



Principal's Newsletter December 2020

From the Desk of Mr. Woodworth

Between the alterations in the patterns of our lives due to the pandemic and the seasonal breaks from school, many students are overwhelmed and struggling academically and emotionally. The faculty, staff and administration of the high school are focusing on providing support for students who are having the hardest time with motivation, focus and the rigors of everyday life.

Academically, we have extended the window for students to turn in late work and created opportunities for credit recovery and relearning to address failure in quarter one. We are asking teachers to touch base with students (virtually, if not when they are in the building) and to notify parents and counselors when students are failing to turn in work, failing major assessments or failing to attend remotely or in person. Administrators will follow up in some cases with calls home, emails or parent meetings as necessary to support students.

While many students are doing fabulous things through clubs, teams and organizations, we never have more than 400 students in the school at any time. Remote learning has its place in education. We are learning the value of technology and we are getting better at providing engaging lessons. But there is no question about the need for in-school instruction, socialization among students and physical access to all the supports that our faculty and staff are able to provide at school. We look forward to the day when we can safely bring all of our students back!

The recent surge in cases both regionally and nationally has increased the incidence of transmission in our communities. Several students and school employees have been forced to quarantine due to exposure to others who have tested positive. We have experienced higher than expected need for substitute teachers and we are approaching a situation that could result in temporary closure of schools in the district. We are confident that we can keep students safe once they are in school, as long as we have the faculty, staff or substitutes necessary to monitor classrooms and all other areas where student activities take place.

I want to thank the parents, the community and the district administration for supporting our faculty and staff as they work to meet the challenges that negatively impact both instruction and daily student-teacher interaction. We will continue to do our best and ask that through phone calls and emails we continue to communicate.

Take Care,

Donald Woodworth

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Upcoming Events

12/17/20 TRDS School Board Meeting, Virtual, 7 p.m.

12/23/20-1/1/21 Holiday Break, No School

School Counseling Announcements

Important Scholarship Information (See Page 6 for step-by-step instructions)

The TRHS Scholarship Application form is on our website and was sent to students via their Timberlane email. The application deadline is Thursday, Feb. 4, at 3 p.m. Late applications will not be accepted. Student athletes must complete this to be eligible for any athletic (Booster) scholarships.

In addition, we strongly encourage seniors and their parents to monitor the scholarship list on the students' Naviance accounts.

Please contact your school counselor for assistance if you have any questions regarding specific scholarships.



2021 Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Program Representatives Announced!

Congratulations to sophomores Lauren Genest of Atkinson and Alison Henderson of Danville, who have been selected as the 2021 Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Representatives for Timberlane. Award winners were nominated by a faculty member, completed an application, and participated in an interview with the selection committee.

Lauren and Alison will have the opportunity to attend HOBY's flagship program, the State Leadership Seminar, in the spring. The seminar is designed to empower high school sophomores to recognize their leadership talents and apply them to become effective, ethical leaders in their home, school, and community. The 2021 NH Leadership Seminar will include hands-on leadership activities, networking with other top performing leaders in the state, and exploration of leadership skills, all while learning how to lead others and make a positive impact in the community.

Congratulations to both Lauren and Alison!

Timberlane Snowriders Update

The Timberlane Regional High School ski and snowboard club (the Snowriders) will not be operating this season due to the inability to secure safe and socially distant transportation for our students.

If a student still wishes to ski, we are happy to offer the following option through Gunstock Mountain and Resort. Gunstock is offering students associated with school ski clubs discounted season passes, which also include complimentary lessons and rentals. We will not be traveling to the mountain as a group; students would go on their own with their families. Timberlane is only providing the ability to purchase these discounted passes.

The pass, which does not include scheduled dates for the complimentary lessons and rentals, would cost \$169 for a restricted mid-week pass or \$299 for the unrestricted prime season pass.

If a family is interested in purchasing the pass, please contact Steven Rugoletti, TRHS Snowriders group coordinator by e-mail: Steven.Rugoletti@timberlane.net

Students must be on Mr. Rugoletti's "official" list to get the discount. Once students are on the list and it's been confirmed with Gunstock, the rest of the transaction is conducted by the family through the group sales department. Families will be responsible for choosing their ski time and transportation to and from the mountain. Families must follow established COVID policies as set by the State of NH and Gunstock.



PTSA News

The PTSA is back with a whole new leadership board and fresh energy! We welcome all parents, students, faculty and staff to join us. We will keep our page on the school website current and use our Facebook groups to keep everyone informed. For this year we plan to run the school apparel fundraiser and will be doing teacher appreciation this spring. We hope to still be able to offer our two scholarships as well but we need your support! If each family gave a single dollar we would have the budget we need to keep going! Membership is \$10 per person which gives you a vote at meetings and eligibility for our scholarships. We are happy to accept any donations without your becoming a member. We have set up a Venmo to make it even easier to contribute @Timberlanehigh-pts

Please feel free to reach out to us at Timberlanepts@gmail.com for questions or to share ideas. Thank you all in advance for your support!

Health Office Tips

Hand Sanitizer Tips from the CDC

To prevent the spread of germs, including COVID-19, the Center for Disease Control recommends washing hands with soap and water whenever possible because it reduces the amount of many types of germs and chemicals on hands. However, if soap and water are not readily available, using a hand sanitizer can help you avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others.

- Choose hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol (often listed on the label as ethanol, ethyl alcohol, isopropanol, or 2-propanol).
- Properly apply alcohol-based sanitizer by rubbing the gel over all surfaces of your hands and fingers until your hands are dry.
- Rinsing or wiping off the alcohol-based hand sanitizer before it is dry may not work well against germs.
- Swallowing alcohol-based hand sanitizers can cause alcohol poisoning. Keep them out of reach of young children and supervise their use.
- Keep alcohol-based hand sanitizer out of your eyes.
- Supervise young children when they use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer is not designed to clean or disinfect surfaces.
- Don't store alcohol-based hand sanitizer above 105°F (for example, it should not be stored in a car during the summer months).



Congratulations TRHS Musicians

The following students auditioned and were selected for the New Hampshire 2021 Jazz All State Music Festival sponsored by the New Hampshire Music Educators Association.

The 2021 festival will be virtual and will feature students from throughout New Hampshire. We will announce the virtual festival once the details are available.



Elizabeth	Amorelli	Honors Jazz Band
Andrew	Augeri	Jazz Band
Robert	Fairhurst	Jazz Band
Laura	Hills	Honors Jazz Band
Paul	Morcaldi	Jazz Band
Ella	Murray	Jazz Band
Nora	Theberge	Honors Jazz Band
Galen	Walton	Jazz Band
Taylor	Aprile	Honors Jazz Choir
Evan	Caissie	Honors Jazz Choir
Jayson	Caissie	Honors Jazz Choir
Jenna	Horan	Honors Jazz Choir
Christianna	Kosta	Honors Jazz Choir
Ian	Machemer	Honors Jazz Choir
Max	Orio	Honors Jazz Choir

Mealey's Meals

For the last 40 years, the Mealey's Meals program has been a staple of the Timberlane Community. This program supports families throughout the district, Pre-K through grade 12, during the holiday season by providing gift cards, hats, and mittens. Started by then-TRHS Principal William Mealey in 1980, this program has helped thousands of families through charitable giving, modeling the spirit of the Owls to lend a helping hand to any and all in need. This year, more than ever, the Mealey's Meals program will support families across the four towns as we enter the holiday and winter season.

We would like to take a moment to give a huge Owls shout out to TRHS teachers Nicole Jones and Erica Law, and support staff Kerri Fitzpatrick and Dianne Nye. These four staff members have taken the reigns of the Mealey's Meals program to ensure that all of our families have at least part of what they will need during these trying times. Countless hours, emails, and phone calls have gone into the organization and preparation for this year's event. They have marshalled the forces of our Key Club, staff members in all schools, and our community at large in an effort unlike any we have seen in the past. We can never thank Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Nye, Ms. Jones, and Ms. Law enough for all of their work and for truly embodying what it means to be an Owl: to offer their best, work cooperatively, lend a helping hand, and to speak and act respectfully. Principal Mealey would be proud of what you have done to carry on the legacy of this important program! Happy Holidays to all!

December School Counseling News

Seniors who took the SATs on Oct. 14 and juniors/sophomores who took the PSATs on Oct. 17 should have received their scores. If you have a College Board account you can view your scores there or log onto your student Naviance account. We encourage students to create a College Board account to allow quicker access to scores which allows you to link your PSAT results to Khan Academy for targeted SAT preparation. It is important not to create more than one account as it can cause future issues. To create an account go to www.collegeboard.org

SATs for juniors will take place this spring. Please keep an eye out for additional information as time nears.

Seniors and parents, now is also a good time to be checking the scholarship listing on Naviance and submitting applications to scholarships you may be a match for. We would like to remind you that you can complete and submit the FAFSA, and CSS Profile if applicable, and submit it to the colleges they are applying to.

School counselors will be meeting with all sophomores on Dec. 17 and 18 to reintroduce them to Naviance and begin the career exploration process.

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Spanish Class Gets Creative

Profe Tieman's Spanish III ACC and CCP classes had a rare and unique opportunity recently to experience a hands-on learning experience as Spanish speaking fortune tellers. Tieman is new to Timberlane this year as a long-term substitute covering a maternity leave through April of next year and is well known for her creativity both in and out of the classroom.

"The students were tasked with creating an elaborate carnival game as the delivery mechanism for some wild and crazy fortunes using their knowledge of the future tense," says Tieman.

Each student provided 10 unique fortunes, including things like, "You will marry President Trump," "You will win the lottery," "You will have 20 children," and so on and so forth. Tieman partnered the in-school cohorts with the cohort 3s so that every student had an equal opportunity to participate.

"The students and I needed a break from the normal day-to-day routine that is hybrid learning," said Tieman. "Like many teachers, this new model of teaching has forced me to abandon my usual routine and engaging lessons that I love because they simply do not work in a hybrid model. It was breaking my heart to see my students feeling so emotionally and mentally drained day after day with having to be in front of their screens both in and out of the classroom. The purpose of this lesson was to spark some creativity and excitement that we have all been missing. Seeing how much fun they were having while engaging in the target language made all of the planning that went into the lesson worthwhile."

Mrs. Puchlopek and Principal Woodworth joined in on the fun and even received fortunes from students running their games remotely. Meanwhile, the in-school cohort groups circulated the room, hands gloved and spread out, to play each other's games and receive their fortunes.

"I wasn't sure if this lesson would be a successful one," said Tieman, "but I am a firm believer in the methods of Dave Burgess (*Teaching Like a Pirate*) who said, 'If you haven't failed in the classroom lately you aren't pushing the envelope far enough. Safe lessons are a recipe for mediocrity at best.'"



Student Council

Festival of Lights

On Friday, December 11th the TRHS Student Council hosted a drive through holiday light event! Over 100 cars drove through the festival enjoying a safe activity for families. Thank you STU CO for your hard



Holiday Cards for the Military

The Timberlane community overwhelmingly responded to the 2020 Holiday Cards for our Military Challenge by writing over 150 cards to our active overseas military men and women. Students with free blocks, EHS members, American Studies classes and staff shared heartfelt messages, holiday greetings, well wishes for the new year, and gratitude for our active duty service members. Timberlane's third year of letter writing illustrates our community's honor of offering our best.



Pictured left to right: Ryan McClure, Nick Matthews, Dolores Gignac, Rachel House, and Chris Baldwin.

Links for Information

- ⇒ [TRSD COVID Dashboard](#)
- ⇒ [TRHS Calendars by Cohort](#)
- ⇒ [TRSD Health Service](#)
- ⇒ [TRSD Student Assistance Program](#)
- ⇒ [TRSD Technology](#)

Virtual Academic Support Center

Starting the week of December 7th, the Virtual Academic Support Center is open for students. If your student is in need of some additional support throughout the day (whether during class or a study hall) please encourage your student to join the Virtual Academic Support Center Google Classroom. Joining the classroom will give students access to the drop in Zoom link. Here is the code:

247VXSM

Mark Behan and Taylor Laing will be running the drop-in Zoom session throughout the day. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Michitson: Jennifer.Michitson@timberlane.net

Scholarship Application: Step-by-Step Instructions



Please follow the Timberlane Regional High School Scholarship Application form instructions carefully:

1. Please be prepared to complete the entire application in one sitting. The application takes approximately 40 minutes to complete. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** The form **DOES NOT** save automatically. You can edit the form after submission.
2. For any questions that do not apply, please type NA.
3. In order to be considered for a scholarship, you must complete the essay portion of the application. It is highly recommended that you type your response on a Google Document before you complete this application to check for content, spelling, and grammar. Your essay should be between 250-500 words.
PROMPT: Describe your most meaningful achievements and how they relate to your future goals. Remember, your essay should be between 250-500 words.
4. Submit the form by Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021, at 3 p.m. **LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**
5. Do not put your name or use any personal identifying information anywhere on the form.
6. All information provided is strictly confidential.
7. You will be sent a confirmation email upon submission. Please save this email!

[Click here](#) to access the TRHS Scholarship Application form.

Please contact the School Counseling Office if you have any questions/concerns.

Yale Model Congress

Five delegates of the TRHS Government Team attended the fully virtual 2020 Yale Model Congress conference from Dec. 3-6. The federal government simulation models the structure and format of actual legislation, debate, and progress at the national level. Timberlane students served on the Senate Judiciary; House Space, Science, and Technology; Agriculture; and Foreign Relations committees. They debated legislation ranging from foreign aid, to electoral reform, to fertilizer regulation, to criminal justice reform. The Government Team's next stop is the fully virtual Harvard Model Congress in February.

National Business Honor Society Induction

There was one new member inducted into Timberlane Regional High School's Chapter of the National Business Honor Society this year. This society, which is open to juniors and seniors, provides national recognition to outstanding students in business education. It fosters and recognizes leadership skills while promoting an interest in business. Timberlane Regional High School, Dr. Wendy Bibeau (advisor), and Ms. Susan Takesian of the Business Department would like to congratulate all of the members.

Students in order from left to right: Co-presidents Katelyn Giangregorio and William Savage, and newest member Kelsey Riley.



Important Information Free and Reduced Lunch: Act NOW for 2021

It's more than a meal application.

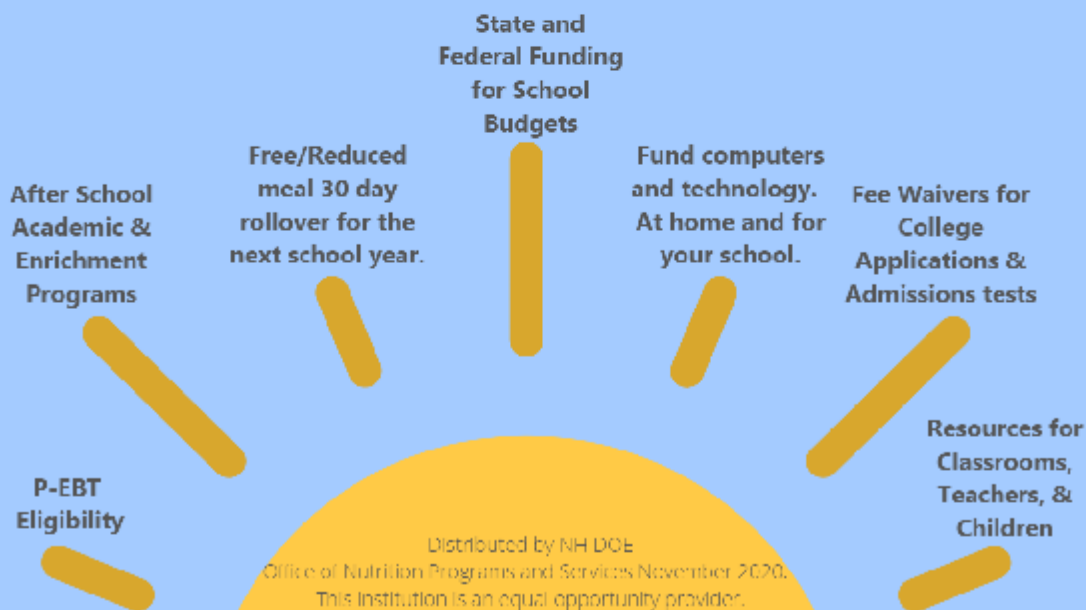
Even with free meals for your school district in 2020-2021, it is still important to submit a free/reduced price meal application.

Completing an application takes less than 10 minutes and application information remains private and confidential.
Only one application per household is needed.

Meal Applications may be downloaded from your school's website or obtained from the district's food service director.

DON'T DELAY! COMPLETE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TODAY!

**FILLING OUT THE SCHOOL MEAL APPLICATION
MAY HELP PROVIDE:**



**Office of Nutrition
NH Department of Education**