



## From the Desk of Mr. Woodworth

The school year has started; the kids have shaken the sand out of their sandals, and they have filled their backpacks with school supplies and books. It has been a smooth start. The freshmen came in ready to go after their orientation, and now, one group at a time, they are attending Adventurelore for team building exercises for reinforcement of positive behaviors and attitudes.

Extremely hot weather greeted us during the first weeks of school, and while we have an effective air circulation system that replaces classroom air throughout the day, the system is not designed to cool the air. I was proud of everyone for staying on task through that heat wave. In order to keep our student/athletes safe, our athletic director rescheduled and cancelled some games and practices, and coaches made sure that our athletes kept well hydrated. Now that the weather has returned to seasonal norms, the days are much more comfortable and we are seeing increased energy and enthusiasm in our classrooms and in our co-curricular activities.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our school counseling department for hosting the annual College Fair. Our juniors and seniors met with representatives of over eighty colleges and universities and with representatives of our armed forces. Student leaders and counselors did a great job welcoming our guests and setting up the event. Over the past few years the college fair has helped focus our upperclassmen on college and career decision-making. We are proud of the degree to which our students arrived in the gymnasium prepared with questions for the college representatives.

As we get further into the quarter, I want to remind parents that our administrative team, counselors and teachers encourage you to contact us as soon as possible with concerns about any aspect of your student's high school experience. We will be happy to follow up and help answer your questions. Please look for an email soon regarding Parent-Teacher Conferences on October 11th.

## Athletic Department Receives State Award

We are pleased to announce that the Timberlane Athletic Department has received the prestigious "Award of Excellence" from the NHIAA. The award was presented to schools for their exemplary display of sportsmanship, ethics and integrity for the 2017-2018 school year. Accepting the award on behalf of Timberlane Regional High School were TRHS Athletic Director, Angelo Fantasia and TRHS Principal, Donald Woodworth.



*Congratulations to our Owl Coaches, Athletes, Parents and Spectators for your outstanding representation of the Timberlane community!*

## > Upcoming Events

- > October 4: TRHS School Board Meeting, 7:30PM
- > October 9: Financial Aid Information Night TRHS PAC, 6:30PM
- > October 11: TRHS AP Art Unveiling, 3:00 Library
- > October 11: TRHS Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:30-7:00 PM
- > October 11: Milkmen Show at the PAC, 7:00PM
- > October 13: PSAT Testing TRHS, 7:50-11:45AM
- > October 18: TRHS School Board Meeting, 7:30PM
- > October 24: Mr. Timberlane TRHS PAC, 6:30PM
- > October 27: Mealy Meals Pancake Breakfast 8:00-10:00AM

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## *News from the School Counseling Office*

School counselors have just completed **Freshmen Transition Meetings**. Counselors met with all of their freshmen in small groups to talk about their transition to the high school, reintroduce themselves to their students, and to ensure that students are accessing resources that are available to them.

Counselors have also begun meeting with seniors in small groups to conduct **Senior Seminars** to review the college application process and discuss post-secondary planning. Seniors will also have additional opportunities to work on their common app during **Common App Drop-In Work Sessions**. A counselor will be on hand to answer questions while students work to complete their common application, students should check their email for upcoming dates and times.

**Senior Parent Night** was held Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> to review the college application process with parents. If you missed this presentation, the power point is available on the School Counseling website. If you have questions, please call your student's counselor. The next presentation for senior parents will be our **Financial Aid Information Night** on October 9th at 6:30 pm in the PAC Recital Hall. This meeting will be presented by Val Castonquay from the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation (NHHEAF) and will help families navigate the federal financial aid process and explore other types of additional aid is available.

Juniors and Sophomores interested in attending a four year college should consider taking the PSAT test. **PSAT Testing** will be held at Timberlane High School on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Registration, FAQs and testing information is available on the website. The cost is \$23.

<http://www.timberlane.net/hs/counseling/>

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## *English Honor Society Trip to Concord, MA*



On Saturday, September 8, EHS members traveled to Concord, MA for a literary and historical tour. Mimicking the trips of Henry David Thoreau, they kayaked down the Sudbury and Concord rivers to the North Bridge – site of the first battle of the Revolutionary War and toured the Old Manse, former home of Ralph Waldo Emerson's ancestors, and home to writer Nathaniel Hawthorne and his bride Sophia Peabody during the mid 1800s. They were invited to play tunes on a 19<sup>th</sup> century Steinway piano, and were awed by the window pane etchings inscribed by Hawthorne and Sophia using Sophia's diamond wedding ring. A trip to Sleepy Hollow cemetery to view the graves of Thoreau, Hawthorne, Emerson, and Louisa May Alcott completed this very engaging trip!



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## *PTSA News*

Welcome back to school! The PTSA committee is glad to be a part of it the Timberlane Community. Below are some of the things we do to support our students, teachers & staff:

\*Fall fundraiser (October)– branded outerwear, tee shirts, zip ups, hats, and more. We'll blast links out on the school website and on Facebook (Timberlane Friends, Timberlane PTSA, Timberlane Regional High School, Support Timberlane). Help us spread the word by sharing the link to order online. It's easy and items will be in before the holidays.

\*Stop by our booth on Parent—Teacher Conference Night, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Join the PTSA - \$10 per family, including Timberlane staff, and \$6.00 per student. All are welcome, we'd love to see some new faces.

\*Spring event (May 6<sup>th</sup> week) – Teacher & Staff Appreciation. For this event, we ask for donations and set up and break down help from parents to put on a breakfast one day & an ice cream social another day. We'll need help asking businesses for donations and gift cards to raffle off for the staff. It's a fun week – we'll post more details next spring.

President-Carolyn Longchamp; Vice President-Renee Forkus; Treasurer- Lisa Costa; Secretary- Robin Doyle

## *Dimitrios Gavriel Bridge Dedication*



On Saturday, September 22, 2018, fallen war hero USMC Lance Corporal Dimitrios Gavriel was honored during the Plaistow/Atkinson bridge dedication ceremony. Governor Chris Sununu signed Senate Bill 561-FN, naming the Route 121 Bridge a memorial for Corporal Gavriel.

Gavriel graduated from Timberlane Regional High School in 1993, went on to attend college at Brown University, and then established himself on Wall Street as an Investment Analyst. Following the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center, Gavriel enlisted in the United States Marines. He was deployed to Iraq and served courageously on the front lines. In November of 2004, in Fallujah, Iraq, Gavriel was killed in action. During the bridge dedication ceremony, Timberlane Principal, Donald Woodworth, and Wrestling Coach/Director of School Counseling, Barry Chooljian, spoke beside NH Dignitaries including: Governor Chris Sununu, US Senator Maggie Hassan, and State Senator Chuck Morse.

The next time you find yourself driving over the memorial bridge, take a moment and thank Corporal Gavriel and his family for their sacrifice.

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## *OWL Alumni in the News*

Pictured is Emily Stikeman at the 2018 Emmy Awards! She is a member of the production team for the Late Show with James Corban, which won several Emmys. Emily Stikeman is a member of the Class of 2014. She is pictured here holding one of the Emmys won by her team at the 70th Annual Emmy Awards held recently at the Microsoft Theater, in Los Angeles, CA.



NBC 10 Boston Reporter Katherine Underwood was in Lawrence reporting on the Merrimack Valley explosions.

Katherine is a member of the TRHS Class of 2002, and has been an on air reporter for NBC Boston and NECN since 2014.



## *TRHS College Fair 2018*

The School Counseling Department kicked off the school year and the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Timberlane College Fair on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Representatives from over 80 colleges, universities, trade schools and branches of the military were present to talk with our Junior and Senior students about the opportunities they have to offer. Students were able to gain awareness about admissions requirements, program offerings, financial aid and scholarship options. Once again our representatives were impressed by our student's engagement and the questions they asked. Please visit the School Counseling website for more information on our college planning and financial aid programs.



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## *Save the Date: Spirit Week 2018*

Spirit Week events will be held November 14—20. Some of the featured events are a Variety Show, Carnival, Pep Rally and Dance! More information will be posted on the TRHS website soon.

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## *Congratulations to Riley Reardon!*

Riley Reardon recently attended USEF Nationals! The heat index during the championships was over 100 degrees, much like the heat we experienced here that week. It was brutal for the horses and riders, but Riley did very well, placing 6<sup>th</sup> overall nationally in her class.

