

TIMBERLANE REGIONAL



Celebrating 50 Years of Educational Excellence

HIGH SCHOOL

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As we bid adieu to the first month of school, students and staff have comfortably slipped into a rhythm as daily activities that have once again become routine. Many of our seniors are preparing college applications, honor society members are beginning tutoring sessions in a variety of subjects, and school organizations and teams are ramping up their efforts to achieve their goals. Recent talk has revolved around Progress Reports, which will be released in the latter part of next week, and Spirit Week that begins on Monday, October 3, with Color Day. You can find a schedule of the week's themes of dress and activities in this newsletter. I look forward to seeing everyone represent their Timberlane pride.

Our teachers are currently busy completing various stages of curriculum revision, learning to use Achieve 3000, a web-based program to help build students' literacy skills, as well as implementing instruction that meets our state and course level competencies. In addition, we are accumulating data on our students' performance to inform us which level of support is required for struggling learners and to target strategies that will engage and challenge each of our students. To measure student progress, we will evaluate quarterly grades, SAT and NECAP test results, Achieve 3000, and STAR testing to provide insight into their math and reading strengths or weaknesses. Over the course of the next several months, the PTSA and I will be preparing public presentations surrounding the potential changes and anticipated impact of block scheduling. We will be sending out notification of upcoming presentations as the dates for these events are finalized.

I want to express my gratitude to our Timberlane community for coming together on a couple of important occasions this past month. First the 50th Birthday Celebration Kick-Off event was held over two days, September 9 and 10 and was well attended with a plethora of Timberlane alumni. Secondly, a Black Hawk helicopter landed in honor of National POW/MIA Recognition Day. The event was organized by the librarians of nine southern New Hampshire and orchestrated with the help of some of our Timberlane staff. If you wish to read more about these events, please see page five for details and photos. Lastly, I would also like to express thanks to our School Counseling Department for all of their early fall efforts to provide students and parents with college planning information. Our annual College Fair and evening programs such as Senior Night for Parents of College Bound Students both of which help families prepare for the process of next steps in higher education.



TRHS forecast

>> Spirit Week

10/03 - 10/08 (Events listed on pg. 04)

>> No School - Columbus Day

10/10

>> No School -

Professional Development Day

10/11

>> NHS Induction Ceremony

10/12 | PAC | 6:00pm

>> Common App Work Sessions

10/12 | 8:00am & 1:20pm

10/13 | 7:20am, 12:30pm, & 2:15pm

>> Parent-Teacher Conferences

10/13 | TRHS | 4:30 - 7:00pm

>> Milkmen Performance

10/13 | PAC | 7:00 - 10:00pm

>> PSAT Testing

10/15 | TRHS | 7:45 - 11:45am

>> Timberlane Parent Advisory Forum

Topic: School District Transportation

10/17 | SAU | 6:00pm

>> Financial Aid Information Night

10/18 | PAC | 6:30 - 8:00pm

>> Picture Retakes

10/26 | TRHS | 10:00am

>> "Rumors" Drama Performance

10/27 | PAC | 7:00pm

10/28 | PAC | 7:00pm

10/29 | PAC | 2:00pm & 7:00pm

>> Quarter One Ends

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School Counseling News

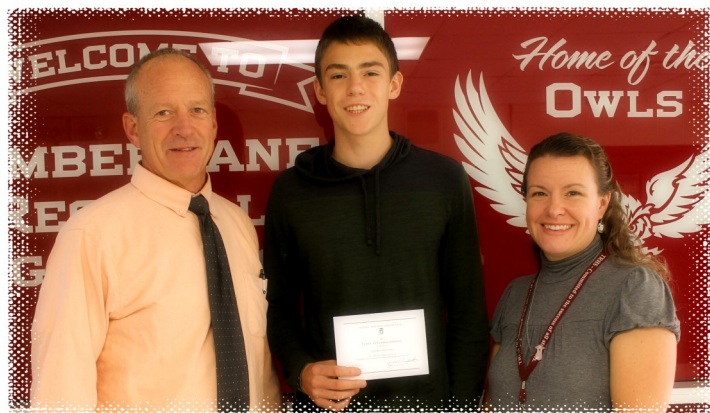
School counselors have just completed **Freshmen Transition Meetings**. Counselors met with all of their freshmen in small groups to talk about their transition to the high school, reintroduce themselves to their students, and to ensure that students were accessing resources that are available to them.

Counselors have also met with seniors in small groups to conduct **Senior Seminars** to review the college application process and discuss post-secondary planning. Seniors will have additional opportunities to work on their Common App during **Common App Drop-In Work Sessions** which will be held in the library computer lab on October 12th periods 2 and 8 and October 13th periods 1, 7 and after school at 2:15 pm. A counselor will be on hand to answer questions while students work to complete their common application.

Senior Parent Night was held Tuesday, September 27th to review the college application process with parents. If you missed this presentation, the power point is available on the Guidance website. If you have questions, please call your student's counselor. The next presentation for senior parents is **Financial Aid Information Night**. It will be held on October 18th at 6:30 pm in the PAC Recital Hall. This meeting will be presented by Val Castonquay from the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation (NHHEAF) and will help families navigate the federal financial aid process and explore what other types of additional aid is available.

Juniors and Sophomores interested in attending a four year college should consider taking the PSAT test. PSAT Testing will be held at Timberlane High School on Saturday, October 15th. Registration, FAQs and testing information is available on the [website](#). The cost is \$23.

National Merit Commended Student



Senior Jacob Swanney with Principal Woodworth and
School Counselor Mrs. Mahoney

Seeking Academic Support

This year brings the return of the Academic Support Center (ASC) located in room 305 where students have the opportunity to receive extra help and support from Mrs. Leondires, or peer tutors in all subject areas. Students can access the ASC during their lunch study, study, free period, or after school. Honor Society students can earn volunteer hours during the day by offering their services.

The English Writing Lab is also available for students to access both during and after school to work on assignments and receive constructive feedback on written assignments. The English Writing Lab is located in room 611.

Students can also turn to technology as a means of additional classroom support. Khan Academy offers practice exercises and instructional videos that allow students to learn at their own pace. From Math to Art, Computer Programming to Economics, and even Official SAT® practice, Khan Academy is FREE and also provides tools for parents and teachers.

In addition to Khan Academy, the Timberlane District obtained access to an app called “Noodle Tools” which is an online application that promotes research and writing across all content areas. Students can use the app to find and evaluate sources, take notes, outline, and cite. There are integrated information-literacy tools that emphasize critical thinking, and embedded instructional tools to prompt analysis and ideas.

Be sure to check out the ASC, the English Writing lab, and the online resources offered to support academic needs.

From the PTSA



We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences on October 13. Stop by our booth to just say “Hi” and purchase a raffle ticket for the gorgeous handmade quilt pictured below, or register to become a member. We will be drawing the winner for the quilt at the end of the evening.

We are an active PTSA team and we would love your help coordinating and planning activities we participate in. Some of the currently planned events for this school year include Reflections, a nationwide art contest that is open to all middle and high school age students. Last year, several of our Timberlane students were sent to the State level

because of their talent and achievement. We will be posting more details later in the Fall on Reflections. Also, during the Spring time, we hold Teacher Appreciation Week to thank the entire Timberlane staff and will be looking for donations and help with setup and breakdown.

As a reminder we will be selling Timberlane apparel throughout the Fall season that will be delivered in time for the holidays. Look for more information throughout October on Facebook at TRHS PTSA 2016-2017 or our homepage of the TRHS website.



Highlights

Spirit Week Themes

Monday, October 3 - Class Colors

Freshmen - Blue

Sophomores - Red

Juniors - Green

Seniors - Black and Gold

Tuesday, October 4 - Animals

Freshmen - Domestic

Sophomores - Farm

Juniors - Arctic/Aquatic

Seniors - Jungle

Wednesday, October 5 -

Mismatch Day

Wear items of an outfit that do not match.

Thursday, October 6 - Movie Day

Dress up as your favorite movie character.

Friday, October 7 - Timberlane

Pride Day

Underclassmen, wear your best Timberlane gear; Seniors wear your togas!

School Spirit Week

After celebrating 50 years of Timberlane High School at the Kick-Off event a few weeks ago, the celebration continues with our annual Spirit Week. This year's student body representatives have planned an exciting week to foster school spirit. This year all classes are asked to participate in a clothing drive to collect clothing, shoes, and soft linens for donation. Each pound of clothing donated is worth a single point, and the class with the most points wins the competition. The clothing drive will run all week long. Students may bring their bags directly to room 213.

The Spirit Week Game Night and Carnival will be held Tuesday, October 4, beginning at 2:30pm in room 213 with games such as Bubble Ball, Family Feud, the Newlywed Game, and much more, until 4:00pm. The fun will resume at 6:00pm down at the track and athletic field. There will be no admission cost, but food and drinks will be sold until the Carnival ends at 9:00pm.

The Variety Show will be held on Thursday, October 6, from 6:30 - 9:00pm in the PAC Auditorium. Tickets will be sold for \$6.00 throughout the week at all lunches and at the door. Students should speak with their Class Advisors or Class Executive members to sign up. The week wraps up with a school dance on Saturday, October 8, from 6:00 - 9:00pm, in the Gym and Cafeteria areas of the school building. Again, tickets will be sold throughout the week at lunches for \$6.00 each or at the door for \$8.00. See the panel to the left for each day's clothing theme. As a reminder, all Timberlane school dress code rules still apply during Spirit Week, which means that hats, hoods, face paint, and wigs are all prohibited.

New Security Features

We are pleased to report that enhanced security measures in the way of doorbell intercom systems have been installed at all district buildings and will be activated the week of October 10th. This means that all front exterior doors to all district buildings will remain locked at all times.

You will be asked to identify yourself and the purpose of your visit. You will then be buzzed into the building to check in with the building receptionist as is done now.

This increased security measure was recommended by the New Hampshire Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and is intended for the safety and security of your children and the staff.

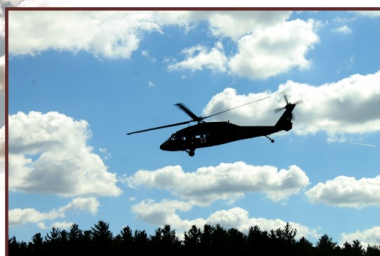
We thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

50th Birthday Celebration



The TRHS Alumni Association has worked for almost a year planning a couple of milestone events to celebrate the history of Timberlane. Most recently the Association hosted a two-day homecoming event to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the high school. Everyone in attendance enjoyed a ceremony ahead of our first home football game to honor the Timberlane's first baseball State Champions from the Class of 1971. The Alumni Association received a \$1,100 check for their Scholarship Fund and a large decorative hand-carved Timberlane Owl from the Class of 1976.

Many thanks to the officers of the Association: Deborah Shaw-Taylor, Sandy (Peterson) Legsdin, Paula (Tilden) Carnes, and Claudine (Mace) Dias, along with the members of the Alumni Association committee for their dedication to organizing this event. The numerous student groups and staff members who volunteered their time made the event extra special with special performances at the Performing Arts Center, tours of the facility, the AP Art Unveiling Ceremony and string quartet performance in the library. They also put on activities under the "Big Top" near the track. All deserve a round of applause. The Alumni Association is committed to making its impact felt in tangible and beneficial ways. Thank you!



POW/MIA Recognition

Nine southern New Hampshire libraries have come together for an amazing project titled **Community Stories: Soldiers Home & Away**. As a kick-off to their nine week mission to promote community reading and to recognize the contributions of veterans, active military, and their families, on September 16, in honor of National POW/MIA Recognition Day, the librarians and TRHS Senior Academic Dean Scott Strainge orchestrated the landing of a NH Air National Guard Black Hawk helicopter on the back lawns of the high school and middle school buildings.

Juniors, middle school students and staff, along with several invited guests ranging from local government officials, and most importantly, veterans of our community enjoyed a brief ceremony and were able to get up close and personal with the military aircraft. The crew, which included Timberlane graduate of the Class of 2008, Staff Sergeant Ethan Major, educated visitors on the helicopter and spoke about a wide range of related US Military experiences and opportunities that are open to our students. Please take a further look at the **photos** of this event



Pictured left: Timberlane Troops students with the Air National Guard Flight Crew during the Black Hawk landing.

Fish On!

Congratulations to Noah Dolloff and Craig Beucier for qualifying for the NHIAA State Bass Fishing Championship! They represented Timberlane on Thursday, September 22 against thirty-five other schools in the NHIAA Bass Fishing Qualifying Tournament at Lake Winnepesaukee. The top thirteen schools move on to the State Championship, and Timberlane finished sixth!

Congratulations to Boat Captain, Adam Daniels and Coach Bruce Johnson for their efforts. Craig and Noah will compete in the Championship Round on Saturday, October 1, at Lake Winnisquam.



Quite an Adventure

Over the course of two weeks in September, the entire Freshmen class had quite the adventure at Adventurelore. Adventurelore provides an adventure based learning experience for students where they compete with teams in various events and games all centered around team-building, cooperation, communication, and leadership. This year's Freshmen did an exceptional job working together to overcome obstacles all while encouraging each other and building relationships. Watching the students take part in the activities is always exciting; this year was no exception. The class of 2020 is off to a fantastic start!



Adventurelore