



# Principal's Newsletter October 2020

## From the Desk of Mr. Woodworth

Every day I am in awe of the many wonderful educators who are working creatively to provide our students with a high quality learning experience in the hybrid model we have adopted. Similarly, I admire our students as they spend their school days working in a blend of remote and in-school learning environments or completely remote in Cohort 3. Except for Wednesdays, which are fully remote days, we have about 37% of the students in school at any given time. The hallways are quiet, even during the transitions between classes, and everyone is wearing masks, observing social distancing expectations, and learning in new ways. Student behavior and cooperation has been phenomenal!

We have never been as dependent on technology as we are right now. Throughout the day, teachers and students participate in classroom activities, work independently on assignments, join Zoom lessons, or simultaneously engage in a combination of these instructional approaches. Together, we have transformed education to adapt to the uncertainty the pandemic has created in our lives. I want to give a shout out to our technology staff for all of their support.

Moving forward, the district is hoping to increase the degree of in school learning out of concern for the mental health of our students and the economic hardships faced by our district families. At the same time, we have to be careful, we must follow CDC guidelines, and stay safe. The country is facing an increase in Covid cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. Our state is safer than most, but recently has shown increased positive testing rates (Please see the TRSD COVID Dashboard link for information regarding the current state of the pandemic in NH). We have developed the hybrid model with the understanding that we can go fully remote if necessary or transition to a full return without jeopardizing student's course selections.

While we are all frustrated with the extended disruption to our lives and while we all would like to put this sad chapter in our lives behind us, we have to be prepared for continued use of technology and a blended delivery of instruction and assessment.

To that end, one thing I would like parents to help us with is encouraging students to participate actively during remote lessons. Several students are not enabling the camera during Zoom sessions, nor are they responding during class time to teacher questions. We know that there may be legitimate reasons for students to keep from showing their faces during Zoom classes, but attendance in a remote environment demands participation in at least a written or spoken response to teacher questions and assignments. Please contact the teacher or counselor if you are having problems getting your student to participate; we don't want any student to "fall through the cracks."

Thank you all for your support, and thank you teachers and students for your success so far this school year.

Sincerely,

Donald H. Woodworth

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## Upcoming Events

- 10/22/20 TRHS Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences
- 10/27/20 NHEAF Financial Aid Night (Virtual)
- 11/5/20 TRSD School Board Meeting 7:00PM Live Stream

## Links for Information

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



TRHS PTSA is looking for new members! If you are interested please contact Patti Mangini at [patricia.mangini@timberlane.net](mailto:patricia.mangini@timberlane.net)

## News from School Counseling

The school counseling department has just completed administering the SAT w/Essay for seniors on Wednesday, October 14th, and the PSATS on Saturday, October 17th, for students who registered. Results from these tests will be available early November for the SATs and early December for the PSATS.

On October 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm a "Financial Aid" webinar will be available to parents/guardians of the senior class. This is being presented by New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation (NHHEAF) and will help families navigate the federal financial aid process and explore other types of additional aid that is available. Parents were sent an email invite.

This month counselors met virtually with groups of seniors to conduct Senior Seminars reviewing the college application process and discussing post-secondary planning. In addition, Seniors had opportunities to work on their college applications during **Common App Drop-In Work Sessions** where counselors were available to answer questions.

Multiple virtual college visits have been scheduled and continue to be scheduled for seniors to attend if they are interested. We encourage seniors to keep checking their email with updates to the available virtual college visits and how to sign up through their Naviance account.



## Timberlane & SoRock Presentations – Red Ribbon Week

Timberlane High School is a member of SoRockNH.org, a community coalition that addresses substance misuse, prevention and mental health awareness. In recognition of National Red Ribbon Week the following webinars are available. All the presentations will be free, and SoRock will be giving away "Door Prizes" to students for their attendance.

"The Elephant in the Room"- The Opioid Crisis impact on families, October 22, 6:30-8:00pm

"More Than Sad"- Adult presentation on depression and suicide signs and symptoms, October 23 at 6:00 pm, (student presentation at a later date).

"The First Day"- Chris Herren's movie screening, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, with panel discussion afterwards.

## October Health Office News

### Prevent Flu This Fall and Winter

What are the benefits of flu vaccination?

It is likely that flu viruses and the virus that causes COVID-19 will both spread this fall and winter. Healthcare systems could be overwhelmed treating both patients with flu and patients with COVID-19. This means getting a flu vaccine during 2020-2021 is more important than ever.

While getting a flu vaccine will not protect against COVID-19, there are many important benefits, such as:

- Flu vaccines have been shown to reduce the risk of flu illness and hospitalization.
- Flu vaccination can keep you from getting sick with flu.
- Flu vaccination can reduce the risk of flu-associated hospitalization for children, working age adults, and older adults.
- Flu vaccination is an important preventive tool for people with chronic health conditions.
- Flu vaccination has been shown in several studies to reduce severity of illness in people who are vaccinated but still get sick.
- Getting a flu vaccine can also save healthcare resources for the care of patients with COVID-19.
- During seasons when the flu vaccine viruses are similar to circulating flu viruses, flu vaccine has been shown to reduce the risk of having to go to the doctor with flu by 40 percent to 60 percent.

Protect yourself from the flu; even healthy people need a flu vaccine.

Please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/vaccine-benefits.htm>

for further information.

If you have any questions, please call the health office at 382-6541 Ext

## *Library Information*

The Timberlane Regional School District librarians are committed to providing book access to our students both in our libraries and through remote access. We are pleased to let you know that we have purchased a district subscription to OverDrive, which students will access through the Sora app. Sora will provide 24/7 access to **ebooks** and **audiobooks**. Students can check out available titles at any time. If a book is checked out, holds may be added. The books will automatically return at the end of the lending period. High School readers will automatically have access to all of the Young Adult titles in Shared Collections and the TRHS Collections. We are working to purchase material specifically for our high school collections. Students can enter their public library card number to open even more collections!

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To borrow books you must log in through your Google account.

We are excited to offer this opportunity to our readers.

## *Milkmen Live Stream*

You can catch the brand new Season 14 Milkmen Improv Team streaming live on October 29th from the Performing Arts Center! The show will start at 7:00PM, and it will feature ten games, music from Udder Chaos, and all the improv antics that you have grown to tolerate over the last fourteen years!

We hope you will tune in!



## *Milkmen Coloring Contest 2020*

The Milkmen Coloring Contest Returns! Be sure to complete yours today and send it over to [michael.castano@timberlane.net](mailto:michael.castano@timberlane.net). We will accept entries until October 23rd! Good luck!



# Milkmen Coloring Contest 2020

