



36 Greenough Road Plaistow, NH 03865 | 603.382.6541 | timberlanehs.com

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Our March weather has posed quite a challenge; we still have large piles of snow, black ice, and wild winds to contend with. Spring is coming, or so I am told. Soon enough the athletic teams will be able to use the fields, and, with a little luck, perhaps we will be enjoying outdoor competitions as scheduled. For the most up-to-date information concerning scheduled events, see the high school's website. We will be in short sleeves before you know it.

The month of May will be test intensive for the junior class. They will undergo Smarter Balanced and NECAP Science testing, and we will be posting those testing schedules on the school website as well as sending information home to junior parents. Just ahead of vacation, over the course of two weeks, the freshmen and sophomore classes will complete their third round of STAR testing. The results of these tests will inform teachers of student progress in critical mathematics and literacy skills. Students in Advanced Placement courses will be tested in May. Attached is Smarter Balanced information and our class schedule for those days. If you have any concerns regarding these tests, please call the school, and we will be happy to answer any of your questions.

We have been collecting Turnitin permission slips to enable students to continue to use the online learning tool that helps support literacy across the curriculum. At this time, any student who has not handed in a signed permission slip has been removed from the Turnitin roster. If you have any questions about the program, high school administration and the teachers will be presenting an update to the school board on Thursday, April 2. Be sure to tune in or attended the meeting.

Congratulations to all of the musicians in our fabulous performing groups. The recently completed grades 6-12 jazz, band, orchestra, and choral concert series was impressive at all levels, and all concerts were well attended. We are truly blessed to have such a successful program and strong community.

Sincerely,
Donald H. Woodworth
Principal

TRHS Forecast

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

>> Spring Athletic Awareness

04/02 | Cafeteria | 6:00 - 7:00PM

>> Quarter 3 Ends

04/03

>> Financial Aid Award Letter

Seminar

04/07 | PAC Recital Hall | 6:30PM

>> Sophomore Career Day

04/09 | TRHS | 8:00 - 10:00AM

>> Coffee with the Principal

04/13 | Library | 6:00 - 8:30PM

>> Strut for a Cure

04/18 | TRHS | 8:00AM - 11:00PM

>> World Language Honor

Societies Induction

04/22 | PAC | 6:00PM

>> Early Release Day

04/24 | TRHS | 11:55AM

>> Spring Break Vacation

04/27 - 05/01

EXTENDING STUDENT'S OUTLOOK

Seniors are headed into the homestretch! Each day it is exciting to hear where our students have been accepted to college. Last week we held On-the-Spot Acceptances with four local community colleges: Manchester Community College, Great Bay Community College, Northern Essex, and Southern New Hampshire University Advantage Program. It was a great success with our students receiving 44 college acceptances!

In order to help parents of seniors understand the financial implications of their students college acceptances, we are holding an evening session on **“Understanding Financial Aid Award Letters and Financing Options” on Tuesday, April 7th at 6:30 pm in the PAC.**

The Guidance Department has been busy meeting with **Junior** students to help them begin their post secondary planning. Students met in small groups with counselors in the computer lab and were introduced to the college search process. Students were also able to log in and learn what college search features are available to them within their Naviance accounts. Juniors will now be meeting one on one with their guidance counselors to continue their discussion of what their post-secondary goals are to be sure they are on track for attaining these goals.

Sophomore students are gearing up for our second annual Career Day to be held on April 9th. They are in the process of selecting three sessions on different careers where they will be able to learn more in depth information on their interests from adults who are employed in those fields. Many of our career speakers are alumni of Timberlane and are excited about sharing their career experiences with our students.

Congratulations Abby

I want to take a minute to thank everyone who came out to the Student Art Opening Wednesday at UNOs. The atmosphere was amazing and the art work was just stunning. Many students, teachers, administrators and Board Members were there to support Abby Huberdeau and admire the beautiful paintings and drawings she had on display. Her family was so very proud! If you did not get a chance to see the exhibit it will be on display at **UNOs in Haverhill** until **April 17th.**

- Scott Strainge, Director of Alternative/Continuing Education

BACK TO THE 1490'S

“For me it’s peaceful. I can’t wait to see my wife and hug my kids. I enjoyed this voyage, but I miss seeing my family’s faces. My wife’s potato soup is something to look forward to also.”
journal entry by Juan, Santa Maria, 1492.

Juan is a fictional character created by Haley Donovan for her essay submission on the Voyages of Christopher Columbus. Each year the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) organization holds an essay contest for students around the country. Haley, now a freshmen at TRHS, has been submitting essays to DAR since she was in fifth grade at the suggestion of a teacher. Being a writing enthusiast, she enjoys the challenge of competing in the DAR essay contest, which assigns a broad topic and allows each contestant to write in their own individual style. For this year’s prompt on Christopher Columbus, Haley chose to write her essay as journal entries from the perspective of Spainard Juan, Christopher Columbus’ hypothetical first mate.

The journal begins July 29, 1492 as the first voyage to Asia is preparing to leave the docks. As the journal entries progress we follow Juan, and subsequently Columbus, through the sinking of the Santa Maria and the settlements of La Navidad, Dominica, and Puerto Rico. Haley says she wanted to write her essay as a story that covered all three major voyages, and in a style that was unique. She has certainly captured the attention of the DAR society members for she won first place in the 9th through 12th grade division at the local chapter level, and first place in the State of New Hampshire this year. Her essay has been forwarded by DAR to the Northeast Division contest for review, and Haley is hopeful it will impress the next division level judges.

When asked how she felt about winning, Haley responded, “I was surprised and excited when I got the letter in the mail and my dad opened it... It’s nice to know that [my writing is being recognized] against the work of 18 year olds.” Haley plans on submitting essays to DAR for the remainder of her high school career. Although she wants to work in the investigative field, she says that one day she wants to publish a book on the side. Congratulations to Haley for being an accomplished writer.

“A lot of the men are getting sick and dying...I pray I make it to see my family one more time,” Juan writes nine days before he succumbs to “the sickness”.

HEALTH FAIR

On Wednesday, March 18th, Timberlane Regional High School held their 6th Annual Health Fair from 3:30 - 5:30 PM in the high school cafeteria. The Health Fair brought in over 55 vendors that represented a variety of health related establishments in the local community.

The vendors included fitness centers, fresh markets, alternative health care, therapists, nutritionists, doctors, dentists and more. Over 350 staff, students, parents, and community members took advantage of the event, received great information, and learned of different resources to improve their overall wellness. In addition, over 20 people walked away with gift baskets and prizes generously donated by vendors. It was a great event hosted by the high school wellness committee. Thank you to all who contributed to a successful fair.



AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

By Miranda Kryskow, Journalism student

Each year, the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA) awards a scholarship to one New Hampshire athlete. In order for a student to be eligible to apply for the scholarship, a student must be actively participating in at least two sports their senior year and maintain B+ grades or better. Applicants must submit an essay, and the winner of the essay contest is chosen by the NHIAA Board of Members. This year's essay prompt asked how the student balances academics alongside athletics and how being a part of athletics shaped the student's life.

A celebration of NHIAA student-athlete's academic and athletic abilities took place in Concord on February 18, where the winner of the NHIAA Scholarship was announced. In a mixture of nervousness and excitement Timberlane's Isabella Theberge realized Mr. Angelo Fantasia, TRSD Director of Athletics and NHIAA President

of Athletic Directors, was reading her essay aloud, and she happily accepted the scholarship after being called to the stage.

"I am so proud of Izzy. I've known her for four years and seeing her walk up the stairs to accept the award was the best feeling..."

- Mr. Fantasia

Izzy has faithfully participated in three different sports since sixth grade for Timberlane: field hockey, basketball and softball. Through the years of dedication, Izzy has learned the delicate balance of scheduling practices and games and allowing time for school work as she tells readers in her essay, "being a committed athlete during the whole school year has made my normally busy schedule even more chaotic...I am extremely proficient in time management and know exactly how much I can handle."

Apparent by her honor student status for all four years of her high school career, as well as being an active member of the National Honor Society, Izzy has shown Timberlane just how much she can handle. Her dream is to become a set designer for movies. With the scholarship, Izzy wants to attend either Radford University or Virginia Commonwealth University in Virginia, or Western Carolina University in North Carolina, and major in Interior Design.

Congratulations Izzy and best of luck!



NHIAA Scholarship Winner

Pictured left to right: Angelo Fantasia, Isabella Theberge, Jeffrey Collins, Peter Cofran.

Registration for spring Adult Education courses is open. Interested participants can register online.

Dance - A - Thon

Students and staff busted out their best dance moves on Friday, March 13th in the first ever Project Hope Dance-A-Thon. Using the concept of the Relay-of-Life, participants were tasked with dancing for the entire duration of the night to show their support in the fight against cancer. Participants dressed in coordinated outfits and costumes to show their enthusiasm. It was a fun night for all involved and resulted in the group raising \$455 towards their \$15,000 goal this year. We hope to see you at this year's ***Strut for a Cure Fashion Show*** on **Saturday, April 18th** which is sure to be one of the most memorable shows yet with some amazing raffles, silent auction items and fantastic entertainment!



Senior Spring Fling

The first day of spring, March 21st, a handful of Timberlane students and staff had spent the morning decorating the cafeteria with pastel colors and festive balloons and arranging a light fare to dine upon to celebrate the second annual Senior Citizen Spring Fling dance. Around 1:00, senior citizens invited from the community began to arrive and were greeted, seated, and waited upon by the friendly student servers. For a few hours the senior citizen guests were treated with great snacks and sweets, good conversation, and more than a couple turns on the dance floor to songs played by the Greenhouse Quartet. Raffle prizes were won, a King and Queen were crowned, and in the end no one wanted to leave the fun-filled atmosphere.

