

e have been extremely fortunate this autumn with lingering warm weather and lasting days of beautiful sunshine. Our Fall athletic teams have thoroughly taken advantage of this weather as their season comes to a close. While the cold breath of winter has been slow to arrive, the end of our first quarter is already at our doorstep! The first nine weeks of the 2017 - 2018 school year has been an exciting time full of welcome changes. Our students and staff have adjusted nicely to the new schedule and longer class periods, plus the new procedures that accompany such change. Despite all of the modifications to our routine this year, it is still an expectation that our students complete their work. To ensure there are no surprises come Friday, November 3, when the quarter ends, I encourage parents and guardians to access their PowerSchool account, not only near the end of a quarter but throughout the year, to stay up-to-date on their student's progress.

Looking ahead to the coming month, there are several key events happening. Firstly is our shortened school week surrounding Veteran's Day with an **early release on November 9**, and no school in observance of the federal **holiday, November 10**. Following this, is our much anticipated **Spirit Week** lasting from **November 13 through November 18**. Student Council has actively been working with Administration to develop a full week of engaging activities aimed at enhancing school spirit and focusing on unity. You can find a briefing of events and daily themes on page three of this newsletter.

The Timberlane Regional School Board is currently seeking community input in developing a five-year strategic plan for our district schools with goals focusing around 21st Century learning and academics, facilities, and culture and climate. I highly encourage parents/guardians and students to get involved in shaping our district's future by attending and participating in public forums aimed at the development of a strategic plan. The first opportunity is **November I** at the **Middle School cafeteria from 6:30 - 8:30pm**, and the second will be held **November 27**, at **Sandown North Elementary**, also from **6:30 - 8:30pm**. At these forums, Mr. Jay Vogt, from Peoplesworth, will facilitate a discussion of the academic, facilities, and school climate concerns of all stakeholders.

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TRHS Porecast

- >> Macbeth Theatre Production 10/26 - 10/28 | PAC | 7:00 - 10:00pm 10/28 | PAC | 2:00 - 5:00pm
- >> Best Buddies Dodgeball Tournament 10/28 | 12:00 - 5:00pm
- >> Music Dept. Fall Festive Social | 11/01 | 4:00 9:0pm
- >> Strategic Planning Forum | | | TRMS | 6:30 - 8:30pm
- >> Athletic Impact Testing | 11/07 & 11/08 | Library Lab | | 2:30 - 3:30pm
- >> Mr. Timberlane Competition 11/08 | PAC | 6:30 - 9:30pm
- >> Early Release Day 11/09 | 7:20 - 11:55am
- >> Veteran's Day Brunch | 11/09 | Library | 12:30 - 1:30pm
- >> No School Veteran's Day
- >> **Spirit Week** (See events on Page 3) 11/13 11/18

- >> Winter Athletic Awareness | 1/20 | 6:30 - 7:30pm
- >> No School Thanksgiving Break
- >> Mealey's Meal Holiday Vendor Fair 11/25 | 10:00am - 4:00pm
- >> Strategic Planning Forum 11/27 | Sandown North | 6:30 - 8:30pm

School Counseling News

Sophomore and Junior students who took the PSAT on October 14 are encouraged to create a College Board account if they do not already have one (students should not create more than one account). PSAT results will be available sooner for those students who have created accounts, and should be available in mid-December. For students without accounts, paper score reports will be distributed. We highly encourage students to make College Board accounts since 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. The SAT test will be administered to all Juniors on March 21st at the high school during the school day.

After Quarter I grades close on November 3rd, counselors will be holding check-in meetings with all **Freshmen** to see how their first quarter went and how the transition to high school is going. Counselors will be helping students to access the academic and extra-curricular resources available to them.

Throughout the month of November, counselors will continue meeting with **Seniors** to assist them with their college applications and post-secondary plans. November Ist and I5th are popular early application deadlines for many colleges. The School Counseling office will continue to email Seniors when the next Common App Work Sessions will be held in the School Counseling Office.

Timberlane Swag Fundraiser

Today is the **final day** of the PTSA's annual fall apparel sale! Hurry and place your order of items that make perfect gifts for students, staff, and parents alike, delivered just in time for the holiday season. All proceeds help to fund scholarships and activities at the high school.

On further PTSA news, it was nice seeing so many new faces during Freshman Orientation and Parent-Teacher Conferences. Our group is growing and we so appreciate the continued, positive support. All are invited

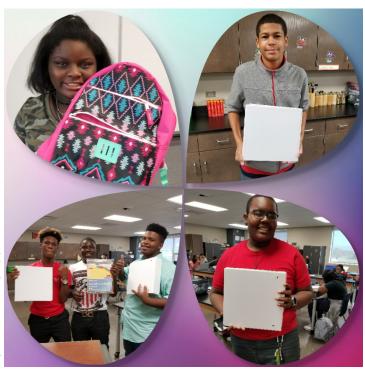


to our next meeting is **Tuesday, November 7,** at **00:00pm.** We'll be discussing our Timberlane Swag Fundraiser results, the National PTA Reflections Program, and brainstorm on other events we might do before year's end. Click here to register in the PTSA as a parent, student, or staff member.

Adopt-A-Classroom

This fall the Timberlane community came together to help out with Hurricane relief efforts. The Class of 2018 sponsored a school-wide fundraiser to help replace school supplies in a Houston area classroom after Hurricane Harvey. TRHS's adopted classroom was Angela Edward's Computer Technology class at South Early College High School in Houston, Texas. Thanks to the generosity of the Milkmen who donated proceeds from one of their shows and the 2B classes that took part in the fundraising contest we were able to raise just under \$1200 for Hurricane relief.

With our proceeds, we were able to supply Mrs. Edwards' class with all of their requested items, make a \$250 donation to Feeding America who is working to



provide food and water to victims of all the hurricanes that have hit the United States and its territories this year, plus set aside an additional \$400 for an additional Houston school district that has yet to reopen.

10 Years of Milkmen

On November 17, the Milkmen will be debuting their **Ten Year Milkmen Documentary** to the public. This twenty-five minute documentary captures why improvisation is a twenty-first century skill that develops humility, collaboration, and compassion in the young generation. Considering their immense help with the "Adopt-A-Classroom" fundraiser for Hurricane victims, the Milkmen have promised to donate all of their profits from this November show towards our annual Mealey's Meals project. The Performing Arts Recital Hall holds roughly two hundred people, and we would love for this event to reach full capacity. A sold out show would bring help to a great number of local families by spreading *hope* and *humor*.

Spirit Week Lineup

Student Council has created a fun-filled week to promote school spirit and unity. Each day has a different theme for students and staff to participate in, along with additional events throughout the week. On Wednesday, November 15, staff and students are invited to the Variety Show at the PAC; an evening where students can showcase their numerous talents, or just have a little fun. The week ends on Saturday, November 18 with the Spirit Week Dance, held here at the school from 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

Monday - Color and Toga Day

Freshmen - Blue Sophomore - Red Junior - Green Senior - Togas

Tuesday - Seasons Day

Wednesday - Disney Day

Pick a favorite Disney character, and dress up.

Thursday - Mismatch Day

Friday - Timberlane Pride Day