

Principal's Newsletter Fall 2020

From the Desk of Mr. Woodworth

Welcome back, everyone! I am extremely impressed with the first week of the cohort hybrid. Our students have entered the building and adopted all of the safety guidelines we have asked them to follow while at the same time our remote students are engaging with our in-school and remote teachers. The teachers are busy keeping track of the three groups and have been engaging students in both synchronous and asynchronous instruction each day.

In this newsletter we are sharing pictures that show the students in various settings to give readers a glimpse of them in action. Our student council members have decorated the entrance to the school each day to welcome their peers. The buses have run smoothly, students are all wearing their masks, the hallways are quiet, and the transitions are orderly. The pace of the day has been hectic for the professionals who have found planning and instruction to be challenging, but the result has been encouraging. While we all hope for a day when all students can be together safely in the building, we are currently excited to see students in the building working and laughing with their teachers and peers. Until then we are striving to provide the best blended version of instruction we are capable of delivering.

All students are expected to communicate with their teachers each day so we can take attendance. On days when they are unable to participate, parents should call them in sick so we can record their absences as verified. When remote, students should be able to get their assignments from Google Classroom and communicate through email, even if they are unable to be in front of a computer on a given day to participate in a lesson. However, the more participation in the lesson, the better for learning, so I strongly recommend that fully remote and cohort remote students use the link provided by the teacher to attend class each day they are not in the building.

Take care,

Donald H. Woodworth

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Welcome Back Information Links

⇒ TRHS Fall 2020 Overview

https://vimeo.com/454061512

⇒ Welcome to TRHS Class of 2024

https://vimeo.com/452443643

⇒ Timberlane Athletics Fall 2020 Orientation

https://vimeo.com/456988215

A Message from the Deans Office

Greetings, Owls! We hope you had a very restful summer break. We have been working this summer to prepare for the upcoming school year, which is sure to be unlike any we have ever had before.

Regardless of what school will look like for you this year, we thought it would be a good time to remind you of some helpful tips when it comes to managing and staying on top of your school work. So here are a few:

1. Get Organized

Organize your stuff. Organize your space. Organize your time. Being organized makes everything else more manageable. And do not forget to organize your digital space. It can be chaotic searching through endless, random Google Docs. Take some time to sort through your work and create folders that will help you navigate the chaos.

2. Get Focused

Avoid distractions, take breaks, and refocus yourself. Find your own study space, whether it be at school or at home. Take occasional brain and movement breaks so you can refocus your efforts.

3. Relax

Well, not until the work is done. Use the week days to stay focused on completing work so that you actually *can* relax on the weekends and have some down time.

Remember, your teachers are available for guidance and support. We look forward to an amazing school year!

-The Deans Mr. Guanci, Mrs. Michitson, and Mrs. Puchlopek

News from School Counseling

The School Counseling Department looks forward to a busy September working with all the students to ensure they are on the proper path for graduation. We understand this is a hard time for our entire student community and we will do our best to offer our support and guidance to all students.

Freshmen, the school counselors will be meeting with you in freshman transition meetings, where they will discuss the transition into high school and ensure you are aware of resources available to you.

Seniors, the school counselors will be holding senior seminars to review the college application process and discuss post-secondary planning. We understand this is a unique year to be applying to colleges and we will be working with you and your families to help guide you through this process.

This year's NHHEAF Financial Aid Night will be presented remotely on October 27th. Additional information will be sent to Senior parents in the upcoming weeks.

Seniors, as part of the NH Department of Education's state accountability testing we will be offering the SAT with essay on October 14 at the high school. Details surrounding our administration of the SAT will be forthcoming.

Juniors, NH D.O.E. state accountability testing, SAT with essay, will be held this spring.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your school counselor with any concerns.

September Health Office News

Welcome back! Practice good hand hygiene.

Why is practicing good hand hygiene important?

Keeping your hands clean is one of the best ways to protect yourself and others from getting sick. When SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, gets onto hands and is not washed off, it can be passed from person to person. Germs from unwashed hands can get into the body through the mouth, nose, and eyes and make people sick. Good hand hygiene–regular handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not readily available–reduces the spread of germs that can cause illness, especially if done at key times throughout the day.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the health office at 382-6541, extension 3910. Have a great and healthy year!

Upcoming Events 10/5/20 High School Picture Day Cohort 1 10/9/20 High School Picture Day Cohort 2 10/27/20 NHEAF Financial Aid Night (Virtual)

Links for Information

- \Rightarrow TRHS Calendars by Cohort
- \Rightarrow <u>TRSD Return to School Plan</u>
- \Rightarrow <u>TRSD Health Service</u>
- ⇒ <u>TRSD Student Assistance</u> <u>Program</u>
- $\Rightarrow \frac{\text{NHIAA Fall Sport Start}}{\text{Dates}}$
- \Rightarrow <u>TRSD Technology</u>

Yearbook Information

Class of 2021, it is time to schedule your senior portrait. Portraits are due to the yearbook staff by October 16. Please submit your photo by going to the following Google form:

https://forms.gle/TuawvxqDLDzJrhWz9

Baby ads have officially gone on sale! Early bird pricing is available until Nov. 2. Pricing table is below. For additional format and requirement details please visit the <u>Yearbook tab on the TRHS website</u>. We look forward to seeing all the great pictures!

Ad Size	Early Bird Special (Valid until 11/2/20)	On-Time Orders (2/4/21 last date to order per Jostens)	What fits in that size ad?
⅓ Page	\$50	\$60	1 photo & short message
¼ Page	\$80	\$95	1-2 photos and a message
½ Page	\$125	\$140	2-4 photos and a message
Full page	\$175	\$200	2-8 photos and message

To order your yearbook, <u>click here</u>.

Please contact the yearbook advisors with any questions: Marie.Coye@timberlane.net and Elizabeth.Sanborn@timberlane.net

Welcome Back Messages







A Student Initiative

A student-led initiative was a bright spot as students and staff returned to the high school.

Students have welcomed each other and staff back into the building with chalk designs by the front entry to inspire and encourage each other.

Thank you to everyone who participated and made the day even more special.

Go Owls!

Milkmen Usher in Season 14

If you are interested in auditioning for the Season 14 Milkmen Improv Team, please send an email to Mr. Castano

(michael.castano@timberlane.net) stating your name, grade, and cohort. This should be submitted no later than Friday, Sept. 18. Once he receives this information, Mr. Castano will email you back an audition time that will be in a physically distanced, outdoor school setting. Auditions will be the week of Sept. 21. Auditions are only open to seniors, juniors, and sophomores in keeping with the same audition pool we have had in the past. Please let Mr. Castano know if you have any questions!























