THE BULL PEN

YOUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR ALL THINGS TCHS

Toro Nation,

We hope that everyone has had a great week. As we wrap up the first quarter, we want to take a moment to celebrate the growth, effort, and achievements of our Toros.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we are building a strong foundation for the rest of the school year. We look forward to what the second quarter will bring and to continuing our shared commitment to student success.

Although it is a rainy Friday Night Lights for football this evening, we hope to see you all there tonight to cheer on our Toros!

HORNS UP!

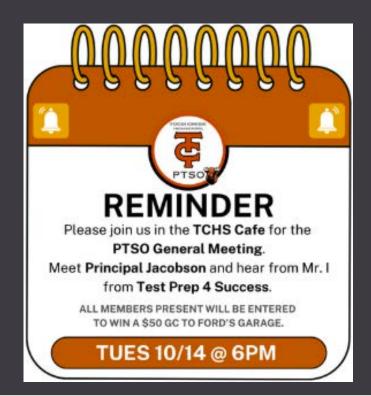


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IMPORTANT DATES

NEXT WEEK AT TOCOI:

Monday	10/13	Teacher Planning Day/ No School District Volleyball vs Oakleaf
Tuesday	10/14	Start of Quarter 2 PTSO General Mtg with Ms. Jacobson @6pm
Wednesday	10/15	Boys Golf vs. Atlantic Coast
Thursday	10/16	SAC meeting 8:30am Girls Golf vs. Atlantic Coast
Friday	10/17	Football vs. Menendez
Saturday	10/18	

SAVETEDATE

April 10th

April 17th

May 19th

Prom

Grad Bash

Graduation





Students are not permitted to order food through DoorDash, Uber Eats, or any other food delivery service.

TESTING CORNER

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

Upcoming Dates

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

10/28: 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

PSAT Opt Out Form

<u>PSAT Approved Calculators</u>

Early Dismissal Form for PSAT

PSAT Approved/Unapproved Items

Parent Letter for PSAT/NMSQT

School Pay Link for PSAT

School Pay Link for SAT-NCR

School Pay Link for ACT-NCR

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

OCTOBER

MONDAY

4pm Girls Golf @Nease (AWAY)

6PM District Volleyball vs. Oakleaf (HOME)

TUESDAY

4pm Boys Golf @Nease (AWAY)

TBD District Volleyball

WEDNESDAY

4pm Boys Golf vs Atlantic Coast (HOME)

THURSDAY 4pm Girls Golf vs Atlantic Coast (HOME)

> **TBD District** Volleyball

FRIDAY

7pm Football vs Menendez (HOME)

SATURDAY



Friday, Oct. 31st: We have a wonderful opportunity for our community to enjoy traditional Halloween fun prior to our last home football game vs. Oakleaf! Join us in the bus loop from 5-6:30pm for treats and activities provided by TCHS clubs, organizations and athletic teams! We then invite you to the stadium for senior night beginning at 6:30pm followed by 7pm kick-off. School-appropriate costumes and candy bags will be allowed into the gate. As a reminder, all K-8th spectators must be accompanied by a ticketed adult. See you at Toro Trunk-N-Treat!

Winter Sports: If you plan to tryout for basketball, soccer or wrestling, please make sure your student-athlete has updated Athletic Clearance on file. Directions for creating and updating an account can be FOUND HERE. All clearance is done online; no forms should be brought to campus!

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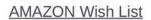
tchs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/athletics/clearance/

STUFF THE CRATE
PET SUPPLY DRIVE



Tocoi Greek High School please join Tocoi Gheerleading's Gheer4Paws as we work to "STUFF THE GRATE" with pet supplies to support S.A.F.E. Pet Rescue.





AMAZONwishlist

CHEWY Wish List

How to participate:

- 1. Bring a pet supply item from the donation wish lists
- 2. Take a selfie as you stuff the crate
- 3. Tag @cheer4paws and @safepetrescue on social media

Game Day Raffle:

Make sure to attend the October 17th football game and show proof of your donation (selfie by the crate with your item) to be entered to win some **Tocoi SWAG!**



DONATE SAFE Paypal





Donated pet supply items do not count toward volunteer service hours. Please see the S.A.F.E volutneer opportunities to sign up for service hours





WINTER SPORTS TRYOUTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

GIRLS WEIGHTLIFTING MONDAY, OCTOBER 6 7:45AM-8:45AM WEIGHTROOM

BOYS SOCCER

OCTOBER 13 & 14 4:15-6:15PM PRACTICE FIELD OCTOBER 15 3:15-5:15PM PRACTICE FIELD

GIRLS SOCCER

OCTOBER 15 3:30-5:15 PRACTICE FIELD OCTOBER 16 4:30-6:15 PRACTICE FIELD

BOYS BASKETBALL OCTOBER 27 & 28 7-8AM GYM

GIRLS BASKETBALL OCTOBER 27 & 28 4:30-6:30PM GYM

GIRLS WRESTLING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3 4:15-6PM CAFETERIA

BOYS WRESTLING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10 4:15- 6PM CAFETERIA









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 OR CODE TO ACCESS



FINISH QUARTER ONE STRONG!

- 1. Retake summatives less than an 85%
- 2. Turn in all work on time!
- 3.Use Toro Time to get help.
- 4. Check Schoology to plan ahead
- 5. Study for that last summative!
- 6. Communicate with your teachers!

TCHS SCHOOL COUNSELING UPDATES

Did you know our website is a great source information?

Check out the school counseling section of the TCHS website for information pertaining to the following:

- Bright Futures
- College and Career Exploration
- University Application Assistance
- Graduation Requirements
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Counseling Resources

SJR DUAL ENROLLMENT SPRING COURSE REGISTRATION

St. Johns River spring course registration for off-campus courses opens on October 1st. This does not apply to DE courses taken at TCHS.

Date of SJR processing per credit hours earned:

45+ credit hours: October 1st 20-44 credit hours: October 6th 0-19 credit hours: October 14th

No Schedule Changes for courses taken at TCHS will be approved.

SJR registration forms must be submitted to your assigned counselor for processing. Submit your registration form as soon as possible. If you would like to meet with your counselor, please send your counselor a message on Schoology as they are currently in senior meetings. Please use the resources below:

Search SJR Course Availability

SJR Registration Form

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!

October 1: Florida Southern College @ 10:00 AM
October 2: Univ. of Florida Visit @ 9:00 AM
October 3: Univ. of Central Florida Visit @ 10:00
AM

October 15: St. Johns River Visit @ 10:00 AM

UPCOMING DATES & DEADLINES

September 29 - October 9: Senior individual meetings

October 1: Bright Futures application opens for 2026 graduates.

October 6: Bright Futures and FAFSA Virtual Night @ 6:00 PM

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

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

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Academy of
Future Educators

PR.

BRICE



What I teach:

- Intro to Teaching
- · Human Growth and
 - Development
 - Foundations of Curriculum & Instruction
- Principles of Teaching Internship

First/most interesting job:

First: face painter
Most Interesting:

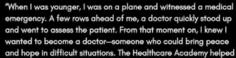
Assistant to the magistrate in Sarasota County courts

What do I hope my students learn before they
graduate?
Foundations of Teaching

Favorite Food: Mexican food-Burrito bowls Music: Worship music-Forest Frank Favorite
Academy
function/trip:
FFEA
Conferences

Legends for Life!





solidify this dream by exposing me to real healthcare settings, teaching me human physiology early on, and even helping me secure a healthcare job after high school."

CLASS OF 2023 MEDICAL ASSISTANT AT UF HEALTH BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE MAJOR, UNF

MAURICIO



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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
- 1/22: TCHS ACADEMY NIGHT
- 1/28: FSU visit

2025



LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

» 10/23/2025

Teen Safe Driving Event for Academy of Future Healthcare Professionals from Tocoi Creek and Pedro Menendez

Event will include a staged accident scene worked by SJCFRD and LifeFlight transport

In Partnership with:





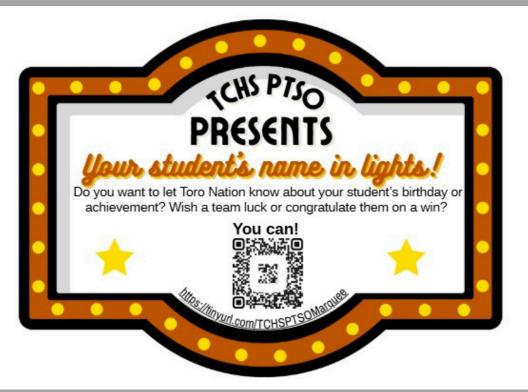












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OCTOBER EVENTS





GENERAL MEETING

OCTOBER 14TH • 6:00 – 7:00 PM

TCHS Cafe

TEACHER CART

OCTOBER 17TH • 9:45 AM ~ 12 PM

SIGN UP - https://tinyurl.com/TCHSTeacherCarts





OCTOBER 17TH • 9:15 AM – 2:15 PM

SIGN UP - https://tinyurl.com/2025Nachos

PISO DATES mark your calendar

10/14/2025

GENERAL MEETING6PM 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

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CHORUS
DANCE
MARCHING
TOROS



THEATRE
VISUAL
ARTS
WINTER

Celebrating & OUR ARTS PROGRAMS

CHORUS

What a wonderful evening celebrating "Songs of Stage and Screen"! From show tunes to movie favorites, every performance brought Broadway and Hollywood to life with beautiful harmonies, energy, and spirit.

Congratulations to our incredible singers and director on a show to remember!





Congratulations to the Marching
Toros!! First in Class at their debut
competition with their show entitled
"ICEolation"! Not only did they
perform, they also hosted 19 bands
throughout the day. Huge thanks to our
amazing parents and volunteers who
made this event such a success!

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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





Tuesday, October 14 @ 5 PM

 Arts Boosters Meeting in Mr. O'Leary's classroom in the arts building.



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







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. <a href="https://example.com/parents-e

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!

Hub cups can now be purchased on School Pay! Once purchased, the cup will be delivered to the student within 3 days or the student can stop by the HUB to pick it up. The cup comes with 5 free drink refills and refills are \$1 after free refills are used.

HUB CUP

\$10 CASH or SCHOOL PAY



Comes with 5 free drinks! Refills \$1 after free drinks!

Purchase in The Hub or on School Pay at

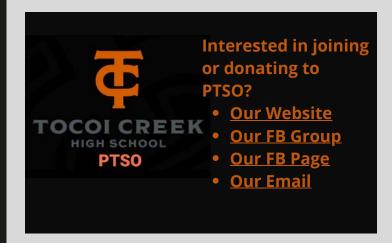






SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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>



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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