

TIMBERLANE REGIONAL



Celebrating 50 Years of Educational Excellence

HIGH SCHOOL

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As Geoffrey Chaucer is quoted saying, "Time and tide wait for no man," our school year keeps marching along. Already we have closed on the first quarter of the year and Thanksgiving, the beginning of the holiday season, is right around the corner. As we prepare for the winter months ahead, Timberlane has been buzzing with recent activity as teams and clubs wrap up their Fall season. The Timberlane Players, having put on their performance *Rumors*, are already working on their next play, *The Skin of our Teeth* that will showcase in December. The Timberlane Band is moving indoors full time after a successful marching season, and the entire music department is rehearsing for their winter performances. The Athletic Department is also wrapping up a victorious season highlighted by a State Championship in Field Hockey and tournament success in boys and girls soccer.

In recent news, the school board has approved a secondary school schedule change proposal to move to block scheduling in the 2017 - 2018 school year. This significant change has ramped up our professional development for teachers as they prepare units of study and lesson plans that take advantage of the new ninety minute class times. The newly written core curriculum focuses on real world applications of content and literacy skills in all disciplines. The instruction and assessments of that curriculum are geared towards the longer instructional periods of the new schedule. The new schedule provides more opportunities for labs; in depth reading, writing, and research; performance based instruction and assessment; and daily practice of critical skills in all departments.

I want to thank all of our boosters groups, PTSA, Alumnus Organization and our several Advisory Committee members for supporting the high school students and programs. Your input and contribution to Timberlane is important and greatly appreciated.



Donald H. Woodworth, Principal

TRHS forecast

- >> **No School - Election Day**
11/08
- >> **No School - Veteran's Day**
11/11
- >> **Veteran's Day Concert (Free)**
11/13 | PAC | 2:00pm
- >> **Veteran's Brunch**
11/14 | Library | 10:00am - 1:00pm
- >> **Mr. Timberlane**
11/16 | PAC | 6:30pm
- >> **Milkmen Show**
11/18 | PAC | 7:00pm
- >> **No School - Thanksgiving Break**
11/23 - 11/25
- >> **Drama "The Skin of Our Teeth"**
11/30 - 12/02 | PAC | 7:00pm
12/03 | PAC | 2:00pm
- >> **Junior Semi-Formal Dance**
12/03 | TRHS | 7:00pm
- >> **Timberlane Parent Advisory Forum**
12/05 | SAU | 6:00pm
- >> **Music and Drama Holiday Show**
12/17 | TRHS | 2:00pm & 7:00pm
- >> **No School - Holiday Break**
12/26 - 01/02

School Counseling News

Sophomore and Junior students that took the PSAT in October are encouraged to create a College Board account if they do not already have one. PSAT results will be available sooner for those students who have created accounts. For students without accounts, score reports will be mailed by the College Board. We encourage students to make College Board accounts as they will then be able to link the results of their PSAT to Kahn Academy for targeted SAT preparation. To create an account click here www.collegeboard.org. The SAT test will be administered to all Juniors on April 5th at the high school. More information about testing and test prep will be forthcoming.

Throughout the month of November, counselors will continue meeting with Seniors to assist them with their college applications and post-secondary plans. Seniors are off to a fantastic start, with many of them having applied to meet November 1st early action deadlines. November 15th is another popular early application deadline for many colleges so we expect to see many more of our seniors applying in the coming weeks. As always, Seniors are encouraged to continue to work with the school counseling staff for help and assistance in meeting their post-secondary goals.

State Champs

Congratulations to our Field Hockey team for their state championship win! The team's hard work and effort really paid off and we are extremely proud of the girls for their success.



From the PTSA

The Timberlane Apparel sale is going strong! You can visit our [online store](#) to place your order in time for the holiday season. Thank you for your continued support.

We also want to remind everyone that the nationally acclaimed student recognition program to encourage artistic creativity in the classroom, PTA Reflections, is just around the corner. Students of all grades and abilities are welcome to participate and explore the arts based on the 2016 - 2017 theme: **What Is Your Story?** Students may choose one or all of the available art categories:

- » Dance Choreography
- » Literature
- » Photography
- » Film Production
- » Music Composition
- » Visual Arts



Students, look for more details and posters around the high school later this month. Last year, Timberlane sent several students to the State level of the contest! Find us on [Facebook](#) at **TRHS PTSA 2016-2017!**

Cleaner Greener Timberlane



Pictured above: Superintendent Dr. Earl Metzler, student Nicholas Nifakos, Principal Don Woodworth, student Scott Bergeron, and Senior Academic Dean Scott Strainge

On Saturday, October 29, students, staff, and administrators from across the school district joined in to celebrate school pride by way of cleaning up and completing beautification projects at each of the seven campuses. With rakes and shovels in hand, families, civic groups, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, student groups, and staff members came together with school custodians and cleaned up the school campuses and grounds. Local business owner and proprietor of AJB Farms in Atkinson, and Timberlane Alumni, Andrew Borisko, donated two hundred daffodil and tulip bulbs to be planted around the district and has further pledged to help with the Cleaner Greener program moving forward. It was a wonderful day of community service around the district. Fifteen students from the high school along with Superintendent Dr. Earl Metzler, Principal Don Woodworth and Assistant Principal Mary Widman cleared the front of the high school, weeding and raking the entire area, as well as clearing the entire fence along the street parking spaces of leaves and debris. A huge thank you goes out to Niko Nifakos for all of his help organizing the high school cleanup crew.



Reach for the Stars

Dr. Metzler and Principal Don Woodworth are pleased to announce that Timberlane Regional High School physics teacher Lou Broad's work was recently highlighted in the scholarly journal: *Eos Earth and Space Science News*, of the American Geophysical Union. His work, in conjunction with Londonderry High School, Coe-Brown Academy, and UNH allows students to do some amazing real world science. TRSD's students are truly fortunate to have teachers like Mr. Broad who can provide them with these types of learning opportunities.



Pictured above: Guest speaker David Freschi, and students Billy Lavoie, James King, Allie O'Connor, and Shan Shan Zheng

"The Things They Carried"

The History Book Club and the English Honor Society invited the Timberlane community to a one of a kind event on Thursday, November 3rd. As part of our partnership with the Southern New Hampshire Library Cooperative, our students performed interpretative works based on their reading of *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien.

The event was emceed by English Honor Society President and History Book Club member, James King, and student performances and original works included "Half" a monologue by Rebecca Flieder and performed by Allie O'Connor, artwork by Shan Shan Zheng, guitarist Billy Lavoie performed two songs: Fortunate Son by Creedence Clearwater Revival and Working Class Hero by John Lennon, and Allie O'Connor performed a slam piece entitled "The Ten Steps of Forgetting (And Being Forgotten)". Our event concluded with poetry by Vietnam veteran, Davis Freschi. His poetry was powerful, moving and resonated with the novel's theme of realism and horror of war.

"They carried malaria tablets, love letters, ammunition, comic books, grenades, sewing kits, bibles and each other. *The Things They Carried* is a testament to the capacity and limits of the human spirit and the fear, horror and surrealism of war."



Pierre LaPlace



Lagrange

Dead Mathematicians Society

On Monday, October 31, the AP Calculus class studies the history of Calculus through the eyes of the mathematicians who made significant contributions to the field. Each student dressed up as a mathematician, reported on their life, and presented an artifact made in their honor. They learned about the battle between who really was the founder of Calculus

(Newton or Leibniz), how Riemann was not the only mathematician to study the area under curves, and how Rolle found a distrust in Calculus although he created the first version of a theorem that we still use today.

Math Team Adds Another Win

The Timberlane Mathematics Team started out strong this year! The team earned second place in a three-way tie in Division I of the Tri-State Mathematics League at the October fifth meet at Masconomet High School, with Benjamin Longchamp as the highest scoring senior. Only one question separated Timberlane from a tie for first place with Exeter High School!

Four team members then traveled to a competition at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) on Tuesday, October 18. Over fifty schools participated from Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New Hampshire. Timberlane senior Emily Farone was the highest scoring team member earning a \$1000 scholarship per year should she attend WPI.

Timberlane will be hosting a meet here at the high school on Wednesday, January 25, 2017.



Pictured left: Academic Dean of Mathematics Rebecca Carlson, Principal Don Woodworth, Senior Emily Farone, Math Teacher and Coach Lorainne Mascioli