

# 36 Greenough Road Plaistow, NH 03865 | 603.382.6541 | timberlanehs.com **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

This past month has been a busy time at Timberlane Regional High School; students were completing their end of quarter assignments, the fall athletic teams were wrapping up their seasons, and the Performing Arts Center has been humming with the fall play, *The Crucible*, and Jazz All-State.

Last weekend, October 30, 31, and November 1, 2014, the Timberlane Players put on four brilliant performances of the thought provoking play, *The Crucible*. Mr. Constantineau and the Players impressively prepared the cast to rotate through roles three times, once for each day, challenging the actor's ability to memorize lines and portray different characters each night. The depth of the message was only surpassed by the depth of the program.

Athletically, the Owls are finishing a season of notable team and individual successes. The boys' cross country team emerged as one of the best teams in New Hampshire, placing second at both the Division I and All State championships. As a result, the team, coached by Mark Behan and Brian Deveney, qualified for the New England championships, which will be held this Saturday, November 8, 2014 at Wickham Park in Manchester, CT. Liam Kimball, a junior, was especially impressive, placing first at the Division I championship race. The girls' team finished the season at the Division I meet, running their best race of the season, but not finishing among the leaders.

Field Hockey enjoyed another great season, making it to the semi-finals of the state championship tournament, where they lost 2-1 to Winnacunnet High School. The team finished the season with a 12-2 record and will return a strong team next year. Congratulations to Coach Mim Ryan and the girls!

The boys' soccer team had a tremendous regular season string of victories, getting off to a 10-0-2 start, before dropping close games to the top few teams in the state. The team advanced to the semi-finals of the state tournament for the first time since 2000, when head coach Mitch Mencis was a member of the team during his years as a student

at Timberlane Regional High School. Their recent victory over Concord in overtime of the quarter final game, avenged one of their toughest defeats of the year. But in the semi's, top seeded Manchester Central prevailed, I-0. The girls' soccer team struggled to win games this year; nevertheless they were competitive in every contest. Coach Jeff Baumann is proud of the team's consistent effort and is pleased that the team improved throughout the season. Similarly, the golf team struggled to win, however the team showed improvement. Michael Scipione qualified for the state championship tournament.

The girls' volleyball team finished 8-10 this season, and competed well. After qualifying for the state championship tournament, the team ran into a tough Salem team and bowed out in the first round. The Spirit team recently won the Division I competition at the Souhegan invitational. The girls are gearing up for their state championship event on November 9, 2014. And finally, the football program improved throughout the season, finishing strong with impressive victories over Merrimack and Alvirne High Schools to finish with a 4-5 record.

I want to thank all the school program advisors, coaches and students for participating, performing, or training and competing with skill and passion throughout the fall; and I would like to thank the entire student body and our dedicated faculty and staff for a great first quarter

Sincerely, Donald H. Woodworth Principal

# TRHS Forecast

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

#### >> Early Release Day

11/10 | 11:55 AM

# >> PTSA Meeting

11/10 | TRHS Room 106 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM

>> Veterans Day - No School

>> National Honors Society Induction Ceremony II/I8 | PAC | 6:30 PM

"Don't Touch That Dial"
Production
11/20 - 11/21 | PAC | 7:00 PM

>> Thanksgiving Break
11/26 - 11/28

>> Junior Semi-Formal 12/6 | TRHS | 7:00 - 10:00 PM

>> Financial Aid Planning Night 12/8 | PAC | 6:30 PM Is your child out of school? For any reason at all, please call the Attendance Line to report their absence: 382 - 6541 x3970 Your child's absence must be verified by a parent so they are not considered truant and are able to earn full credit on make-up work.

# Financial Aid Information Night

For Parents of College Bound Seniors

# Monday, December 8th at 6:30 PM in the PAC Recital Hall

Please join us for an evening presentation to help families navigate through the financial aid process. Focus is on the Federal Financial Aid Form (FAFSA) as well as the types of aid available. Funding options, scholarship searches and the importance of deadlines are also discussed. Attendees will receive a comprehensive Financial Aid Organizer. Presentation by Val Castonguay from the Center for College Planning at NHHEAF (New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation) and Barry Chooljian, Director of Guidance.

## HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED

On Friday, November 7th the TRHS chapter of the Rho Kappa Social Studies National Honor Society welcomed veterans and service personnel to a brunch in their honor. This year's turn out of veterans was the best in recent years with seventeen veterans from our community attending the brunch. Students served our veterans coffee and offered a selection of fruits, muffins and donuts to honor and celebrate the contributions and sacrifices they have made for our country.

Veterans had the opportunity to share their memories with each other and Rho Kappa students who listened intently, captivated by their tales of time in the service. The students also shared some of their own personal stories with the veterans and discussed what their plans are for after high school. To further preserve the memory, the students will be cataloguing the veterans' stories and artifacts in a developing online museum for all to read and see.

#### 24 HOUR PLAY FESTIVAL

Twice a year the Timberlane Players put on an event known as the 24 Hour Play Festival held in the Performing Arts Center. On October 17<sup>th</sup>, the students from Mr. Eric Constantineau's Playwriting class assembled in the Recital hall and paired up in teams of two. The teams then chose a theme for a one-act play based upon an emotion, a song title, or a plot concept. From a table full of props, the teams selected one that would be used as the major symbol for their play.

At 7:00 PM, the teams gathered to spend the night at the Recital Hall equipped with sleeping bags and a table full snacks, began writing their original one-act plays. Throughout the night there was a great spirit of collaboration as the playwrights met in a circle and

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"This is my favorite set of productions throughout the Timberlane Players season because it represents student centered creativity with minimul adult interference."

- Mr. Constantineau

new one-act plays were finished and at 8:00 AM the student actors, directors and stage crew arrived and received their scripts. The individual performers had until 6:00 PM to rehearse their scenes and at 7:00 PM on Saturday evening the plays were performed in front of a live audience. At the end of the performance the audience was given the opportunity to meet with the playwrights and ask them questions about their plays.

The 24 Hour Play Festival is an amazing event that challenges the students involved in a fun and creative atmosphere. They are given creative freedom and have very little adult instruction from Mr. Eric Constantineau, who chaperoned the entire festival. The next 24 Hour Play Festival will be held in mid-January and we invite everyone in the community to come and watch the spectacular show.

Music from the string quartet, fresh baked desserts from the gourmet cooking class and a record setting crowd made this year's AP Art unveiling an excellent overture to our Parent - Teacher Conference night. Please come to the library to see the work displayed by our talented artists. Thank you to all of the parents that came, you helped boost attendance by 26% this year!

AP Art students are now working on their next assignment discovering their "spirit animal". They will be working with Eric Schoenenberger's wood tech classes to create a totem pole that will be showcased in the library this coming spring.

#### **STANDING UP AGAINST CANCER**

This past month, all across the nation, breast cancer awareness was being spread by the collective efforts of organizations and groups dedicated to eradicating this disease forever. And while October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, cancers of all types have impacted those we love within our community. It is a disease that has impacted our mothers, fathers, daughters, and sons. It has affected our brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, and friends. But cancer will not win if we fight against it



together. On Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, throughout the day and night, members of the TRHS school community displayed their support of the fight against cancer. From sports teams donning pink socks and headbands, to staff and students wearing cancer awareness and Project Hope apparel at school, the halls and athletic fields were an ocean of pink. During halftime of the football game, fighters and survivors from the Timberlane community lined the field for a special tribute which ended with pink fireworks.

Numerous donations were given and funds were raised through the selling of Project Hope apparel packages, along with



the TRHS Football Booster's 50/50 raffle donation. Through all of the events, not only was the Project Hope group able to spread awareness of cancer, but they were able to raise \$2000 in its first fundraising endeavor of the school year, making great strides towards their goal of \$15,000. All funds will go towards helping families in the district. We hope to see you at many more Project Hope events this year, including the Strut for a Cure fashion show on Saturday, April 18, 2015.

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Due to the success of last year's 'What's Happening?' Newsletter, the academic deans for 6th - 12th will continue to highlight some of the academic activities that we are proud of at the middle school and the high school. The newsletter features three main sections:

- 'Stick Your Nose in Our Business' highlights the Business, Information Computer Technology (ICT), Art, Family and Consumer Science (FACS) Departments.
- 'Oh the Humanities' looks at the English, Social Studies, World Language, and Music Departments.
- 'lons, Geigers and Squares, Oh My' features articles from the Science, Math, Engineering, Health and Physical Education Departments.

"They are flexing their design talents by creating a game similar to whack - a - Mole"

"Students practice and record themselves speaking using Audacity or websites like Lingtlanguage.com"

We all are very proud of all of our academic success stories and look forward to sharing more of our school's academic strides throughout this year and years to come.

**Volume 2, Issue I** (click) of the newsletter is located on the high school's website by following;

#### Administration > Academic Dean's News

We will also continually provide a link to the latest 'What's Happening?' issue in our monthly newsletter as well for your convenience.



after the debris was cleared from spring and summer crops, lettuce was planted in the garden beds and awaits harvesting. The butterfly garden is also beautifully blooming this fall with a little TLC from OWL gardeners.

#### FROM THE DESK OF...

Writing Lab Instructor, Taylor Raccapriore

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It's been a busy fall semester for our Timberlane community, and the Writing Lab is no exception. With over 200 class visits and 1,000 individual student visits so far, the lab remains a popular location for students to work on their assignments and receive feedback on their writing. I have had the privilege of conferencing with students on more than 200 occasions on a variety of writing pieces ranging from personal, persuasive, analytical, and research essays; to school newspaper articles, college essays, short stories, and poetry.

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The most rewarding aspects of working in the Writing Lab are the opportunities I have to see students grow in their abilities and confidence as writers. Writing is a very personal process and it is humbling to be able to read the great work of so many students. Each and every piece I read shows me something new about Timberlane students and what matters to them.

I would like to continue to encourage teachers and parents to recommend students to come to the Writing Lab for assistance. Whether a student struggles with writing or just needs a second opinion on a polished piece, I am here to help all of our Timberlane writers. As the year progresses, I look forward to working with more students and helping them improve their craft of writing.



#### A COUPLE OF STAR GAZERS

After being post-poned earlier in the week, those looking forward to an evening under the stars were feeling anxious with the clouds rolling by throughout the day, Thursday, October 30. Luckily for our science enthusiasts, by 6:00 PM the sky cleared and albeit being a bit chilly, it was a perfect evening for our Pollard School Star Gazing Party. The event is organized by the Pollard School PTA and this year they wished to use the high school's new Observatory. With the cooperation of high school and middle school staff this idea was made possible. Hosting the event at the observatory was its first official use since it was created earlier this year by Nick Bealo, a graduate of the class of 2014, and a handful of volunteers, for Nick's Eagle Scout project.

The event is intended for Pollard Elementary students from TLC through grade 5 and their parents to inspire students with science demonstrations and hands-on activities. This year, over 100 Pollard students attended with a handful of high school students volunteering for extra-credit. Mr. Steve Rugoletti, a high school science teacher manned the Observatory and Mr. Peter Bealo, a member of our school board, arranged for the Amateur Telescope Makers of Boston to volunteer their time and their telescopes. Mr. Bealo and his crowd of amateur astronomers eagerly shared their passion of the stars with the students who were able to attend. There was even a telescope that had a video camera attached providing an easy view to images on a monitor.

There were plenty of other attractions to keep everyone entertained throughout the evening. High school chemistry teacher, Mr. Joe Mancinelli performed a small scale simulation of a rocket, using methanol vapors as the fuel inside of a five gallon water jug. Baked goods were provided by the Pollard PTA and the parents of Pollard School District, and distributed to all those who attended by Girl Scout Troop 10344, led by Kristina Wagnitz. Jerry Dow, head groundskeeper at the high school, keeping with the tradition of the Star Gazing Party provided the students with a hay ride around the fields the entire evening. He seemed to be having just as much fun as the kids.

All in all, the Star Party was a success and is an excellent example of how Timberlane Regional schools work together to enrich educational experiences. We want to send out a special thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, you really made it a special night for the kids.