



The *Bear Truth*



Tellico Plains High School
"Where Opportunity Meets Excellence"

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Principal Notes....

Mr. Russell Harris

This month saw our Bears and Lady Bears basketball teams make a strong appearance in district play. Both squads have had an excellent year and have shown the spirit and pride that has become a hallmark of TPHS. Congratulations and thanks to both teams and their coaches. Also, thanks to our community for supporting our athletes at every game along the way!

As March rolls around, spring sports are underway. We encourage our fans to come out to support our baseball, softball, and track teams. Schedules for each team are available in the office or online at the school's website.

All seniors are encouraged weekly to come by the guidance de-

partment and fill out scholarship applications. If your senior student has not completed FASFA applications, he/she must do so immediately in order to receive any college funds. Finally, the second TN Promise meeting will be held on March 2 at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

On March 20, students will receive their first grade card for this semester. Two progress reports have been sent home, informing parents of each student's successes and weaknesses. If a student is not succeeding in a class, TPHS faculty and staff make phone calls to parents, send letters home, or meet with each student in order to examine the problem and help bring the student's grade up in the particular class. Feel free to contact our school anytime if you have concerns

about your student's progress at TPHS.

Most juniors will be taking the ACT on March 21 during school hours at no charge to the student. Good luck to each one of you!

Do not forget that Spring Break will be held on March 27-31. Our faculty and staff wishes everyone a safe and exciting time off.

Many great things continue to happen at TPHS. Our faculty and staff are diligently working to ensure that students receive the best education that will help them to succeed in life. Finally, a word of encouragement - as the year starts to wind down, I would like to urge students to continue to work hard and stay focused. Every success you will have starts here at TPHS, and there is, after all, no better place to be.

From the Assistant Principal...

Mrs. Sharon McKinnon

Parents, please continue to encourage your child to come to school every day. It is difficult for everyone, students, teachers, and administration, if your child is not at school. Students, when you are absent, be sure bring a note to Coach Johnson when you return to school. Let me remind everyone that a student only has three parent notes per semester. If a student gets five unexcused absences in the course of the school year, he/she will receive a truancy letter warning. After the student and parents receive a truancy letter, on the next unexcused absence, they will be required to attend a First Initial Meeting (FIM) at Central Office. This meeting will determine if the student and parents appear before the MCBOE Truancy Board or receive a petition to appear in juvenile court. Truancy can also cause a student to lose his/her driver's license if excessive absences occur. There is no substitute for being present at school when it comes to receiving the best education possible and getting the most out of the learning process.

Spring is here and so is TPHS girls' softball and baseball. I want to encourage all students to come out to the games and support the Lady Bears and Bears as they get down to business in District 3A. It really helps to have our stands full of fans to cheer us on during games.

Guidance Office Announcements

Ms. Sarah Brown

The next mandatory TN Promise meeting is scheduled for March 2 at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Seniors must attend this meeting in order to remain eligible for the TN Promise. If any senior still needs help with financial aid, college applications, community service hours, or scholarships, please stop by the guidance office and we will be happy to assist you. Also, please listen during morning announcements about new scholarships that we have to offer. There haven't been many seniors returning scholarship applications.

The ACT will be given on March 21 during the school day free to all juniors. You do not need to register for this test. The ACT will also be given on April 8 and June 10. If you need help registering for one of these test dates or uploading pictures, we will be glad to help you with this. Students planning on taking dual enrollment courses next school year need to be sure that they have the necessary ACT scores to do so. If you are not sure, please check with our office.



Academics



English Department

Coach Gary Tucker's English IV classes will begin working on a research paper during the month of March. Each student will write about his or her choice of career. They will also be studying the Restoration Period in British literature.

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.

Math Department

All about PI...Pi is the symbol for the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. Pi Day is celebrated by math enthusiasts around the world on March 14th. $\pi = 3.1415926535\dots$ and on and on and on and on! Celebrate Pi Day with us on Tuesday 3/14/17!

Students in Algebra I, Algebra II, and geometry continue their quest toward the End of Course Exams. With the end of course exam counting as a percentage of their second semester average, it is very important that everyone keep their eye on the ball so to speak.

As always tutoring is available both in the morning and afternoons here at Tellico Plains High School. On March 2 during Open House would be a great time to check out your child's progress and check into that possible tutoring help.

Hope everyone enjoys a safe Spring Break at the end of the month.

SPRING FORWARD

March 12, 2017

Fine Arts Department

Spanish I students are reviewing telling time in Spanish as well as weather expressions, and adjectives to improve their communication skills. Spring break is almost here so I hope my students enjoy spending this valuable time with their family.

Spanish II students are reviewing stem-changing verbs before delving into the past tense endings. Spanish II students have recently had a wonderful well-planned "fiesta" with several Spanish cuisine specialties. My Spanish II classes have been extra special to me this year. I appreciate their good will while I am teaching them a foreign language. I want to thank you parents for instilling respectfulness into your children's lives. It has made this year a wonderful year!



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Promise

Mandatory Meeting

March 2, 2017

5:30 p.m.

TPHS Cafeteria

Special Education Department...

The Special Education Department is in the process of finishing up annual meetings for the month of March. We appreciate all parents and students who participate in these meetings. We value your input and are doing our best to make sure our students are getting the accommodations they need to be successful. If parents have any concerns or questions please contact us at anytime.



Spring Break...March 27 - March 31





Academics



Science Department

Biology I and Chemistry I is about a month away from testing time. This is a time of great stress for some students. I would strongly suggest that you talk to your students about their upcoming tests so that they know that you are behind them. The sciences are no exception. Biology I and Chemistry I will have their EOC tests very soon. Parents, please refer to the school calendar or school website for those testing dates. These tests are on top of regular class work. Make sure your students keep up. Falling behind could be fatal to their grade. Thanks for your help.

Social Studies Department

In American Government classes, the writing of, meaning of, and reasons for, and the founders behind the United States Constitution, have been explored and their focus will be on the executive branch and the various functions it performs.

U.S. History students will be focusing on the Progressive Era from 1890-1920, after a study on the Gilded Age. This era includes the drive for reform in the United States, how women made progress and fought for the right to vote, the struggle against discrimination of African Americans, and how President Theodore Roosevelt changed the government's role in the economy.

Library News

Welcome Spring! We have had a cool, dry winter, and I know students are ready for some warm sunshine!

The senior Beta Club members will need a Beta stole for graduation. These stoles can be borrowed or purchased from me for \$15.00. The deadline for this purchase is March 10.

The Class of 2017 is set and ready for graduation! Cap, gowns, tassels, and diploma covers have been purchased, and our seniors are ready for their BIG day! A mandatory graduation orientation is scheduled for April 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the Alumni Center.

CTE Department

Business Management class is working on the economic and international environment of business. Following these chapters the students will begin the unit on forms of business ownership. Computer Applications will begin a unit in Microsoft Excel. The Future Business Leaders of America will be planning a spring field trip at the next meeting.



Sports News



Athletic/Alumni Center Update

Mr. Shawn Yates

Congratulations to our Bears' and Lady Bears' Basketball Teams on their success this season and in district play. Our Lady Bears finished 2nd in the district, and our boys finished 3rd. Each one of these players has worked hard all season and have accomplished both individual and team goals. Good job, ladies and gentlemen!

Baseball, track, and softball teams will begin practicing the first week of February to prepare for their upcoming seasons. All of them will begin playing games in early March. Hopefully, spring will be beautiful and sunny; therefore, come out and enjoy a won-

derful afternoon and support our high school athletes!

The Athletic Department will be hosting the Annual Donkey Basketball Game on March 16 at 7:00 p.m.. Be sure to get signed up for this outrageous event!

The annual Tim Kelley Memorial 5K will be on April 29, so pick up your entry form and register early. If you don't run, you can walk the 5k!

On May 6, beginning at 8:00 a.m., at Rarity Bay, TPHS will be hosting its annual golf tournament. Stay tuned next month for more details!



March 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 OPEN HOUSE 3:00 - 6:00 Mandatory TN Promise Meeting @ 5:30 p.m. Jostens Distributes Senior Graduation Items (A.M.)	3 TPHS Alumni Baseball Game	4
5	6	7 Baseball Maroon and White Game	8	9 Oliver Springs Base- ball Tourney Begins	10 MEDIC Blood Drive  A Not-for-Profit Organization	11 Track to Walker Valley for Chatt. Meet
12	13 End of Nine Weeks Baseball (A) Midway Softball (A) SQHS	14 Happy "Pi" Day Baseball (H) Midway Softball (A) Copper Basin	15	16 Donkey Ball Game 7:00 p.m. Baseball (A) SQHS Softball (H) Central	17 Happy St. Patty's Softball Tiger Classic In Athens	18 Baseball (H) Sweetwater Softball Tiger Classic In Athens
19	20 Report Cards Go Home Baseball & Softball (A) Rockwood	21 ALL JUNIORS TAKE ACT EXAM Senior Field Trip to Cleveland State Baseball (H) Rockwood Softball (H) Polk Track @ Walker Valley	22 School Assembly by Health Council	23 Senior College Fair Trip to SHS Baseball (H) Coalfield Softball (A) Sweetwater Track @ Rhea Co.	24 Baseball (A) Coalfield Softball (H) Grace	25
26 	27 <u>SPRING BREAK</u> Baseball (A) Grace	28 <u>SPRING BREAK</u> Baseball (H) Grace	29 <u>SPRING BREAK</u>	30 <u>SPRING BREAK</u>	31 <u>SPRING BREAK</u>	