THE BULL PEN

YOUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR ALL THINGS TCHS

Toro Nation,

It's been an amazing first back with the herd! Enjoy the first edition of The Bull Pen of the school year. The Bull Pen is where you'll find information about all of the events and resources on our campus. It is a long document so please utilize the table of contents to fast track to where you need to go.

This week's Bull Pen is packed with important updates for our Toro family! You'll find upcoming event dates, athletic schedules, and helpful resources from guidance, plus info on clubs, PTSO, and fine arts opportunities. The Testing Corner includes key deadlines for accommodation requests, payments, and test dates. Don't miss the Parent Letter for FAST PM 1 here and the Parent Letter for PSAT/NMSQT here. Families needing testing accommodations can use the College Board Accommodation Request Form here.

If you want your freshman or sophomore to take either the PSAT or the CLT you can use the School Pay link for the PSAT here and the School Pay link for the 9/18 CLT here. You'll also find details on joining school organizations, reading challenges in the media center, employment opportunities, and parent access to Schoology.



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IMPORTANT DATES

NEXT WEEK AT TOCK!

Monday 8/18

Tuesday 8/19 Girls Golf VS. FPC @ 4:15pm

Wednesday 8/20

Volleyball VS. Bolles @ 5:30/6:30pm

Thursday 8/21 JVB VS. Creekside @ 6pm

JVA VS. Creekside @ 7pm

Friday 8/22 Football Game VS. First Coast (HOME)



August 26th Picture Day

September 13th Homecoming Dance

April 17th Grad Bash

May 20th Graduation

Sophomore class shirts are on sale! The sale will end on September 3rd! Be sure to order now to get your shirt in time for Homecoming week! Tap the image below to purchase!





TESTING CORNER

More testing information can be found on the TCHS Website under Testing. (link to testing here)

Upcoming Dates

8/22: Deadline for accommodation requests for PSAT to be submitted to counselors or ESE case managers

8/28: Deadline for accommodation requests for 9/18 CLT to be submitted to counselors or ESE case managers

9/TBD: FAST PM1 MODIFIED BELL SCHEDULE (bell schedule and dates coming soon)

9/11: Deadline for payment for 9/18 CLT

9/14: Deadline for payment for October PSAT/NMSQT

9/18: In school CLT for 11th/12th grade students who still need to meet graduation test requirements

9/22 - 9/26: FAST 10 and EOC retakes

10/01: Deadline for accommodations requests for 11/15 CLT to be submitted to counselors or ESE case managers

10/TBD: PSAT/NMSQT for all 10th grade students. 9th and 11th grade students interested in taking the PSAT/NMSQT can pay to be registered for the test.

10/22: SAT - NCR for 12th grade students who still need to meet graduation test requirements

10/22: In school CLT for 11th/12th grade students who still need to meet graduation test requirements

10/28: ACT - NCR for 12th grade students who still need to meet graduation test requirements

Parent Letter for FAST PM 1

School Pay Link for PSAT

Parent Letter for PSAT/NMSQT

School Pay Link for 9/18 CLT

<u>College Board Accommodations</u> <u>Request Form</u>

NHS Applications

NHS Application 2025-2026

Open to rising Juniors & Seniors who meet criteria below:

Minimum Requirements:

- 3.80 weighted cumulative GPA
- · Juniors 50 hours of community service in HAC
- · Seniors 60 hours of community service in HAC

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 August 29, 2025

NHS 25-26 Application



National Honor Society Selection Form 2025-2026





2025-26 All Sport/All Season TCHS Student Pass: Make sure your Toro has tickets to all our sporting events in advance! The All Sport/All Season Student Pass is on sale now---grab yours before our first big game next Friday night! Additionally, all regular and season tickets for fall sports are now available for purchase via Hudl: CLICK HERE TO BUY

Fall Sports Participation Fee: Student-Athletes who have been named to a fall sport roster should have participation fees paid in full by the first competition. Please CLICK HERE to complete your payment if you have not done so already.

TCHS Student Volunteers: Service hours are available to TCHS students that volunteer at sporting events. If interested in signing up, please <u>CLICK HERE for the interest form</u>.





Spirit Store: Ready to cheer on your Toros this year?!? Make sure you grab all your Tocoi Creek merchandise in via our Spirit Store! Items ship to home. CLICK HERE to shop!

Fall Team Interest Mtgs: Students who are interested in participating in fall leagues beginning soon are invited to attend interest meetings:

Fall Baseball: Thursday, 8/14 at 4:15pm in P-16 Fall Girls Basketball: Wednesday, 8/20 at 3:15 in café Fall Boys Basketball: Wednesday, 8/20 at 3:15 in 04-047

<u>Upcoming Fundraisers</u>: Support THE HERD! We have several amazing fundraisers happening to benefit various athletic programs. Please see below and get involved!

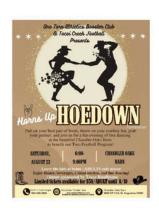
Cheerleading: Involved in band, a club, or sports? Click here for a custom yard sign to show your Toro pride!

Cross Country: Join us for a 3K Fun Run/Walk on campus this Saturday at 8am! Click here for tickets!

Football: Get your boots on for our Inaugural Hoe Down at Chandler Oaks Barn Aug. 23rd! Purchase tickets here!













Open Submissions!

For Labyrinth -Tocoi Creek's Literary Magazine

Labyrinth is taking submissions of stories, poetry, play writing, and all forms of art! See your work alongside the work of your peers.

Talk to Ms. Edgcombe in room 04-046 or submit files through the QR code below. Anonymous submissions are accepted. TAP OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO ACCESS





MU ALPHA THETA APPLICATION

(Math Honor Society)



Students wishing to be considered for admittance MUST meet the following requirements:

- Be at least a sophomore for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Have completed Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra 2. MUST be enrolled in a math class all 4 years of high school. It
 is preferred that your current math course be Honors or AP.
- Have an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher (unweighted)
- Have at least a 3.0 <u>unweighted</u> Math GPA (same as a 4.0 weighted math GPA)

Students considering applying must also be willing to:

participate in math peer tutoring or other student-led math related activities sponsored by Mu Alpha Theta (<u>15</u> <u>hours</u> each year of membership)

Completion of this form to be <u>considered</u> for admittance is due by Friday, September 5th, at 11:59pm.

NO LATE or INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED! Please see Ms. Bishop in portable 13 or Mr. Wilson in portable 18 if you have any questions!



TCHS SCHOOL COUNSELING UPDATES

2025-2026 COUNSELOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Welcome back, Toros families! Our school counseling team is working hard to respond to parent and student inquiries to begin the school year. Please allow extended time for responses, as we are currently receiving a large quantity of requests. We cannot wait to support your students this year! az

Last Name Letters A-Bo & Early College: Ms. Angelia Sletto: Angelia.Sletto@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Last Name Letters Br-El: Ms. Artina Coma: Artina.Coma@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Last Name Letters En-J: Ms. D'Erica Gibbs: DErica.Gibbs@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Last Name Letters K-Mul: Ms. Laura Kuhel: Laura.Kuhel@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Last Name Letters Mun-Sc: Ms. Rachel Blount: Rachel.Blount@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Last Name Letters Se-Z: Ms. Heather Ketterer: Heather.Ketterer@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Need an appointment? Student appointments can be made from the TCHS counseling page at https://www-tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/.

Parent appointments can be made by emailing the school counselor.

SUBMITTING VOLUNTEER OR WORK HOURS?

- 1. Obtain your pay stub or documentation of volunteer hours on the letterhead of the nonprofit organization.
- 2. Complete and attach the volunteer reflection form. You may print this from the TCHS Counseling Website or obtain a paper form in the counseling office.
- 3. Submit both of the above forms to the counseling office. Please take a photo or make a copy for your records.

COLLEGE VISITS AT TCHS

Juniors and seniors, do you want to hear what a university has to offer? Below is our growing list of schools visiting TCHS to meet with you. You must sign up on Schoology or in the first-floor counseling office to attend. Check back each week for more schools!

August 28: Florida State University visit in TCHS Auditorium @ 1:00 PM.

September 5: James Madison University visit @ 10:00 AM.

September 12: University of South Carolina visit @ time TBD

October 3: University of Central Florida Visit in TCHS auditorium @ 10:00 AM.

TAKING AN SJR DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSE OFF-CAMPUS OR ONLINE?

Order your textbooks now! Visit the website below for instructions!

https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/de -textbook-requests/

UPCOMING DATES & DEADLINES

August 19: Registration deadline for ACT on September 6. Register at ACT.org.

August 29: Registration deadline for SAT on September 13. Register at <u>collegeboard.org</u>.

September 3: SJSD College and Career Night in WGV. Info: https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/college/

September 9: First Coast Technical College open house at 6:00 PM @ FCTC. Info here: https://fctc.edu/info-sessions/

September 19: Registration deadline for SAT on October 4th.

October 1: Bright Futures application opens for 2026 graduates.

October 9: First Coast Technical College open house at 6:00 PM @ FCTC. Info here: https://fctc.edu/info-sessions/

August-October: Look out for classroom lessons, Torotime workshops, and individual senior meetings to review credit checks and post-secondary plans.

TOCOL CREEK HIGH SCHOOL



CAREER ACADEMIES HAPPENINGS IN THE ACADEMIES

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WELCOME BACK! As we begin the 25-26 school year we would like to thank our industry sponsors from the **Academy of Innovation in** the Built Environment.

If you are interested in connecting with our academy, please contact Mrs. Johnson

Ways you can support our programming (any of our **Academies):**

- **Becoming a sponsor**
- Becoming a member of our Advisory Board
- Guest Speaking
- Providing a field study opportunity
- Providing a summer internship opportunity







Kristina Dulaney-Johnson Academy and Career Specialist





NEW BOARD

LEFT TO RIGHT:
JENNIFER KELLY-MULLINEAUX, VP
MELISSA JOHNSON, SECRETARY
SHAWNNALEA ZEMANEK, TREASURER
STEVE JOHNSON, PRESIDENT





NEW WEBSITE

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PTSO

We need



Our small, but mighty, PTSO Board is looking for 1 more member.

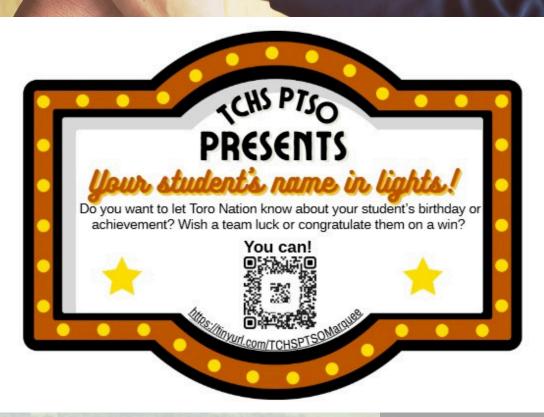
It's not a huge time commitment and the difference you'll make is super rewarding!

OneToroPTSO@gmail.com



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TCHS PTSO MEMBERSHIPS

LEVEL I

TCHS MAGNET

\$40.00

LEVEL 2

- **TCHS MAGNET**
- ENTRY TO WIN A
 FREE YEARBOOK

\$65.00

LEVEL 3

- **TCHS MAGNET**
- FREE YEARBOOK
- ONE (1) TCHS T-SHIRT*

\$100.00

LEVEL 4

- **TCHS MAGNET**
- TWO (2) ENTRIES TO WIN A FREE YEARBOOK
- ONE (1) TCHS HOODIE*

\$150.00

*SIZES AND AVAILABITY ARE LIMITED.



JOIN THE HERD.
EVERY MEMBERSHIP MATTERS.



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Pay for TCHS Lost or Damaged **Library Books**

Please use this link to pay for lost or damaged LIBRARY BOOKS that belong to TOCOI CREEK



https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Lost-or-Damaged-Library-Books/SehJ1mq

Library fines from another St Johns County school, need to be paid for at that school. The school's initials show up next to the item. (See image below).



Once payment has been made, PLEASE email a screenshot of receipt to Mrs. Rusnak at kristen.rusnak@stjohns.k12.fl.us so that the fine can be cleared from the student's account.

Textbooks cannot be paid for on this link.

FLORIDA TEENS READ BOOKS 2025-2026

































How many will you read?!

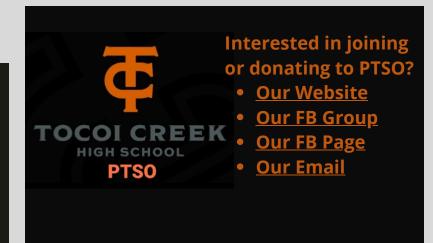
All TCHS students and staff have access to the TCHS digital library collection during the summer through Destiny. This collection includes both eBooks and audiobooks that can be accessed from any digital device on Wi-fi or a network! Instructions for how to do this can be found on the TCHS Media Center website under eBooks or by clicking here.

We are excited to share the 2025/2026 Florida Teens Read titles! These are some of the newest, most popular books in the state of Florida! Students and staff who read these titles will receive prizes and be invited to participate in exclusive events like the Battle of the Books! The books are available at most libraries, as eBooks and digital audiobooks at TCHS, and at most major bookstores. We'd love for everyone to choose and read at least three! Let's get reading, Toros! More info can be found here.



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MORE INFORMATION
CAN BE FOUND ON THE
SAC PAGE



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



SCHOOLOGY PARENT ACCESS

How to Login and Use 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 www.schoology.com
- 2) Click on "Register"
- 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

Absences and Early Dismissal

Athletic Tickets

<u>Cafeteria</u>

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NEW FAMILY DECODERS FOR TCHS LANGUAGE

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<u>The Bull Pen</u> - 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.

<u>TCHS Website</u> - 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? <u>The TCHS website is your spot!</u>

<u>HAC - Home Access Center</u> 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

<u>Toro RoundUP</u> - 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 <u>not</u> 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.

<u>AUP - Acceptable Use Policy</u> - 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.

<u>The Hub</u> - 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>

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

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

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