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## *Tocoi Creek High School Weekly Newsletter*

Toro Nation,

We hope you have a wonderful Holiday Break. TCHS will be closed beginning 12/22/23 through 1/3/24. Offices will be open 1/4 and 1/5 and students return to school for Second Semester on January 8th, 2024. Please have your Toro check their HAC account prior to returning to ensure that all classes and locations are reviewed.

Elective selections for the 24-25 school year are now open through January 12th in your Toro's HAC account.

## **New Assessment for Graduation and Bright Futures Qualification**

The Classic Learning Test (CLT) is an online college entrance exam for 11th and 12th grade students. Thanks to recent legislation, the CLT can now be used to satisfy State of Florida graduation testing requirements, qualify students for Bright Futures and is recognized by many universities and colleges. Just like the SAT and the ACT, students can use a score on the CLT to meet assessment graduation requirements as specified in Rule 6A-1.09422.

Grade 10 ELA Concordant Scores - Available for students who entered grade 9 in 2020-21 and beyond:

CLT Verbal Reasoning and Grammar/Writing sections sum 36

Additional information about statewide assessments and concordant scores can be found [here](#).

The CLT has primarily been taken remotely (at home) but can also be given at schools. A list of test dates as well as other test related deadlines can be accessed [here](#).

Tocoi Creek is highly considering conducting the online version of the CLT on Thursday, February 15th, during the school day. If you would be interested in this opportunity, please complete [this](#) quick response form so we can gauge interest. If TCHS does run the CLT on February 15th, students would be responsible for submitting payment prior to registration.

Information about Remote administrations can be found [here](#):

[The CLT - Online College Entrance Exam - Classic Learning Test \(cltexam.com\)](#)

Requests for accommodations on the exam can be submitted [here](#).

A comprehensive list of post-secondary institutions that accept the CLT as entrance criteria, can be found [here](#).

The Tocoi Creek High School guidance page, found [here](#), also has resources and additional information.

# IMPORTANT DATES

## TORO WEEK

*at a Glance*

Monday, Dec. 25th - Friday Jan. 5th- No School- Winter Break!



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## SAVE THE DATE

- **FEBRUARY 2ND** WINTER DANCE (MORP)
- **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*

- Thurs., Jan. 4th @ 6/7:30pm Girls Basketball v Ponte Vedra @ TCHS  
Thurs., Jan. 4th @ 6/7:30pm Boys Basketball v Sandalwood HS @ Sandalwood HS  
Fri., Jan. 5th @ 12pm Boys Wrestling (Varsity) v Yulee @ Yulee HS  
Fri., Jan. 5th @ 6/7:30pm Boys Basketball v Creekside @ TCHS  
Fri., Jan. 5th @ 5:30/7:20pm Boys Soccer v St. Augustine @ TCHS  
Sat., Jan. 6th @ 8am Girls Wrestling (Varsity) v Yulee HS @ Yulee HS  
Sat., Jan. 6th @ 9am Girls Wrestling (Varsity) v Fletcher HS @ Fletcher HS



# 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](http://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.

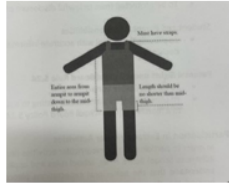
If you have another child at a St Johns County School District school that is using Schoology, you can easily add them to your parent access account by following these steps. Click on the down arrow near your name on the right of the screen. Scroll down and click “add child.” Type in the access code 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](http://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.

# 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 without arm cuffs
    - 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 of mesh garments must be worn with opaque clothing over it or underneath that meets the standards 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.
- Hats/Hoods may not be worn inside the building.
- No clothing or accessory advertising alcohol, drugs, weapons, nudity, profanity, etc.

Students who violate the dress code will be asked to change and progressive discipline will follow. Level 2: defiance/disrespect

**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**

**TOCOI  
Winter Dance**

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A WINTER WONDERLAND**

**Friday, February 2nd, 2024**

# GUIDANCE INFORMATION

ADVICE  
ASSISTANCE

GUIDANCE

HELP

**The School Counseling Team will be hosting Dual Enrollment Information Sessions during Toro Time on December 6 & 20.**

## What is Dual Enrollment?

Dual Enrollment is a program that allows students to take college level courses at St. Johns River State College and earn high school credit and college credit at the same time. The credits that students earn must be applicable toward high school graduation and be applicable toward an Associate or Baccalaureate degree.

## Who is eligible for Dual Enrollment?

- Students with a 3.0 or higher UNWEIGHTED GPA
- Students with qualifying test scores on the ACT, SAT, or PERT (see qualifying test scores [here](#).)

## What do I do if I'm interested?

- Attend one of the Toro Time Sessions on December 6 & 20th (These sessions are for STUDENTS. A parent presentation will be posted on the website after the presentation).
- Join the Dual Enrollment Schoology group: RCGS-QGPH-RZCG6
- Confirm your eligibility.
- Tell your school counselor when you are selecting your courses for next year.

## Important things to consider:

- The student will need transportation to and from the college campus.
- Dual Enrollment students are considered college students. St. Johns River State College is a separate school from TCHS. Their professors do not communicate with parents or school counselors regarding assignments and grades. They do not input grades in HAC or follow TCHS test retake policies. Students who receive TCHS accommodations will need to apply and are not guaranteed to receive accommodations through St. Johns River State College.
- All grades earned are a part of the student's permanent college transcript. If students struggle in a course and withdraw, they will earn a W on their transcript which can have negative implications for college admissions, financial aid eligibility, and place students on Bright Futures and other scholarship probation once they are in college.
- Dual Enrollment students must be responsible and independent learners. THE STUDENT needs to make sure that they meet ALL DEADLINES (application, test scores, course registration, book rental, etc) by checking for updates in the Dual Enrollment Schoology group and their SJR email daily.

## 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

# GUIDANCE INFO FOR SENIORS



## BRIGHT FUTURES SENIOR UPDATE:



Bright Futures allows students to “lock in” the Bright Futures scholarship after the 1st semester of their senior year. Students that lock in the Medallion Level award can continue to improve their GPA, retake their standardized tests, and/or submit additional community service hours to be re-evaluated for the Academic Level award at the end of the school year. The advantage of locking in the scholarship is that students can not lose the scholarship once it is locked in if their GPA drops and the college will be able to process their scholarship package sooner.

### **To lock in the scholarship, students MUST do the following prior to December 21st:**

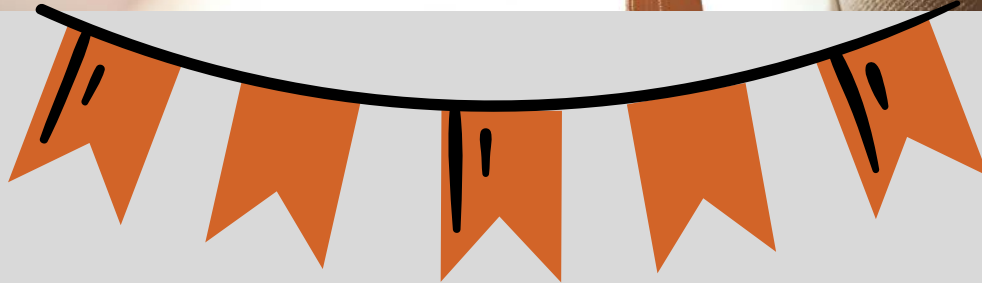
- Apply! Application instructions are available [here](#)
- Submit their pay stubs and/or community service letters and reflection sheets to the guidance office. Community service instructions are available [here](#).
- Submit their qualifying test scores to at least one public Florida university.
- Have a minimum of a 3.0 BRIGHT FUTURES GPA.

Students that do not lock in the scholarship after the first semester can still apply and be evaluated again after graduation. Students have until August 31st following their senior year to continue to retake the ACT, SAT, or CLT to get qualifying test scores and graduation day to submit their community service/ paid work hours.

[college fairs](#)

If your SENIOR would like a copy of their Bright Futures evaluation, please have them see their school counselor for a copy.

# 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:

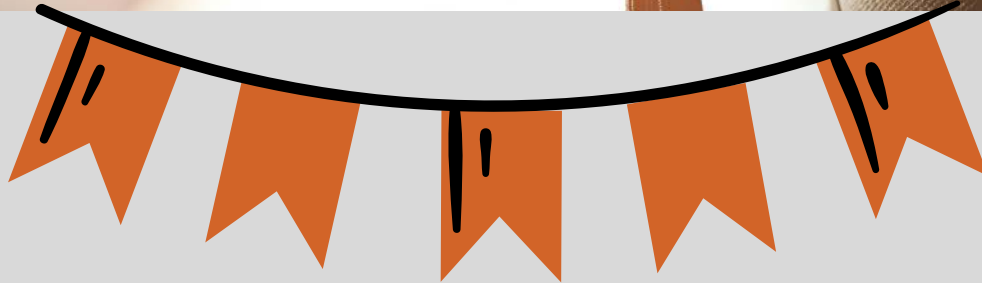
[FAFSA \(Financial Aid\)](#)

[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



**This is your year.**

**SENIORS**  
**TIME IS**  
**RUNNING OUT**  
**ORDER YOUR**  
**CAP & GOWN**  
**NOW**

Visit  
**JOSTENS.COM**

to place your order.



# CAREER ACADEMIES

## 9th graders- interested in applying for an Academy?

Academy application window runs from January 4- January 31. A lottery system is used for selection. Current 9th graders are eligible to apply for Academies. You will have 2 more opportunities to learn more about the programs we have to offer.

- January 17: Toro Time Information Session
- January 24: TCHS Academy Night

We look forward to seeing you at these events!



ACADEMY OF  
 Innovation in the  
 Built Environment  
 TOCOI CREEK HIGH SCHOOL



ST. JOHNS COUNTY ACADEMY OF  
 Future Educators  
 TOCOI CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

# Academy INFORMATION SESSION

NEW DATE

**JANUARY 17, DURING TORO TIME  
 IN THE AUDITORIUM**



ACADEMY OF  
 Leadership in Emerging  
 Technologies  
 TOCOI CREEK HIGH SCHOOL



ACADEMY OF  
 Allied Health  
 TOCOI CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

## TCHS ACADEMY NIGHT JANUARY 24 5:30-7:30 P.M.

5:30-6:00 AUDITORIUM	Rising 9th grader registration FAQ
6:00-6:10 AUDITORIUM	General Information TCHS Academies and How to Apply (Rising 9th and 10th graders)
6:10-7:30 BUILDING 2 AND 4 ACADEMY CLASSROOMS	Open House- Meet the teachers and students, tour the classrooms, and ask questions

Contact: Wanda Sparks, Career Specialist, 904-647-4278, wspark@tchhs.k12.fl.us  
 For more info: https://www.tchhs.org/academy-night/2024-25  
 ToCOI Creek High School, 11000 St. Johns Highway, St. Augustine, FL 32082



- ### UPCOMING EVENTS
- December 11-18- Classroom visits to discuss 24-25 courses
  - December 20- EKG CERT FOR NEM'S PD 1/2
  - January 17: Toro Time for Academy interest
  - January 19- Allied Health rotation orientation
  - January 24- TCHS Academy Night
  - January 25- Field Study to Solar Stik
  - February 7- CSX Drone Day (Emerging Tech students)
  - February 27- Career and Construction day at Ring Power (Built Env. Field Trip)

## 24-25 Academy Intent to drop

Current students wishing to **drop** an Academy will have (or have had) a visit from Mrs. Johnson to discuss this process. Those who intend to drop their Academy at the end of the school year will need to complete the official drop form. More information about this process can be found [here](#) under Academy FAQ.

**INTENT TO DROP FORMS ARE DUE BY  
 JANUARY 31, 2024**

# 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 January 11th at 8:10AM in Mr. Cabrera's Room.



# ONETORO ARTS

## TCHS Arts Calendar

→ IN NOVEMBER 2023

17/18 Fri/Sat Int'l Thespian Society One-Act Event TCHS Auditorium  
*not open to the public*

→ IN DECEMBER 2023

01 Fri All Arts Winter Showcase, TCHS Auditorium, 7PM

02 Sat THESPY'S District Competition, Douglas Anderson

06 Wed TCHS Drama Auditions for "Steel Magnolias"

09 Sat SJCSD Honor Band Concert, Beachside HS, 2PM

13 Wed TCHS Jazz Night, TCHS Courtyard, 7PM

15 Fri Gallery Nights II, TCHS Auditorium, 5:30-7PM

22 Fri TCHS Jazz Band at Nights Of Lights, Plaza De La Constitucion, 6-8PM

MORE INFORMATION

<https://onetoroarts.wixsite.com/one-toro-arts>



### GALLERY NIGHTS



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6  
TCHS, BUILDING 2, 5:30 - 7 PM  
GALLERY SPACES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15  
5:30 - 7 PM  
TCHS AUDITORIUM

THURSDAY, MARCH 7  
5:30 - 7 PM  
TCHS AUDITORIUM


FRIDAY, MAY 3  
TCHS, BUILDING 2, 5:30 - 7 PM  
GALLERY SPACES



# PTSO

*Looking for some  
Toro Gear?*

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THAT SUPPORTS THE PTSO!](#)



## DECEMBER RECAP

**Email:**  
onetoroptso@gmail.com

### PARENTS

- 1 We began our brick fundraiser for 2023-2024. **Sales close Dec 31st for Spring Delivery.** Please contact us with any questions or get your orders in!
- 2 We participated in the OneToro Winter Fest and had merchandise and bricks out for sale.

### TEACHERS/STAFF

- 1 With the help of our parents and community, we were able to treat the teachers and staff to a lovely holiday brunch. They were each gifted a \$20 gift card as well as a shirt commissioned by Principal Willets! They enjoyed bagels from Joint Bagel in St. Augustine and had fruit, yogurt, and coffees.

### STUDENTS

- 1 We announced the First Annual MORP Winter Dance. Be on the lookout for tickets. We also continued Cotton Candy in the Courtyard!

### PARTNERS

A very special thank you to our friends at **STG Contracting Group.** They generously donated \$1500 towards the Teacher/Staff Holiday Event. Thank you!



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## 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](mailto:JAY.WILLETS@STJOHNS.K12.FL.US) FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

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- IND TEACHER
- ESE PARAPROFESSIONAL
- CUSTODIAN
- CUSTODIAN



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