

Tualatin High School Timberwolves

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Newsletter

At a Glance Upcoming Events	
February	
3rd	No school teacher work day
9th	IB Dessert 6:00 PM
11th and 12th	Singing in the Burbs
11th	Texas Hold em Night 7:00 PM
13th to 17th	Morp Week
16th	Blood Drive
20th	No school, Presidents Holiday
25th	TSO Auction 7:00 PM
March	
13th	Drivers Ed. Sign ups for Spring & Summer Courses 6:00 AM
16th	Parent Teacher Conferences 10:00 AM
20th	Drivers Ed. Sign ups for Spring Course Parent/Student Meeting 7:00 PM
21st	Mr. Timberwolf Pageant

Dear Tualatin High School Families,

Equity and Excellence

Five years ago, our district set forth on a journey towards 'Closing the racial achievement gap'. The more accurate phrasing is that we were determined to 'Eliminate racial disparities in student academic achievement'. In other words, we wanted to create an educational system where you could not predict academic achievement based on race, and where all students were achieving at the highest level possible.

Equity Team

Members: School Administrator Greg Dinse, Teachers (Angelita Gregson, Caroline Hay, Chris Lieuallen, Kim Galloway, Don Sires, Flo Horne)

Purpose – To look for -- and address, inequities in our school system(s).

CARE Team

Members: School Administrators and Teachers

Purpose — To examine the pedagogy (curriculum and instruction) in our system, to assure that the materials and methods we are using to teach are able to help all students.

PASS Team

Members: Parents of color, School Principal, Multicultural Coordinator

Purpose — To provide a structure and opportunities to listen and respond to the voices, ideas, and multiple perspectives. Our next meeting is February 22nd, from 5:30-8:00pm, at Fowler Middle School. The final PASS meeting will be April 25th, 5:30-8:00pm, at Fowler Middle School.

Unity Team

Student Club focused on Equity and Anti-Bullying

Pledge:

Choose to be unified as one school. With no judgment based on race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or anything of the sort.

The Good News: We are starting to see a decrease in the achievement gap at Tualatin High School and in our school district. Moreover, the achievement of all students continues to go up. In other words, we are not seeing one racial group improving, while other racial groups go down.

Activities - What's Happening?

MORP Week Information

Time Warp MORP Activities

Throughout the week of February 13-17, 2012



Monday Feb. 13

Favorite Team/Fanatic Fan Dress Up Day

Assembly/Winter Sports and MORP

Yo-Yo at Lunch

Hidden Artifact Scavenger Hunt All Week Long

Tuesday Feb. 14

Valentines Day

Stop Light Day/Glamorous Dress Up Day

Treat Before School

Mr. Timberwolf fundraising event

Trivia Tournament at Lunch

Hidden Artifact Scavenger Hunt All Week Long



Wednesday Feb. 15

Would You Be My Friend If I Wore This? Dress Up Day

Jam on Toast at lunch

Hidden Artifact Scavenger Hunt All Week Long



Thursday Feb. 16

Western Wear Dress Up Day

Blood Drive All Day - Pre-Sign Up Required, Contact an ASB Member

Ninja Tournament at Lunch

Coffee House in the Evening in the Commons

Hidden Artifact Scavenger Hunt All Week Long



Friday Feb. 17

80's/Neon Dress Up Day

Snow Cones at Lunch

Hidden Artifact Scavenger Hunt All Week Long

80's/Neon Out Basketball Game – Double Header vs. Tigard

80's/Neon Dance – After game until 10:30pm



Tualatin Robotics

Design. Build. Compete. Win

www.tualatinrobotics.com

Hello from the Tualatin Robotics Team!

Welcome to the 2011/2012 robotics season. We are elated to have the opportunity to participate in this competition. This year, everyone on our team is really excited to discuss new designs and build new, creative robots that will help us expand our knowledge in the field of technology.

New Events

It's a new competition year for our team and with a new year comes a new challenge. Our challenge this year is called The Rebound Rumble. The game is played between two alliances of three teams each. Each alliance competes by trying to score points by sinking as many basketballs in the hoops as possible during the 2-minute and 15-seconds match. Balls scored in higher hoops earn the alliances more points. Alliances are awarded bonus points if both robots are balanced on bridges at the end of the match. In matches where opposing alliances work together to balance on the white bridge, all participating teams earn additional valuable seeding points.

The Autodesk Oregon Regional tournament will be held March 9-10 at the Portland Memorial Coliseum.

FTC Competition Update

Robot construction for the FTC tournament is well under way. The Oregon FTC Qualifying Tournament will be held at OMSI, on Saturday, February 4 at 1:00 pm in auditorium.

Don't miss the action when our high school robotics team faces off on a day of mechanical madness at the First Tech Challenge regional competition. Each team is given a kit of LEGO NXT and Tetrax parts to design and build robots for the challenge. Winners of the FTC regional competition will go to the state championships where they may qualify for the national competition. Events are free and open to the public, museum admission is not included.

Homework Club

Tuesday and Thursday

3:00 to 4:30

In the library

This is a great opportunity for students to complete homework and other class assignments.

An activity bus is available for rides home. The bus leaves at 5:00pm.

Please contact Mr. Ruiz for more information

503-431-5575

Saturday Academy's "Apprenticeships in Science & Engineering" Programs

Now accepting preliminary applications for summer 2012. If selected, there is a stipend included. ASE Information Sessions for this exciting opportunity are now being held at various locations.

For more information - website: www.saturdayacademy.org/ASE

ACE Mentor Program is currently accepting applications for their 12-week after school program starting in January 2012. This program gives students a hands-on introduction to careers in Architecture, Construction Management and Engineering. Space is limited!

Physics and Biology Information

Physics and biology classes are trying a new "flipped classroom" teaching method where students are learning content on-line at home and then doing in class what they would normally do as homework. This reduces the amount of class time spent on lecture and allows more time for application in the classroom.

This is a link to a video that explains the flipped classroom concept.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2H4RkudFzlc>

This is Mr. Murray's explanation for his Physics classes

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DVmDIPJCH8g>

Other science teachers are doing this as well, and at their November inservice, they received training from an instructional technology specialist to learn more about this innovative teaching method.



THE PAW

Tualatin

High's

Electronic

Publication for

Art and

Writing

Now accepting submissions!

Read the latest issue of THE PAW, Tualatin High's Electronic Publication of Art and Writing, online now!

THE PAW is currently accepting submissions for our next issue. TuHS students can email their writing, photography and/or artwork to thepaw@ttsd.k12.or.us. All published authors and artists will be eligible to win a \$50 publication prize. Congratulations to this issue's winners, Hayley Leeper and Jonah Howard.

<http://www.ttsd.k12.or.us/tualatin-high-school/student-resources/the-paw>



Snowriders Club

The snowriders club is accepting registrations for this year's recreational snowboarding and skiing program at Mt.Hood Meadows. Programs run during January and February . Customized packages include bus fare, lift tickets, lessons and equipment rentals. This program is well suited to experienced students, and students trying snow sports for the first time.

Direct your questions to snowriders2012@gmail.com .

Ecology Club

Wetland Thursdays: The first and third Thursday of each month until spring break. We will work at removing non-native species from our schools wetland, and possibly plant more natives in the Spring. Meet in room 36 after school.

Night Hike - February 24 Join us in exploring the sounds and sights of the night. We'll leave from campus at 5:30 and return around 8:30. The event is free, but a \$3 donation is suggested.

Solve Spring Break Clean-Up - March 31 8 Am - 4 pm Join us for this awesome day! Help us clean up Nehalem Bay State Park and enjoy BBQ before heading back to Tualatin. We'll leave on a bus at 8 AM sharp! To sign-up you need to bring back a signed permission form to Mrs. Childers, room 36. **PERMISSION FORMS ARE ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE DOOR TO RM 36.**

Sign up with Mrs. Childers in room 36. CHECK HER [WEBSITE](http://sciencewithchilders.weebly.com) FOR UPDATED INFORMATION, CANCELLATIONS, AND MEETING NOTES. <http://sciencewithchilders.weebly.com>

Tualatin FBLA February Newsletter

Our FBLA chapter has been very successful so far and we are looking forward to a memorable and exciting year together. We have been busy raising money for our March of Dimes fundraiser for premature babies. We have spent days at various community events and stores and have become extremely close to our goal of \$3,000. The previous chapter's record efforts was \$1200 - this year's group has done an amazing job!

The chapter is preparing for our annual State Competition this April by completing the Business Achievement Awards. The BAA's are a series of levels that include community service, business skill, and leadership assessments and become more involved and detailed as you reach the final level. State Competition fees can be expensive, so we have been going out into the neighborhood to rake leaves and have raised a fair amount that goes directly to lowering individual's costs. TuHS FBLA chapter is the reigning 2010-2011 state champions, and have won 6 of the last 10 state championships."

As we are nearing State, we have been encouraging our members to sign up for competitive events at Regional's this January. There are performance and objective tests that range from public speaking, desktop publishing, computer networking, and much more. Tualatin FBLA will be hosting Regional's on January 21 from around 9am-3pm at TuHS. There will be approx. 210 high school students representing 5 different area high schools and the Tualatin Rotary has partnered with TuHS FBLA to provide judges.

TIGARD YOUTH TRACK INFORMATION

Is your athlete interested in track this spring after their regular track season? Check out our website below.

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN ON JAN. 15th.

Questions? Email tigardyouthtrackclub@mac.com <x-msg://1332/tigardyouthtrackclub@mac.com> .

Web: http://web.me.com/tigardyouthtrackclub/TYT_2011/Tigard_Youth_Track_2011.html

IB Dessert Fundraiser

Thursday, February 9, 2012
Tualatin High School Commons

We will be acknowledging both Diploma and Anticipated Diploma candidates

Adults \$15
Students \$5

Purchase tickets through the bookkeeper

We will have raffle tickets for sale to win local restaurant gift certificates, and an oral auction as well. The flowers donated by The Garden Corner will also be available for purchase.

This is a great way to pick up Valentine's gifts and support the IB program too! The proceeds from the dessert will be used to train new IB teachers, and purchase supplementary materials for the IB courses.

Donations Still Being Accepted If you own a local business and want to donate goods or services to be raffled off or bid upon at our fundraiser, please contact Heidi Gorka at 503-431-5628.



Culinary Team Heats it up!

Five students from the Culinary Arts Two class have been selected to represent TuHS at the annual State Culinary Competition on **February 18**, at the Expo Center. The students have one hour to prepare two identical, appetizers, main entrees and desserts on only two gas burners! The students practice their meal preparation under a mentor Chef and classroom teacher, Heidi Larson. The Culinary Team has selected a difficult menu this year and is setting their hopes to be in the top five. Students will compete against 25 other schools in the state. The team who takes first place will compete in Chicago at the National ProStart Culinary Competition in May.



Drama News

The TuHS Thespians will be presenting a play version of Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World" March 7-10 & 14-17. For more info contact Mr. Clark @ sclark@ttsd.k12.or.us, or 503-431-5701.



International Baccalaureate Update

Internal Assessments are coming in! Late February through late March is the big crunch for all the internal assessments including labs in science, orals in language A and B, Math studies projects, Visual Arts portfolios, and many others. Please help your son/daughter stay organized and focused on those deadlines so that they can stay eligible. See my website at anatomygorka.weebly.com to find dates and deadlines for the various IB courses.

Group 4 Projects Presentations- All students testing in a science course this May are participating in various research projects related to climate change. They will be presenting their research on January 18th at 6 pm in the science wing. Parents are welcome to attend.

A Call for Parents to Serve as IB Proctors. In May our 105 IB diploma and certificate candidates will be testing. Parents are needed to volunteer as test proctors. Please check the anatomygorka.weebly.com website and click on the IB link for the May 2012 exam schedule and contact Heidi Gorka (503-431-5628) if you are available to proctor.

Timberwolves scarves are here!

\$13.00

Purchase a scarf through the bookkeeper
Or look for them for sale at home basketball games
Get one before they are gone!



\$crip is Available

The best fundraiser ever!

Scrip is a program where you exchange cash for a gift certificate of equal value. The merchants who participate sell the gift certificates at a discount to the school and the school profits from the sales.

Go to the website for an order form

Anyone and everyone can order

Turn your order in to the bookkeeper by Monday and pick up your gift certificates on Thursday

For more information, call Rosemary Smurthwaite, Scrip Coordinator, at 503-624-9870

Athletics

Spring Athletics begins February 27

Baseball
Softball
Golf
Tennis
Track & Field

Complete the following steps to register for your sport:

1. Tigard-Tualatin School District Athletic Clearance Form. The Clearance Form is to be completed and signed by athletes and their parents **for each sport each year**
2. School Sports Pre-Participation Examination Form (Physical required every 2 years) The Oregon State Board of Education requires athletes to have a sports physical every two years.
3. Sports Fee Receipt (pay Bookkeeper/get a receipt) There is a \$225 pay-to-play fee per sport, plus a \$5 refundable athletic lock fee (make checks to TuHS).

You will not be registered to tryout or practice for sports until you bring the required forms to the Athletic Office. Do not mail or fax your sports forms to school, or drop them off in other school offices. A current physical, health insurance and your sports fee are required before you are allowed to tryout or practice.

Go to <http://www.tsd.k12.or.us/tualatin-high-school/athletics> for registration forms and information.

Attention all Student-Athletes

If you are planning on participating in an OSAA sponsored activity, you must maintain a 2.0 GPA, have no F's from last Fall semester and have a minimum number of credits on your transcript in order to be eligible.



Community Events

Fifth Annual

Texas Hold'em Tournament and Casino Night

Fundraiser for TuHS Athletics and the Packbacker Booster Club

February 11, 2012

Tualatin Country Club

Support Timberwolf Athletics

In addition to the Texas Hold'em tournament, this event will also feature blackjack and roulette tables as well as a great opportunity for socializing with fellow Timberwolves supporters. The additional games will also be included in the prize giveaways for the top three winners of each game.

This tournament is successful with the help of businesses in the community. Contributions of prizes and donations are needed and can be made to the Packbacker organization. Donations would qualify for tax deduction as well. Any contribution your business could make would get us one step closer to another successful event. If you are interested in making a contribution to this event, please contact Greg Doering, Tournament Committee Co-Chair at doering1@frontier.com, 503-869-4153 or another committee member.

Please check future newsletters and the Tualatin High School website for more information as the day of the event gets closer.



- ◆ A community social ◆
- ◆ An opportunity to showcase student talent ◆
- ◆ A fundraiser supporting TuHS Academics, Arts, Athletics, & Activities ◆



TSO Auction

Sat., Feb. 25th

7:00 pm

Tualatin High School

Open to students, their families, and the community

Tickets \$10/person (before 2/19)

Includes Dessert Bar and Admission

Earn \$ for a Club, Team, or Department

New this year, donors have the opportunity to direct a portion of their donation's proceeds to support a team, club, or department. By designating the group you wish to support on a Donation Form, a percentage of the donated items' proceeds will directly support that team, club, or department. The percentage earned depends on the group's involvement in the auction with a minimum of 25%. The balance of the proceeds goes to TSO to support Academics, Arts, Athletics and Activities.

Making a Donation

Donation forms are available in the school office and on the school website. Donations can be delivered to the school Main Office or contact Kathy Stallkamp for pick-up. Donation ideas include:

- Tickets to a sporting event
- Use of a vacation home
- Themed dinner/party (BBQ, Italian Night)
- Themed basket
- Service (yard work)

Check out Our Students

TuHS students are an active part of the TSO Auction. Culinary Arts students will be preparing and serving desserts, student talent from Choir, Band, Orchestra, and Thespians will be performing, and students in business classes are engaged in planning and running the auction. What a great way to showcase our student talent!

Buy Your Tickets Now

Tickets can be purchased thru PayPal on the school website or in school thru the school Bookkeeper. Buy tickets before Feb. 19th for \$10/person. After Feb. 19th, tickets can be purchased for \$15/person. Tickets allow entry to the Auction and the Dessert Bar.

Get Involved

- Donate an item or service
- Volunteer to help at the auction
- Plan to attend the auction
- Spread the word & make this a great event!

Questions: Contact Kathy Stallkamp
kstallkamp@yahoo.com or 503-639-3274

Tualatin High Timberwolf Support Organization

The Foundation for Tigard Tualatin Schools Fund Drive Is On!

**Fund The Learning
Fund Tigard Tualatin Schools!**

The Foundations FUND DRIVE is on through February!

Your donations are paying for things like:

High School Homework Clubs

Robotics

Ipads

Teacher Aids

Artists in Residence

Reading Teachers

Kindles

Instruments

Ipod Touches

School-Wide Art Projects

Curriculum-Focused Programs

Fund Learning. Fund Tigard Tualatin Schools Today

Beat us to the phone!

Donors who give by Feb 20th will not be called during the Phone Outreach

Contributions are 100% tax deductible. Monthly giving options are encouraged. Donate today at: www.the-fts.org

Needing Callers for Phone Outreach - Dinner and prizes. Easy and Fun!

February 21 and 22 @ Hazelbrook Middle School 5:30 - 8:30

February 28 and 29 @ Twality Middle School 5:30 - 8:30

Email info@the-fts.org to sign up

Donate Today at www.the-fts.org <<http://www.the-fts.org/>> .

Add info@the-fts.org to your email address book to receive Foundation news.

Join us on Facebook & Twitter.

**Below is a listing of the many projects funded by your donations.
Thank you for donating.**

**Tigard Tualatin Kids are learning because of Foundation dollars donated by you
Because of you the foundation donated \$9000. to each of the schools below:**

2011 - 2012 Projects funded by your dollars!

Alberta Rider Elementary

3rd Grade instructional aide for reading

Bridgeport Elementary

Extended learning day support
for reading, writing and math

Byrom Elementary

Ipads; instructional aides during and after school; instructional
technology for kids with disabilities

CFT Elementary

Gold Club; Math Manipulative Kits; Instructional Aide for math
intervention and enrichment.

Deer Creek Elementary

Gold Club reading and math support for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders.

Durham Elementary

1st grade reading teacher

Mary Woodward Elementary

Instructional Aide for math Acceleration & Support

Metzger Elementary

After school activities program (ASAP)

Templeton Elementary

After School homework club; extended math support club

Tualatin Elementary

iPADS; IPOD Touch class set; document camera & projector for music;
Americorps volunteer support

Fowler Middle School

Kindles in the classroom; Lego lab supplies

Hazelbrook Middle School

Extended day support for math

Twality Middle School

Instructional aids in reading, writing and math

Tigard High School

Homework club for math and writing; robotics supplies; life skills
supplies; accessible computers for parents

Tualatin High School

Homework club

2012 - 13 Foundation Grant School Wish List

Alberta Rider Elementary

Reading Teacher to help lower size of reading groups (\$10,000)

Bridgeport Elementary

Math Support (\$10,000)

Byrom Elementary

Instructional Aides for math acceleration and support (\$10,000)

CFT Elementary

Wildcat Den Afterschool homework support computer access &
educational activities (\$10,000)

Deer Creek Elementary

Gold Club for 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade reading & math support; Hands-On
Algebra for accelerated 4th & 5th grade problem solving (\$10,000)

Durham Elementary

Math Teacher for approaching grade-level and accelerated 3rd, 4th & 5th
graders; reading teacher; Sizzlin' Science workshops. (\$10,000)

Fowler Middle

Crazy Traits & Lights genetics kits and plant lights for 7th grade Life
Science students; Fitness heart rate monitors; alternative education
student support & career exploration; Jump Start summer transition
program. (\$10,000)

Mary Woodward Elementary

Math Enrichment for TAG and accelerated students & K-1 approaching
grade-level students; Eagles Club homework help program. (\$10,000)

Metzger Elementary

Math Busters after school support program. (\$10,000)

Templeton Elementary

Mastering Mathematics support program; cracking the code reading
support; Math Manipulatives & Supplies; Leveled Readers; After-School
Homework help for 2nd - 5th graders. (\$10,000)

Tigard High

Homework Club supporting math and writing; Robotics supplies and fees;
Life skills supplies; Accessible computers & Training for parents.
(\$10,000)

Tualatin Elementary

10 Macbook Air Laptops to incorporate writing in daily lessons;
Sustainable Garden resources. (\$10,000)

Tualatin High

TuHS Homework Club. (\$10,000)

Twality Middle

Instructional Aides for reading & math support. (\$10,000)

Student Affairs Information



Jarvis Gomes - Associate Principal	503-431-5607
Jessica Mitchell - Assistant to Assoc. Principal	503-431-5603
Debbie Gray - Attendance Secretary	503-431-5631
Rosie Rocha - Campus Security	503-431-5638
Flo Horne - Campus Security	503-431-5649
Kristie Bullock - Campus Security	503-431-5637
Eric French - School Resource Officer	503-431-5614
Brian Miller - School Resource Officer	503-431-5614

STUDENT PARKING

Tualatin High School has limited parking due to increased enrollment. Below is a list of parking regulations to ensure parking lot safety.

- 1) Student driven vehicles parked in the school lot must be registered with the school and display a valid parking permit issued from the Student Affairs Office.
- 2) There must be no speeding or any form of reck- less driving on school property. All vehicles must be driven 10 miles per hour. 3) Students may not loiter in parked cars in the parking lot at any time of the school day.
- 4) Students may park only in the designated areas of the south and north lot. 5) Failure to follow parking regulations may result in the loss of parking privileges, booting, and fine (\$30).

CELL PHONE USE NOT ALLOWED IN CLASS

Cell phone use during class time is strictly prohibited. They may be used during non-instructional times during the school day (before and after school, during passing times, during morning break, and at lunch).

Use during class time will result in the cell phone's confiscation and forwarding to the Main Office. Documentation of the incident will be made in the event of repeated violations, which will result in disciplinary action.

1st Offense – Confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the day.

2nd Offense – Confiscated and returned to the parent or guardian.

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Students at Tualatin High School are expected to attend all classes and be on time. Attendance is the first indicator in how successful a student will be in a class. If a student is absent or late to class multiple times it can have a negative impact on a student's understanding of the material. Talking with your student about school and making sure they attend will help your student be successful.

If you need to excuse your student, you need to do so within 48 hours of their absence. Please call the attendance hotline at (503) 431-5630 and leave a message stating your students name, ID number, and reason for absence. If the absence is not excused within 48 hours, it will be considered an unexcused absence.

Detention Procedures CHANGE IN POLICY

If a student misses their assigned detention without an excused absence, they will be suspended the following school day.

Information for Parents

News from the Counseling Office:

We are now at the beginning of semester 2 and students received their new schedules on Monday, February 6th. Counselors have been working with students during January to finalize these schedules, and any additional changes must be made by February 17th. After that, students will have to withdraw from classes and grades are posted on the transcript. Electives are very full so it will be very difficult to make changes.

Preparations are well underway for the 2012-2013 school year. Tualatin High School students will receive academic planning guides and forecasting sheets on March 12th and 13th. Welcome to the Pack night for incoming freshmen is April 4th, and counselors will be meeting with students at Twality that same day. Forecasting will take place on Friday, April 6th at Hazelbrook, and on Wednesday, April 11th at the high school for private and home schooled students.

Scholarships continue to come into the counseling office and the list is updated every week. Seniors should continue to check in regularly!

State testing is well underway and is coordinated by Ann Zitzelsberger. She is available to answer questions if you have them at 503-431-5634.

School-to-work credit is available to juniors and seniors who work 130 hours/semester. Check in with Kat Toms to get signed up for this program. Ms. Toms also has information about upcoming engineering days and college preview days. You can contact her at 503-431-5636.

Over 35 college representatives visited Tualatin High School during the first quarter of this year. Many of our junior and senior students took advantage of these learning opportunities so they can make informed decisions about college applications. Speaking of college applications - SENIORS: the holiday time is a great time to complete applications and begin working on scholarships. Check out the scholarships available in our office by accessing the counseling office at the following link: [Tualatin High School Counseling Office](#). Then click on TuHS scholarship info and read through the selection criteria and the deadlines. Apply for any and all that pertain to you. JUNIORS: Use the holiday time to do an internet search of colleges that are of interest to you. There are so many colleges and universities in the Portland Metropolitan area and you could spend a day or two visiting different campuses. Most students will be away from campus during the holidays, but you can still walk around on campus, check out the dorms and student unions, and begin to feel the difference between urban/suburban, large/small, public/private.

College Goal Oregon is a FREE event designed to help Oregon college-bound students and their families with the financial aid application process. Everyone is invited to attend this event, whether they are high school or non-traditional returning students. Financial aid professionals will be on hand to help attendees complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC) scholarship application. Help will be available on all PCC campuses on Saturday, Jan 21st. Check the above College Goal Oregon link for times.

DRIVER EDUCATION

SPRING OF 2012

Dates March 20 – June 9, 2012

Requirement: Driving Permit by March 20, 2012

Sign Ups: March 13, 2012 (Tuesday)
6:30 a.m. (1st come; 1st served)
Tualatin High School Commons

Parent Night For Spring Classes March 20, 2012 (Tuesday)
7:00 p.m.
Tualatin High School Auditorium

Cost: \$300 (Students who obtain their license or turn 18 BEFORE the end of the course will pay an additional \$210.)(per the State of Oregon)

Information: The class at Tigard High School this Spring will be limited to 3 students. The class at Tualatin High School will also be limited to 30 students.

Tentative Class Dates are:

March 22 April 3, 5, 10,12, 17, 19, 24, 26
May 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24

Driving dates will be assigned on a rotating schedule Monday through Saturday, April 7 – June 9

More information will be available after February 1, 2012. Please contact Ron Dyer at Tualatin High School 503 – 431- 5736

SUMMER OF 2012

Dates June 18 – July 25, 2012

Requirement: Driving Permit by June 18, 2012

Sign Ups: March 13, 2012 (Tuesday)
6:30 a.m. (1st come; 1st served)
Tualatin High School Commons

Parent Night For Summer Classes June 18, 2012 (Monday)
7:00 p.m.
Tualatin High School Auditorium

Cost: \$300 (Students who obtain their license or turn 18 BEFORE the end of the course will pay an additional \$210.)(per the State of Oregon)

Information: Summer classes are held at TuHS. More information will be available after February 1, 2012. Contact Ron Dyer at 503 – 431 - 5736

Tentative Class Dates are:

June 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28
July 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25

Driving dates will be assigned on a rotating schedule Monday through Saturday, June 22 – July 25

If you are planning on taking Driver Education the summer of 2012 please plan family vacations around Driver Education. Camps, church or sport related events, need to be cleared with Mr. Dyer as soon as possible. Thank you!

Please Note: You MUST notify Mr. Dyer in advance if your student will be unable to attend a “drive” time. A “NO SHOW” will be assessed a fee of \$25 and the possibility of not receiving a certificate of completion.



Resource Center News

The Resource Center will be hosting a Medical Teams International dental van for parents of Tigard-Tualatin students each month through June.

Call the resource center at (503) 603-1585 for an appointment.

The dental van will provide:

- X rays
- Fillings
- extractions
- help with pain and swelling



There will be no cleanings, root canals or dentures.

There is a suggested donation of \$25 but no one will be turned away if the cost is prohibitive.

eSIS and Parent Assistant

The Tigard Tualatin School District will continue to use the student information system called eSIS for one more year. eSIS provides a number of services to help schools track student information, attendance, and performance. Of greatest interest to families is an eSIS function called "Parent Assist" (PA).

The main functions of Parent Assist are.

- Grade/Performance Reporting: Parent Assist allows parents to login and see selected portions of a teachers' grade-books pertinent to their student. Information is "real time" and available at any time.
- Attendance Information: Parents will be able to see their student's attendance record. This will include absences and tardies by class and the reasons provided.
- Information Updating: Parents will have access to information files concerning contact information, medical alerts, demographic data, etc. eSIS allows parents to make changes online without submitting paperwork to the school.

At fall conferences, District staff will provide training and access codes to parents. In addition, TuHS "Tech" staff will be able to assist parents as needed to gain access and use the services provided by eSIS.

This is the final year TTSD/TuHS will use eSIS. The district is currently looking at improved options to report student performance and attendance information. It is hoped this new system will provide additional services like school calendars and assignment posting. Updates on this new system will be provided throughout the year.

Please contact Associate Principal Greg Dinse at 503.431.5606, gdinse@ttsd.k12.or.us or Christi McCauley 503.431.5604, cmccauley@ttsd.k12.or.us if you have any questions.

Stuff the Bus 2012!

Beginning in April

Students bring items throughout the month of April and the bus will pick the items up at Tualatin High School on Friday, April 27. Seven schools are participating in this event.

Help us support an amazing program!

Caring Closet

Tigard-Tualatin Caring Closet is a very special non-profit organization improving life for children right here in our school district every day. The Caring Closet helps disadvantaged families in our school district by providing clothes, shoes, school supplies, hygiene items, and emergency bedding.

Volunteering

If you have been considering new ways to volunteer your time and make a difference in our community, please consider joining the Caring Closet team. How you can help depends on your skills, interests and available time. Some of our volunteer opportunities include:

phone: 503.603.1576

fax: 503.603.1578

Office Hours & Location:

Wed & Thurs 10am-4pm
9000 SW Durham Road

We see families by appointment only. To make an appointment, please contact your school counselor or teacher.

Our office is in the portables at the Tigard High School parking lot between the main building and the pool.

Parents are invited to a presentation on childhood obesity

February 6

6:30 PM

Twality Middle School Commons

14650 SW 97th Ave. in Tigard.

Dr. Dan Marks, Director of the Oregon Child Health and Research Center at OHSU, will speak on children's nutritional health particularly as it relates to school issues.

Dr. Marks will touch on everything from breakfast to vending machines to chocolate milk. He will explain the physiological aspects of childhood obesity and the impact it can have on the rest of the child's life. He will also be available to answer questions. Dr. Marks is certified in pediatric endocrinology with an expertise in childhood obesity.

Also that evening, Leslie Otto, the Healthy Eating Specialist from the Bridgeport Village Whole Foods Market, will have samples of healthy snacks and recipes for those interested.

Oregon Partnership Parenting for Prevention

The following link is a parenting resource with useful information about drug and alcohol prevention and education. The website includes parent alerts, and parenting class and community event information.

parentingforprevention.org

ACT/Plan/Explore Information

The Tigard Tualatin School District is again planning to offer all juniors the opportunity to take the ACT free of charge. This college entrance exam provides the District exceptional student performance data while assisting our students in pursuing post-high school education.

The test is scheduled for April 24 2012. All juniors will take it as part of their school day. In addition, freshman and sophomores will take respectively ACT Explore and ACT Plan, which are nationally "normed" tests and interest inventories, that same day. **Seniors do not have school on this day.** They are encouraged to use this day to visit colleges or job shadow.

Wolfpack Balloon Company

The Vocational Opportunities class at Tualatin High School has a student-run balloon bouquet business now in its sixth year. The class provides a real life opportunity for students to learn valuable job skills. Students can deliver balloons to anyone in the school for any occasion. Prices are better than local area party stores and personal service is guaranteed. Help the class learn and say it with balloons. We have the following balloons available for order:

Happy Birthday, Feliz Cumpleaños, Get well soon, Congratulations, Way to go, Thank you, you're the best, I love you and Sports balloons: football, baseball, basketball and soccer. Foil balloons \$3

Super-shapes \$7.

Candy bag weights are \$2.

Call, fax or email your order to Erin Handy. Balloons must be paid for before delivery. Please place order at least one day ahead. We accept cash and checks payable to TuHS. We reserve the right to substitute a similar balloon. Not responsible for balloon orders not picked up.

Phone: 503-431-5684 or 503-431-5679

Fax: 503-431-5659

Email: ehandy@ttsd.k12.or.us

Proficiency-Based Grading

Over the past several years, a number of teachers at TuHS have made the switch to a proficiency-based model of assessment and grading. These include teams in Biology, Physical Science, Geometry and Language Arts, as well as several teachers in the Career and Technical Education department.

In a proficiency-based system (also known as standards-based), the intent is that the student's grade reflects what they know and can do in terms of the identified priority standards in the course, and students are encouraged to take ownership of their learning. Formative assessments (i.e. homework, class work or practice) may be included as a small percentage of the grade, but the majority of the student's grade (usually 75-95% depending on the teacher), comes from the student's performance on summative assessments (e.g. tests, projects, labs, etc.) that are directly tied to the standards. Students have multiple opportunities to demonstrate proficiency on the standards, so their score on a standard could change over the course of the grading period. Typically those scores are replaced (not averaged) in order to reflect the student's most recent performance and not penalize them for their performance early on when they were still learning the material. In some courses, additional opportunities to meet the standards are given outside of class as test retakes or projects; in other courses, multiple opportunities are built into the course assessment schedule. Either way, proficiency allows for growth. If a student grows over the semester, this is reflected in their score both on the individual standards, and then ultimately in their final overall grade for the course.

Because eSIS is set up to support a traditional, point-based system and because it automatically calculates an average based on points, percentages in eSIS typically do not reflect an accurate picture of the student's performance. *The most important thing for parents to look at is whether or not the student is proficient on the individual standards.* (Depending on the content area, this is usually represented by a score of 3 or 4.) It is also important for parents to look at whether their student has any missing assessments, as this will negatively impact the student's grade. The district is in the process of identifying a more compatible grade-book program that will accommodate a wider variety of grading practices.

Of course, the most important thing for parents to do is communicate with the individual teachers and to check the syllabus and the teacher's website for more specific information. Additional information can also be found on the district's [Proficiency-Based Practices webpage](#).