# THE BULL PEN

#### Tocoi Creek High School Weekly Newsletter

#### Toro Nation

Another busy week at TCHS with our Juniors completing the ACT, a tremendous BRAVE Summit at the Amp!, and a short week for family holiday time. We would like to thank our parents for assisting us with positive communication throughout the events from last Thursday and Friday, your support is greatly appreciated and valued!

Our Toros are charging towards Prom, Grad Bash, assessments. and end of vear of course...graduation for the Class of 2024. Please be sure to utilize The Bull Pen Weekly Feed to keep up to date with all that is going on!

- **Toro News and Notes** Room 4-033 • Prom Tickets - FINAL REMINDER that remaining tickets are now on sale for Prom 2024! Tickets are \$100 for Juniors and Seniors. Sale closes April 1st. Please use this link to purchase your ticket: Tickets for the remaining 200 spots will go on sale Monday until 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 CLICK HERE! 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.
- **Parking Passes** All applications must be submitted electronically. All applications are due online no later than 11:59 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 2024. Priority will NOT be given to how early the form is submitted. NO EXCEPTIONS will be granted to this deadline.
- Summer Athletic Camp Registration NOW open for June 10th through July 11th for all rising 9th-12th grade student athletes. See pg3 below for registration and camp information.



# **IMPORTANT DATES**



Last Day for Prom Ticket Sales

Monday, April 1st-Tuesday, April 2nd -Wednesday, April 3rd- Last Day for Prom Court Nominations (Seniors Only) Thursday, April 4th-

Friday, April 5th-

All Arts Spring Showcase in auditorium @ 6pm



- **APRIL 12TH**
- **APRIL 18TH**
- MAY 1ST
- **MAY 14TH**
- **MAY 15TH**
- **MAY 20TH**

**SENIOR GRADBASH** (a) UNIVERSAL STUDIOS JR/SR PROM @ WGV RENAISSANCE RESORT (1,000 TICKETS) **SPRING SIGNING DAY - ATHLETICS @ 3:15 IN AUDITORIUM GRADUATION PRACTICE - 4PM (4) THE AMP SENIOR CLEARANCE DAY - CAP/GOWN PICK-UP GRADUATION AT THE ST. AUGUSTINE AMPHITHEATER** (9) 7PM

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**Sports Physicals**: Join us at TCHS on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> to provide student-athletes a convenient option to complete the sport physical requirement portion of Athletic Clearance! Payment will be \$20 via GoFan. Football players begin at 9am; all other athletes begin at 9:30am. More information to come.

**Summer Camps & Training**: 2024 Summer athletics registration is NOW OPEN to Rising 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students! <u>CLICK</u> <u>HERE</u> for more information and to register. Camp runs June 10<sup>th</sup>-July 11<sup>th</sup> with a mandatory Camp Kickoff meeting June 6<sup>th</sup> at 9am. **ALL** registered athletes will receive a t-shirt and have access to a strength and conditioning block outside of their sport(s) included in the \$175 cost. Payment will be accepted via <u>Schoolpay</u>. All participants must complete the Athletic Clearance process found on our website prior to the first day of camp.



**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!



**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 32084.

**Thank You**: Many thanks to our OneToro Athletics boosters for an "egg-cellent" 3K Fun Run, sausage and pancake breakfast and egg hunt! It was a great morning raising funds to support all our Toro athletes! Horns Up!

> 7:00PM BOYS LACROSSE @ OAK Hall



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 <u>CLICKING HERE</u>.



6/7:30PM SOFTBALL @

6:30 JV BASEBALL VS. PEDRO

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# TOCOI CREEK HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER ATHLETIC CAMP

Rising 9th-12th grade students are invited to register for our summer athletic programming. TCHS coaching staff will offer skills training in the following sports:

FOOTBALLGIRLS BASKETBALLTENNISBOYS BASKETBALLDANCEBASEBALLSOCCERCROSS COUNTRYCHEERTRACK & FIELDVOLLEYBALLGIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL

Strength and Conditioning in the weight room will be offered as optional training to all registered athletes with exception of football.

# **REGISTER NOW! SCAN QR CODE**



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT HTTPS://WWW-TCHS.STJOHNS.K12.FL.US/ATHLETICS

### **STUDENT LIFE**

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#### **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

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#### TORO TIME INFO SESSION ON 3/27 IN AUDITORIUM



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#### 200 TICKETS REMAINING MARCH 25TH- APRIL 1ST

\$100 EACH

TCHS JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM "A TANGLED DREAM" APRIL 18TH, 2024, 7-10 PM WORLD GOLF RENAISSANCE ST. AUGUSTINE

# Not feeling like paying for a

brand-new dress or tuxedo? Come and shop our donated prom dresses and formalwear!

Room 4-033

Want to nominate a senior for Prom Queen or King? BRING \$5 TO MR.

LAMBERT (RM 33)OR MRS. MCGUFFIN (RM 214)

Seniors ONLY! NOMINATIONS DUE BY APRIL 3RD!

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## **STUDENT LIFE**

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

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

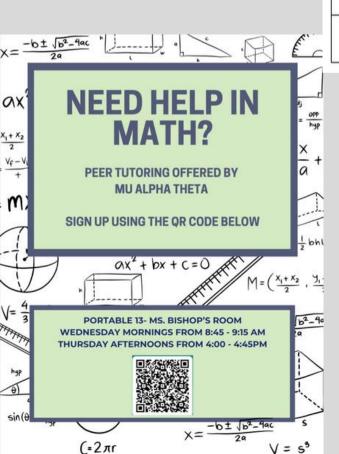


STAFF	DAYS/TIME	LOCATION
Ms. Edgcombe	Tuesdays (4:00-6:00PM) and Thursdays (4:00-6:00PM)	Room 04-046
Ms. Gauthier	Mondays (4:00-6:00PM) and Wednesdays (3:00- 5:00PM)	Room 04-315
Mr. Lambert	Mondays (4:00-6:00PM) and Wednesdays (3:00- 5:00PM)	Room 04-033
Ms. Thomas	Wednesdays (3:00- 5:00PM) and Thursdays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

#### **'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

# **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.

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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. <u>Click Here</u> to join the Waiting List.

#### Helpful Links for Seniors:

FAFSA (Financial Aid)

Naviance Help

Senior Guidance Page

Senior Info on TCHS Webpage

## SENIOR INFORMATION



- 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. <u>Click Here</u> to join Waitlist.





Please see below for some important upcoming dates related to library books and textbooks.

Library books get returned to The Hub. Textbooks will get returned to the textbook room in the cafeteria during designated times. These times will be announced to students.

Letters will be emailed regarding items that are checked out and need to be returned. Lost or damaged items can be paid for in The Hub with a check made out to TCHS.

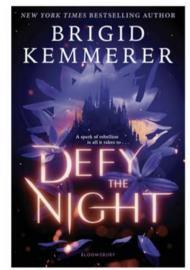
Please note, students owing items or money to any St. Johns County School will not receive their cap and gown for graduation. Seniors can stop by The Hub or message Mrs. Rusnak on Schoology to see what items they owe or wait until they receive the

email.

#### Important Upcoming Library and Textbook dates:

April 26th- last day for library book checkout May 1st- ALL library materials due from students May 6th -9th- Seniors need to return textbooks May 10th- TEXTBOOKS DUE unless needed to study for exam. May 13th- Senior Clearance Day May 13th- 24th- HUB CLOSED except for lunch and before school

#### Read the Book Meet the Author



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

See HUB staff for details.

# GUIDANCE INFORMATION

#### 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 (<u>https://www-</u> <u>tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/dual-enrollment-general-information/</u>). 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 <u>Registration Form</u> (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. <u>Students MUST also submit the Consent Form AND a copy of their test scores to receive their time stamp</u>.
 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'.

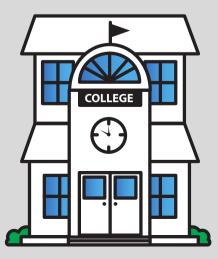
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#### Our School Counseling team is hosting a Technical College and Career Fair on April 10th from 9:20-2:50.

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: <u>TCHS Registration Form</u>



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# TOCOI CREEK HIGH SCHOOL



#### ALET to Mayport VUP 19



Year 1 Emerging Tech students visited Mayport Navy Base VUP 19 Unmanned safety squadron. They learned all about the Triton aircraft.

#### AIBE TO NHRA STEAM

Built Environment upperclassmen headed to NHRA steam day to learn about elements of science and engineering as it relates to electrical systems.



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



#### AFHP Allied Health

Allied Health students continue to receive training and job shadow experience at UF Health

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- March 23: INK SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE
- March 29:SAME SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE
- April 1: ELKS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE
- April 1-11-:2nd ATTEMPT: AUTOCAD, PHOTOSHOP, PREMIERE PRO, AFTER EFFECTS, ITS-PYTHON
- April 2-3: ALET year 1 USI testing
- April 3-7: HOSA to States
- April 8: AFHP Year 2 mock interviews
- April 10: Teaching Academy UNF visit
- April 15-19: AIBE HBI testing (year 2-4)
- 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: <u>The CLT – Online College Entrance Exam – Classic Learning Test (cltexam.com)</u>

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:**

- 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**

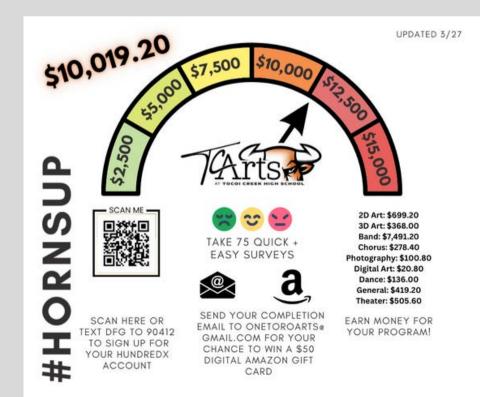






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#### **News and Updates**

- Congratulations to Hera
   G. for being awarded
   Honorble mention for her
   portfolio at the Florida
   State Fair.
- Congressional Art Competition is now open Deadline is April 30th.
- HundredX Fundraiser is now LIVE! Sign up under Tocoi Creek Art, then click 2D Art. Ends April 2nd.



- 15 Submissions are still pending adjudication at the national level for the Scholastic Art Competition.
- FAEA Student Exhibition is still pending Adjudication.

#### GALLERY NIGHT #3 Last Show on May 3rd



# LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR PROGRAM?

Click the images below.





- Join us and be an art appreciator during our free Gallery Night events and reception. Last show is May 3rd at 5:45PM.
- Consider becoming a 2023-24 Sponsor.
- Purchase 2D Art Gear.







# TEACHER/STAFF GRANT APPLICATIONS

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Calling all teachers and staff missing an item from your wish list? Needing something to advance your lesson or enhance the classroom? Forms were emailed to your work address. Reach out if you'd like another.

Forms are due by April 5th. You can either email them to onetoroPTSO@gmail.com or drop in our mailbox.

# PARENT INVOLVEMENT



# 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.



# 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





# GENERAL SCHOOL INFO

#### **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.

If you already have a Schoology Parent Access account (created for a child at another SJCSD school):

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

<u>Absences and Early</u> <u>Dismissal</u>

Athletic Tickets

<u>Cafeteria</u>

<u>Clever</u>

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

TCHS is looking for some OUTSTANDING staff members to work with our Toros! Please email Mr. Willets directly at <u>jay.willets@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> 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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