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While the weather has presented challenges to all of us, the district has worked diligently to keep the schools safe and operational. We have employed two on-line learning, "Blizzard Bag" days to make it possible for students to continue their studies even on days when we could not open the school buildings. I want to thank the students and staff for their preparation and participation in these productive days.

Entering the week of vacation, there has been a lot going on around the school: the Timberlane Players are beginning the hard work of learning their music, lines and movements for *Sweeney Todd*, the spring musical. Congratulations to all of those who earned parts in the show. Everyone is excited about the opportunity to watch the students perform such a challenging and brilliant musical.

Our seniors have entered their last semester and already established themselves as a uniquely talented class. Last week, we were notified of two seniors, Margaret Cross and Amy Clark were selected as National Merit Scholarship Finalists, on the basis of their strong scores on the PSAT and stellar academic performance during their years at the high school level. We are very proud to have had seven students who were honored by the College Board this year. Congratulations to Margaret and Amy, two of the most intelligent and well-rounded members of the senior class!

Most recently, twenty-eight students were honored at the NH Interscholastic Athletic Association's Scholar Athlete Recognition Awards program in Concord. The students recognized are competing at the varsity level in two sports, maintaining a high GPA, and participate in community service projects. Thank you for contributing so enthusiastically to the academic, co-curricular, and civic life of the school.

Unfortunately, I had to postpone the *Coffee with the Principal* night two weeks ago, and with all of the events in the past two weeks, we have pushed the night to April. I will be working with the PTSA to choose a date and a focus for that opportunity to share ideas with all interested parties. Until then, I wish everyone a healthy and restful vacation!

TRHS Forecast

Click on 'TRHS Forecast' to go to our school calendar.

>> Mid-Winter Break

02/23 - 02/27

>> Quarter 3 Progress Reports 03/05

>> <u>Voting Day</u> 03/10

- >> Health Fair 03/18 | 3:00 - 5:30 PM | Cafeteria (Snow date 3/19)
- >> Parent / Teacher Conferences 03/19 | 4:30 - 7:00 PM
- >> Junior Parent Information Night 03/24 | 6:30 PM | TRHS
- >> No School PD Day 03/25
- >> **Quarter 3 Ends** 04/03

Sincerely, Donald H. Woodworth Principal



News from Guidance

Junior Post-Secondary Seminars and Junior Parent Information Night

Beginning in March, guidance counselors will be meeting with all Juniors to discuss their post-secondary planning options. Counselors will meet in small groups as well as individually to introduce students to the college search process including selection criteria and available resources. They will review the Naviance software program which includes career options, college search and application procedures.

Junior Parent Night will be held on March 24, 2015 at 6:30 pm where counselors will cover the same information for parents.

TO THE CAPITOL AND BACK

Members of the Timberlane Regional High School Student Council were one of 1,200 student leaders that attended the Leadership Experience and Development (LEAD) Conference held January 30 - February I, 2015, in Washington, D.C. The LEAD Conference is a program of National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), that administers the National Honor Society[™], the National Junior Honor Society[™], and the National Association of Student Councils[™]. TRHS Student Council members attended workshops on improving leadership skills, problem project planning, fundraising, teambuilding, solving, idea-sharing and networking. Student council members also met students from all over the country and had the chance to discuss ways for improving their school. The trip also included some sightseeing where students had the chance to meet and speak with Senator Ayotte from New Hampshire, tour the Capitol Building, White House, Secret Service, and visit museums such as the Holocaust and American History Museum.

Pictured back row (left to right):

Shyanne Silva, Addie Isenberg, Allison Rogers, Mrs. Libby Padriac Moley, Michelle Fredericks, Allison Tarr James DiVasta, Ryan Monahan, Celeste Sepka Rebecca Sands, Jillian Grew, Ashley Warren, Senator Ayotte



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"DON'T BLAME THE MESSENGER!"

By Colby Dudal & Jacqueline Ruane, Journalism Students

Every winter, the state of New Hampshire survives a great amount of chaos, yet nothing compares to this year's bizarre weather patterns. Even though the snow got off to a late start this season, it has definitely made up for lost time because it seems like every other day there is another blizzard! The mass amounts of snow that New England has recently received has people wondering what in the world is going on. Timberlane Regional High School's own personal handy weather man, meteorology teacher, Mr. Peters explained it all. Apparently,



the arctic air in New England mixed with storms running along the jet stream creates heaping amounts of snow. The jet stream seems to like us crazy New Englanders because it's been hanging around in the North East for what seems like forever.

Roads have been shut down on numerous occasions because of all this snow and a state of emergency has been declared in N.H. a few times throughout the past few weeks. During a recent storm, Governor Maggie Hassan said, "People should make sure that they have emergency supplies and are prepared to stay at home for one or two days, and I ask you to check your neighbors, especially the elderly and people with disabilities, throughout the course of the storm". The snow has also caused a lot of snow days and delays for numerous New Hampshire schools. Administrator, Mr. O'Connell stated, "This winter has not been fun at all. It has been tough trying to get into a rhythm for semester two because of all these snow days."

It is crucial to be extremely careful on the roads with the weather conditions that we have been seeing. The snowbanks pile up high and the roads could be icy. There have been multiple times within the past month that the governor of New Hampshire has restricted driving at a certain time of the day because of the snow. The temperatures have dropped drastically within the past month in New Hampshire, and it has even reached below zero degrees some mornings with the wind chill. On these extremely cold days, some schools have made the decision to cancel school for the entire day.

Overall, if it was not proven before, it has definitely been proven this season that New Englander's can survive anything. Whether it's maneuvering through slippery roads, or shoveling two feet of snow every week, we basically can accomplish anything up here. Timberlane Assistant Principal, Miss Roy claims how thankful she is for the custodians and everyone else who has done an excellent job plowing and keeping the roads safe. Just keep in mind we're only a couple months away from sunshine and summertime!







SCHOLASTIC ART

For the third consecutive year, Timberlane Regional High School and Middle School art programs participated in the Scholastic Art and Writing Contest. The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards date back to

1923. It is the longest-running, most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in the United States. It is also the nation's largest source of scholarships for creative young artists and writers.

Submissions are juried by luminaries in the visual and literary arts, some of whom are past award recipients themselves. Panelists look for works that best exemplify originality, technical skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision.

Winners from Timberlane Regional High School include: Olivia Hefferman, honorable mention for her drawing "Winter Love;" Zachary Hertrich, honorable mention, for his painting "Shop On Main" and a Silver Key award for his mixed media project "Polar Bears;" Abby Huberdeau, Silver Key Award, for her eight-piece painting portfolio (framed throughout newsletter); and Hannah Marden, honorable mentions for her painting "Italy" and her painting "Galaxy."



CAN I HAVE ANOTHER?

Every year the Community Caregivers of Greater Derry organization has a Potter's Bowl fundraiser where students and professional potters create and donate bowls. Tickets are sold for the event and those who

> choose to attend select a bowl and can have endless bowls of soup that are donated from various local restaurants.

> Timberlane High School's National Art Honor Society participated for the first time this year donating a total of 8 bowls.

> The following students participated in the event: Sarah Heckman, Rebecca Sands, Giselle Pimentel, Lauren Nathan, Kailey Ross, Teaghan Rooney, Elizabeth Mura, and Olivia Heffernan.

> Based on the fact that all of the students'

bowls were selected for purchase by the attendees, it appears that their work was of good quality and in demand.



March 18, 2015 3:00 - 5:30pm Migh School Cafeteria