THE BULL PEN

YOUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR ALL THINGS TCHS

Toro Nation,

Welcome to this week's edition of The Bull Pen! There's a lot happening on campus, and we want to be sure you're connected.

- Testing Reminder: FAST and EOC retakes will take place September 22-26. Students have been notified via Schoology of their scheduled dates and times. Be sure to check the <u>TCHS Testing Page</u> for full details and important resources, including the <u>Parent Letter for PSAT/NMSQT</u>, <u>College Board Accommodations Request Form</u>, and SchoolPay links for <u>PSAT</u>, <u>SAT-NCR</u>, and <u>ACT-NCR</u> 9192025
- On Stage This Week: Don't miss the Theatre Department's production of Puffs—a hilarious and heartwarming show running September 25–28. Mark your calendars for a fun night supporting our talented Toro performers!
- Pink Out Shirts: The Arts Department is now selling Pink Out T-shirts to support breast cancer awareness. Shirts are available through the arts store—get yours early to show your spirit and support!9192025

Stay tuned for more updates throughout this issue, including athletics, guidance, and ways to get involved. Let's keep building that Toro pride together!



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IMPORTANT DATES

NEXT WEEK AT TOCOI:

Monday	9/22	
Tuesday	9/23	Girls Volleyball Vs. Nease Senior Pictures in Auditorium Foyer
Wednesday	9/24	Virtual Open House is Live
Thursday	9/25	Puffs @ 7pm Girls Volleyball Vs. Beachside
Friday	9/26	Puffs @ 7pm
Saturday	9/27	Puffs @ 7pm
Sunday	9/28	Puffs @ 4pm



April 10th

April 17th

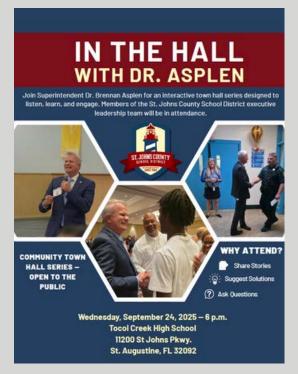
May 19th

Prom

Grad Bash

Graduation

https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Junior-Class-TShirt-2027/ScE5epR





TESTING CORNER

More testing information can be found on the TCHS Websit under Testing. (link to testing <u>here</u>)

Upcoming Dates

9/22 - 9/26: FAST 10 and EOC retakes - students were notified via Schoology of test times/dates

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

10/22: PSAT/NMSQT for all 10th grade students and 9th and 11th grade students who paid before the deadline.

10/22: SAT - NCR for 12th grade students who still need to pass the Algebra 1 EOC and/or the FAST 10 reading for graduation test requirements - this test cannot be used for college admissions or scholarship purposes

10/22: In school CLT for 11th/12th grade students who still need to pass the Algebra 1 EOC and/or the FAST 10 reading for graduation test requirements

10/28: ACT - NCR for 12th grade students who still need to pass the Algebra 1 EOC and/or the FAST 10 reading for graduation test requirements - this test cannot be used for college admissions or scholarship purposes

Parent Letter for PSAT/NMSQT

School Pay Link for PSAT

School Pay Link for SAT-NCR

School Pay Link for ACT-NCR

College Board Accommodations
Request Form

PTEMBER

MONDAY

5:30/7pm Girls Volleyball @ Bishop Kenny (AWAY)

TUESDAY

4pm Boys Golf 4pm Girls @ Bishop Kenny

5:30/7 Girls Volleyball vs Nease (HOME)

WEDNESDAY

Golf@ Creekside (AWAY)

Girls (HOME)

> 7pm JV Football @ Bartram Trail (AWAY)

THURSDAY

4:30pm Girls Golf @ Pedro (AWAY)

5:30/7pm Volleyball vs Beachside

7pm Football @ Bartram Trail (AWAY)

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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

Boys Lacrosse: Anyone interested in trying out for boys' lacrosse should plan to attend an afterschool meeting in the cafeteria on Wednesday, Sept. 24th

Track & Field: There will be an interest meeting in the cafeteria on Tuesday, September 23rd at 6pm. Please email Coach Hupp with any questions!









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



TCHS SCHOOL COUNSELING UPDATES

SENIOR COLLEGE
& CAREER
CLASSROOM
PRESENTATIONS

School counselors will be in senior English courses the week of 9/8-9/12 to guide seniors through career exploration and the university application completion process. Counselors will assist with the following:

- Explore careers and education requirements through Xello
- Evaluate GPA and test scores of Florida Universities
- Apply to universities using Common App
- Know application requirements and deadlines
- Organize your application process for success
- · Obtain your transcript to self-report grades to Florida schools

Absent or off-campus for English class? The presentation will be on the TCHS website on 9/12 to review. Students may also stop by Toro Time for extra help!

COUNSELOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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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

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 paid hours 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.

TORO TIME: UNIVERSITY APPLICATION & CAREER EXPLORATION ASSISTANCE!

Every Wednesday, counselors are ready to assist students in lab 4-007!

- 1. Explore colleges and careers through Xello.
- 2. Create a Common App account to apply to universities.
- 3. Request letters of recommendation.
- 4. Complete the STAR or SPARK self-report of grades.

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!

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

Sept. 12: Univ. of South Carolina visit @ 10:00 AM

Sept. 18: Univ. of North Florida visit @ 9:00 AM

Sept. 18: Southeastern Univ. (Lakeland, FL) visit @ 9:00 AM

October 2: Univ. of Florida Visit @ 9:00 AM.

October 3: Univ. of Central Florida Visit @ 10:00 AM.

UPCOMING DATES & DEADLINES

September 6: NACAC College Fair in Jacksonville

September 8-12: Senior classroom presentations

September 9: First Coast Technical College open house at 6:00

PM @ FCTC. Info here: https://fctc.edu/info-sessions/

September 10: Toro Time Workshop: University applications in 4-007

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, Toro Time workshops, and individual senior meetings to review credit checks and post-secondary plans.

TOCOI CREEK HIGH SCHOOL



CAREER ACADEMIES HAPPENINGS IN THE ACADEMIES



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/23: Teaching year 1 and 2 to school visits
- 9/30: Emerging Tech Yr. 4 ESB
- 10/7: National Technical Honor Society meeting
- 10/17: Univ. St. Aug Year 2 Healthcare field study
- 10/23: Teen safety driving event wth Lifeflight and Baptist
- 11/18: Year 2/ 3 Emerging Tech to Sally Dark Rides
- 11/18: EMR students to St. Johns River State
- 12/7: Jaquars interns for a day event
- 1/28: FSU visit

CERTIFICATION TESTING UPDATE

As a certified testing center, the certification exams administered at TCHS are proctored through Certiport, an independent testing platform. Students with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 may apply for accommodations through Certiport. Because it is an outside testing company, like ACT or SAT, accommodations, such as extended time, must be applied for and implemented to the individual student's testing platform by Certiport. The school cannot request these services, the student and their legal guardian (if student is under 18) must submit the request directly to Certiport. Accommodations are granted by Certiport annually, so even if your student was granted accommodations for testing in the 2022-2023 school year, the application must be submitted again for the 2023-2024 school year to ensure that accommodations are provided at the time your student tests.

<u>Certiport has an online accommodations application process. The process is detailed on their website at:</u>

https://certiport.pearsonvue.com/Educator-resources/Exampolicies/Accommodations.aspx

STUDENTS IN:

MR. HOEKZEMA-year 2 and 3

MS. RANKEN-all classes

MS. EDWARDS- DVT

MS. MATOS- all classes

MR. GRUDZINSKAS- all classes

MS. POST- all classes

MR. MCKINNEY- all classes

MR.WISSER-Turf Management







PTSO GENERAL MEETING

Monday, October 13th

6 - 7pm @ The Hub at TCHS

- ★Meet Mrs. Jacobson, TCHS's new principal
- ★ Hear about how the SAT & ACT impact Bright Futures from Mr. I of Test Prep For Success



Attend the meeting & be entered to win a \$50 gift card

*Must be a PTSO member & present to win.



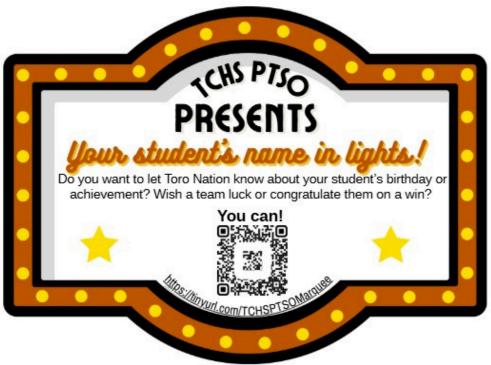
JOIN THE PTSO



https://tinyurl.com/TCHSMembership











PISO DATES mark your calendar

10/13/2025

GENERAL MEETING 6PM IN THE HUB

10/17/2025

1ST QUARTER STUDENT REWARDS

FOR STUDENTS WHO PASSED AN AP EXAM, CERTIFICATION, OR DE CLASS SPRING 2025.

1/12/2026

GENERAL MEETING

6PM IN THE HUB

1/23/2026

MORP WINTER DANCE

IT'S PROM SEPLLED BACKWARDS!

1/30/2026

2ND QUARTER STUDENT REWARDS

FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED AND LOGGED AT LEAST ONE HOUR IN HAC.

3/27/2026

3RD QUARTER STUDENT REWARDS

FOR STUDENTS WHO ACHIEVED HONOR ROLL 2 OF THE 3 QUARTERS THIS SCHOOL YEAR.

4/13/2026

GENERAL MEETING

6PM IN THE HUB

4/17/2026

RESERVED GRADUATION SEATS ON SALE

APR 17, 2026 @ 6:00 PM - MAY 1, 2026 @ 11:59 PM

5/8/2026

4TH QUARTER STUDENT REWARDS

A CARNIVAL TO CELEBRATE THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY, TEACHERS AND STAFF OF TCHS

5/19/2026

GRADUATION

HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA

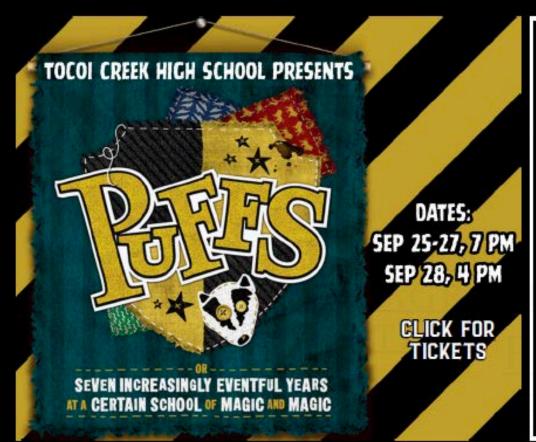
BAND CHORUS DANCE MARCHING TOROS



THEATRE VISUAL ARTS WINTER









Tuesday, September 23:

- Winterguard Auditions After School
- Panera Bread Fundraiser 4-8 PM

Thursday, September 25:

- Winterguard Auditions After School
- . PUFFS The Play @ 7 PM

Friday, September 26:

. PUFFS The Play @ 7 PM

Saturday, September 27:

. PUFFS The Play @ 7 PM

Sunday, September 28:

PUFFS The Play @ 4 PM

BAND CHORUS DANCE MARCHING TOROS



THEATRE
VISUAL
ARTS
WINTER
GUARD



DOUGH Help support us!

25% of sales will benefit TOCOI CREEK ARTS BOOSTER CLUB

September 23, 2025 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm 235 Village Commons Drive St Augustine, FL

In Cafe Drive-Thru
Pick-Up Delivery
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Panera FUNDRAISING



2025-2026 ONE TORO ARTS BOOSTERS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

HOUR MEMBERSHIP

- An awesome Toro Arts Decal
- A membership card that entitles you to two tickets to the All-Arts Showcase and two tickets to a Theater Production. *Add/tional tickets must be purchased*
- You will also have voting privileges at the general election meeting for the One Tere Arts Executive Board. (I vote per family).



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YOUR \$35 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP DONATION GOES DIRECTLY TO SUPPORT THE FINE ARTS PROGRAMS AT TCHS.

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Available for CARRYOUT or DELIVERY 10am-11pm This is valid at all locations in Clay, Duval, Nassau, & St John's Counties

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! We will be running announcements on the front marquee through May.

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

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SIGN UP GENIUS LINK TO SELECT OUR DATE



The HUB and HUB Coffee Bar opens on Monday, August 25th for students!!!! Students are welcome to visit The HUB before school, during lunch, in between classes, and during class time with a HUB pass. (Coffee Bar is open the same times EXCEPT during class.) When the HUB has reached capacity, a sign will be put out saying "no more students" and this will apply until the next bell rings.

All Tocoi students received a Hub Media Center orientation in their ELA class. The orientation reviewed library rules, library policies, Florida Teens Read, items available to borrow (books, eBooks, audiobooks, computers, games, Maker items), Hub hours, and what the Hub has to offer. All of this information and more is available here on our TCHS Hub Media Center website. The images below review the rules and policies. Please note that our HUB coffee bar is CASH ONLY.



RULES



- . Sign in during school hours
- · Must have HUB pass during class
- No food (except during lunch on tile)
- . Clean up after yourself
- No moving furniture
- No sitting on the floor
- Be respectful of Hub property
- Be respectful of others in The Hub

POICIES



- Students can borrow up to 4 items at a time. Items include books, eBooks, and audiobooks.
- Items are checked out for two weeks but can be renewed as many times as needed.
- We do not charge fines for items returned after the due date.
- Students are responsible for paying for or replacing lost or damaged books. See Mrs. Rusnak if you lose or damage a book.

All St. Johns County parents can restrict access to specific titles or topics their child may checkout from the school library. The form used to do this is available on the school website and is also located here. If you would like to prevent your child from borrowing specific titles or topics from the Tocoi Creek library, please complete this form and return to Mrs. Rusnak in The Hub. PARENTAL CHOICE LIBRARY BOOK RESTRICTION FORM

Parents can view the items in our media collection by going to the Tocoi Destiny page <u>here</u>.

We can't wait to see our Toros up in The Hub!





We are looking for parents and community members to be part of the TCHS Media Advisory Committee. This important group collaborates with the school media specialist to review, select, and approve new materials for our media center. Your involvement helps ensure our library collection remains current, appropriate, and engaging for all students.

If you're interested in participating, please complete the form linked <u>here</u> by September 1st.

Thank you!



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: <u>Billy</u> <u>Blackmon</u>



Interested in joining or donating to PTSO?

- Our Website
- Our FB Group
- Our FB Page
- Our Email



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>

Clever

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>

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

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