THE BULL PEN

Tocoi Creek High School Summer Edition

Toro Nation,

11 Days and counting until the 24-25 school year begins for our Toros! We are excited to get our Toros back on campus for the new year!

Updates:

- <u>State Road 2209</u> Construction on the usable section
 of the road will open later next week. RoundUP visitors
 will still need to use the IGP Gates for these events. We
 are hopeful that access will be open for Meet the
 Teacher on August 9th.
- Portables All instructional classroom portables are installed and are being connected to power, data, and phones. We are hopeful that access will be ready for Meet the Teacher, however if not, we will communicate where classroom teachers will be located during this transition period.
- <u>Parking Passes</u> For those students who qualified for a parking pass at the end of the 23-24 school year, you may pick up your pass at the Junior/Senior RoundUP, Meet the Teacher, or the first day of school from the Dean's Office. Any student who did not earn a parking pass last year, and still wants one, must put their name on the Parking Pass Wait List.

In this FINAL edition of the Summer Bull Pen parents and students will find reminders on the following:

Included in this communication are important updates on:

- Dress Code information for school shopping Pg. 3
- Supply lists for high school Pg. 3
- Cafeteria/Food Service Links Pg. 4
- Core Course Schedule Change Link Pg. 5
- Decoder list for school acronyms and systems for new families - Pg. 5
- NHS Application links and deadlines
- Athletics Try-Outs, Home Ticket Passes for Students, Yard Sign Fundraiser, and Sideline Store <u>Pg 10-11</u>
- Summer Required Reading Lists
- Final Reminders for Senior Painting of the Toros

Sincerely and Horns UP!

Mr. Jay Willets Principal

Important Information

Mark Your Calendars

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

Important School/District Links
TCHS Website

School Calendars

Family Resources

PARKING PASS NEWS

The TCHS Parking WAITLIST will remain OPEN throughout the first 2 weeks of school. Once all approved students who qualified for parking passes are audited, we will move to the Wait List for any additional spots. Do not call/email the school to check availability. Once openings are identified, an email will be sent to 11th/12th grade parents of those students who's names have been selected from the waitlist.

Click HERE to Register for the TCHS Parking Waitlist

IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST 5TH -9TH

MONDAY 8-5 TORO ROUNDUP 11TH/12TH 8-11AM TORO ROUNDUP 10TH 1-4PM TUESDAY 8-6 TORO ROUNDUP 9TH 1-4PM WEDNESDAY 8-7 THURSDAY 8-8 FRIDAY 8-9 MEET THE TEACHER 8-11AM





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AUG 9TH

AUG 12TH

AUG 16TH

OCT 5TH APRIL 4TH

MAY 3RD

MAY 20TH

AUG 5TH TORO ROUND-UP 10TH, 11TH, 12TH GRADE

AUG 6TH TORO ROUND-UP 9TH GRADE

MEET THE TEACHER 8AM-11AM

FIRST DAY OF 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR

NHS APPLICATION CLOSES

HOMECOMING DANCE

GRAD BASH @ UNIVERSAL

JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM (DATE CHANGE)

GRADUATION COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY UNF 6:00PM

SCHOOL SHOPPING TIPS

TCHS follows the St Johns
County School District
Code of Conduct when
applying expectations for
student dress and conduct
on campus. Before taking
advantage of the tax free
holidays, please be sure to
review the information
provided in the Code of
Conduct. We are looking
forward to another school
year of sharp dressed
Toros!

Dress Code Awarness and Reminders

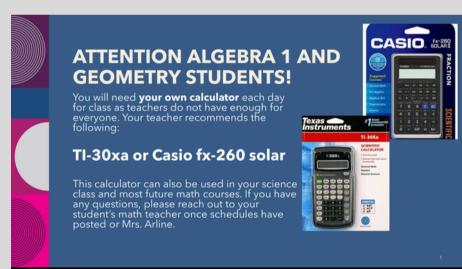


School Supplies - What does my Toro Need?

During Meet the Teacher and the first days of school, your Toro will receive information from their teacher for any additional needs.

As a general rule, each student should have the following:

- Binder and folder for each class
- · College lined paper
- Preferred pens, highlighters, and pencils
- Calculator for specific classes - see graphic for Alg/Geo
- Backpack
- Water Bottle



Are there any additional fees for specific classes?

If there are any lab, equipment, special supply needs for your child's class, the teacher will provide you with a Fair Share link within the first few weeks of school. These fees help our programs provide services/activities that go beyond school funding to help enrich academic experiences at TCHS. Typically, classes that have high consumable supply needs (arts, sciences, career) utilize these fees to help provide our Toros with amazing experiences. At NO time is a student kept from participating if their Fair Share is not paid.



BREAKFAST AND LUNCH AT TCHS

PayPams is used to create an account, view transaction history, set limits, get notifications, and make payments to your student's lunch account, scan below.





Scan here for Free and Reduced Lunch and Breakfast application to fill out and apply for the first time, or to avoid a lapse in eligibility for returning

NEW FAMILY DECODERS FOR TCHS LANGUAGE

The Bull Pen - This is your weekly news feed that will have everything accessible in a digital format. Past publications can be found on the TCHS website. This is a BIG document that will have ALL that is needed for a successful year.

TCHS Website - Your "one-stop-shop" for everything OFFICAL you need to know about TCHS. Need a calendar of events? Want to talk to your Toro's counselor? Need to know information about clubs, activities, or events? The TCHS website is your spot!

HAC - Home Access Center is the digital hub for grades, student information, view bus stop information, where interims and report cards are posted.

<u>Freshman Day</u> - August 1st - This is a special day where your 9th Grade Toro gets to meet their Junior or Senior assigned mentor, tour the school, meet staff, and learn how to be a Toro. This is a "drop and go" activity for Toros only (no parents allowed). If you have a new Toro coming to TCHS

Toro RoundUP - Beginning of the school year event, before school starts, where parents and students can walk their schedule, purchase spirit wear, get parking passes (11th and 12th grade students only who have been selected), get lockers, meet staff, and get oriented for the new year. All family members are invited. Teachers will not be assessable during these events.

<u>Meet the Teacher</u> - August 9th from 8am-11am students and families can walk their schedule and go inside each of their classes. This is a self-timed event where families can come and go as needed.

<u>Schoology</u> - Digital platform that students use to interact with each teacher, store documents, message school personnel, and receive updates and important reminders. Students are automatically enrolled and can access from any device that connects to the net

AUP - Acceptable Use Policy - this document is the "rule book for using electronic devices/platforms" for the St. Johns County School District. All staff, students, and visitors must acknowledge/sign their AUP at the beginning of each year prior to utilizing any digital resource at school. A digital link will be provided to each student/family within the first few days of school.

RSV - Returning Student Verification - Process that parents must do each year at the beginning of each school year to verify their residency, school location, and general family contact information.

<u>Digital ID by Leonard's</u> - All students who utilize a digital smart phone are expected to download the Digital ID by Leonard's app to receive special messages, purchase a lunch, check out media materials, and to scan into/out of school. The app can be located in the Apple or Google Stores.

The Hub - The TCHS Media Center found on floor 2 of Building 1 where Toros can check out books, digital media, print documents, or log into a computer. The Hub also has a coffee shop where Toros can get the latest offerings of specialty drinks.

<u>GoFan</u> - Digital platform where students can purchase tickets to athletic and social events. NEW this year, students can purchase an ALL ACCESS sports pass for \$75 in GoFan. <u>Click HERE for more information.</u>

<u>School Pay</u> - Digital pay portal that parents/students can access to purchase dance tickets, pay for Fair Share, or school fees. Parents can set up an account for quick and consistent access, or pay as a guest as needed.

<u>Pay Pams</u> - Digital portal where parents can load, monitor, and/or restrict lunch account activities. Want to set limits or pay automatically when funds become low..PayPams is your portal. Parents are encouraged to set this process up digitally even if they want to have their child pay with cash/check as you will still get the same ability to monitor the account. <u>Click HERE for information on PayPAMS or MealView access.</u>

Fortify Florida - Digital platform where anyone can anonymously report any threat to students, schools, or school related activities. Click HERE for more information on FortifyFL

CLEVER - Digital portal that students will use to access Schoology, Office 365, Online Textbooks, and other Links for Students.

CLASS OF 2025 TRANSCRIPT INFO

Class of 2025- Are you ready to apply to college?!

This is an exciting time for you and we know that many of you are eager to get started. Unfortunately, we are in a transition period with our transcript submission system. As of June 30, 2024, we are no longer able to send transcripts via Naviance. Our new transcript system will roll out this Fall. In the interim we are only able to send transcripts electronically to schools inside the state of Florida. If you are looking to apply out of state, you will need to wait until our new system rolls out or request a paper copy of your transcript to mail to the institution. You can request your hard copy transcript here: https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/transcripts/

The new system will have detailed instructions on our website to assist students already working on their college applications once it is ready. Our school counseling team will be visiting senior English classes during the first month of school to go over the new system with seniors and teach them how to use it. School counselors will also be hosting Toro Time sessions in September to assist students with their college applications. We hope your students are getting those test scores up and narrowing down those college lists. We look forward to helping finalize those applications this Fall!

Who is my Counselor?

- Angel Sletto:
 - Last Names A & Early College
- Artina Coma:
 - Last Names B-Dh
- Laura Kuhel:
 - Last Names Di-I
- TBA (Ms. Smith)
 - Last Names J-Ml
- Rachel Blount:
 - Last Names Mo Sa
- Linda Smith:
 - Last Names Sc-Z

NEW TO TCHS FROM FLORIDA VIRTUAL OR CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN VIRTUAL COURSES?

NEW STUDENT COMING FROM FLORIDA VIRTUAL OR TAKING A VIRTUAL COURSE?
ARE YOU A NEW STUDENT TO TCHS? HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING ON AN ONLINE CLASS THIS SUMMER? YOUR FLVS ACCOUNT DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY CHANGE OVER TO TCHS. ANY STUDENT WANTING THEIR FLVS GRADES TO SHOW UP ON THEIR TCHS TRANSCRIPT MUST CHANGE THEIR "PHYSICAL SCHOOL" FROM THEIR FORMER SCHOOL TO TCHS BY FOLLOWING THESE STEPS:

LOGIN INTO THEIR FLVS ACCOUNT

CLICK THE VIRTUAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR LINK TO ENTER VSA.

CLICK THE MENU (3 LINES) AT THE TOP LEFT OF THE SCREEN NEXT TO FLVS.

CLICK STUDENT RECORDS THEN ACADEMIC PROFILE.

CLICK THE DROPDOWN TO THE RIGHT OF THE PHYSICAL SCHOOL AND SELECT THE NEW SCHOOL.

SCROLL TO THE BOTTOM RIGHT AND CLICK SAVE.



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 <u>school counseling website</u>.

We particularly want to draw your attention to our <u>23-24 Toro Guide</u> 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 (<u>Linda.M.Smith@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u>). 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.

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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!



SEE NEXT PAGE FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON PAINTING OF THE TOROS



ONETORO ARTS FUNDRAISER

ONLY AVAILABLE TO THE SENIOR CLASS OF 2025 (PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY BEFORE STARTING YOUR TRANSACTION)

ELIGIBILITY: MUST BE A SENIOR IN THE CLASS OF 2025. COST: \$35.00 PAINTING FEE (THIS FEE WILL INCREASE TO \$40.00 ON THE DAY OF EVENT.)

PAYMENT: ALL PAYMENTS WILL BE DONE ONLINE, USE THIS LINK TO

HTTPS://CHECKOUT.SQUARE.SITE/MERCHANT/MLABK22W7BX1R/CHECK OUT/JUBPZA5GUPA25EYUOLM6PIOP

PAINTING DAY: AUGUST 2ND - STUDENTS SHOULD BE PREPARED WITH A PRINTED COPY OF THE RECEIPT OF PAYMENT. NO CASH OR CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED ONSITE. STUDENTS WHO HAVE PAID WILL RECEIVE A DRINK AND A LIGHT BREAKFAST.

ART: ON AUGUST 2ND BETWEEN 9 A.M.-12 P.M. STUDENTS MUST PRESENT ARTWORK TO BE APPROVED BEFORE YOU BEGIN PAINTING.

RAIN DATE: A RAIN DATE HAS BEEN SCHEDULED PLEASE PLAN ON COMPLETING THAT ON AUGUST 5TH FROM 9-12 STUDENTS MUST PRESENT ARTWORK TO BE APPROVED BEFORE YOU BEGIN PAINTING.

WHAT DO I NEED FOR PAINTING OF THE TOROS? UPON ARRIVAL, STUDENTS MUST PRESENT A SKETCH OF THE ARTWORK TO ARTS BOOSTER MEMBER. PLEASE NOTE YOU CAN ONLY USE WATER-BASED LATEX PAINT.

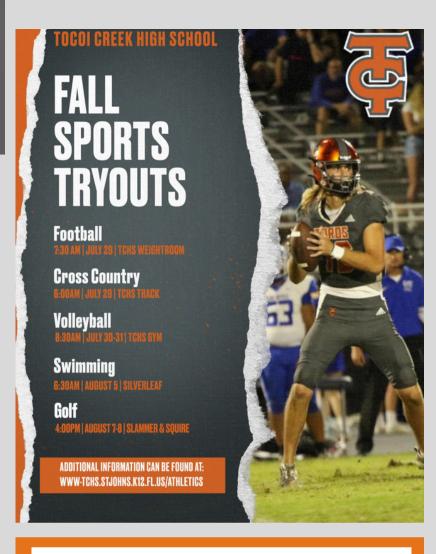
SUPPLIES TO BRING: YOU MUST BRING YOUR OWN PAINTING SUPPLIES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: PAINT (WATER-BASED LATEX IS THE ONLY PAINT CAN BE USED), PAINT ROLLERS, ROLLER STICK, PAINT BRUSHES, PANS, CONTAINERS FOR SMALL AMOUNTS OF PAINT (CUPS), A BROOM TO SWEEP AWAY SAND, TRASH BAGS, WATER, PRO TIP -SOME FAMILIES BRING A TENT AS WELL FOR SHADE.

ATHLETICS AT TCHS



We are excited to offer a new option for students- 2024-25 All-Sport
Student Pass! Get into ANY game, ALL year for \$75! Valued at over \$600, this pass makes student tickets convenient and eliminates the additional fees associated with purchasing individual tickets. All fall sports tickets are available now in GoFan!





TCHS SIDELINE STORE NOW OPEN!

ATTENTION TORO FANS! OUR
NEW 24/7 TOCOI CREEK HIGH
SCHOOL SIDELINE STORE IS
OFFICIALLY OPEN! TO
CELEBRATE, WE ARE OFFERING
A MONTH-LONG PROMOTION20% OFF SITEWIDE WHEN YOU
USE CODE SPIRIT20! HORNS
UP!

HTTPS://SIDELINE.BSNSPORTS.C OM/SCHOOLS/FLORIDA/STAUG USTINE/TOCOI-CREEK-HIGH-SCHOOL

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cheer, dance, band, volleyball, swimming, cross county,
golf





TOCOI CREEK HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

DEADLINE APPROACHING

AUGUST 16TH SEE INFORMATION BELOW

NHS APPLICATION

OPEN TO RISING JUNIORS AND SENIORS THAT MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- 3.80 WEIGHTED CUMULATIVE GPA
- JUNIORS-50 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE
- SENIORS-60 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

THE APPLICATION IS USED BY THE FACULTY COUNCIL AS ONE OF THE CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP, ALONG WITH THE STUDENT'S GPA AND DISCIPLINARY RECORD.

APPLICATION LINK CLOSES ON 8/16

National Honor Society Selection Form 2024-2025





this summer!



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- -Click SSO (Single Sign On) and enter your details if needed.
- Scroll down to see the digital audiobooks and eBooks. You can also search for a specific title.







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.

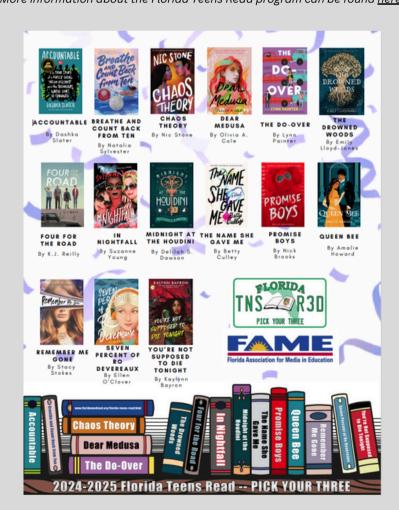


The Destiny Discover App is the easiest way to access TCHS library resources TCHS students and staff are encouraged to read the 2024/2025 Florida Teens Read books. Upon returning to school in the fall, students should come to The Hub to receive prizes for the books that they read. Students who read the 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 https://example.com/here.c





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

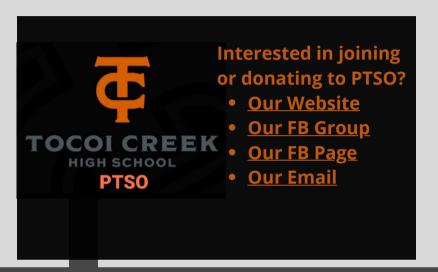
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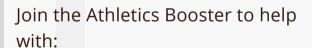
Please view SJCSD policy regarding advanced placement courses:

"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 SJCSD 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 traces (Spars to Cold Street	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 Jospeh Bizup William T. Fitzgerald	978- 0226239736 The Graft of Research Floring Bodden William	Ms. Taryn Thomas Taryn.Thomas@stjohns.k12.fl.us







- 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

SAC Meetings will return in the fall!





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 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>

Clever



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:

- TESTING COORDINATOR
- GUIDANCE COUNSELOR
- ESE ACCESS CLASSROOM 1:1 PARAPROFESSIONAL





- 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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