

TIMBERLANE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL



HOME OF THE
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CLASS OF 1969

New Hampshire

2014 High School of Excellence

September 2014

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

We proudly opened the doors of the "2014 NH High School of Excellence" to students on August 28th and have engaged them right away in academic work. I am looking forward to an even better year in 2014 - 2015 as we focus our efforts on academic rigor and support for learning at all levels. Students have turned in their summer work, begun their first units of study, and in many cases have taken their first quizzes and tests. I am very pleased with the enthusiasm of our students and the smooth start orchestrated by our teachers, counselors and support staff. We are off to a great start.

Already, our freshmen and sophomores have begun to take STAR Assessments, a new common core progress monitoring program that will help us to ensure the students are making progress on essential skills and content in literacy and math. This testing will be efficient and will provide us with a baseline of academic skills to help students throughout the year. Freshmen and sophomores will be tested three times this year. We will keep you informed on future testing days throughout the year.

In addition, co-curricular events are underway; athletic teams are practicing and competing, and clubs and organizations are meeting and planning events. In this newsletter we are highlighting our College Fair, Meet the Administrative Team evening, and our focus on student attendance. There is always a lot going on, so I encourage you all to check our webpage often for information about the high school.

Please call or write me when you have questions or concerns. If I cannot answer your questions, I will connect you with someone who can.

Sincerely,
Donald H. Woodworth
Principal

TRHS Forecast

- >> **College Fair**
9/15 and 9/16
TRHS/Gym | 9:00 - 11:00am
- >> **Meet the Administrative Team**
Night
9/22
TRHS/Library | 6:30pm
- >> **Order Class Rings**
9/26
TRHS/Café | 7:00 - 9:30am
- >> **Progress Reports Grades Close**
9/26
- >> **Spirit Week**
9/29 - 10/3
- >> **AP Art Unveiling Ceremony**
10/9
TRHS/Library | 3:30 - 4:30pm
- >> **Parent/Teacher Conferences**
10/9
4:30 - 7:00pm
- >> **No School - Columbus Day**
10/13

Attendance Reminders

- >> Report absences to the Attendance Secretary
382.6541 x3170 - or - **Press 1**
- >> How many absences can a student acquire before losing credit?
9 absences per semester course!
18 absences per year-long course!
- >> Verified absences can be “bought-back”. How?
 - Student must make a plan with their teacher(s) within 24 hours.
 - Must complete the work in the plan.
 - Turn in green Buyback form (signed by teacher) to the Front Office.

COLLEGE FAIR

The Timberlane Guidance Department is excited for their annual College Fair being held in the TRHS gymnasium on Monday, September 15th and Tuesday, September 16th from 9:00 - 11:00 AM. One of the biggest decisions a student will make in high school is determining their post secondary plan. It is our hope that by inviting these representatives to TRHS we are adding another layer of awareness to the post-secondary planning process for our students. Between 100 - 125 colleges, universities, technical schools and branches of the US military are expected to participate in the program. Junior and Senior students will attend both dates in order to meet with different representatives over the two day period.

Junior and Senior Student Ambassadors have been selected to welcome and help the representatives and their peers during the fair. Although parking will be limited, we would like to invite junior and senior parents to attend. College representatives are eager to speak directly with students and parents. This is an opportunity to interact one on one with admissions representatives to discuss admissions requirements, program offerings, and financial aid and scholarship options.

The Guidance Department has been meeting with students to help them make the most of the college fair experience. We are providing each student with the schedule and a list of potential questions to ask representatives. Please visit our website to view this list of questions as well as a list of all the participating colleges.

<http://wp.timberlane.net/hs/guidance/>

FROM THE DESK OF...

Academic Dean of Attendance, William P. Mealey MEd.

Welcome back. As the new school year begins, the administrative staff is fully energized to help each of our students strive toward reaching their potential. To this end, our team has been organized in a way that best provides more immediate and direct support and assistance in the specific areas needed. The Academic Dean of Attendance position was created last year to support Student Services. I have worked in the high school for 15 of the last 17 years in many roles throughout special education. I also attended school here at Timberlane, and grew up in Plaistow; so I have many deep connections within the community. I will be working closely with Student Services, Guidance, and the Special Education Department. As a team we report to Mrs. Susan Rasicot, the Director of Student Services for the District.

Our plan is to offer a heightened level of support to our students in regards to attendance. The New Hampshire Department of Education has identified that attendance and quality teachers are the two most impactful factors in a child's education. In support of this fact, the state has passed a law that does not allow students under the age of 18 to drop out of school. Additionally, the state has tightened the laws regarding truancy. **It is important that you know and understand that the state considers any student “truant” after they have missed 10 (unverified) half days of school! That is only five full days of unverified absences!** As you may already know from last year, our school has strived to support this philosophy through a revised attendance policy. We have examined these policies this summer in an effort to continue to improve attendance concerns. The attendance policies and procedures are detailed in the Student Handbook which can be found on the high school's website. I will do my best to keep students aware of their absences in order to keep them on course towards graduation.

I look forward to working with you and your student(s). Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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Student Handbook, Attendance page 17

<http://wp.timberlane.net/hs/files/Student-Handbook-14-15-8-21.pdf>

PTSA

The PTSA's mission is to encourage and strengthen communication between schools, parents, students, and community. We support education through active participation and advocacy; therefore we are excited to announce our first program of the 2014 - 2015 school year, a Meet the Administrative Team. The event will be held on September 22 at 6:30 PM in the high school library. We welcome you to stop and meet the members of the Administrative Team and learn their roles at the High School. They will be speaking about this year's goals and are willing to answer any of your questions.

If you would like more information about how you can support our students through involvement, PTSA members will be also be available to speak with at the Meet the Administrative Team event. The PTSA's first general meeting will be October 20th at 6:30 PM at the high school. Please visit the PTSA link on the High School's website for more information.

<http://wp.timberlane.net/trhs-ptsa/>

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

<i>Department</i>	<i>Name</i>
Administration	Heather Roy AP Student Services
Administration	Scott Strainge Director of High School Alternative/Continuing Education & Enrichment
Administration	Rebecca Carlson Dean of Math, Business, Information and Communication Technology
Administration	Dan Donovan Evening Division Site Manager
Administration	Meaghan Guanci Evening Division Site Manager
Administration	Ben Morse After School Coordinator
Administration	Jeff Bauman Math Department Coordinator
Administration	Josh Silveira Social Studies Department Coordinator
Administration	Kayleen Tombarello AP Administrative Assistant
Art	Kenneth Blaszk
Business	Christine Simmons
Café Services	Pam Johnson

Student Driving and Safety

Over the past week there have been several incidences of irresponsible driving on the campus. Our expectation is that anyone driving on campus will observe basic driving courtesies, be alert to pedestrians, avoid using the horn unless it is to alert someone to a safety concern, and keep driving speed to 5 miles per hour. Recently, we have received reports of students "peeling out" of parking lots at both the middle school and SAU, of drivers failing to observe the stop sign at the back of the middle school and of unwarranted honking of horns. These behaviors are unacceptable and either disrupt the educational process or create unsafe situations.

Unsafe and disrespectful operation of motor vehicles on campus will not be tolerated. Students caught exhibiting unsafe driving behaviors will lose their parking privileges permanently.

<i>Department</i>	<i>Name</i>
Custodian	Lori Arnold
Guidance	Laura Spaulding Counselor, Long Term Sub
Guidance Registrar	Sharon Skinner
Guidance Admin Asst.	Kerri Fitzpatrick
Engineering	Michelle Grimm
Math	Carrie Sullivan
Math	Erin Donnelly
Science	Tania Arndt
Science	Racheal Dowhan
Science	Joseph Mancinelli
Science	Lauren McPherson
Science	Bethany Weiss
Special Education	Sean Cashman
Special Education	Paul Sullivan Transition Facilitator
Special Education	Alicia Widener
World Language	Tereza Monteiro Spanish/ESOL
World Language	Tracee Van Brunt Spanish