



The *Bear Truth*



Tellico Plains High School
"Where Opportunity Meets Excellence"

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Principal Notes...

Mr. Russell Harris

Greetings from Tellico Plains High School. They say times flies and it must be true because we are already on the verge of the end of the first semester. It seems like it was just days ago that students were back from summer vacation. As we draw close to the end of a great first half, I would like to thank all the faculty, staff and parents for their help in making this year start off so well.

Finally, I continue to be proud of the student body as a

whole. More students are involved in TPHS clubs and sports this year. Bear spirit is high, and our staff is diligently working to reach each student here at TPHS.

I would like to congratulate all of our fall sports teams. The football team, girls' soccer team, volleyball team, cross-country team, and golf team did an outstanding job of showing excellent sportsmanship and Bear Spirit!

Our basketball teams are busy getting ready for a season of excitement; make plans to continue to support our Bears and Lady Bears.

Finally, a word about the learning spirit that our students are beginning to develop. They all are doing their best to improve their academic performance, and with great teachers we believe that all our school's goals can be attained. Students hang in there! We know it's tough sometimes, and we encourage you to work hard to achieve success. As we come up on the Thanksgiving and Christmas break and prepare for semester tests, I know that everyone here at TPHS is committed to excellence.

From the Assistant Principal...

Mrs. Sharon McKinnon

Now that we have had a good fall break, it's time to buckle down and focus on our classes for the second nine weeks. Parents, please be aware of your child's progress in his/her classes. It greatly helps if you consistently remind your children of maintaining their grades to meet expectations. Again, I am a firm believer that attendance is key to a child's success in school. Students, please keep up the good efforts in coming to school; this will boost your achievement in all you do in the future.

Good habits live a long time and mold good citizens. We certainly know that here at TPHS; our goal is to send good citizens into the community and the world.

Guidance Office Announcements

Mrs. Sarah Brown

The TN Promise Scholarship deadline was November 1. For those of you planning to use this please remember the following dates: November 11, 2014, assembly at 1:00 to receive handbooks and other materials; January 26, 2015, mandatory meeting at 5:30 at the high school; and March 26, 2015, mandatory meeting at 5:30 at the high school. Parents are welcome to attend the January and March meetings. Students will be introduced to their assigned mentor. We will also be offering community services hours here at the high school for seniors that will need them. Everyone must complete eight hours of community service each semester starting in January. Also, remember to apply to the college that you plan to attend before February. If you need help, please drop by the guidance office and let us help you. If you need transcripts sent to a college, you will need to see the guidance office, and we will send them the same day that you make a request.

The ASVAB test will be given to all juniors on November 19. The next ACT test given at TPHS will be on December 5. The deadline to register for this test is November 7. All juniors will be able to take the test free of charge one time either on the day it is given here at the school in the spring or with a voucher. We will let all juniors know when the vouchers become available.

Any sophomore or junior student that is part of the gifted program who is interested in attending the Governor's School, which is a challenging and intensive summer learning program offered by the TN Department of Education in a variety of disciplines, can stop by the guidance office for more information.

Students that plans on taking driver's education in the spring must provide us a copy of their learner's permit before taking the class. If you are a student that has not, please do so as soon as possible or plan on changing your class schedule. Everyone will have an opportunity to request a schedule change in early December.

Academics



English Department

November is filled with excitement as Coach Tucker's English IV classes begin Geoffrey Chaucer's famous *Canterbury Tales*. Students will also present five-minute oral reports.

Students in English III are reading informational texts and writing argument essays. Preparation for the writing assessment in February is a major focus in all classes as is the EOC in December.

Mrs. Lisa McDaniel's English II students are finishing their research papers over famous authors and beginning the classic *Julius Caesar* by William Shakespeare. English IV classes will con-

tinue to improve their writing skills as they compose article summaries, a fourth essay, and their senior dossier.

Mr. Chris Hollinghead's English II students are in the middle of an in-depth study of the Shakespearean classic *Julius Caesar*. Classes are also continuing to improve writing skills and preparing for the end of course exam.

Mrs. Sandy Childress and Mrs. Brooke Evans's English I students are finishing an author study of Edgar Allan Poe and memorizing his famous poem "Annabel Lee." The short-story unit will continue with emphasis on literary techniques. Our grammar review will focus on subject/verb agreement.

"A Teacher's Prayer of Thanksgiving"

Thank you, God, for I am a teacher.

As a teacher, I have the power to educate, to inspire,
to challenge, to comfort, to reassure, to ennoble.

The scope of my influence is incalculable;

Each of my students leaves my classroom changed in
some way by what I did and said.

Through those students, I have the power to change the world.

Thank you for entrusting me with that responsibility.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to do what I love.

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November 4

Staff Development

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November 26 - 28

Thanksgiving Break

Math Department

The TPHS math department would like to wish everyone a "HAPPY THANKSGIVING." The second nine week period is well underway; therefore, time is quickly passing for those students in math classes that are only one semester or a block class. Everyone needs to be studying really hard and try to finish strong.

Algebra I students continue to work on chapters that include inequalities and systems of equations. We encourage all students to do their very best as we continue to work hard on the end-of-course objectives. If your student is struggling in math class, we do offer morning and afternoon tutoring here at the school.

Media Center News...

Mrs. Denice Watson

Outstanding! This describes each group of students that have entered the library to do research, finish a powerpoint presentation, or apply for scholarships and to colleges. I am so proud of their hard work and know that their hard work will pay off in the future!

The Beta Club will be making candy bags for the senior club members on November 7. The members will also be raising money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital by working several basketball concessions.

Academics



Science Department

By the time you receive this newsletter you should have received a nine weeks grade report. You will also be receiving another three weeks grade report very soon. Be aware that your student will receive some type of grade report almost every three weeks. Ask for these and expect them! It is very important for you to know what your student is doing and express an interest in his or her work and grades. This translates into better grades for your students. Science has lots of grades and has difficult courses. We are here ready and willing to help, but we need your help as well.

Social Studies Department

Happy Thanksgiving! Government classes will be learning about the functions of the executive branch, as well as its departments and agencies. The Electoral College will also be analyzed. U. S. history classes will begin their focus on World War I.

Psychology students will be exploring consciousness, which involves the stages of sleep and the meaning of dreams.

Tellico Plains High School would like to invite any veteran or military person to come and be a part of the school's program on November 11 at 9:00 a.m. A breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. Please RSVP by November 6 by calling 253-2530 or 253-7190.

Veterans' Day Assembly

November 11, 2014
9:00 a.m.
TPHS Gymnasium
Breakfast at 8:00
for Veterans

Fine Arts Department

In art class, students need to bring in their hurricane shades. We will begin painting them Monday, November 3. Daily grades are taken in class. Please stress the importance of participating and turning in their work. All returned artwork is to be placed in an art journal which will be graded for content at the end of each nine weeks grading period.

Spanish I classes are learning more and more vocabulary to improve their communication skills. Students are so motivated to learn the Spanish language. Their excitement is much appreciated. Some of the classes are having a Fiesta to celebrate their achievement in Spanish. As Thanksgiving approaches, I hope all of my students and their families enjoy the celebration of reuniting with loved ones at this time of year.

Spanish II classes are delving into more difficult Spanish grammar, but they are afloat. Respectful students help make the difficult parts of a foreign language easier. Thanks again for your student's respectful attitudes as we venture deeper into the Spanish language!

Vocational Department

Fashion students are busy developing their collections and portfolios. Each designer is featured on the fashion blog located at www.tellicoplains-fashion.wordpress.com. We hope to see you at the fashion show on March 5.

Fashion students continue to search for corporate sponsors interested in donating supplies and/or funds to the fashion program. Please email leah@whimsigalgatherings.com if you are interested in contributing to the fashion program.



2014 Lady Bears & Bears Basketball

Nov. 11	Coalfield	Away
Nov. 13	Oliver Springs	Home
Nov. 17	Hiwassee Dam	Home
Nov. 18	Loudon	Away
Nov. 21	Sequoyah	Away
Nov. 25	Polk County	Home
Nov. 28	Midway	Away
Dec. 5	Meigs County	Home
Dec. 6	Harriman	Away
Dec. 11	Murphy, NC	Away
Dec. 12	Grace Christian	Home
Dec. 16	Hiwassee Dam	Away
Dec. 19	Murphy, NC	Home
TBA	Lady Bears at Walt Disney	Away
Dec. 29-31	Harriman Tourney - Boys Only	Away
Jan. 2	Greenback	Away
Jan. 6	Midway	Home
Jan. 9	Rockwood	Home
Jan. 13	Rockwood	Away
Jan. 15	Meigs County	Away
Jan. 20	Polk County	Away
Jan. 23	Greenback	Home
Jan. 27	Loudon	Home
Jan. 30	Sequoyah	Home
Feb. 3	Grace Christian	Away
Feb. 6	Harriman	Home
Feb. 12-18	District Tournament	TBA

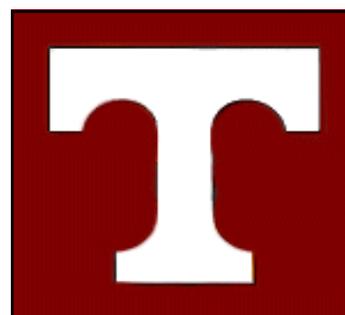


Lady Bears Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Gary Tucker

Assistant Coaches:

Sheila Cole & Brooke Evans

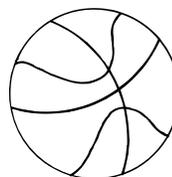


Bears Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Donald Balcom

Assistant Coaches:

Jarrod Johnson and Bryant Choate



Sports News



Athletic/Alumni Center Update

Mr. Shawn Yates



Fall sports will all be wrapped up at the end of October. Thank you coaches and players for your hard work and dedication this season. The cross country boys team finished 5th in the region this year. Ethan O'Dell finished in 8th place overall and qualified for the state cross country meet.

Boys and girls basketball will begin practicing on October 27 and will begin playing games on November 11. Schedules are available in the office. Come out and support your basketball teams. Go Lady Bears and Bears!