

THE BULL PEN

Tocoi Creek High School Weekly Newsletter

Toro Nation,

Spring officially begins March 19th, and that means that Spring testing is on our doorstep! It's a busy time, so we've updated the [TCHS Testing Website](#) linked here with all of the exams you can expect to be offered and a snap shot of exams is below for your reference.

TCHS 23-24
Semester 2
State and District Testing

Feb

- 2/26 – 3/6 FSA ELA Reading Grade 10 and Algebra I EOC Retakes

Mar

- 3/26 ACT Junior School Day*
- 3/26 SAT-NCR (registered 12th graders only)**

Apr

- 4/4 – 4/5 FAST Gr 9 and 10 Writing
- 4/9 ACT-NCR (registered 11th and 12th graders)***
- 4/15 – 4/16 Florida Civics Literacy Exam (FCLE) through U.S. Gov. Classes

May

- 5/1 – 5/24 Statewide Assessments (USH, FAST Reading Gr 10 & 9 BEST Geometry, Algebra I Biology)
- 5/6 – 5/17 AP Testing

Tocoi Creek High School Presents

Steel

MAGNOLIAS

by Robert Harling

Feb 15-17

7:00pm

Feb 18

2:00 pm

Tickets

\$15 Adults | \$10 Students

Tocoi Creek High School Auditorium

In partnership with Dramatist Play Service Inc.

The Arts at TC

Steel Magnolias takes the stage this weekend as our TC Arts program highlights our theatre students in this gripping drama.

IMPORTANT DATES

TORO WEEK *at a Glance*

Monday, Feb. 19th-	No School- Presidents Day
Tuesday, Feb. 20th -	Mr. Brux Inventor Testing (Academy)
Wednesday, Feb. 21st	Powderpuff Football Game
Thursday, Feb. 22nd-	
Friday, Feb. 23rd-	UCF Admissions in the Hub Last Day of Prom Ticket Sales for Seniors

SAVE THE DATE

- 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*

- TUES., FEB. 20TH @ 4:15PM TENNIS VS EPICOPAL HS @ EPISCOPAL HS
- TUES., FEB. 20TH @ 6PM GIRLS LACROSSE VS ST. AUGUSTINE @ TCHS
- TUES., FEB. 20TH @ 6PM BASEBALL (VARSITY) VS MANDARIN HS @ TCHS
- TUES., FEB. 20TH @ 6/7:30PM SOFTBALL VS KEYSTONE HEIGHTS HS @ KEYSTONE HEIGHTS HS
- TUES., FEB. 20TH @ 7PM BOYS LACROSSE VS STANTON HS @ STANTON HS
- WED., FEB. 21ST @ 3:30PM BOYS WEIGHTLIFTING VS ST. AUGUSTINE @ SAHS
- WED., FEB 21ST @ 5:30PM TRACK & FIELD (JV) VS ORANGE PARK HS @ ORANGE PARK HS
- THURS., FEB. 22ND @ 4:15PM TENNIS VS PEDRO MENENDEZ @ PMHS
- THURS., FEB. 22ND @ 6PM SOFTBALL (VASITY) VS BEACHSIDE @ BHS
- THURS. FEB. 22ND @ 6:30PM BASEBALL (JV) VS FLEMING ISLAND HS @ FLEMING ISLAND HS
- THURS. FEB. 22ND @ 6:30PM BASEBALL (VARSITY) VS FLEMING ISLAND HS @ TCHS
- THURS., FEB. 22ND @ 7PM BOYS LACROSSE VS BUCHHOLTZ HS @ BUCHHOLTZ HS
- FRI., FEB 23RD @ 2PM TRACK & FIELD (VARSITY) VS PEDRO MENENDEZ @ PMHS
- FRI., FEB. 23RD @ 5:30/7PM SOFTBALL VS ST. AUGUSTINE @ SAHS
- FRI., FEB. 23RD @ 6PM GIRLS LACROSSE VS BOLLES @ BOLLES
- FRI., FEB 23RD @ 7PM BASEBALL (VARSITY) VS INTERLACHEN HS @ INTERLACHEN HS
- SAT., FEB. 24TH @ 10AM/12:15PM BASEBALL (JV) VS FLETCHER HS @ FLETCHER HS
- SAT., FEB. 24TH @ 1:30PM BOYS LACROSSE VS FLETCHER HS @ FLETCHER HS
- SAT., FEB 24TH @ TBA TRACK & FIELD (JV) VS PONTE VEDRA @ PVHS



Press Release

NEWSWORTHY TOROS

Marie Batten Selected as National Youth Delegate for Prestigious Conference at George Mason University

FAIRFAX, VA (Tuesday February 13, 2024 08:13:39 AM)—

Marie Batten, a student at Toco Creek High School, has been selected to represent Saint Augustine, FL as a National Youth Delegate to the 2024 Washington Youth Summit on the Environment at George Mason University. Batten joins a select group of 100 students from across the country to participate in an intensive, week-long study of leadership in environmental science and conservation. Batten was chosen based on academic accomplishments and a demonstrated interest and excellence in leadership in the sciences and conservation studies.

George Mason University along with partner, the Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute, are excited to welcome the nation's young scholars to Washington, D.C. With distinguished faculty, guest speakers, and direct access to elite D.C. practitioners, the Washington Youth Summit on the Environment offers aspiring environmentalists and student leaders an unparalleled experience. The week-long program is held at George Mason University's state-of-the-art campus. The Summit will encourage and inspire young leaders who desire a unique experience focused on successful careers in this dynamic industry. The Washington Youth Summit on the Environment will be held June 23 to June 28, 2024



STUDENT LIFE

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.



Prom 2024
May your dreams come true
At the WGV Renaissance Hotel
April 18th 7:00
Seniors Only Ticket Sale
February 12th - 23rd
Scan below to purchase tickets

Toro Boutique

Not feeling like paying for a brand-new dress or tuxedo? Come and shop our donated prom dresses and formalwear!



Room 4-033

'24-'25 PARKING!!

Are you an upcoming SENIOR who is interested in parking on campus next year? Secure your spot soon! Starting March 19th, Seniors may sign up for parking for the 2024-2025 school year. There will be a survey for all seniors in need of parking to complete before purchase. Please know not all Seniors will be able to secure parking. Students will be selected based on student needs, scheduling, attendance, behavior, and academic reasons. Please be on the lookout for more information regarding parking for our upcoming Juniors. If you have any questions, please reach out to Dean Velsor (904-547-4268) for more information.



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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24

$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

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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$M = \left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$

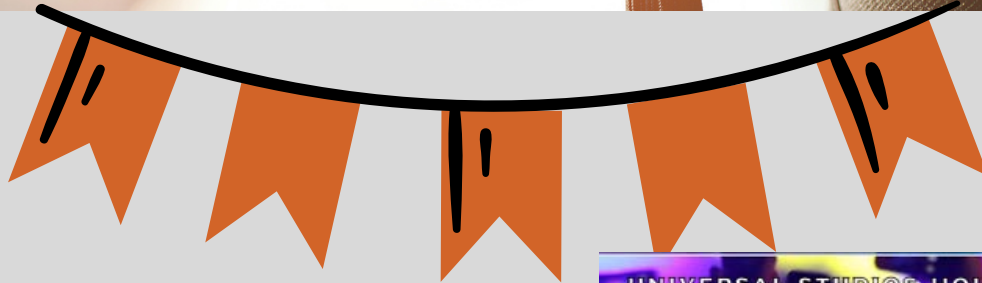
$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$

$C = 2\pi r$

$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

$V = s^3$

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 for those that paid the first deposit is due by **March 1st**. [Click Here](#) to make payment of \$125.

All GradBash spots have been reserved, but we do offer a waiting list if spaces open up or a student who planned to go would like to sell their ticket. If we reach you on the waiting list, a senior sponsor will contact you with information on making a deposit, paying in full, or completing a transfer with another senior. You will have a limited amount of time to respond before we remove you from the waiting list and go to the next person on the list. You **MUST** have paid your senior dues to keep your spot in line on the waiting list. [Click Here to join the Waiting List](#).

Helpful Links for Seniors:

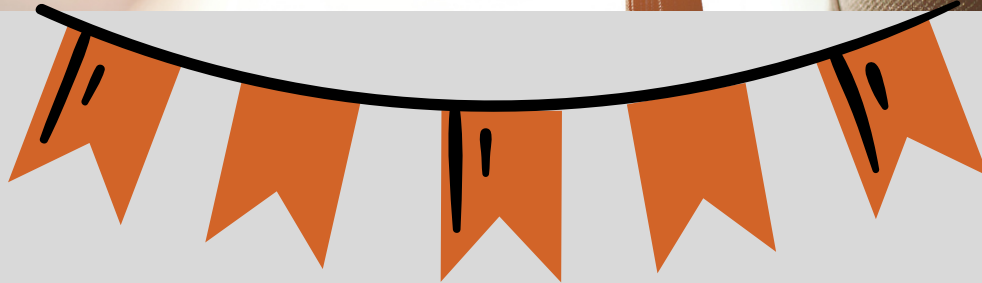
[FAFSA \(Financial Aid\)](#)

[Naviance Help](#)

[Senior Guidance Page](#)

[Senior Info on TCHS Webpage](#)

SENIOR INFORMATION



SENIOR TO-DO LIST:

- **Past due- Late fees will be applied:** Order your Cap and Gown
- **Past due--required to graduate:** Pay Senior Dues: \$100
- **March 1st:** Pay Grad Bash Final Payment: \$125.00. Click Here to join Waitlist.



SENIORS
TIME IS
RUNNING OUT

**ORDER YOUR
CAP & GOWN
NOW**

Visit
JOSTENS.COM

to place your order.

Jostens

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 occurred the last week of January.
11th Grade Course Registration occurred the first week of February.

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

UPCOMING VISITS DURING TORO TIME:

UCF Admissions: February 23rd

Sign up in 1st floor guidance office.

THE HUB *Happenings at*

The Hub Coffee Bar needs your help!
We need bottles of coffee creamer, any brand (Walmart, Aldi, Coffeemate, International Delight, etc), in the following flavors:
Caramel (or Caramel Macchiato)
Vanilla (or French Vanilla)
Hazelnut
Italian Sweet Cream (or Sweet and Creamy)

Donations can be dropped off to the front office or brought to the Hub by students.
The Hub coffee bar is a popular place for students and staff!
Thank you!



CAREER ACADEMIES

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>**

STUDENTS IN:
MR. BRUX
MS. EDWARDS
MS. FLOWERS
MR. GRUZINSKAS
MS. POST

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 FOR MORE
 DETAILS



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 ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



Special thanks go out to our partners that supply us with guest speakers, mentors, field study opportunities, and supplies.

INDUSTRY PARTNERS



UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 20- MR. BRUX Inventor testing
- February 27- Career and Construction day at Ring Power (Built Env. Field Trip)
- March 1-7- 1st ATTEMPT: AUTOCAD, PHOTOSHOP, PREMIERE PRO, AFTER EFFECTS, ITS-PYTHON
- March 8- Built Env. upperclassmen to NHRA STEAM DAY
- March 19- Emerging Tech to Mayport (Drones)
- March 20- Mock Interviews (Juniors)



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 \(cltexam.com\)](http://cltexam.com)

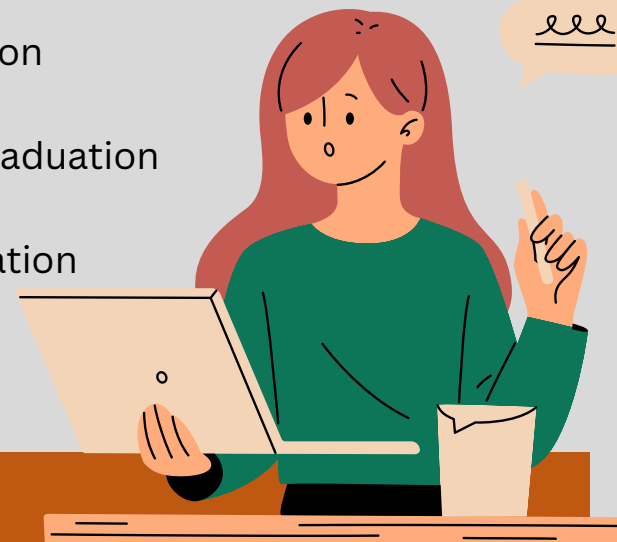
Requests for accommodations on the exam can be submitted [here](#).

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.

Upcoming Testing Dates:

- **2/29 - 3/8:** FSA Reading and Writing & Algebra 1 Retakes - for Seniors only who need graduation concordant scores
- **3/26:** ACT Junior School Day
- **3/26:** SAT-NCR for Seniors only who need graduation concordant scores
- **4/9:** ACT-NCR for Juniors and Seniors who need graduation concordant scores
- **4/11:** CLT for Juniors and Seniors who need graduation concordant scores



ONETORO ARTS

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Steel MAGNOLIAS

by Robert Harling

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7:00pm

Feb 18
2:00 pm

Tickets
\$15 Adults | \$10 Students



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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

[LINK FOR MARQUEE](#)

PTSO

TCHS Quarter 3 Student Reward Announcement

Principal Willets and the TCHS
PTSO will recognize students
that have community service
hours **documented in HAC** for
the 3rd quarter reward.

Have hours? Get
your forms into
your guidance
counselor soon so
they are in HAC



Form for Community Service:



► *Interested in
joining the
PTSO Board?*

Please contact us at
onetoroptso@gmail.com
for more information.
All seats open!

2024-2025
PTSO
Elections

ELECTION DATE
April 16th

*Your Time Can
Make a Difference*

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 March 7th 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



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



Join Our Dynamic & Growing Team of Professional Drivers



UP TO
\$3,000
SIGN ON BONUS

- Up to \$25.98 hourly pay depending on experience
- Paid training time while acquiring your CDL endorsements
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- Florida Retirement System
- Life Insurance
- Full time employees work 30 to 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday
- Drive modern air-conditioned fleet buses



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