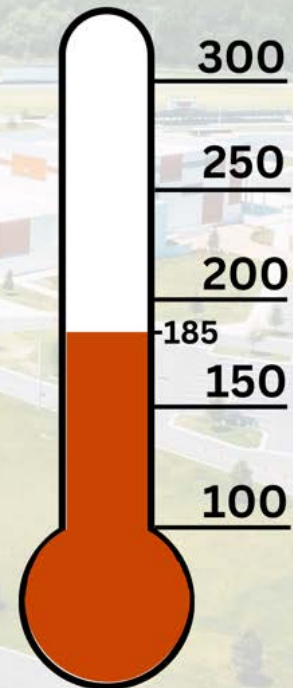
- Mr. Willets Quarterly Student Rewards
- 4th Friday Teacher/Staff Appreciation
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
- Spring Student Event
- Help Students in Need
- And so much more!

YOUR \$25 MEMBERSHIP HELPS TO MAKE ALL OF THIS POSSIBLE FOR OUR TEACHERS, STAFF AND STUDENTS.

Did you know?

Your PTSO membership is a donation and does not obligate you to volunteer.

2023-2024
MEMBERSHIP GOAL





PTSO

Tocoi Creek Families and Community

**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 OneToroPTSO@gmail.com and include a copy of your business card, logo, and/or any camera ready artwork to be used on your banner



**2023-2024
FILL THE FENCE**

THANK YOU!



GENERAL SCHOOL INFO



@TOCOI_CREEKHS



@TOCOI CREEK HIGH SCHOOL



@TOCOICREEK



Helpful Links:

[SJCSD Dress Code](#)

[TCHS Clubs](#)

[Lunch Applications](#)

[TCHS Yearbook](#)

[Absences and Early
Dismissal](#)

[Athletic Tickets](#)

[Cafeteria](#)

[Clever](#)

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:

- 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: <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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