

THE BULL PEN

Tocoi Creek High School Weekly Newsletter

Toro Nation,

CONGRATULATIONS on a fantastic 23-24 School Year! The faculty, staff, and administration of TCHS would like to thank you and your family for a successful and fun year with our Toros!

We are excited to welcome the Class of 2028 with our rising freshman joining The Herd in August!

Is your Toro looking for community service hours? Check pg. 4 for sign-up opportunities throughout the summer.

Please continue to utilize the information in the Bull Pen to help with any summer planning needs. The information on the counseling page is a tremendous resource to help you and your Toro get ready for those next "BIG" steps. Also, be sure to check our TCHS Website regularly throughout the summer for updates, important dates, and reminders for a great start to the 24-25 school year.

Horns UP!

Sincerely,
Mr. Jay Willets
Principal

Important Information

TCHS Summer Hours

8am-4pm Monday-Thursday (closed Fridays)

[Athletic Summer Camps](#)

Summer Guidance Information

See Pg 8 for all Info

Mark Your Calendars

May 24th - Final Day to Modify Electives

July 24th/25th - Schedules avail in HAC

July 24th - 29th - Core course change link live

August 5th - ALL schedules live in HAC

August 5th - Toro Round UP for 11-12th Grade (8am-11am) and 10th Grade (1pm-4pm)

August 6th - Toro Round UP for 9th Grade (1pm - 4pm)

August 9th - Meet the Teacher 8-11am

August 12th - First day of School

PARKING PASS NEWS

The TCHS Parking WAITLIST form is now OPEN throughout the summer. Once submitted, students will be contacted directly once a spot opens. Do not call the school to check availability as parking personnel will return to TCHS on August 5th to review current availability.

[Click HERE to Register for the TCHS Parking Waitlist](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

FRESHMAN DAY Class of 2028

WHEN

August 1st

Last Name A-I 8am-10am
Last Name M-Z 11am-1pm

WHERE

TCHS Gym

Due to maintaining small groups, students must come at their scheduled time slot. Parents need to drop off and pick up students during the designated last name times.



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**GO
TOROS**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
FRESHMAN DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 1ST. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR RISING 9TH GRADERS TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE CAMPUS, MEET NEW FRIENDS, AND SOAK IN THE SCHOOL SPIRIT. PLUS, GETTING INSIDER TIPS FROM UPPERCLASSMEN IS INVALUABLE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOUR NEW TORO SHORTLY! REGISTRATION LINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE THIS SUMMER. SEE FLYER FOR FURTHER DETAILS.



- MAY 24TH
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- AUG 1ST
- AUG 5TH
- AUG 6TH
- AUG 9TH
- AUG 12TH
- OCT 5TH
- MARCH 29TH
- APRIL 4TH

STUDENT LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - 1 HR EARLY RELEASE
TCHS PARKING WAITLIST 24-25- [CLICK HERE TO JOIN!](#)
FINAL DAY TO REQUEST ELECTIVE CHANGES
FRESHMAN DAY WITH LINK CREW
TORO ROUND-UP 10TH, 11TH, 12TH GRADE
TORO ROUND-UP 9TH GRADE
MEET THE TEACHER 8AM-11AM
FIRST DAY OF 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR
HOMECOMING DANCE
JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM
GRAD BASH @ UNIVERSAL



ATHLETICS

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Summer Camps & Training: 2024 Summer athletics registration is NOW OPEN to Rising 9th-12th grade students! [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register. Camp runs June 10th-July 11th with a camp Kickoff meeting June 6th 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 [Schoolpay](#). All participants will need to have a current physical on file.


Youth Summer Camps: TCHS will be hosting a variety of summer camp options for kids K-8th.
Youth Mini-cheer camp June 3rd- 5th and/or July 29th- 31st: [CLICK HERE](#)
Youth Baseball camp for May 28th-30th: <https://register.ryzer.com/camp.cfm?ID=275753>
Youth Baseball camp for June 3rd-6th: <https://register.ryzer.com/camp.cfm?ID=275754>
Youth Baseball camp for July 29th- Aug 1st: <https://register.ryzer.com/camp.cfm?ID=275755>
Basketball and Volleyball camp has a variety of dates. Information is [FOUND HERE](#).

TOCOI CREEK HIGH SCHOOL



FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR
BRIANNA O'NEILL
Swimming

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MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR
CARSON COLLINS
Football/Weightlifting



JUNE 10-JULY 11 2024
CAMP KICKOFF JUNE 6

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:

FOOTBALL GIRLS BASKETBALL TENNIS BOYS BASKETBALL DANCE BASEBALL
SOCCER CROSS COUNTRY CHEER TRACK & FIELD VOLLEYBALL GIRLS 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](https://www.tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/athletics)

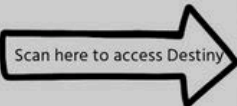


STUDENT LIFE



Tocoi Creek has Digital Audiobooks

- Free for students and staff
- Hundreds of titles available
- Listen from any mobile device
- Easy access



Login to Destiny or download the Destiny Discover App to get started

Visit <https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/> for detailed instructions


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Volunteers

NEEDED!!

We are looking for help at the following locations:

- TCHS Front Desk/Reception
- TCHS Maintenance
- Repainting the Senior spaces

TCHS Summer Volunteer Hour Offerings – The survey for TCHS summer volunteer hours is now officially open. Please use the links below to sign up for service hours opportunities:

- [Maintenance Help](#)
- [Front Desk Help](#)

Happenings at THE HUB

Read this summer!

TCHS students and staff are encouraged to read the 2024/2025 Florida Teens Read books. Upon returning to school in the fall, students should come to The Hub to receive prizes for the books that they read. Students who read the Florida Teens Read books will be invited to participate in the Battle of the Books club and district Battle of the Books Competition. More information about this amazing program is below. Many of the books are available as digital audiobooks and eBooks in the TCHS library which can be accessed through Destiny (instructions below). They are also available at major bookstores and the public library. Let's get reading, Toros!


About the program:

The Florida Teens Read (FTR) program is a student-choice reading award program to determine which YA book wins the annual award as the favorite of teens in Florida. The reading list is comprised of fifteen titles that have been chosen by a committee of fourteen school librarians specifically to engage high school students (grades 9 through 12) in reading and reflect their interests as well as represent a variety of genres, formats, reading levels, viewpoints, and ethnic and cultural perspectives.

The Florida Teens Read program is designed to entice teens to read. In order to engage their interest and to provide a spur to critical thinking, the book selections include those that may involve sensitive issues. The content of some of the titles may be more mature than younger students may have previously encountered. Please recognize that this is a voluntary reading program. Not every book selected will suit every student. A description of the titles can be found [here](#). More information about the Florida Teens Read program can be found [here](#).



Access **FREE** digital audiobooks & eBooks!!

1. Login to Destiny or Download the Destiny Discover App  -Click SSO (Single Sign On) and enter your details if needed.

2. Scroll down to see the digital audiobooks and eBooks. You can also search for a specific title.



Digital audiobook.



eBook (Electronic book)

3. Click on the item you want.
4. Click checkout.
5. Click play.
6. You will have access to the item for 2 weeks and then it will be removed from your account. You can check out the item again if it is needed longer and not on hold.



The Destiny Discover App is the easiest way to access TCHS library resources

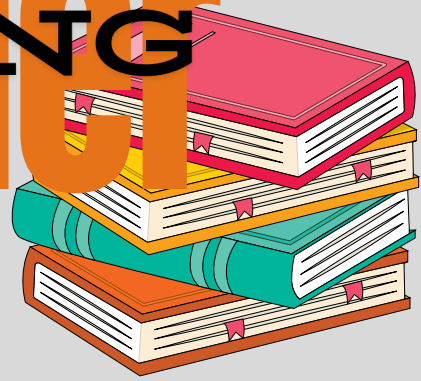
The collage features the following book covers:

- ACCOUNTABLE** by Dashka Slater
- BREATHE AND COUNT BACK FROM TEN** by Natalia Sylvester
- CHAOS THEORY** by Nic Stone
- DEAR MEDUSA** by Olivia A. Cole
- THE DO-OVER** by Lynn Painter
- THE DROWNED WOODS** by Emily Lloyd-Jones
- FOUR FOR THE ROAD** by K.J. Reilly
- IN NIGHTFALL** by Suzanne Young
- MIDNIGHT AT THE HOUDINI** by Delloah S. Dawson
- THE NAME SHE GAVE ME** by Betty Culley
- PROMISE BOYS** by Nick Brooks
- QUEEN BEE** by Amalie Howard
- REMEMBER ME GONE** by Stacy Stokes
- SEVEN PERCENT OF RO DEVEREAUX** by Ellen O'Clover
- YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO DIE TONIGHT** by Kaylynn Bayron

Logos for **FLORIDA TNS R30 PICK YOUR THREE** and **FAME Florida Association for Media in Education** are also present.

2024-2025 Florida Teens Read -- PICK YOUR THREE

Summer READING




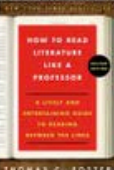

Summer Reading for ELA Courses 2024

For standard and honors level students in grades 9-12, we encourage students to read something over the summer! The Hub is open during the summer for book checkout -it also has eBooks and audiobooks! Please view the TCHS Hub catalog here.

Summer Reading for ELA Advanced Placement Courses 2024

Below are the required summer reading titles for advanced placement English classes. A formative assessment will be provided when classes resume in August. Please view SJCS D policy regarding advanced placement courses:

"This course is an AICE, AP, IB, or DE course designed to earn college credit as well as meet high school graduation requirements. As such, materials and discussions for this course may reflect topics not typically included in SJCS D courses. Due to the dual credit nature of this course, content and materials used in this course are not able to be modified to accommodate variations in student age and/or maturity."

Course	Title	Author	ISBN	Teacher for the Course
AP Language	In Cold Blood	Truman Capote	978-0679745587 	Ms. Oliva Neal Olivia.Neal@stjohns.k12.fl.us
AP Literature	How to Read Literature Like a Professor	Thomas C. Foster	978-0062301673 	Ms. Lori McGuffin Lori.McGuffin@stjohns.k12.fl.us & Ms. Shannon Welch Shannon.Welch@stjohns.k12.fl.us
AP Seminar	A Workbook for Arguments: A Complete Course in Critical Thinking-Third Edition	David R. Morrow Anthony Weston	978-1624668333 	Ms. Morgan Mousley Morgan.Mousley@stjohns.k12.fl.us
AP Research	The Craft of Research-Fourth Edition	Wayne C Booth Gregory G Colomb Joseph M. Williams Joseph Bizup William T. Fitzgerald	978-0226239736 	Ms. Taryn Thomas Taryn.Thomas@stjohns.k12.fl.us

GUIDANCE INFORMATION

ADVICE
ASSISTANCE

GUIDANCE

HELP

Your school counseling team is looking forward to enjoying their summer vacation with you!

While our counseling team enjoys their summer break, we hope that you will take advantage of the many resources on our [school counseling website](#).

We particularly want to draw your attention to our [23-24 Toro Guide](#) which has a lot of information that can guide you through high school and your post-secondary plans.

If you are in need of information from a counselor this summer, please reach out via email to our school counseling Team Lead Linda Smith (Linda.M.Smith@stjohns.k12.fl.us). She will be working part time this summer and will respond to you as soon as she is available.

To assist you in advance, we have a few reminders for common summer questions:

- 1. Dual Enrollment:** Dual Enrollment students should check their “concise student schedule” to confirm their Fall course enrollment. Students not enrolled in their requested courses should check their email for communication from SJR. If any additional information needs to be submitted, reach out to school counselors Laura Kuhel or Linda Smith. We are no longer accepting registration paperwork for NEW Dual Enrollment students.
- 2. Schedule Changes:** We are no longer accepting schedule changes for the 24-25 school year. Schedules will be available for preview in HAC on July 24-25th and a link will be available for any scheduling errors at that time.
- 3. Summer School:** Parents of students recommended for summer school should have received an email from their student’s counselor. Those parents will receive additional communication via school messenger from the district office. Summer school will run from May 30-June 21st. Any other parent wanting their student to take courses over the summer should request those courses through www.flvs.net and request approval from Linda Smith. Note that students can only retake classes that they earned a “D” or “F” and can not request courses that are already on their 24-25 schedule at school.

Who is my Counselor?

- [Angel Sletto:](#)
 - Last Names A & Early College
- [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

The University of North Florida (UNF) has published it’s “Apply in July” information for this summer. This is a great opportunity for students to lock in a college acceptance ahead of their senior year. The spaces fill up quickly, so don’t delay. [Register here!](#)

UNF is also offering FREE test prep this summer with a bonus campus tour. These spots also fill up quickly, so [sign up today!](#)

CAREER ACADEMIES

HAPPENINGS IN THE ACADEMIES



HEALTHCARE

- Dr. Turnbull joined the Herd
- EKG certifications doubled
- Added EMR course and cert- pass rate is beating the national average



BUILT ENVIRONMENT

- Mr. McKinney and Mr. G joined the Herd
- Added a new curriculum and cert test- with 100 passes- 90% pass rate



EMERGING TECH

- Added new curriculum and 2 new certs- with a 92% pass rate
- Built and programmed ROOTS robot and worked through LMS
- 240 certifications earned



2023-2024
What a Year!



TEACHING

- Opened Academy with 30 students completing shadowing at Mill Creek
- Rolling into 24-25 with four courses, 3 dual enrollment students, and one new certification

CTE

- Adobe: Doubled bundles
- Python: Doubled ITS specialist
- Administered over 1200 tests
- Placed 25 interns- 6 paid internships

NEW ADDITIONS FOR 24-25:

- Turf Management
- Sports Management
- New cert for Comp. Discoveries!
- Two new certs for Built
- New cert for Healthcare
- Two new certs for Emerging Tech



SCHOLARSHIPS

- Increased our scholarship awards to \$28,000- 600% increase over 22-23

Thank you for your continued support!

Visit the link below for our latest newsletter highlighting our student accomplishments:

<https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/academies/>



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**THANK
YOU**

TOCOI CREEK
HIGH SCHOOL



PTSO



The PTSO Board extends a heartfelt thank you to the many parents, student volunteers, and community members that supported our mission and donated time or resources to allow us to meet our goals at the school. We are so grateful and look forward to an exciting 2024-2025 year. We're going to enjoy some time off and will be back in late July!

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

SAC Meetings will return in the fall!





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 FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR:

- **ALGEBRA 2/ FINANCIAL LITERACY**



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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- Life Insurance
- Full time employees work 30 to 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday
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