

THE BULL PEN

Tocoi Creek High School Weekly Newsletter

Toro Nation,

A HUGE "THANK YOU" to our PTSO for sponsoring our quarterly rewards Salty/Sweet Lunch to our first semester honor roll students! Because of your donations and support of our various PTSO fundraisers, over 1100 Toros enjoyed their "kudos" event during each of our lunches today!

Scheduling for the 24-25 school year is off and running with our guidance team working with our rising 10th graders this week and next. Each Toro will have an opportunity to have a 1:1 session with their counselor throughout the next few weeks.

PROM TICKET ANNOUNCEMENT

TCHS Seniors get FIRST crack at the (1000) 2024 Prom tickets at the Renaissance Hotel for a 2-week window beginning February 12th - 23rd. To help our Senior families with the costs of their final year, Prom tickets will be \$65.

Juniors will be offered remaining tickets March 4th-15th at \$80. Any remaining/late tickets beyond March 15th will be sold at \$100.

MORP SNOW ANNOUNCEMENT

LET IT SNOW!! Yes, you heard that correctly...it will be SNOWING at our MORP! Don't miss out on all the fun! Tickets for the Winter Semi-Formal event are now on sale now and can be purchased [here](#)!! It's sure to be a great time!!

PTSO FUNDRAISER

Prom 2024
At the WCV Renaissance Hotel
April 18th 7:00

Seniors Only Ticket Sale
February 12th - 23rd
Tickets are \$65
Limit 2 tickets per student
Purchase through Go Fan

TCHS PTSO presents
Winter Semi-formal
MORP
 Featuring DJ Alvarez
 Tickets start selling January 11th

FEB 2 @ 7PM

IMPORTANT DATES

TORO WEEK

at a Glance

Monday, Jan. 29th-

Tuesday, Jan 30th -

Wednesday, January 31st

Thursday, February 1st-

Friday, February 2nd-

Virtual Financial Aid Pres. @ 6:30pm

Basketball Senior Night

MORP Semi-Formal Dance @ 7pm

SAVE THE DATE

- **FEBRUARY 2ND** WINTER DANCE (MORP)
- **FEBRUARY 8TH** JUNIOR RING CEREMONY IN AUDITORIUM
- **FEBRUARY 12-23** PROM TICKETS - SENIORS CAN PURCHASE
- **FEBRUARY 21ST** POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL GAME
- **MARCH 4-15** PROM TICKETS - JUNIORS CAN PURCHASE
- **MARCH 18TH** 24-25 PARKING SURVEYS FOR RISING SENIORS RELEASED
- **MARCH 22-23RD** JUNIOR/SENIOR CAMPOUT
- **APRIL 12TH:** SENIOR GRADBASH @ UNIVERSAL STUDIOS
- **APRIL 18TH:** JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM @ WGV RENAISSANCE RESORT (1000 TICKETS)
- **MAY 14TH** GRADUATION PRACTICE
- **MAY 15TH** SENIOR CLEARANCE DAY - CAP/GOWN PICK-UP
- **MAY 20TH:** GRADUATION AT THE ST. AUGUSTINE AMPHITHEATER @ 7PM

TORO ATHLETICS

at a Glance

Mon., Jan. 29th @ 6/7:30pm Boys Basketball v Crescent City HS @ Crescent City HS
Tues., Jan. 30th @ 6/7:30pm Boys Basketball v Bishop Snyder HS @ Bishop Snyder HS
Thurs., Feb. 1st @ 6pm Girls Basketball v Pedro Menendez @ TCHS
Thurs., Feb. 1st @ 7:30pm Boys Basketball v Harvest Community School @ TCHS
Fri., Feb. 2nd @ 12pm Boys Wrestling (Varsity) vs Clay HS @ Clay HS
Sat., Feb. 3rd @ 8am Girls & Boys Wrestling (Varsity) vs Clay HS @ Clay HS

GUIDANCE INFORMATION

ADVICE
ASSISTANCE

GUIDANCE

HELP

This week begins phase 2 of our schedule registration process for the 24-25 school year. Our school counseling team will be meeting with every single student individually between January 25th and spring break to go over their class selections for next year. As a result, students and parents do not need to schedule individual appointments with counselors. Students will be seen individually during their English class. If your child is absent, does not have an English class, or the counselor runs out of time to meet during the scheduled class time, your child will receive a pass to meet with their counselor during a scheduled make-up day.

9th grade students received their course verification forms through their English classes this past week. Please use the weekend to review their course recommendations from their teachers as well as the electives that they previously selected. If you want to make any changes or have questions, you can notate that on the form so your child's counselor can discuss the topics during their meeting. If you would like to participate in the meeting by phone, please make sure that your student brings their phone to their meeting.

We encourage your student to take the following steps to be prepared for their registration appointment:

- Review the course verification form as a family once it is received.
- List any questions, concerns, or change requests on the bottom portion of the form to be reviewed with the counselor.
- Don't forget to bring the form back to school on the day of your appointment.

Our counseling team would also like to request your patience during this scheduling season. In order to meet with every student, school counselors are outside of their offices for the entire school day. As a result, our scheduling links will show us as mostly unavailable and response time to emails and voicemails will be slower than normal. We will continue to have the first-floor guidance office available for students in crisis as well as mental health support whenever needed.

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 INFORMATION



9th Grade Course Registration Schedule:

January 25th: Galella's English Classes

January 26th: Wallace's English Classes

January 29th: Miller's English Classes

January 30th: Harvey's English Classes

January 31st: Edgcombe and Welch's English Classes

February 1st-2nd: 9th Grade Students without an English class & Make-ups

10th Grade Registration Schedule:

February 14th: Lambert's English Classes

February 15th: Abell's English Classes

February 16th: Thomas' English Classes

February 20th: Cassano's English Classes

February 21st: Landers's English Classes

February 22nd: Porcellini's English Classes

Week of March 5th: 10th Grade Students without an English class & Make-ups

11th Grade Registration Schedule:

February 5th: Bright's English Classes

February 6th: Neal's English Classes

February 7th: McGuffin's English Classes

February 8th: Pinto's English Classes

February 9th: Griffin's English Classes

February 12th-13th: 11th Grade Students without an English class & Make-ups

SAVE THE DATE: UCF College Visit on February 23rd at 9:30 in the Hub. Sign up in 1st floor guidance office.

Press Release

NEWSWORTHY TOROS

Congratulations to these hard-working Art Students @ TCHS. These are the winners of the judicated Northeast Florida Scholastics Art Awards. Gold Key winners go on to be nationally judged. All recognized students will be awarded at the Florida Theater on Feb 17th. Gold Key winner's artwork will be displayed at the Jacksonville Public Library for the months of February and March.



Northeast Florida Scholastic Art Awards



2024 Toco Creek High School Award Winners

Student Name	Grade	Title	Award	Work Category	Teacher Name
Lane Adams	12	Passage to a Floral Escape	Gold Key	Mixed Media	Susan Smith
Lane Adams	12	True Opening	Gold Key	Digital Art	Joany Cabrera
Lane Adams	12	Lane's Self Portfolio	Gold Key	Portfolio	Joany Cabrera
Joshitha Balamurugan	12	A World With a Question	Honorable Mention	Painting	Joany Cabrera
Joshitha Balamurugan	12	Cupid's Ventriloquist	Gold Key	Painting	Joany Cabrera
Aurora Bauer	11	Reaching For You	Honorable Mention	Drawing & Illustration	Joany Cabrera
Aurora Bauer	11	Using Moms makeup	Honorable Mention	Mixed Media	Joany Cabrera
Berkley Bennett	9	Anarchy	Honorable Mention	Drawing & Illustration	Joany Cabrera
James Berkoff	11	Clouded Over	Honorable Mention	Digital Art	Julia Post
Kindra Bowden	10	Beauty in Black and White	Honorable Mention	Painting	Joany Cabrera
Caitlin Boyd	11	George	Honorable Mention	Drawing & Illustration	Joany Cabrera
Ethan Buffington	11	curve vase	Silver Key	Sculpture	Susan Smith
Saniyah Callahan	12	Frozen in Time	Honorable Mention	Ceramics & Glass	Susan Smith
Tyler Cannon	11	Book of Flames	Silver Key	Digital Art	Julia Post
Emily Carlton	11	Stare	Honorable Mention	Painting	
Mikhaela Davis	12	Into the Clouds	Honorable Mention	Digital Art	Julia Post
Olivia Duffey	10	Vase of Pencils	Silver Key	Ceramics	Susan Smith
Juliana Francis	12	Koinobori	Honorable Mention	Ceramics & Glass	Susan Smith
Hera Garcia	12	Computer Consumption	Gold Key	Digital Art	Joany Cabrera
Hera Garcia	12	Delusions	Gold Key	Digital Art	Joany Cabrera
Hera Garcia	12	Her Vindictive Retribution	Gold Key	Digital Art	Joany Cabrera
Hera Garcia	12	If I Only Look at The Painting	Silver Key	Painting	Joany Cabrera
Hera Garcia	12	It Isn't Too Late Yet	Gold Key	Mixed Media	Joany Cabrera
Hera Garcia	12	Ripping Me Apart	Gold Key	Digital Art	Joany Cabrera
Hera Garcia	12	Sword	Honorable Mention	Digital Art	Joany Cabrera
Hera Garcia	12	Themes of The Bible	Gold Key	Portfolio	Joany Cabrera
Amelia Gilliam	12	Sea Life	Honorable Mention	Ceramics & Glass	Susan Smith





STUDENT LIFE



Prom 2024

At the WGV Renaissance Hotel

April 18th 7:00

Seniors Only Ticket Sale

February 12th - 23rd

Tickets are \$65

Limit 2 tickets per student

Purchase through Go Fan

Please join us for the

CLASS OF 2025

RING

CEREMONY



February 8, 2024 | 6:00 p.m.

Tocoi Creek High School Auditorium

Attire: Business Casual

If you did not order your ring from Fostens, but you would still like to participate in the ceremony, please fill out this form:

Non-Fostens Ring Form



STUDENT LIFE

2nd Annual Toco Creek High School Powder Puff Football

New Date and Time

Wednesday February 21st, 2024
 Kickoff at 6:00 p.m.
 \$5 Donation at the gate.
 Proceeds go to The Betty Griffin Center and The St. Francis House




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NEED HELP IN MATH?

PEER TUTORING OFFERED BY MU ALPHA THETA

SIGN UP USING THE QR CODE BELOW

PORTABLE 13- MS. BISHOP'S ROOM
 WEDNESDAY MORNINGS FROM 8:45 - 9:15 AM
 THURSDAY AFTERNOONS FROM 4:00 - 4:45PM



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TOCOI CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

VIRTUAL FINANCIAL AID PRESENTATION

January 30th

Microsoft Teams 6:30 PM

Listen in to an informational presentation with the UNF Financial Aid office for information on FAFSA and other financial aid opportunities.

JOIN BY VISITING MICROSOFT TEAMS

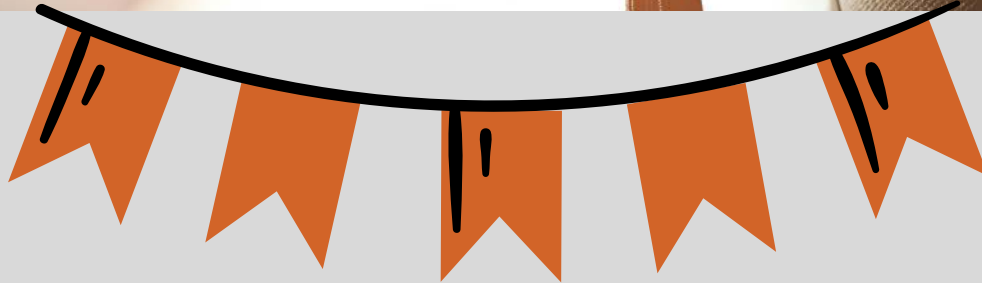
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SENIOR INFORMATION



SENIOR DATES:

- April 12th: GradBash @ Universal Studios
- April 18th: Prom @ WGV Renaissance Resort
- May 14th: Graduation Rehearsal
- May 15th: Senior Clearance Day and Cap/Gown pick-up
- May 20th: Graduation at St. Augustine Amphitheater



The 2nd payment for Grad Bash is now open for those that paid the first deposit. The final payment is 125.00 and due by **March 1st**.

[Click Here](#) to make payment.

Helpful Links for Seniors:

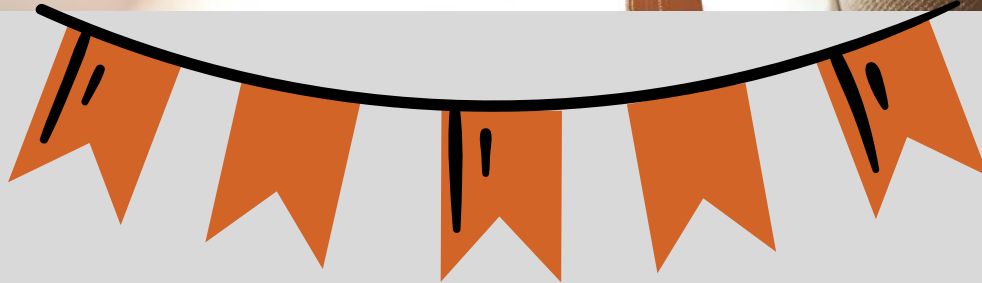
[FAFSA \(Financial Aid\)](#)

[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.

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TIME IS
RUNNING OUT

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CAP & GOWN
NOW**

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DEANS' DIRECTIVE



Attention Students:

As you know, Toco Creek follows the St. Johns County School District Dress Code policy. We now have the resources to help enforce these guidelines. Starting January 22nd, you will notice a new system regarding the dress code. If you are out of dress code, you will need to change your clothes, you will receive a referral, and we will follow progressive discipline. If we are unable to provide you with a change of clothes, you will need to call home.

We appreciate your support while we work to enhance your educational experience.

Just a reminder...you are expected to be covered from armpit to armpit (wearing straps) down to mid-thigh. You are NOT allowed to wear hats/hoods or head coverings.

If you have any questions or concerns on the dress code policy, please reach out to one of the deans.





TESTING CORNER

Classical Learning Test (CLT)

St. Johns County School District recently provided testing parameters for this exam and at this time, the school day test can only be given to 11th and 12th grade students who need a concordant score for graduation during school hours. Registration for affected students occurred this week, but registration for home testing is ongoing.

For additional information about the CLT, see the resources below.

Information about remote test administration can be found here:

[The CLT – Online College Entrance Exam – Classic Learning Test \(cltexam.com\)](https://www.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 Toco Creek High School guidance page, found [here](#), also has resources and additional information.



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 February 8th at 8:10AM in Mr. Cabrera's Room.



PARENT INVOLVEMENT



V FOR VICTORY

This is a message from A. Bright- founding member of Toros Beat Cancer -(club sponsor is Ms. Durnin)

V for Victory is a non-profit program that helps families with a member fighting cancer. You can support V for Victory at any V's Pizza location. All donations and money for merchandise goes to families fighting cancer. If someone in your family is fighting cancer, your family is eligible for the benefits of V for Victory. This program can connect individuals and families with various needed services such as lawn care, house cleaning, auto repairs, and more.

My family is part of the V for Victory. We have attended many exciting events sponsored by V for Victory, such as free Legos, Disney on Ice, Icemen hockey games, and much more.

If you have anyone fighting cancer and think you may be eligible, please contact them at:

<https://vforvictory.org>

"The word sick has four letters, but so does hope."
~Alex Bright



PIZZA

ONETORO ARTS

TCHS ARTS

Presents

Your student's name in lights!

Do you want to let Toro Nation know about your student's birthday or achievement? You can! We will be running announcements on the front marquis through May.

Sign up Today!

USE THE SIGN UP GENIUS LINK TO SELECT YOUR DATE.

\$10 FOR THE DAY
\$40 FOR THE WEEK



A Lovely Night of Jazz

TCHS JAZZ BAND

Join us for a lovely night of jazz with the TCHS Jazz Band.

Coffee
Hot Cocoa
Sweet Treats

\$5 to attend! Come support the TCHS High School Band!

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FEBRUARY

TCHS COURTYARD, 7-8PM

2023-24 ONE TORO ARTS BOOSTERS BECOME A BOOSTER



\$35

INCLUDES

- 2 TICKETS TO ALL-ARTS 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)





GALLERY NIGHTS

Next Show:
• March 7th
• May 3rd

Alumni Supporters



NEWS AND UPDATES

- Congratulations to all the students who earned an award for the North East Florida Scholastics Art Competition. 42 Of the 48 submissions earned an award.
- Congratulations to Hera G. and Lane A. for receiving a Gold Key for their Portfolio submission, which is a great achievement.
- Award ceremony will be held at the Florida Theater in Jacksonville on Feb. 17 at 10 AM.

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR PROGRAM?



- Join us and be an art appreciator during our Gallery Night events and reception.
- Consider becoming a 2023-24 Sponsor
- Purchase 2D Art Gear
- Donate 2D art supplies or frames



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.



GENERAL SCHOOL INFO



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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 FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

- **TEACHER ENGLISH (10TH/12TH GRADE)**
- **MARINE AND EARTH SPACE SCIENCE**
- **AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE**
- **IND TEACHER**



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