

TIMBERLANE REGIONAL



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HIGH SCHOOL

March 2017 | **Principal's Newsletter** | Established 1966

TRHS forecast

- >> **Understanding College Financial Aid Award Packages**
03/27 | PAC | 6:30 - 8:00pm
- >> **Special Education Open House**
03/29 | TRHS | 5:30 - 7:30pm
- >> **Spring Athletic Awareness**
03/30 | TRHS | 6:30 - 7:30pm
- >> **Milkmen Improv Comedy Show**
03/30 | PAC | 7:00 - 10:00pm
- >> **Danville PTA Bingo for Books**
03/31 | TRHS | 5:30 - 8:00pm
- >> **Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast**
04/01 | TRHS | 8:00 - 11:00am
- >> **SAT Testing for Juniors**
04/05 | TRHS | 7:20am - 1:30pm
- >> **World Language Honor Society Induction Ceremony**
04/05 | PAC | 6:00 - 7:00pm
- >> **Best Buddies and Miss NH Scholarship Program Dance Day**
04/08 | TRHS | 12:30 - 3:30pm
- >> **Student Council Fun Festival**
04/09 | TRHS | 1:00 - 4:00pm
- >> **Timberlane Parent Advisory**
04/17 | SAU | 6:00 - 8:00pm
- >> **Spring Break**
04/24 - 04/28

Spring is officially here, or so the calendar says, and hopefully the fields will be accessible soon and the threat of snow behind us. Thankfully, our online learning/blizzard bag days have allowed us to keep our hopes alive for a June 10 graduation ceremony. As you can see from the TRHS Forecast, a great deal of activity is planned between now and spring vacation. Please mark your calendars and join us whenever you can.

Under the guidance of teacher and advisor, Meghan Guanci, Project Hope's annual Strut for a Cure raised over \$12,000 on March 18. The fashion show drew a large crowd whose support for cancer victims and survivors resulted in tremendous generosity. The proceeds from the event go to support local families dealing with the effects of a cancer diagnosis and cancer research. I am always proud of the work that our students and faculty do to raise awareness about cancer and to lessen the financial and emotional burden of those among us who are impacted. Recently, veteran teachers and administrators were saddened that former principal, Patricia Stone's own courageous battle with cancer came to an end. Pat's career at Timberlane spanned four decades and she will always be remembered as a talented and caring professional. Her dedication and leadership made a positive impact on the lives of the students, faculty and families of the Timberlane School District.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our high school jazz band and jazz combo for receiving Outstanding Performance Awards at the Clark Terry Festival at UNH on March 11. As well as congratulate our state championship wrestling team, which won both Division I meet and the Meet of Champions. Individually, congratulations to sophomore Connor McGonagle and Dylan Tremblay for their wins at the New England Wrestling Championships.

Highlights

Special Education Open House

Wed., March 29, 2017 | 5:30-7:30pm

A Special Education Family Information Night hosted by the TRHS community. Learn about high school programs and the supports that will transition students from their public school experience into the future of their design. Meet some of the community members, school professionals, students and parents involved in supporting each student's individualized experience.

This event is open to all Timberlane School District families interested in learning about the goal and purpose of Special Education services at the high school. A light dinner will be provided as well as childcare services.



Attention Seniors

A special reminder that cafeteria balances are to be paid off, and overdue books are to be returned to the Library before June 2, 2017.



Annual **Run of the Savages** 5K walk/run will be held at Pollard Elementary School on **Saturday, April 8, 2017** beginning at 10:00am. [Click here](#) for more information and to register online.

School Counseling News

On Monday, March 27, Val Castonquay from NHHEAF, the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation, will be in the PAC Recital Hall at 6:30pm to present "**Understanding the College Financial Aid Package & Financing Options**" to seniors and their parents. If you are trying to sort out your college acceptance letters and determine resources available come to this informative session.

For seniors exploring attending a community college, next week on Wednesday and Thursday we are holding **On the Spot Acceptance Days** in Guidance for six different community colleges. Students should see their counselor for more information and to sign up for an appointment.

School counselors met with Junior students this month to continue working with them on their post-secondary planning. Students met in small groups with counselors in the computer lab and reviewed the college search process. Students were also able to log in and learn what college search features are available to them within their Naviance accounts. Juniors will be meeting one-on-one with their counselors to continue the discussion regarding their post-secondary goals. If you missed this information at Junior Parent Information Night held on March 21, you can view the slide presentation on our [website](#).

The SAT test will be administered on **April 5, to all juniors** as part of the NH Department of Education's state testing program. All juniors should be in attendance and **at school by 7:20am**. Please help your child to do well by encouraging them to get a good night's rest and to eat a good breakfast.

Sophomore students will be participating in our fourth annual Career Day on April 18. Students will be able to learn about three different careers from adults who are employed in those fields. Sophomores have been asked to sign up for their sessions by March 31, on Naviance.

AP Testing is right around the corner for all students enrolled in AP courses. On **April 14, all AP students** need to participate in a **Pre-Administration session**. Tests will begin on the Monday following vacation and will continue for two weeks. The test schedule can be found on the College Board website. Students taking morning exams should report to their testing room by 7:20am. Students taking afternoon exams should report to their testing room by 11:30am.

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The TRHS PTSA is gearing up for **Teacher Appreciation Week** running the week of May 8. The PTSA asks that anyone who wishes to donate a gift card (that will be raffled off to staff during the week), bake a treat, or assist in setting up and/or breaking down throughout the week reach out to the PTSA.

To sign up specifically for donating towards the Teacher & Staff Breakfast, register [here](#).



PTSA Membership

One of the main criteria for a senior to be awarded the PTSA scholarship is that either the student or parent be a PTSA member. Also, in May or June, the team will be holding PTSA Board Elections.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the PTSA, or would like to be more active and join the board, please contact [Kate](#).



For the months of March and April, the History Book Club is reading "The Killer Angels," a historical retelling of World War One.



Senior Taylor Hogan beats Olympian swim record! Read the full article in the [Eagle Tribune](#).

Girls in STEM

On March 14, forty-seven Timberlane students traveled to the University of New Hampshire in Durham to participate in NH Girls Technology Day. This annual event, sponsored by the NH Department of Education, the NH Community College System, and several businesses, in an effort to encourage the state's female students to consider pursuing a career in STEM fields. Freshmen and sophomore girls were invited to participate in the day, because it is during these formative years that most students focus their academic interests that ultimately lead to career paths.



After welcoming remarks by Senator Maggie Hassan, the students attended a variety of workshops, including Bioacoustics, Art using Raspberry Pi, and the World of Robotics, which were led by educators and industry leaders. During their lunch break students explored a technology exhibition, where presenters shared information about college options, technology, and internships. Teacher and chaperone Lorainne Mascioli remarked that she "was ecstatic to witness the creativity, curiosity, and passion from our younger students when applying their problem-solving skills in an unfamiliar setting. This [opportunity was a wonderful experience](#) to extend upon our earlier STEMspiration event from the fall."



The Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce Interview Challenge

Second Round Winners Announced

As part of The Timberlane Regional School District Community Partnership Program, the second round of the Greater Haverhill Chamber Of Commerce Interview Challenge was held on March 17, at Timberlane Regional High School. The original twenty-one members of Antoinette DeSisto's Accelerated Entrepreneurship Class who took part in the competition have been narrowed down to a final five of which three would move on to the final round. Students from Haverhill High School also took part at their own school. The second round consisted of a panel interview with 4-5 local business owners and rated using a predetermined rubric which included punctuality, resume, attitude, appearance, and poise. The top three students from Timberlane are, William Gannon, Delaney Ripley, and Matt Perry.

These three students will now move to the final round that will entail a one-on-one interview onsite at a local business. The winner will be announced at the Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce meeting in May.

We would also like to thank Beverly Donovan and the Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce for organizing the Interview Challenge and we look forward to the upcoming rounds of the competition. Good luck to all of the students moving forward!

Moody's Mega Math Challenge



Eight Timberlane students began their February vacation by participating in the 2017 Moody's Mega Math Challenge. This annual competition is sponsored by the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, and challenges juniors and seniors to work as a team to solve a real problem using a multi-step mathematical modeling process as they compete for \$150,000 in scholarships.

Both teams of four worked for eleven hours on Friday, February 24, to tackle a complex problem involving the effects of global climate change on the U.S. National Park Service. The students had no idea what the problem posed would be until they logged on to begin the competition. Applying not only their mathematical skills, but their problem-solving, critical thinking, and communication skills as well, each team created an almost 20-page solution submitted electronically by eleven that night.

"It is exciting to see our students challenge themselves, and I'm so happy to take advantage of these opportunities for our students to explore the world of applied mathematics, computational science, economics, and finance," said team coach and Dean of Mathematics, Becca Carlson.



Scholar Athlete Ceremony

The New Hampshire Athletic Director's Association, in conjunction with the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association held its annual Scholar Athlete Ceremony at the Capitol Center for the Arts on February 6. Student-athletes from Division I High Schools gathered to be honored for their accomplishments. The Governor of New Hampshire was on hand to acknowledge the achievements of these student-athletes. For a student to be eligible for this award they must participate in at least two varsity sports their senior year, have a B+ average or better, while also being active in community service.



Back: Jake Chaput, Kaylee Smith, Luke Taylor, Taylor Gilcreast, Linnie McGuire, Bryan Lavoie.
Front: Award Winners Cameron Magner, Cameron Collins, Benjamin Longchamp

Harvard Model Congress

The most dynamic model Congress simulation available today for high school students is Harvard Model Congress. The program requires students to assume the role of real-life congressmen, senators, and members of government; forcing students to expand their own perspectives and to understand the issues at hand in a new, more nuanced way. Competition at the event was comprised mainly of charter and private school students, but Timberlane high school brought home three awards from the conference for their performance. We are extremely proud of these students, and all of those who participated.

Oh to be a Playwright

On Saturday, January 28, Timberlane community residents, alumni, and faculty attended the first annual One-Act Playwriting Workshop led by Timberlane Director of Dramatic Arts, Eric Constantineau. The workshop which ran from 9:00am to 3:00pm, challenged the participants to write a one-act play that focused on the theme of being a teenager. Participants first were given a crash course in effective one-act play writing by



Mr. Constantineau. They were then given time to work on their own with several story conference meetings in order for each playwright to get feedback from the whole group. What is unique about this workshop is that the participants' final drafts will be handed over to the Timberlane Players who will direct and act in the plays this summer in the Recital Hall of the PAC.

Everyone had a wonderful time at the workshop, and Mr. Constantineau was amazed at each participant's willingness to try something new and everyone's hard work and creative talent. Several members of the group expressed interest in participating in another workshop, and even taking part in an expanded event that would last a whole weekend. Mr. Constantineau is happy to oblige. There is even talk of reviving the Timberlane Theatre Project, a community theatre group that would produce theatrical productions and which would draw upon community members to act and direct.
