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Timber Creek's Vision: "Together We Will Ensure Success for All Students."

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you for another wonderful year at Timber Creek High School. From day one every year at Timber Creek, it is very evident just how much the community, students, faculty and staff are committed to and love our school. From student and teachers involved with the Peer Inclusion Team (PIT) Crew, to Service Learning students, to athletic boosters, to SAC, PTSA, and PLC, there is no shortage of community involvement. The number one priority for the entire community is to maintain the tradition of academic excellence that we are known for and to meet the needs of every single student.

Our students and teachers have been recognized at the district, local, state and even national level for the quality of programs and projects and events that have been completed. For example:

- TCHS has just received the "Mayor for a Day" distinction from Mayor Theresa Jacobs for the video submission that demonstrated how TCHS students stand up against drug abuse, bullying, and peer pressure
- Our Robotics Team recently competed at the VEX World Robotics Competition in California
- Mrs. Jennifer Kane was selected as the OCPS and regional Central Florida Air Force Association STEM Teacher of the Year. She is currently eligible for the state level award
- 4 of our Programming students received awards and scholarships from Embry Riddle
- We have 10 Super Scholars that have been accepted to the top 20 schools in the nation
- Our College and Career Center is a major reason why such a large percentage of our students are accepted and attend college or a university or other post-secondary institution.
- We received national certification for our AVID program once again which also focuses on college and career readiness
- Our Debate Team competed and placed in many local and state and national events bringing home many trophies
- TCHS received the most points in the district in regard to school grade FCAT based points
- We are a 5 Star School again as well as a Silver and Gold School!
- The Timber Creek Band Program received the Otto J. Kraushaar Award on Friday night, an award given to the top 1% of band programs in the state!

Now as the end of another year approaches, we are looking to continue to meet the needs of students during summer session. In preparation for next year, we will have Freshman Orientation on Thursday August 7 from 5 PM to 7 PM and Saturday August 9 from 9 AM to noon. Students, remember to return locks and clean out lockers to avoid getting a fine.

Gabriel Berrio
Principal



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Turn in your textbooks at the end of the year as soon as you finish your exam. That makes life easier for you when schools start in August.

Thank you to Avalon Park resident and famous author Jessica Martinez for visiting TCHS to talk to students about her book on this past year's Florida Teens Read list *Virtuosity* and her new book *The Vow*. Students enjoyed her talk and her violin concert.

The Cancer Awareness Club teamed with the library to have a *Fault in Our Stars* Movie Preview Party. We had food, prizes and watched the movie trailer. Remember to read the book before you see the movie coming out in June. Over the summer, remember to read a few 2014-2015 Florida Teens Read books so that you can win fabulous prizes when school starts! We are open all summer (except Fridays) from 8:00 to 3:00 to check out books.

SUMMER READING

TCHS believes that summer reading is important. Students who read over the summer gain reading skills and knowledge in content areas. Students who do not read over the summer lose valuable fluency and comprehension skills. Depending on the course a student is taking, summer reading is required or optional, but it is highly suggested! The TCHS website will list all of the assignments as soon as school is over for this year.

Students who read the 2014-2015 Florida Teens Read books are eligible for great prizes from the TCHS library. **Those who read all 15 will win a Nook from Barnes and Noble!** Check out our website during the summer for a list of these books.

JUST FOR SENIORS

1. Senior Breakfast - will be on Friday 5/23 at 8am in the cafeteria. Breakfast will be catered - pancakes, eggs, bacon / sausage, breakfast potatoes, fresh fruit, juice, and pastries.
2. Mandatory Graduation Meeting - We are not having an actual practice this year. We are going back to the informational meeting in the PAC. This will be directly after the breakfast on Friday 5/23. We are estimating that we will begin by 10am and be finished by 12pm. Tickets will be distributed at this meeting.
3. Graduation - Friday 5/30 at 3pm at UCF. Seniors should arrive no later than 1:30pm. UCF will open the doors for general admission at 2pm.
4. Tickets - each senior will receive 8 tickets. Seniors who need more can ask their friends or see Mrs. Sherry to be put on the waiting list. Additional tickets (if available) will be given to seniors on the waiting list on a first come, first served basis. They will not be able to get more than two additional tickets. Please see Mrs. Sherry if you have any questions about extra tickets.

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Seniors!!

75 or 100 community service hours are needed for the Bright Futures Scholarship! Seniors please turn these in as soon as possible. They must be in by graduation for you to use them for this scholarship.

Graduation is May 30th! 3pm at the UCF arena. Students must be there at 1:30!

Senior Breakfast will be May 23rd! You can order your FINAL transcripts the day of the senior breakfast. They will be \$2.00 each. If you are going to be attending Valencia or one of the 4 year Florida State Universities, please consider sending your transcripts electronically.

Juniors!!

Plan to start ACT/SAT testing in January!

Class of 2015 and beyond – you will need to take an online class for graduation! Many students have been choosing Driver Ed on FLVS. This is acceptable for current 10th-11th but not 9th.

Summer School - for credit recovery only (not to get ahead) OCPS will not be providing transportation for summer school.

If you would like to sign up for summer school, please see your guidance counselor. Your teachers will also let you know if they are signing you up but please also let you counselor know.

Dates: June 11th – July 16th (teacher led – not on computer) **Time:** 7:30 AM – 3:50 PM

School will be closed on Fridays, except June 13th. No School the week of June 30th – July 4th.

High School Credit Recovery with E2020

Dates: June 11th – July 16th **Time:** 7:30 AM – 3:50 PM

School will be closed on Fridays, except June 13th. No School the week of June 30th – July 4th.

Summer Graduation (Rainbow Graduation) will be at East River High School. Date and time to be determined.

PERT Prep 2014 (Math Only)

Dates: July 7th – July 17th

Times: 7:30 AM – 11:00 AM or
12:00 PM – 3:30 PM (only sign up for one session)

School will be closed on Fridays.

Algebra 1 End of Course Assessment Prep Camp

Dates: July 7th – July 17th

Times: 7:30 AM – 11:00 AM or
12:00 PM – 3:30 PM (only sign up for one session)

School will be closed on Fridays.

Summer Band Camp

Dates: July 28th – August 8th

School closed on Friday, August 1st.

Time: TBA

High School Extended Year (ESY)

Dates: June 11th – July 16th

Time: 7:30 AM – 2:10 PM

School will be closed on Fridays, except June 13th. No School the week of June 30th – July 4th.

Please see your Mrs. Memry Molina for more information.

High School Success Transition Camp (For incoming TCHS 9th grade students only)

Dates: July 7th – July 17th

Time: 7:30 AM – 3:50 PM

School will be closed on Fridays.

Please sign up at your current middle school.

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GET TO KNOW THE AFJROTC

With this school year coming to an end, it will soon be a farewell to our dear seniors, and a great warm welcome to the new cadets joining our program. AFJROTC is a cadet-run program in which students acquire valuable lessons of leadership and discipline, as well as responsibility and self-integrity. AFJROTC is not a military recruitment class and there is no military service obligation for taking this course. Course materials include leadership, topics from Aviation History to the Exploration of Space, and physical training.

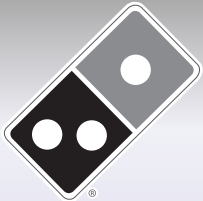
As a unit we provide a great variety of extra-curricular activities such as Drill Team and Honor Guard, Flight Operations, Cyber patriot, the Academic Bowl Team, Orienteering, Physical Training and much more! Along with these year round activities, our Corps also holds social events that increase our morale and unite our cadets as a family. These events include field days, holiday parties, and a Military ball.

In addition to learning about civilian and military aviation, AFJROTC teaches students about Core Values, citizenship, and civic responsibility. Some of the major benefits from successful completion of our program include 3 and 4-year AFJROTC college scholarships, qualifying to enlist in any US military service at higher rank, and every student displaying leadership qualities above their contemporaries. AFJROTC also satisfies the FINE ARTS requirement and HOPE, if two years of AFJROTC are completed. Because we are constantly interacting with Community Service projects, we assure you that our cadets will find it easy to get all of the community service credits high school students will need for Bright Futures and other scholarships.

Our mission is to "Develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community." As a response, we instill in each student the values of citizenship, service to the United States and community, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment.

We promise a balanced year, full of new experiences and excitement, as we work hard, learn all we can, and succeed together. We hope that all this can contribute to make your child decide to join the Air Force Junior ROTC family.

If you have any other questions, please let us know. We can be reached at brian.humphrey@ocps.net.



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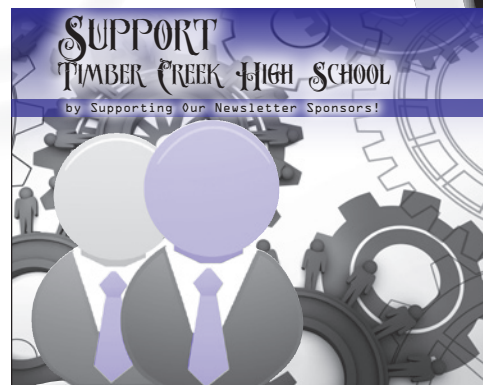
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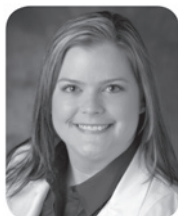
State Championship

LAW STUDIES BRINGS HOME A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

As part of the Timber Creek Law program, TCHS students participated in the 2014 Florida Moot Court Competition. This year seniors Julie Silvers and Jillian Molina brought home the state title. To accomplish this, the final round took place in the Florida Supreme Court, with all seven justices hearing and questioning during oral arguments. The Moot Court and Mock trial competition are available to TCHS Law students enrolled into Mr. Ashby's law classes. If you want to participate in the law classes and competitions see you guidance counselor.



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Eleven members of the Timber Creek Key Club attended the 76th annual District Education and Leadership Conference in Orlando from April 24-27.

Individual member honors included nine Distinguished Member awards, a Distinguished Vice President award to junior Alyssa Koepke, and the first place oratorical award to Lorina Morton on the topic "What Makes a Strong Key Club?"

The club as a whole was awarded Distinguished Club status and received the Kiwanis Family Award, Pride Report Submission Award, and was recognized for its role as a host club for the conference.



Timber Creek Key Clubbers dressed up for the Member Appreciation Banquet, a formal event on the last night of the Florida District Convention at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando.

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FLOW: TIMBER CREEK'S LITERARY AND ART MAGAZINE RELEASES SECOND VOLUME

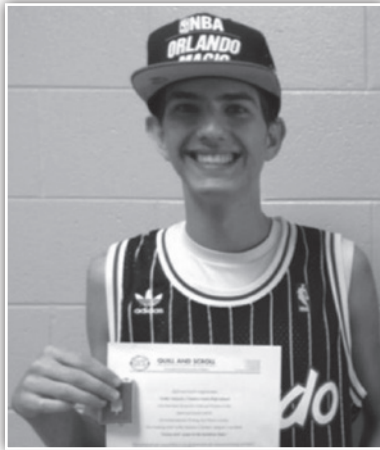
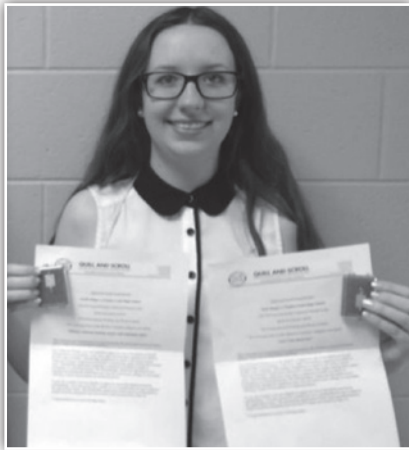
The eleven-member staff of the Literary and Art Magazine released the second volume of FLOW at a release party on May 15th in the Media Center. The 29 writers and artists featured in the publication were invited, and three students were awarded \$50 prizes for being voted "Best in Category." The three categories judged were poetry, short story/creative non-fiction, and art.

The magazine may be viewed online at <http://teacherpress.ocps.net/flow/>.

JOURNALISTS HONORED WITH NATIONAL AWARDS

Two Timber Creek students recently won writing awards in the 2014 Quill and Scroll International Writing and Photo Contest. Quill and Scroll (quillandscroll.org), the International Honorary Society for High School Journalists, holds the contest each year, and it is open to members and non-members.

Senior Annie Magee won an award in the Opinion category and the Review category. She has served as the copy editor of the Timber Creek Tribune this year. Junior Todd Akroyd won in the Opinion category, and is the Tribune's lead sports reporter. The exemplary writing of these students may be viewed online at www.tctribune.com.



Senior Annie Magee and junior Todd Akroyd with their National Writing Awards from Quill and Scroll.

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SLAM POETRY TEAM PLACES AT DISTRICT COMPETITION

The three team members of the Timber Creek Poetry Slam Team competed at the county level in the "Say Word!" poetry slam at Cypress Creek High School on May 1st. Junior Nate Quiles took 2nd place, sophomore Alaina Scapicchio finished 4th, and junior Zaus Streete came in 5th place. Videos of their performances may be viewed at www.youtube.com/tcslampoetry under the "Videos" tab.



Zaus Streete, Alaina Scapicchio, and Nate Quiles glow after stunning performances.