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- >> No School Holiday Break 12/26 - 01/02
- >> TRHS 50th Alumni Meeting 01/09 | TRHS | 5:30 - 7:00pm
- >> 24 Hour Play Performances 01/14 | PAC | 7:00 - 10:00pm
- » No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day 01/16
- Sophomore Parent Information Night 01/17 | Cafeteria | 6:30 - 8:00pm
- >> Timberlane Parent Advisory Forum 01/23 | SAU | 6:00 - 8:00pm
- Incoming Freshmen Parent Information Night 01/24 | PAC | 6:30 - 8:30pm
- >> Tri-M Music Induction Ceremony 01/25 | PAC | 7:00 - 9:00pm
- >> Milkmen Improv Comedy Show 01/26 | PAC | 7:00 - 10:00pm
- >> No School Professional Development Day 01/27

Timberlane's annual Mealey's Meals fundraising effort has been in full swing throughout the month of December. Basket raffles, coin collections, clothing drives, and more, have culminated into a large selection of gift packages and gift cards for well over one hundred Timberlane community families. We truly appreciate all of the community support and the work of our students and staff on behalf of these families.

Alongside all of the excitement of the holiday season, we are well aware that Old Man Winter is capable of impeding our plans for school activities. In the past couple of weeks we have been greeted in the mornings with frigid temperatures and treacherous driving conditions, with last Monday resulting in a successful online learning day. As a reminder to all students and staff, your safety is paramount, winter is here, please drive carefully.

Despite the weather, there is plenty happening with our extra-curricular groups around the clock. With the exception of the ski team, athletes are now practicing and competing indoors. The outstanding winter concerts put on by the band, orchestra, and chorus, along with the recent production of *The Skin of Our Teeth*, has made the Performing Arts Center a busy venue. Our student body is amazingly quite active year-round, and our dedicated teachers, coaches, and advisors are enjoying the process of developing their effort and talent.

Second quarter is flying by; it is important for students to check in with teachers on their progress and to take advantage of vacation time to make up any late assignments. Parents, I encourage you to check PowerSchool and have a conversation with your student about their grades, especially in half year courses.

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## Shout Out

Congratulations to the Timberlane Band and Choir students who will be participating in the three day NHMEA Jazz All State Music Festival in February 2017!

> Noah Caezza Cameron Collins Anna Cronin Nolan Hennessey Zachary Hertrich Jared Knight William Lavoie Benjamin Longchamp Zachary Machemer Ellie McCormick Justin Nimmo Aimee O'Meara Cooper Orio



Thank you to **Shaw's** for their generous \$400 donation to Timberlane!

Thank you to Timberlane staff member, Mr. Paul Sullivan and his wife for their donation of professional matting equipment to our Art Department.

## School Counseling News

December 9th marked the halfway point of second quarter and progress reports were emailed to parents on December 16th. Please let Guidance know if your email address has changed. You can also view your student's academic progress on your parent Powerschool account. If you need assistance, please call the Guidance Office.

Seniors are reminded to keep their grades up since colleges will be receiving mid-year grade reports to review with their applications. Thirty-eight percent of our seniors are already awaiting college decisions, and some have already been accepted for Fall 2017! Keep up the good work Seniors, we love hearing about your success. Please see your counselor if you need help with the application process or are looking to forge a plan for the future.

Now is also a good time to be checking the scholarship listing on Naviance as we are receiving information on new scholarships every day. Seniors are advised to submit applications for scholarships they seem to be a match for, and for the Timberlane High School Scholarship application. The Timberlane application is now available and a completed application will make applicants eligible for over 40 local scholarships. Other scholarship resources are posted on the Guidance page on our website.

On December 5th we began the post high school career and college planning process with our sophomores. Counselors met with all 10th graders in the library computer lab to introduce students to Naviance Succeed, our college and career readiness software program. Students completed a Career Interest Profile and Career Cluster Finder, and learned how to use additional features such as College Match. Students identified three careers they were interested in and this list will be used when inviting speakers for Sophomore Career Day to be held on April 18th. Sophomore parents are invited to attend our **Sophomore Parent Night** on January 17, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the Cafeteria for an introduction to the Naviance software program, career surveys and early college planning tips.

PSAT scores were posted to student's College Board accounts on December 12th. Students can upload their results to Kahn Academy for targeted personalized practice for future SAT testing. Students also received a paper copy of their score report. If you have any questions please call the Guidance office.

## From the PTSA

For the most up-to-date PTSA news and school happenings, visit our Facebook page: TRHS PTSA 2016-2017. Feel free to send us your suggestions on what initiatives you believe we should be involved in, and what ideas you have to make Timberlane an even better school for our children. Thank you to all of the parents, teachers, and students who readily offer up your support, ideas and suggestions. We have gained wonderful support from our Principal, Don Woodworth and his staff. If the cause makes sense, we will put our best foot forward.



Thank you everyone for your support during our apparel drive. All orders were delivered to the school this week. While amidst wintery weather and holiday cheer, the month of May may seem like a distant dream, we ask for parent support in thanking and recognizing the work the Timberlane staff does day in and day out. Look for details on how you can help us treat the staff to a week of thanks #StaffAppreciationWeek

Happy Holidays from the PTSA team!