



Husky Highlights

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

Welcome to the second semester of the school year! Now that semester exams are over, we will be engaged in many important activities over the next few months. Please make note of those events and time schedules included in this newsletter and those posted on our website.

Currently, the guidance counselors are meeting with students about working their intended course requests for next year. With the current budget situation it is extremely critical that students and parents make their choices wisely as there may not be an opportunity to make very many changes to their course selections past June.

Please remind your children of the school rules and expectations, particular with respect to electronic devices, hats, etc. Students are permitted to use iPods ONLY during study hall after RISE READ. We ask that parents support us

by not calling or texting children during the day.

As we begin the second semester, please be aware that there is a direct correlation between good attendance and excellence in academic performance. As we prepare to take our first SOL tests as a school this spring, please understand that every day will count towards every student being prepared to do his or her personal best.

I continue to be encouraged by our students' efforts in their classes and in their behavior throughout the school day. This second semester should prove to be an outstanding one for student achievement at Tuscarora High School.

Please look for information to come home soon and to be posted on our website about National Honor Society Inductions. Our honor societies in other academic disciplines are also ready to begin the



induction process. More information will soon follow about each of them.

I truly look forward to what lies ahead. I ask that you please continue to stay involved in your child's life and involved at Tuscarora High School. Please contact your child's teacher(s) or the administration if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Pamela Paul Jacobs

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- February 4 report cards go home
- Rising 9 Parent Night Wednesday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m.
- District Chorus Friday, February 11 (8:30-5:30) and Saturday, February 12 (7:30-concert).
- Tuscarora Science and Engineering Fair Feb. 10th 2011. 5-8 pm.
- Awards Ceremony February 15 10:30am
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Rising 9 Orientation

Rising 9 Parent Night is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the THS auditorium.

The counselors will be visiting the middle schools also this month to discuss course selection and scheduling for next year.

If there are any questions please contact the guidance department at 571-252-1907.

Tuscarora High School Class of 2012 College Night

Tuscarora High School Guidance department will be hosting a College Planning Night on Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the THS auditorium. This event will consist of a panel comprised of college admissions representatives discussing topics related to college planning. Topics to be discussed include but not limited to how to choose a college, the admissions process, making a successful transition to college, and how to pay for college through financial aid and scholarship opportunities. The evening will be filled with helpful information regarding college planning.

The forum is open to all students and parents of Tuscarora.

Monroe Technology Center (Home of the Loudoun Governor's Career and Technical Academy)

Now accepting applications for the 2011-2012 School year. Applications are available in the Guidance Office or on the Monroe Technology Center website under Guidance/Admissions. The deadline to apply is April 8, 2011. Students limit their chance of acceptance by applying late. **Note: a teacher recommendation is required for this program. Please encourage students to give their teachers at least a week to ask their teachers for recommendations.

Monroe Open House will be held on February 9 from 6:30-8:30. Postcards were mailed out from Monroe to Sophomores.

Programs available include:

Admin of Justice I
Admin of Justice II
Advanced Networking
Auto Servicing Technology I
Auto Servicing Technology II
Auto Collision Repair I
Auto Collision Repair II
Biotechnology
Building Construction I
Building Construction II
C&D Animation
CIED
Cosmetology I
Cosmetology II
CST
Culinary Arts I
Culinary Arts II
EMT

Environmental Plant Science
FF
Graphic Communications I
Graphic Communications II
Intro. To Health and Medical Science
HVAC I
HVAC II
Masonry
Advanced Masonry
Med Lab (Intro to HMS prerequisite)
Nail Design
Nursing
Pharmacy Tech
Radiology
Television Production & Digital Movie Making I
Television Production & Digital Movie Making II
Vet Science
Welding I
Welding II



Choral News

District Chorus will be held at Parkview High School on Friday, February 11 (8:30-5:30) and Saturday, February 12 (7:30-concert). Please join us for the concert at 2:00 p.m. We are proud to have 41 students from Tuscarora in this select chorus! Check Mrs. Stanford's website for rehearsal dates.

All State auditions will be held on Tuesday, February 15th at Broad Run High School. Only juniors and seniors who are in Districts may audition.

Many thanks to all of the wonderful parents and students who worked so hard to make "Desserts on Broadway" a success! This is a terrific way of showcasing the talents of the choral students at Tuscarora.

Our next concert is on March 10th at 7:00 pm. Smarts Mill Choruses will be joining us for that evening.

Choral Festival will be held at Loudoun County High School on Saturday, March 19th. This is a statewide assessment and a required event for all students. All THS Choruses will be participating.

Then on March 22 we will host all elementary and middle school feeders (chorus, guitar, band, orchestra) for a grand Fine Arts night. That evening also includes the Drama Department and the Art Department.

Band News

District Band - Congratulations to the following students who successfully auditioned into District-XVI Band:

- John Brabender, clarinet
- Lauren Choinski, clarinet
- Rosemary Williams, clarinet
- Wallace Teska, alto saxophone
- Sam Brazer, French horn
- Connor Skaags, bass trombone
- Michael Simpson, alternate bass clarinet
- Jeffrey Cates, alternate tuba.

The event will take place February 3-5 at Freedom High School.



Tuscarora Science & Engineering Fair

Tuscarora Science and Engineering Fair to take place in main gymnasium on Feb. 10th 2011. Please come out to support the honors biology students exhibiting their science fair projects from 5-7 pm. Evening ceremonies taking place from 7-8 pm in the auditorium. Hope to see you out!

All scholarship and science internship opportunities can be found on the science department webpage! Please see Amanda Smith amanda.smith@lcps.org science department chair, for more details.

Scholarship / Volunteer Opportunities

Please check the science department website for scholarship, internship and volunteer opportunities in the science fields. Students can apply for the following:

Aspiring Scientists Summer Internship Program, Deadline: Feb 15, 2011

Young Naturalist Award, Deadline: March 1, 2011



Career and Technical Corner

Community Outreach



Keller Williams Realty in Reston, VA is a new business partner with Tuscarora High School. They continue to build their relationship with THS as they offer mentoring, and guest speakers for

CAMPUS, Intro to Business and Marketing and Sports, Entertainment and Recreation Marketing students.



CAMPUS



Most recently, CAMPUS students, an academic and college preparation program designed to meet the specific needs of students from historically underrepresented groups in higher education and prospec-

tive first-generation college students in Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS), have joined forces with Keller Williams Realty in Reston, Virginia to support OFA, Orphan Foundation of America. OFA helps former foster children become successful adults by offering mentoring programs, academic tutoring, internships, and much more.

The specific program CAMPUS students will adopt is called Care Packages. These packages are for OFA students who are pursuing their college degrees. The packages will consist of necessities such as, toiletries and small gifts for students who rarely receive personal mail.

If you wish to donate new, small items such as toiletries, school supplies, grooming needs or any non perishable items that represent 'love from home',

please email: roxana.cromwell@lcps.org to arrange the donation. There will also be boxes placed around the school for your convenience, please donate. We are looking for a partner to help with shipping in this project, as well.

The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor.

Vincent Lombardi

Marketing and Finance



On January 8th, 14 students from DECA District 8 Leadership Conference at Stone Bridge High School. DECA is an Association of Marketing Students that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. Students from 7 Loudoun County area high schools faced off and demonstrated their business and marketing expertise for awards, certificates and the opportunity to move into states.



This was Tuscarora High School's first entry into the DECA Competition. THS had 4 who placed in various categories. We will have 7 teams go on to compete at states in Norfolk, VA on March 4-6, 2011.

If you are a business owner and can lend a hand with grooming our competitors to be the best please email:

roxana.cromwell@lcps.org for further instructions.

We are looking forward to an even stronger showing next year.

On January 10th, the Intro to Business students presented their much awaited small business plans to a panel of LCPS Administration, members of the business community and current small business owners. This was the culminating event for students who spent several hours of direct instruction on how to market a small business and how to develop a business plan. The valuable feedback given from those currently in the business industry demonstrated to students just how important the details are when developing a business and writing a business plan. In addition to the basics of writing a business plan, topics addressed included proper business attire, presentation presence and consistency in marketing.

Career & Technical Advisory Board

Tuscarora High School is establishing a Career & Technical Education Advisory Board of business community owners to contribute input and guidance to the direction education is taking as it relates to the current and future teaching of our children. Mrs. Caruthers, CTE department chair, is a firm believer that we need to educate from the backpack to the briefcase to promote the entrepreneurial spirit that helps develop our great nation. If you concur, please email to become a part of this extraordinary educational adventure for our students. This board will meet once per quarter.

Please contact roxana.cromwell@lcps.org if you are interested in participating on the board or have more questions.



Our business in life is not to get ahead of others,
but to get ahead of ourselves,
to break our own records,
to outstrip our yesterday by our today.

-Stewart B. Johnson

Come Join the P.T.S.O!

Wondering how to get involved with the Tuscarora PTSO? Looking for volunteer opportunities or just a way to stay informed? The PTSO welcomes all parents, students, and teachers to attend meetings. The next PTSO meeting will be on February 7th, 2011 in the cafeteria at 6:30. It will also feature guest speakers to talk about SOL testing, SAT/ACT testing, college preparation and more! Come show your support!



Join Us!

Also, if you're curi-

ous about past meetings, minutes are recorded and posted on the PTSO site off of the home page under "Our School" where email contacts and everything else you want to know about the PTSO can be found. We'll see you there!



School Rewards Program

Are you a regular shopper at Bloom, Giant, Target, or Harris Teeter? Use your membership to help support THS! Information about this great program can be found on the PTSO website.



About the P.T.S.O

The Tuscarora High School Parent, Teacher, Student Organization is charitable, non-profit organization designed to enhance and enrich the educational environment at THS by supporting all social, academic, and extra-curricular activities of the students and staff to the best of its ability. The PTSO will seek to encourage positive relationships

between community businesses, neighbors, and any individual who may benefit by and/or enrich the THS environment. The PTSO will make its best effort to encourage parent/guardian involvement at all levels of the culture of the school and provide constructive feedback to school staff and parent volunteers.

SCA Activities!

The Tuscarora SCA is putting a lot of work into this last semester for the student body. President Connor Skaggs, Vice-President Amanda Presgraves, Treasurer Katelynn Price, and Secretary Travis Mitchell have many ideas that will keep this last semester interesting for the student body. The SCA has started selling donuts before school in the front of the school on the first Friday of the month. Any student interested should bring a dollar and enjoy! SCA is also helping with the upcoming blood drive and will be supplying

snacks and refreshments to those who are volunteering to give blood.

The SCA is currently planning a talent show scheduled for April 14th. This has been suggested by much of the student body and SCA is happy to put it on. All students are invited and encouraged to come and any students willing to volunteer their time when the date is closer for set up would be greatly appreciated. It will be a ton of fun!

Another activity that SCA is planning is a Town Council Shadow Day. They have been working with various members of the Leesburg Town Council to try and set this up. It is a great opportunity for student government members to learn about politics in the real world!



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All A Honor Roll First Quarter

We would like to recognize Connor Murphy, Grade 9 and Jack Pluth Grade 9 who were inadvertently left off of the list. Congratulations to these very deserving students! We apologize for the error.

Awards Ceremony

Awards Ceremony is scheduled for February 15, 2011 at 10:30am in the auditorium. Students earning all A's and all A's & B's for the 2nd quarter will be recognized. Departmental awards will also be presented. All parents are invited to attend.



Calendar of Events

February 1-28	Black History Month
February 1-28	National Children's Dental Health Month
February 1	National Freedom Day
February 2	Ground Hog Day
February 3	Chinese New Year
February 4	Report Cards go home
February 6-12	Take Your Family to School Week
February 7	P.T.S.O Meeting
February 7-11	National School Counseling Week
February 8	7pm Band Booster Meeting
February 9	Rising 9 Night
February 10	Athletic Booster's Meeting
February 12	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
February 14	St. Valentine's Day
February 15	Awards Assembly
February 17	PTA Founder's Day
February 17	Course Selection / AP Night
February 19-26	National FFA Week
February 21	President's Day
February 22	George Washington's Birthday