



The Bear Truth



Tellico Plains High School
"Where Opportunity Meets Excellence"

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Principal Notes....

Mr. Russell Harris

The senior class will participate at Hiwassee's Tiger Games on April 6. We are proud of our senior class and are going to miss their enthusiasm next year!

TNReady testing will begin on April 18 and end on April 27. I know that our faculty has prepared each student for this exam. Remember, the end of course tests counts part of your child's grade for that particular class. The final weeks before the TNReady exams will be filled with review, review, review. Students, I wish you the best of luck on these tests.

On April 17 and 18, the school clinic will be administering sports physicals for anyone who intends to play a sport during the 2017

-2018 school year. A student will not be able to begin practice or play for a sport until this physical has taken place. Students need to pick up physical packets in the school clinic. Parents, please fill out these important papers and return them to the school.

Our annual "A"lympics games take place on May 2 and 3. We not only have academic and athletic competitions but also one special class will be awarded the Class of the Year! Please inform us in writing if you do not wish for your child to participate in the athletic competitions.

The TPHP Greenhouse are selling items from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00

p.m. If you plan on visiting the greenhouse, drive all the way around the school, and park between the two buildings (gym and main building). They have a variety of flowers and vegetable plants. Come out and support our FFA and the greenhouse. Additionally, the date for the annual FFA banquet and auction is Tuesday, May 2.

I would like to take this time to wish every senior the best that life has to offer. I know that we have given you the tools to make great college students and/or employees at any business. Work hard and always strive to do the right thing!



TPHS Graduation
Saturday, May 13, at 9:00 a.m.



From the Assistant Principal...

Mrs. Sharon McKinnon

Spring is a great time of year and each and every student seems excited to see winter come to an end. School attendance is a key component that is necessary for everyone to ensure that he/she finishes his/her classes with good grades as the nine week period is coming to a close.

Each teacher is counting on students to be in class daily and complete the course work. Only parents and students can make sure the student is at school each day. When attendance and hard work are combined, grades reflect the effort, and mom, dad, student, and teacher are quite happy! Seniors, the end of your high school years is near, so go into the future with "Great Expectations" and dare to DREAM! The world is at your fingertips!

Guidance Office Announcements

Mrs. Sarah Brown

As the school year comes to a close, several important items come to mind that everyone needs to remember. Any senior that has not signed for a final transcript to be sent to the college that they plan to attend in the fall needs to drop by the guidance office. Also, anyone that took dual enrollment courses from Cleveland State will need to request a final transcript be sent to the college that he/she plans on attending. You will need to do this through your Cougar Net account. We are currently helping seniors submit TN Promise community service hours. If any senior needs help with this please stop by and we will assist you. If you need anything from the guidance office during the summer you will need to email me at browns@monroe.k12.tn.us. This would include transcripts or letters to get a driver's permit.

The ACT test will be given on June 10. The last day to register for the test without late fees is May 5. Remember that the test is not given at TPHP during the month of June.

Academics



English Department

Coach Gary Tucker's English IV classes finished working on a research paper during the month of March. Each student wrote about his or her choice of career. Afterwards the students will also be studying the Restoration Period in British literature and typing a resume and cover letter.

Mrs. Cristal Harrill's English III block classes are reading a variety of nonfiction texts and writing essays. Contemporary Issues class has been studying U. S. immigration laws and other current topics in the news. Mr. Chris Hollinghead's English II students are beginning a study of William Shakespeare's classic play, *Julius Caesar*.

Mrs. Lisa McDaniel's English II classes are finishing a unit over the Holocaust and the novel *Night*. They will also continue practicing for the TNReady exam. The senior English class will be working on their third composition over a selection *Oedipus the King* and then moving on to a unit of poetry.

All English I classes have finished their study on a well-known author and have completed their first research paper. They will now begin their study of *Romeo and Juliet*; along with this, they will continue to prepare for testing on a daily basis.

Fine Arts Department

Spanish I students will be learning how to use past and imperfect tenses in Spanish. We will have to stay focused this last nine weeks with Easter break coming in April and then EOCs in May. If we work together, we can accomplish our goals.

Spanish II students will have their work cut out for them. More and more tenses and vocabulary to learn so our communication in the Spanish language improves. We will not forget to include a fiesta or two to reward all our hard work! Have a happy Easter with your family and friends.

Social Studies Department

Government classes will be learning about the functions of the executive branch, as well as its departments and agencies in April. The Electoral College will also be analyzed. May will wrap up the semester with the duties and activities of the judicial branch.

After studying World War I and the Roaring Twenties, April will focus on the Great Depression and the New Deal and WWII. May studies include: the Cold War, civil rights movement, and the Vietnam War.

Math Department

The math department hopes that each of you had a great Spring Break....NOW let's finish this! After spring break, our last few weeks in April will be spent on review, review, review for end of the year exams. Students are required to take an EOC exam in the Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry math courses. Remember, this exam is a percentage of their spring semester grade. We encourage each student to get plenty of rest the night before the exams and eat a good breakfast the morning of the exam. Studies show that students that are fully rested and not hungry will actually do better on tests than those who are tired and hungry. So, we hope each student will do their very best! Please check out the school website or contact the school for those required EOC exam dates.

If competition is what you like, then the months of April and May will not disappoint. On April 6th, TPHS seniors will go to Hiwassee College to compete against other seniors in the county at the "Tiger Games." In May, TPHS students will be competing in the annual "Alympics" Games.

The math department would like to wish our senior Class of 2017 the very best as they spread their wings and graduate from Tellico Plains High School. **Spring Quote:** "April is a promise that May is bound to keep." ~ Hal Borland

Special Education Department...

As the end of the year draws near, the special education department is working to make sure all annual IEPs as well as transition meetings at our feeder schools are completed. As testing time approaches, we are working to make sure students get the accommodations they need to be successful. This has been a great year, and we want to see our students finish strong. Parents, if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

**“A”lympics and
Class of the Year
Academic Competitions - May 2
Athletic Competitions - May 3**

Academics



TNReady Testing Schedule

April 18 - English/Language Arts - Part I
April 19 - U. S. History - Part I
April 25- English/Language Arts - Part II
Mathematics - Part I
U. S. History - Part II
April 26 - English/Language Arts - Part III
Mathematics - Part II
U. S. History - Part III
Plant/Soil Science Final
April 27 - English/Language Arts - Part IV
Mathematics - Part III
Biology/Chemistry
April 28 - TNReady Makeup Day



Good Luck to everyone!
Get plenty of REST, and EAT a good breakfast the morning of the exams!

Science Department

Chemistry I and Biology I classes will be taking their TNReady exam on April 27. It is imperative that students come to school consistently this month. Science teachers will be reviewing topics that will be on this test. This state exam will count on the student's final grade. Please encourage students to come to class, participate, and ask questions!

Students and parents are reminded to take advantage of Mrs. Brown's website. It contains the schedule for the week and also contains links to her classroom notes. This website can be accessed through the schools website. If a parent has any concerns, or questions about their child's performance in their science class, please don't hesitate to email, call, or schedule a meeting time.



Class of 2017 Activities



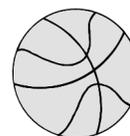
April 11 - Mandatory Graduation Orientation (3rd period)
April 28 - Senior Awards Day at 9:00 a.m.
May 4 - Senior Exams for Periods 1, 3, 5, & 7
May 5 - Senior Exams for Periods 2, 4, 6, & 8
May 7 - Senior Baccalaureate Service at River of Life at 2:00 p.m.
May 11 - Senior Class Night at 7:00 p.m.
May 12 - Mandatory Graduation Practice at 9:00 a.m.
Senior Breakfast Begins @ 8:15 a.m.
May 13 - Graduation at 9:00 a.m.
Doors Open at 7:30 a.m.



*Tellico Plains High School
Junior/Senior Prom
At Hunter Valley Farms
April 29, 2017
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.*



Sports News



Athletic/Alumni Center Update

Mr. Shawn Yates

Springs sports are underway, so everyone come out and support your baseball, softball, and track teams and enjoy the spring weather.

The **7th Annual Tim Kelley Memorial 5K** will be on April 29, at 9:00 a.m. The cost will be \$25.00 on race day. Everyone participating can register and pick up a goodie bag beginning at 7:45 a.m. the morning of the race. Proceeds will go toward the TPHS Track and Cross Country Teams.

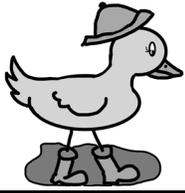
On May 6, the **TPHS Athletics Golf Tournament** will take place at Rarity Bay at 8:00 a.m. The tournament will be a "four-man best ball." Proceeds go toward the TPHS Athletic Program.

If you are interested in participating in either or

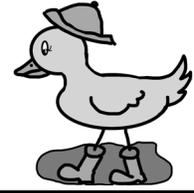
both events, please call 423.519.7393 for more information. These events are held yearly to help pay for the TPHS weight room and alumni center.

Sports physicals will be taking place on April 17 and 18 for anyone who intends on playing a sport during the next school year. A sports physical must be completed and the student approved for sports before the student is permitted to attend practice or compete in a game or meet. These forms can be picked up from School Nurse Jackie Gray in the TPHS Clinic.

Volleyball tryouts will be held during the week of May 30. Summer practice will begin in mid-July. **Golf** begins in July. Contact Coach Shawn Yates if interesting in playing.



April 2017



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| 2 | 3 Softball (H) Greenback Baseball (H) Greenback | 4 Baseball (A) Greenback Track @ Walker Valley | 5 AM Activity for Senior Meeting | 6 Hiwassee Tiger Games for Monroe County Seniors Baseball (H) Polk Track @ Rhea Co. | 7 Softball (H) Copper Basin Baseball (A) Polk | 8 ACT @ TPHS | |
| 9 | 10 Softball (A) Harriman Baseball (A) Harriman | 11 Mandatory Graduation Orientation 3rd/4th Periods Baseball (H) Harriman Track @ McMinn Co. | 12 | 13 Softball (H) Midway | 14 NO SCHOOL Spring Break | 15 | |
| 16 Happy Easter | 17 Sports Physicals Softball (A) Polk Co. Baseball (A) Hiwassee Dam | 18 EOC ELA Part I Sports Physicals Progress Reports Go Home Softball (A) Midway | 19 EOC U. S. History Part I ACT Makeup Day | 20 Softball (A) Greenback Baseball (A) Copper Basin | 21 Sophomores ACT Day Softball Day Game 1:00 p.m. vs. SQHS Baseball (H) Copper Basin | 22 | |
| 23 30 | 24 Softball (H) Meigs Baseball (H) Meigs | 25 EOC ELA Part II EOC Math Part I EOC U.S. History Part II Softball (H) Sweetwater Baseball (A) Meigs Track @ Bradley Central | 26 EOC ELA Part III EOC Math Part II EOC U.S. History Part III Plant/Soil Science Exam | 27 EOC ELA Part IV EOC Math Part III EOC Biology EOC Chemistry Softball (A) Meigs Baseball (H) Hiwassee Dam | 28 Senior Awards Day @ 9:00 a.m. in Alumni Center EOC Makeups Softball (A) Central Track @ Red Bank | 29 TPHS Prom Hunter Valley Farms 6:00 - 9:00 7th Annual Tim Kelley 5K Run | |



May 2017



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 Baseball (H) TN Christian Prep | 2 Academic "A"lympics Softball (A) Grace Baseball (A) TN Christian Prep Track @ Lenoir City | 3 Athletic "A"lympics and Class of the Year | 4 Senior Semester Exams for Periods 1, 3, 5, & 7 | 5 Senior Semester Exams for Periods 2, 4, 6, & 8 MACA Assembly (1:00) Softball Districts Begin | 6 |
| 7 Class of 2017 Baccalaureate Service @ River of Life Ministries at 2:00 p.m. | 8 Track Subsectionals Spring Football Practice Begins | 9 Track Subsectionals | 10 | 11 Senior Class Night @ 7:00 p.m. | 12 Graduation Practice @ 9:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast @ 8:15 | 13 TPHS Graduation at 9:00 a.m. (Doors Open at 7:30 a.m.)  |
| 14 Happy Mother's Day | 15 Underclassman Awards Day @ 9:00 a.m. Track Sectionals | 16 | 17 Track Sectionals | 18 Semester Exams for Periods 1, 3, 5, & 7 | 19 Semester Exams for Periods 2, 4, 6, & 8 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 Semester Exams Makeup Volleyball Tryouts Begin | 23 NO SCHOOL INSERVICE Track State Meet | 24 Dismiss at 10:00 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 Memorial Day  | 30 | 31 | | | |