

THE BULL PEN

Tocoi Creek High School Weekly Newsletter

Toro Nation,

On Thursday, November 9th at 8:10am in our auditorium our School Advisory Committee (SAC) will be hosting a presentation from our district office leadership to talk about current school growth impact to our feeder zone, current budgetary challenges affecting our schools, and the 1/2 cent tax history and impact on our district.

Our winter activities are in full swing with our athletics and arts programs in full activity modes with our Toros. Please be sure to review or activity calendars to come join in on all that our programs have to offer.

Reminders for Quarter 2:

- **Yearbooks** - Order your yearbook now for a reduced price, see page 3 for information as there are only 100 books remaining
- **Senior Parents** - Cap and Gown, Senior Dues, and important dates are ready for your review on page 5...only 30 seats are available for Grad Bash!
- **Picture Retakes** - November 16th in the Auditorium
- **Food Drive**- Ends November 8th
- **Toys for Tots** - Help NHS put smiles on young Toro faces with a donated toy throughout November and December
- **TCHS Clubs** - Clubs are on-going throughout the year, get your Toro involved in all the variety of opportunities.

TCHS Fishing Club **Sets Record**

Congratulations to the first official bass to be caught on the TCHS campus! Top honors go to Nigel Harris and Evan Dang for landing the FIRST fish in Toro history! Looking to have your Toro join the club? Registration is through Schoology using the access code: N5H3-RBG5-FQFTW
Next club meeting is Nov 15th during Toro Time.



IMPORTANT DATES

TORO WEEK

at a Glance

Monday, Nov. 6th-	Boys Soccer @ TCHS vs. SAHS
Tuesday, Nov. 7th-	Track and Field Interest Meeting - Auditorium 6pm
Wednesday, Nov. 8th-	Sources of Strength Training (Selected Students) Last Day of Fall Food Drive
Thursday, Nov. 9th-	SAC Meeting @ 8:10 in auditorium
Friday, Nov. 10th-	No School- Veteran's Day

SAVE THE DATE

- **NOVEMBER 16TH** PICTURE RE-TAKES IN AUDITORIUM
- **DECEMBER 13TH** ASVAB TEST
- **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

- Mon., Nov. 6th @ 5:30/7:20pm Boys Soccer v St. Augustine @ TCHS
Tues., Nov. 7th @ 5:30/7:20pm Girls Soccer v Beachside @ TCHS
Thurs., Nov. 9th @ 5:30/7:20pm Boys Soccer v Bishop Kenney HS @ TCHS
Thurs., Nov. 9th @ 6pm Girls Soccer (Varsity) v Pedro Menendez @ PMHS
Sat., Nov. 11th @ 10am Girls Soccer (Varsity) v St. Johns Country Day @ SJC Day School



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 **100** yearbooks left for the 2023-2024 school year. To guarantee a copy, please purchase ASAP at www.buytheyearbook.com



TORO GEAR!

Limited time, holiday shop and exclusive lululemon TCHS gear!! Get it while you can!!

*Guaranteed Christmas delivery!!

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

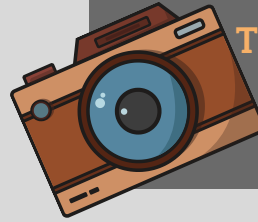
JUNIOR / SENIOR CAMP OUT

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

CLUB PICTURES & PICTURE RETAKES

Picture retakes and Club Picture Day will be **Thursday, 11/16** in the auditorium foyer.



TOCOI CREEK

TRACK AND FIELD PARENTS INTEREST MEETING
NOVEMBER 7TH 6PM - 6:45PM
TOCOI CREEK STADIUM

JUNIORS!

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TOCOI CREEK HS CLASS OF 2025

ORDER NOW

DEADLINE TO ORDER!

OCT. 16

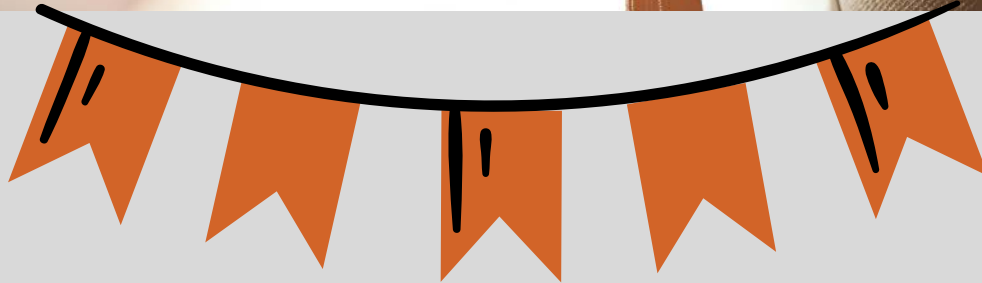
RING CEREMONY

FEB. 8

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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! **There are 30 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.

Helpful Links for Seniors:

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

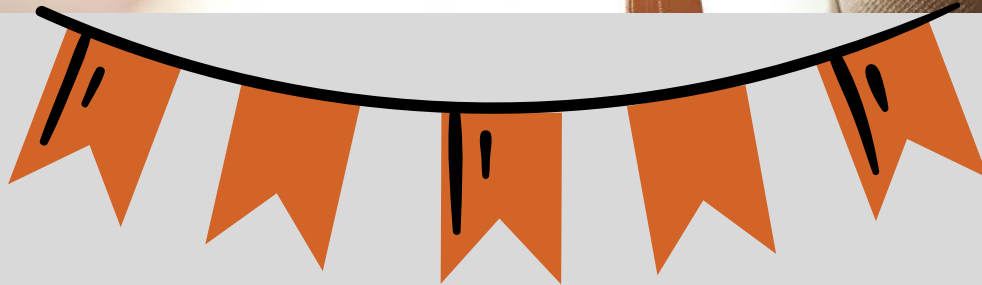
[Naviance Help](#)

[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.



CAREER ACADEMIES



TCHS hosted a NEFBA Nail Drive this month. Students in all lunches competed with their classmates to see who has the fastest hammer and nail skills. NEFBA Program information was provided to interested students.

Congratulations to AIBE Junior, Zander Erasmus, on the fastest skills in school history!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 7- Project Innovation teams compete at District Competition
- November 8- ACE Parent Meeting
- November 8- HOSA Regional Meeting
- November 14- Edwards DVT 2-4 Adobe testing
- November 14- Health Science field study to University of St. Augustine
- November 16- Dr. Ritchie- Guest Speaker
- November 17- Senior AIBE leaders field study
- November 27- Middle School Blitz at Mill Creek Academy
- December 5- UNF College of Computing, Architecture, and Construction Tour (link on Schoology)
- December 8- Blood Drive

CERTIFICATION TESTING UPDATE

As a certified testing center, the certification exams administered at TCHS are proctored through Certiport, an independent testing platform. Students with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 may apply for accommodations through Certiport. Because it is an outside testing company, like ACT or SAT, accommodations, such as extended time, must be applied for and implemented to the individual student's testing platform by Certiport. The school cannot request these services; the student and their legal guardian (if student is under 18) must submit the request directly to Certiport. Accommodations are granted by Certiport annually, so even if your student was granted accommodations for testing in the 2022-2023 school year, the application must be submitted again for the 2023-2024 school year to ensure that accommodations are provided at the time your student tests.

Certiport has an online accommodations application process. The process is detailed on their website at: <https://certiport.pearsonvue.com/Educator-resources/Exam-policies/Accommodations.aspx>

UPCOMING TESTING DATE: 11/14 EDWARDS PERIOD 1 AND 3



[Click Here](#) for the November edition of the Academy Newsletter



TESTING CORNER

ASVAB CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAM

TCHS ASVAB Test – Wednesday, December 13, 2023


The ASVAB Career Exploration Program (CEP) will be administered on Wednesday, December 13th at 9:15 AM in The Auditorium.

THIS EXAM IS FOR 10TH, 11TH, and 12TH GRADERS ONLY.

You must register to take the ASVAB Test through [SignUpGenius](#) linked here.

Deadline to register for the test is Friday, December 8th.

Learn more about the [ASVAB Test](#) here.




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 INFO FOR SENIORS

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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.

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 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

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 the auditorium.



ONETORO ARTS

EVENTS



NOV 4 BOA TROY
VETERANS MEMORIAL
STADIUM, TROY AL
MARCHING TOROS
COMPETE AT 3PM

NOV 5 DISNEY'S OLD
KEY WEST
RESORT
AUCTION ENDS

NOV 8 SPIRIT NIGHT@
SIMONE'S
4-9PM AT SIMONE'S
WOOD-FIRED CRAFT
KITCHEN, MUST MENTION
TCHS

NOV 11 ONE-ACT
FESTIVAL
TBA, TCHS AUDITORIUM

**NOV
17-18** INTERNATIONAL
THESPIAN
SOCIETY ONE-
ACTS EVENT
TBA, TCHS AUDITORIUM

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

UPCOMING ARTS

ONE TORO ARTS BOOSTERS INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR

SPIRIT *Night*

COME OUT TO DINNER AT



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

FROM: **4-9PM**

A PORTION OF PROCEEDS FOR THE
EVENING WILL GO DIRECTLY TO
BENEFIT ONE TORO ARTS!



DON'T FORGET TO MENTION
YOU'RE ATTENDING ON BEHALF OF
ONE TORO ARTS BOOSTERS



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

SCAN



ONETORO ARTS



Funds are allocated for purchasing high-quality frames, matboards, hosting our quarterly receptions, and covering competition fees.

Sponsorship starts at \$50
-Each * will represent
additional increments of \$50



[CLICK HERE TO SPONSOR](#)

Donors will have their name(s) laser engraved onto a sponsors plaque in the main Performing Arts Center Gallery.

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HIGH SCHOOL



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GIFT CARD DRIVE

The PTSO is collecting gift cards for the holiday gift for each teacher/staff member. If you can, please send in a \$20 gift card. If you'd prefer - donate \$20 via this link and we'll do the shopping for you. Our goal is 200 gift cards! You can drop them to the front office in an envelope labeled PTSO or reach out to us and we'll come pick them up.



BRICK DRIVE

PURCHASE A COMMEMORATIVE
BRICK FOR YOUR STUDENT
INSTALLED IN OUR ACTIVITY WALKWAY

ARTS
ACHIEVEMENTS



SPORTS
CLUBS

ENGRAVED 4X8 COMMEMORATIVE BRICK FOR \$100
Order by December 31st for installation in May



Email:

onetroptso@gmail.com

PARENTS

- 1 We held our first general membership meeting in the HUB on the 17th and shared information as well as gave out gifts to the attendees and a preview of our holiday gift to teachers
- 2 We sent out a committee invitation to all parents interested in participating. We have a few exciting events coming up and need a few hands.

OCTOBER RECAP

TEACHERS/STAFF

- 1 We continued our Fourth Friday Teacher/Staff cart with a halloween theme with drinks and snacks sponsored by Amy Wojaczyk REALTOR Heroesfirsthomegroup
- 2 We unveiled our first ever teacher/staff grant request form. Stay tuned to listen if we were able to grant any special requests.

STUDENTS

- 1 We held our first Quarter Reward Event. More than 450 students were treated to a Jimmy Hula's Nacho Bar. Our next event is in January for all A/B honor roll students.
- 2 We continued Cotton Candy in the Courtyard! We had student volunteers help us spin and hand out fresh cotton candy to the students. Next month look for our popcorn stop!

PARTNERS

- 1 We placed the first 10 banners on the fence for our new Fill the Fence fundraiser. We have another 5 with the printer.

GENERAL SCHOOL INFO



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@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:

- ESE PARAPROFESSIONAL
- CUSTODIAN
- CUSTODIAN



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,

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Questions? Please call 904-547-7636 Smartfind Helpdesk or application questions call AppliTrack helpdesk 547-7631



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