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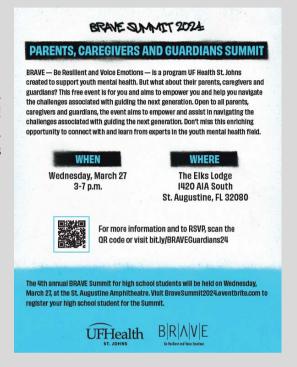
#### Tocoi Creek High School Weekly Newsletter

#### Happy Spring Break!

The faculty, staff, and administration of TCHS wish you and your Toro family a wonderful holiday break! School resumes for students on Tuesday, March 19th (Monday, March 18th is a Teacher Planning Day), this will be the official start of the 4th Quarter.

#### **BRAVE SUMMIT IS FOR PARENTS TOO!**

Looking for ways to support positive mental health awareness with your Toro? Then the Brave Summit is for you! See flyer below for more information on how to help support your children and family.



The Summit provides a safe place to talk to other high school students and support professionals about mental health topics while normalizing conversations about mental wellness. Hear from and talk to some of today's most captivating speakers, artists and content creators. Participate in a poetry contest, submit art of your own creation, learn what resources are available in your community to help you cope when things are difficult, identify coping strategies and more.

<u>To Register</u> - Please have your student visit Ms. Adair in Villa 4 to receive a permission slip as well as registering for <u>FREE on Eventbrite</u>. <u>Click here to register</u>.

Students will have the option to transport themselves afterschool or ride a bus with other TCHS attendees. Space is limited - sign up soon!

If you have any further question, please contact Toni.Adair@stjohns.k12.fl.us

#### Toro News and Notes

- Prom Tickets Junior ticket sales will begin March 4-15
- <u>Parking Passes</u> Rising Seniors will have first access to parking passes through a survey
  that will be sent after Spring Break. IMPORTANT Not all students wanting a parking pass
  will be able to secure one for the 24-25 school year due to the number of students at TCHS.
  Grades, attendance, behavior, activities, and programs of focus will be considered when
  passes are allocated.
- March 26th is Junior ACT Day All juniors will be taking the ACT, free of charge. All other grades will have a "virtual learning day" with information on Schoology to complete from all their teachers.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### TORO WEEK

at a Glance

March 11th- March 15th

No School - Spring Break!!

Monday, March 18th-

No School- Teacher Planning Day

Tuesday, March 19th -

Parking Survey for Rising Seniors

Wednesday, March 20th-

**Academy Mock Interviews** 

Thursday, March 21st-

Friday, March 22nd-

Junior/Senior Campout



- MARCH 4-15
- MARCH 18TH
- MARCH 22-23RD
- MARCH 23RD
- MARCH 27TH
- APRIL 12TH
- APRIL 18TH
- MAY 14TH
- MAY 15TH
- MAY 20TH

- PROM TICKETS JUNIORS CAN PURCHASE REMAINING TICKETS
- 24-25 PARKING SURVEYS FOR RISING SENIORS RELEASED
- **JUNIOR/SENIOR CAMPOUT**
- MISS TOCOI PAGEANT
- **BRAVE SUMMIT**
- SENIOR GRADBASH @ UNIVERSAL STUDIOS
- JR/SR PROM @ WGV RENAISSANCE RESORT (1,000 TICKETS)
- **GRADUATION PRACTICE 4PM @ THE AMP**
- SENIOR CLEARANCE DAY CAP/GOWN PICK-UP
- GRADUATION AT THE ST. AUGUSTINE AMPHITHEATER @ 7PM



# ATHLETICS



Middle School Cheer Clinic: All middle schoolers are welcome to join us March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9am-12pm in the TCHS gym for a fun morning of learning stunts, jumps and cheers with the TCHS cheerleaders!

CLICK HERE for more information.

**Sports Photos**: As our school year begins to wrap up, be sure you have ordered your child's individual and/or team 2023-24 sports photos from Leonard's Photography. All orders are placed online. CLICK HERE for more information.

**Social Media**: Stay up to date on all your favorite Toro teams, schedules, and upcoming events! Follow us on Instagram!

Several sports will be offering youth camps; those dates will run May 28th-June 6th.





Athletic Booster Club: Join us Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> for our 3K Fun Run and pancake breakfast from 8-11am at the Toro Field! CLICK HERE for more information. Interested in helping with facility improvements, fundraising, concession stand, and general promotion of our programs? Join the Booster Club!

**Save the Date**: Our 2023-24 Spring Signing Day will take place Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:15 in the auditorium. If your student-athlete will be moving on to play collegiate sports in fall of 2024, please make sure your TCHS coach is aware so that they can be included in the celebration!

Contact Athletic Director, Billy Blackmon, to get involved.

Summer Camps & Training: 2024 Summer athletics registration will be coming soon!

Rising 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students can expect offerings starting June 10-July 11 with a tentative

"SUMMER KICKOFF" general session scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup>. ALL registered athletes will have access to a strength and conditioning block outside of their sport(s) included in the cost.



**Letterman Jackets**: Please contact The Sports Corner to purchase your letterman jacket! Fittings and payments can be done in store. Call 904-824-5818 for more information or visit them at 2 Pacific Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

Spring sports are underway! Check out our scheduled events for the week below and make plans to come out and cheer on your Toros! Tickets to all home events can be purchased via GoFan or by CLICKING HERE.



## THIS WEEK AT TOCOI CREEK





MONDAY

3:30PM JV BASEBALL @ FIRST COAST 6:00PM BASEBALL @

**FIRST COAST** 

12

TUESDAY
4:30PM JV BASEBALL VS.
PROVIDENCE

13
WEDNESDAY

6:00PM BASEBALL@ FATHER LOPEZ 14

15 FRIDAY 16 SATURDAY

TBD TRACK AND FIELD @ Raines



## TCHS Hosts their first Debate Tournament, which is also the first in SJCSD!!!

Coaches Morgan Mousley and Michael Lambert were complimented by tournament participants on our beautiful campus and how smoothly the tournament was run! We also had all participants humor us, and give us a Horns Up prior to the Awards Ceremony!



Please congratulate the following students for winning medals at their home tournament:

- Noah De Haan- 1st in Lincoln Douglas Debate (Varsity)
- Tanush Chava- 1st in Congressional Debate (Novice)
- Shreya Singh-1st in Oral Interpretation (Varsity)
- Ariz Latif- 1st in Extemporaneous Debate (Varsity)
- Zeke Hamon and Dheeraj Polavarapu- 1st in Public Forum Debate
- Arissa Latif- 2nd in Original Oratory (Varsity)
- Sritha Gaddam- 2nd in Extemporaneous Speaking (Varsity)





### **YEARBOOKS ARE SOLD OUT!**

The TCHS yearbook is officially SOLD OUT! If you purchased a yearbook, they will be delivered in May prior to the seniors' last day. If you did not purchase a yearbook and wish to add your name to a waitlist (we may be able to get just a few more), please <u>CLICK HERE</u>!

If you are unsure if you purchased one, receipts are emailed from buytheyearbook.com or can be accessed on the buytheyearbook site under the settings.





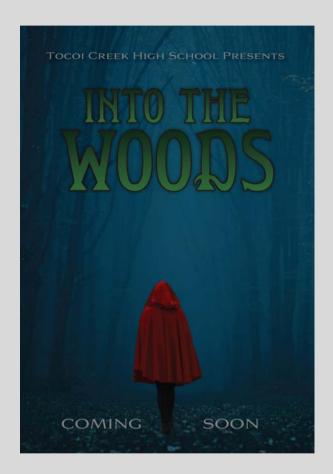
## NHS 24-25

TORO TIME INFO SESSION ON 3/27 IN AUDITORIUM















#### 9th AND 10th GRADE FAST WRITING TEST TUTORING

The F.A.S.T. Writing test for 9th and 10th grade students will be given on Thursday, April 4th and Friday, April 5th. If your child is struggling with any part of the writing process including grammar and sentence structure, tutoring is now available!!



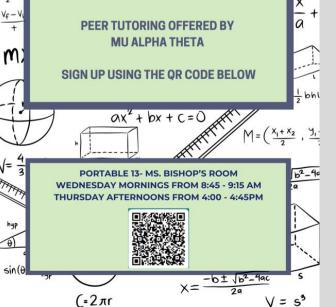
STAFF	DAYS/TIME	LOCATION
Ms. Edgcombe	Tuesdays (4:00-6:00PM) and Thursdays (4:00-6:00PM)	Room 04-046
Ms. Gauthier	Mondays (4:00-6:00PM) and Wednesdays (3:00- 5:00PM)	Room 04-315
Mr. Lambert	Mondays (4:00-6:00PM) and Wednesdays (3:00- 5:00PM)	Room 04-033
Ms. Thomas	Wednesdays (3:00- 5:00PM) and Thursdays (4:00-6:00PM)	Room 04-047

## NEED HELP IN MATH?

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#### **'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.

## SENIOR INFORMATION

## GRAD BASK

## **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.





## **SENIOR TO-DO LIST:**

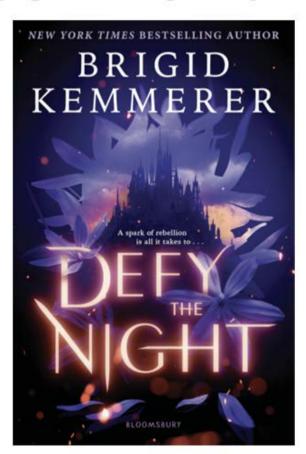
- Past due- Late fees will be applied: Order your
   Cap and Gown
- Past due--required to graduate: <u>Pay Senior</u> <u>Dues: \$100</u>
- March 1st: Pay Grad Bash Final Payment: \$125.00. Click Here to join Waitlist.





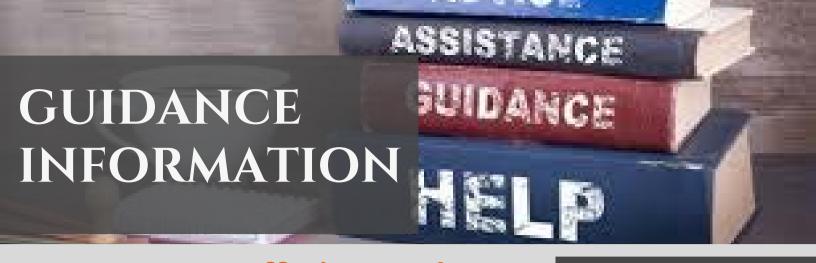


## Read the Book Meet the Author



Virtual author visit will be on Wednesday, May 1st during Toro Time.

See HUB staff for details.



## TCHS Is Offering Dual Enrollment on Campus!

TCHS is pleased to announce that we will be offering a limited number of seats in two ON CAMPUS Dual Enrollment courses. These courses will be held at TCHS during the school day but will still be St. Johns River State College Courses. Students are required to have a 3.0 UNWEIGHTED GPA to be eligible. These courses will start the student's college transcript and parents will not be able to track grades in HAC. Students are allowed to enroll in one or both courses and can do a combination of on and off campus Dual Enrollment (if their schedule allows).

Option 1: ENC1101 (Fall) and ENC1102 (Spring): Students enrolled in this course for the year will earn 2 credits of high school English as well as their college ENC1101 and ENC1102 credits. In addition to a 3.0 unweighted GPA, students must have qualifying test scores (<a href="https://www-

tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/dual-enrollment-general-information/). Enrollment in this course will replace their English course. This course is intended for 11th and 12th grade students.

Option 2: SLS and Intro to Business OR Financial Literacy (TBD by the school):
Students enrolled in this course will earn elective credits for both high school
and college. In addition to the 3.0 unweighted GPA, students must submit test
scores from the ACT, CLT, PERT, PSAT, OR SAT in order to be eligible for the
course. There is not a minimum test score requirement for this course.
Enrollment in this course will replace an elective course. This is a good beginning
college course for students in 10th-12th grade.

SEATS IN THESE COURSES ARE LIMITED! In order to secure your seat, students must submit the completed Registration Form (no CRN number is necessary for on campus courses) to Ms. Ricketts' in the 3rd Floor Guidance office. Ms. Rickett's is time stamping the forms so submitting the forms anywhere else (including your school counselor) will cause a delay in your time stamp. We will START accepting these forms on March 19, 2024. Students MUST also submit the Consent Form AND a copy of their test scores to receive their time stamp.

Students that have already submitted their test scores and consent form to their counselor are only required to submit their registration form to Ms. Ricketts'.

#### 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





Our School Counseling team is hosting a Technical College and Career Fair on April 10th from 9:20-2:50.

Our goal is to showcase careers for our students who are traditionally non-college bound. We would like to highlight Associate Degrees, Technical Certificates, Workforce Certificates, Apprenticeship Programs, careers that do not require a college degree, etc. We are looking for parents that are in fields that would like to participate in our fair to join us and share information with our students. We will run large groups of juniors and seniors through the fair to make it worth your while! If you or someone you know is interested in being a vendor, please register here: TCHS Registration Form

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#### TOCOI CREEK HIGH SCHOOL



## CAREER ACADEMIES





#### CAREER AND CONSTRUCTION DAY

ACADEMY SENIORS:
PLEASE SEE POSTS ON SCHOOLOGY
ABOUT SCHOLARSHIP AND
CAREER/COLLEGE SIGNING DAY!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- March 1-7- 1st ATTEMPT: AUTOCAD, PHOTOSHOP, PREMIERE PRO, AFTER EFFECTS, ITS-PYTHON
- March 8- Built Env. upperclassmen to Gainesville for NHRA Steam event
- March 19- Emerging Tech to Mayport (Drones)
- March 20- Mock interviews
- March 23- INK SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE
- March 29- SAME SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE
- April 1- ELKS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE
- April 1-7- 2nd ATTEMPT: AUTOCAD, PHOTOSHOP, PREMIERE PRO, AFTER EFFECTS, ITS-PYTHON
- April 3-7: HOSA to States
- April 26-Built Environment to Borland Grover job site
- May 6- Senior Career and College Signing Day



#### **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)

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 <u>here</u>.

The Tocoi Creek High School guidance page, found <u>here</u>, also has resources and additional information.

## **Upcoming Testing Dates:**

• 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





JAMES SUPPORT ONE TORO ARTS!

#### **Give without spending!**





USE THE SIGN UP GENIUS LINK TO SELECT YOUR DATE.

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

#### How it works:



1. Text "DFG" to 90412 to sign up or use the QR code



2. Choose companies + give your opinion (up to \$1.60 per quality



opinions max) 3. Create up to \$120 of impact (75

WE HAVE UNTIL APRIL 2 TO RAISE \$15,000!

### **TCHS ARTS** Your student's name in lights! Do you want to let Toro Nation know about your student's birthday or achievement? You can! della We will be running announcements on the front marquis through May.

### **TCHS Arts** Calendar

**IN FEBRUARY** 

2024

22 Thu

Pre-MPA Wind & Choir Concert TCHS Auditorium, 6:30PM

IN MARCH

2024

01 Fri MPA, Wind Ensemble, Flagler Palm Coast HS 8:30PM

03 Sun

CycleBar Spirit Night, CycleBar St. Johns, 3:30PM

**05** Tue

TCHS Band Spirit Night Rita's Silverleaf

07 Thu

Gallery Nights, TCHS Auditorium Lobby + Hall, 5:30-7:30PM

**07** Thu

TCHS Marching Band Info Meeting, TCHS Auditorium, 7PM

TCHS Choir MPA, Bolles School,

07-08

time tab

09 Sat

TCHS Winter Guard at FFCC, Fleming Island HS, time tba

**23** Sat

Miss Tocoi, TCHS Auditorium

https://onetoroarts.wixsite.com/ one-toro-arts SUBJECT TO CHANGE



LINK FOR MARQUEE



#### **NEWS AND UPDATES**

- Congratulations to Sienna
   P. for earning Best in
   show for her painting, and
   Davi S. for earning 2nd
   place in photography.
- Show will remain up until the end of March.
- HundredX Fundraiser is now LIVE! Sign up under Tocoi Creek Art, then click 2D Art.
- 15 Submissions are currently being Adjudicated at the national level for the Scholastic Art Competition.
- FAEA Student Exhibition is currently being Adjudicated.

## 2024 ALL-COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ART SHOW



Davi S.

Arianna S.

Erin W.



Lane A.



Sienna P.



Angela B.







## LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR PROGRAM?

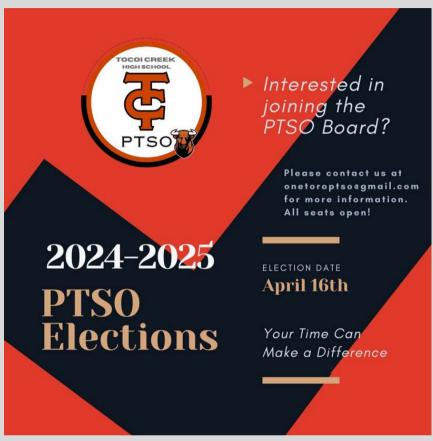


Join us and be an art appreciator during our Gallery Night events and reception. March 7th and May 3rd



- Consider becoming a 2023-24 Sponsor
- Purchase 2D Art Gear





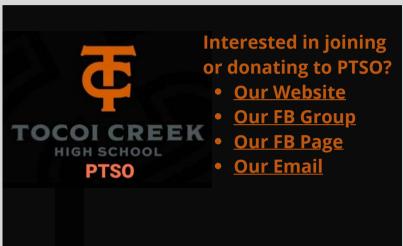
# TCHS Quarter 3 Student Reward Announcement

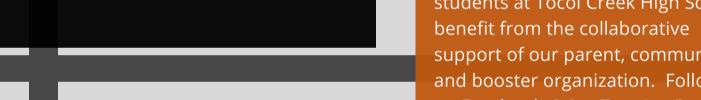
Principal Willets and the TCHS PTSO will recognize students that have community service hours **documented in HAC** for the 3rd quarter reward.

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









Join the Athletics Booster to help with:

- Facility improvement Projects
- Fundraising
- Concession Stand
- Promoting the School



If interested, contact: Billy Blackmon



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

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Next SAC Meeting will be April 11th at 8:10AM in Mr. Cabrera's Room.



#### **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



#### **SCHOOLOGY 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.

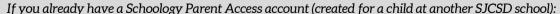
You will need to find the Schoology Parent Access Code for your Child. This is located in HAC under "Registration" and then "Additional Information"

If you have never used Schoology Parent Access:

- 1) Go to <u>www.schoology.com</u>
- 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.



- 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.







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### Helpful Links:

SJCSD Dress Code

**TCHS Clubs** 

Lunch Applications

TCHS Yearbook

Absences and Early
Dismissal

**Athletic Tickets** 

<u>Cafeteria</u>

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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





- Up to \$25.98 hourly pay depending on experience
- Paid training time while acquiring your CDL endorsements
- Health, Dental, Vision Benefits and more for full time employees
- 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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