

TIMBERLANE REGIONAL



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HIGH SCHOOL

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TRHS forecast

- >> **Spring Break**
04/24 - 04/28
- >> **AP Testing**
05/01 - 05/12
- >> **SAT Makeups**
05/02 | TRHS | 7:20am
- >> **Musical - West Side Story**
05/04 - 05/06 | PAC | 7:00pm
05/06 | PAC | 1:00pm
- >> **Staff Appreciation Week**
05/08 - 05/12
- >> **Early College Planning and Costs Seminar**
05/10 | PAC | 6:30 - 8:30pm
- >> **Milkmen Show**
05/11 | PAC | 7:00 - 9:30pm
- >> **Science NECAP Testing**
05/16 - 05/17 | TRHS |
7:20am - 12:00pm
- >> **Comedy Club Show**
05/18 | TRHS Café | 7:00 - 9:00pm
- >> **Early Release Day**
05/26 | 7:20 - 11:55am
- >> **No School - Memorial Day**
05/29
- >> **STEM Night**
06/01 | TRHS Café | 4:00 - 7:30pm

A majority of our focus this time of year seems to be dedicated to our senior class, and preparing each of our students for life outside of our walls, but we are dually concerned about providing a smooth transition into high school for current eighth grade students. The school counseling office worked with middle school teachers and eighth grade students and their parents to schedule courses at the high school for the 2017-2018 school year. Recently, current freshmen met with eighth graders to share their first year experience and to answer questions they may have about high school. Last Friday, April 14, eighth graders heard from students on the opposite end of the spectrum, and joined a panel of high school seniors preparing for graduation at the Performing Arts Center to listen about the panelists' unique and successful journeys through four years of high school. The seniors selected for the panel represented students with a variety of interest, passions, and abilities, allowing everyone in attendance to hear outstanding testimonies about the importance of being involved in high school through leadership and service organizations, clubs, teams, and academics. They were able to showcase just how many wonderful opportunities there are to connect with peers and adults at the high school. The presentation can be viewed on our [vimeo webpage](#).

As if the year hasn't passed quickly enough, when we return from spring break, the time will really seem to fly, with graduation on June 10 being only six weeks from our return. We are gearing up for a fabulous finish; important AP and Science NECAP testing will be taking place in May, followed by multiple end-of-year ceremonies. Alongside our monthly forecast, you'll see a list of important senior dates on page two, and upcoming honor society inductions on page three. I hope to see you at one event or another in the weeks to come.

TRHS forecast

End of Year Senior Events

- >> **New Hampshire Scholars Day**
05/18 | Northeast Delta Dental Stadium, Manchester, NH | 9:00am
- >> **Senior Prom**
05/19 | Atkinson CC | 6:00pm
- >> **Senior Class Trip**
- **Odyssey Harbor Cruise**
05/25 | TRHS | 4:30pm
- >> **Drama Awards**
05/26 | PAC | 7:00pm
- >> **Excellence in Academics Dinner**
05/31 | Atkinson CC | 6:00pm
- >> **Senior Final Exams**
06/01 - 06/06 | TRHS | 7:20 - 10:55am
- >> **Senior Breakfast - Mandatory**
06/03 | TRHS | 8:30 - 11:30am
- >> **Music Awards**
06/04 | PAC | 5:00pm
- >> **Senior Athletic Recognition Night**
06/05 | Atkinson CC | 6:30pm
- >> **Scholarship Award Ceremony**
06/06 | PAC | 6:30pm
- >> **Senior Exam Make-Up**
- **By Appointment**
06/07 | TRHS | 9:00 - 11:00am
- >> **Graduation Rehearsal - Mandatory**
06/08 & 06/09 | TRHS | 9:00 - 11:00am
- >> **Senior Awards & Honor Society**
Cording Ceremony
06/08 | PAC | 6:30pm
- >> **Senior Picnic**
06/09 | TRHS | 11:00am - 1:00pm
- >> **Graduation Class of 2017**
06/10 | TRHS Campus | 10:00am
Seniors Report to Gym at 9:00am

School Counseling News

AP Testing is right around the corner. Beginning on the Monday following vacation week and continuing for 2 weeks, all students enrolled in AP courses will be taking AP exams. The testing 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. Good luck to all students on their exams!

Juniors will be taking the Science NECAP for state testing on the mornings of May 16 and May 17 beginning at 7:20am. Breakfast will be provided before testing. Please help your student get a good night's rest and to arrive on time.

Sophomore students participated in our fourth annual Career Day held on April 18th. Students were able to learn about three different careers from adults who are employed in those fields. Many of our speakers were alumni of Timberlane and were excited to share their career experiences with our students. See below for some pictures of the event. More can be found on our [school media page](#).

On May 10, at 6:30pm in the PAC Recital Hall, Val Castonguay, along with Barry Chooljian, Director of Guidance, will be here to present "**Early College Planning: For Parents of High School Students in Grade 9 and 10.**" The presentation covers the basics of college admission criterion, financial aid, and college savings options.



Air National Guard



Chef



Writer - Journalist

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Honor Society Induction Ceremonies

- >> **Math Honor Society Induction**
05/09 | TRHS Cafe | 5:00 - 7:00pm
- >> **Art Honor Society Induction**
05/11 | TRHS Café | 5:30 - 7:00pm
- >> **English Honor Society Induction**
05/16 | TRHS Café | 6:00 - 7:30pm
- >> **Rho Kappa Historical Honor
Society Induction**
05/22 | PAC | 6:00 - 8:00pm
- >> **Science Honor Society Induction**
06/01 | TRHS Café | 6:00 - 7:30pm
- >> **National Honor Society Induction**
06/02 | PAC | 6:30 - 8:00pm

Highlights

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

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](#).



Student Earns National Scholarship

Recently, senior Amanda Snow was recognized by the National YoungArts Foundation, which distinguishes emerging artists ages fifteen to eighteen from across the United States. Winners are selected through a blind process conducted by an independent panel of highly accomplished artists. Amanda submitted three recordings of herself singing while playing the piano and guitar to the Popular Voice contest. National YoungArts Foundation received over 8,200 applications from across the country and Amanda was one of 700 students chosen in different categories. She was notified earlier this year of her accomplishment and was awarded a \$300 scholarship and an engraved plaque. Amanda recently performed at our Project Hope Fundraiser and was captivating as she wowed the crowd with her singing and guitar playing! Amanda has been accepted at The College of Saint Rose, Emmanuel, and Providence College and is in the process of making a decision as to where she plans to attend.

Amanda found this opportunity through our school's Naviance scholarship page. The School Counseling Office posts scholarship application and that have been sent to our office in the Scholarship section where all seniors have access. We encourage seniors to check this page regularly as it is updated as new opportunities are received.

Second Semi-Annual Cleaner Greener Project

After months of bitter cold and knee high snow drifts, thankfully spring has sprung, and we are beginning to see flowers bloom and budding leaves sprout from bare branches. Now that the season is finally here, the high school is gearing up for its own spring cleaning, and would like to invite all community members for our second round of Cleaner Greener Timberlane: Spring. This program was a huge success last spring and autumn that involved students, staff, administrators, and parents of all four district towns. We are asking that anyone interested in being part of this beautification project come to the Timberlane Regional Campus on Saturday, May 6, from 8:00am until 11:00am to lend a helping hand.



And just like that, it's Quarter Four!

Springtime is a time for warmer days spent in the senior courtyard, and cheering on the lacrosse teams, the baseball and softball teams, boys' volleyball, girls' tennis, and track and field. Springtime is for April break, prom night, senior cruise, and, of course, graduation. The joys of springtime around TRHS are plentiful; but let's not forget what else springtime ushers in: quarter 4.

Quarter 4 is the home stretch of the school year, but it is also quite possibly the most important. The assignments and classwork are at a constant full speed, courses nearing the end, finals are fast approaching, and it is important for students to stay on track. Encourage your students to communicate with teachers for clarification, utilize the Academic Support Center (room 305), the Writing Lab (room 611) and the Media Center during lunch/study, and take advantage of any extra help sessions offered by teachers.

Before long, quarter 4 will come to a close and with it, the end of the 2016-2017 school year. Make sure you are ready!

Go for the Goal!

The Lions Twin State Soccer Association is a non-profit organization devoted to the celebration of athletic achievement while promoting fellowship through combined charitable acts and interpersonal relations. The Association has sponsored soccer matches between graduating seniors from New Hampshire and Vermont, both girls and boys, in July for the past forty-two years. The net proceeds from the games benefit the Green Mountain Lions Camp for hearing impaired children and the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation of New Hampshire that provides assistance for those needing hearing aids and eye surgeries. Timberlane students Lily Ashford, Rachel McAbee, Brandon Beane, and Shane Monahan have been chosen to represent New Hampshire in the 43rd annual Lions Twin State Soccer game on July 15. They will join other boys and girls from New Hampshire to play against seniors representing Vermont. Lily, Rachel, Brandon, and Shane will have the opportunity to experience a mini-soccer camp with top-notch coaches. They will also be making friendships and connections that can last a lifetime.

Model U.N. Does It Again

Timberlane's Model United Nations team once again brought home high honors at the annual University of Massachusetts - Lowell Model U.N. Conference. Three years running, our Model U.N. team has been presented the "Best Delegation Award" for the team's overall superior performance against the other schools in attendance from eastern Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire. The conference is held over three days at the UMass Lowell Inn and Conference Center in downtown Lowell. Participating in this mock delegation provides an exciting opportunity for students to debate critical issues facing the global community, as well as develop personal skills in public speaking, researching, and writing. Not only did our team show exceptional dedication overall, many of the students received individual awards including the highest award for participants, the Best Delegate Award was presented to junior, Jaimie Bissonnette and freshmen, Nicholas Longchamp. Lillian Farah and Cameron Magner came home with Outstanding Delegate Awards, and honorable mentions belong to Taylor Gilcreast, Nya Barnette, Abigail Griffin, Kyle Duffy, and Christopher Longchamp.



Pictured left to right: Jaimie Bissonnette, Nicholas Longchamp, Lillian Farah, Taylor Gilcreast, Abigail Griffin. Back: Christopher Longchamp, Cameron Magner, and Kyle Duffy

Model U.N. participants are designated countries to represent during the conference; this year Timberlane students were asked to represent the views of the United States, Israel, Sweden, and Slovakia. Students are expected to learn about their respective nation's involvement in selected issues, develop and communicate their country's position on these issues, test their negotiation skills, and further the position of their state. This year's focus contained topics on issues such as territorial disputes in the South China Sea, the ongoing security situation in Burundi, methods to ease growing military tensions with the Russian Federation, and considering possible NATO expansion. Additionally there was much discussion and debate on the current refugee crisis coming out of Syria in particular, such as how to combat the growing health concerns among refugees and within refugee settlements, and how to best provide for the well-being of unaccompanied minor refugees. There were other topics that delved into current environmental issues and students debated establishing international recycling and waste reduction programs, and assessing the impact of environmental crime.

Math Team Makes the Number

It was a fierce fight in Division One the Tri-State Math League this year. Our students repeatedly demonstrated their mastery of content in the five categories of Number Theory, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and Advanced Math. Timberlane finished in sixth place overall in the division, and only nine questions separated Timberlane from the third place team Exeter. Coach Lorainne Mascioli said, "This is by far the tightest competition among Division One schools I've ever seen in the 26 years I've been at Timberlane." The last meet of the year was at Amesbury on April 5, where Timberlane brought home a third place finish. The top two scorers were juniors Brian Desjardins and Timothy LaPorte. Timberlane is poised for a very strong team next year with five returning juniors who have been consistent performers throughout the entire season.

For the 2016-2017 season, the highest scoring freshman was Nicholas Longchamp, the highest scoring sophomore was Daniel Lewis, and the highest scoring junior was Brian Desjardins. The highest scoring senior was dedicated, four-year member Ben Longchamp. Ben was in contention for the highest scoring senior in the entire Tri-State League! His enthusiasm and hard work have been greatly appreciated by the team and coaches these last four years.



Pictured left to right: Marika Bogdanovich, Amanda Wester Nicholas Longchamp, Patrick Healey, Jacob Adams, and Timothy LaPorte. Back: Brian Desjardins, Benjamin Longchamp, and Jeffrey Grant.

Wentworth by the Sea

The History Book Club and English Honor Society will be performing a play motivated by a Civil Rights event that took place at the exclusive hotel, Wentworth by the Sea, in 1964. Hotel owner James Barker Smith denied Emerson Reed and his wife Jane the right to dine in a public restaurant. The Reeds were black, and on July 4, 1964 they exercised their civil rights. Both school groups read *Black Like Me* by Howard Griffin and *My Mother the Cheerleader* by Robert Sharenow for Black History Month and were inspired to explore the Civil Rights movement in New Hampshire. The play was written by a New Hampshire educator as an education resource for Discover Portsmouth's Black Heritage in New Hampshire program.

The play will take place on Tuesday, May 16, at 2:45pm in the PAC Recital Hall. The History Book Club and English Honor Society look forward to sharing their performance with the Timberlane community.