



The *Bear Truth*



Tellico Plains High School
"Where Opportunity Meets Excellence"

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Principal Notes....

Mr. Russell Harris

This school year has gotten off to a great start! I would like to commend our students, parents, faculty, and staff on their positive attitudes and willingness as we continue to be the best high school in Monroe County. For the fifth year in a row, Tellico Plains High School received a Bronze Award in *U. S. News and World Report* as one of the 2016 Best High Schools for our academic achievements. Congratulations to our students and faculty!

Our school and community are working to get our newcomers ready for high school so that they experience

a great success throughout their four years here. We want each class to work as a team, to support and encourage each other, and work hard to get their diplomas in order to have successful lives in college or the workplace.

TPHS welcomes two new faculty members this year: Mrs. Teresa Cook, Algebra I and geometry; and Mrs. Trista Jones, Algebra I and geometry.

As principal at TPHS, school safety is my primary concern. If you or your child have any concerns involving his/her safety, bullying, or harassment while here at school, please contact me, and we will deal with these concerns.

The TN Promise Scholarship application deadline is November 1. All seniors are encouraged to apply. This application is available online at www.tnpromise.gov.

Graduation rate is also a high priority at TPHS. I want all students to succeed in their classes and better themselves throughout the four years with us. We believe that each student can learn, and we strive to continue to lay the foundation in each content area that is offered at TPHS. Let's have a great year!



From the Assistant Principal...

Mrs. Sharon McKinnon

A new school year is again upon us. At TPHS, we should consider ourselves very fortunate to be living in a country where we can have schools that provide a quality education to everyone, regardless of status in society! What a blessing! This school year can open the possibilities for goals to be met and for dreams to be fulfilled. Do you have a dream for your life? Education is the key. TPHS is here to help each of you obtain this key! Therefore, let's begin this year with positive attitudes for success. Let's begin this year by setting goals we want to achieve. TPHS offers many opportunities for success in academics, in athletics, in personal growth as young men and women, and in positive interaction with others. Utilize what is available to you every day.

As the administrator in charge of attendance, I encourage you to be here everyday. Come eager to learn. Come eager to be a part of the great "maroon and white" nation. TPHS has a long history of excellence. Come prepared to take your place. Welcome to year 2016-2017!

Guidance Office Announcements

Mrs. Sarah Brown

The class of 2017 can now apply for the Tennessee Promise online at www.TNPromise.gov. This is a last dollar scholarship that allows any senior to attend a Tennessee community college or a Tennessee College of Applied Technology tuition free regardless of their GPA, income, or ACT score. However, there are certain requirements that must be fulfilled throughout the school year in order to be eligible for the scholarship. Seniors can drop by the guidance department at any time and we will be happy to help them apply for this scholarship. The first meeting will be held in November during the school day. Seniors are required to attend so they can receive the information necessary to stay eligible for this wonderful opportunity. The deadline is November 1.

The ACT test will be given at TPHS on Saturday, September 10. If you missed the opportunity to take this test, the next one will be given on Saturday, October 22. All seniors will be able to test on this date at no cost. We will be assisting them with signing up during their English and math classes. If you need more information or assistance in registering to take the ACT, you can stop by the guidance office.

Seniors need to start applying to colleges now. The deadline for some schools, such as the University of Tennessee, is November 1. Also, FAFSA dates have changed starting this school year. Students can now start applying beginning October 1. Parents and students will need to apply for FAFSA IDs prior to starting a FAFSA!

Any time that you have questions or concerns, please feel free to call or come by the guidance office.



Academics



English Department

A new year with a new course load has already begun. Preparation, organization, and attitude are key elements for success, so come to class not only ready to learn, but also WANTING to learn. We desire the best for each of you! As you begin each school day, simply say, "No regrets today!" Translated, this means do your very best so at the end of the day, you leave with a good feeling inside knowing that you truly tried. If at any time you find yourself struggling, let us help. There is simply no excuse for poor performance.

We have an excellent English Department, and we are looking forward to a great year! Mr. Gary Tucker's English IV classes are taking part in a grammar review and writing. Mrs. Lisa McDaniel's English IV Composition I classes are conducting research project over careers and writing article summaries. Mrs. Cristal Harrill's promotes reading, thinking, and writing in her English III classes. Her students are learning to think critically and write informative essays.

Mrs. McDaniel's English II students are participating in daily oral language as a grammar review and analyzing parts of an essay. Mr. Chris Hollinghead's English II students are studying their short story unit while focusing on elements of the short story, analyzing articles, making connections, and tying them into our writing. Mrs. Sheann Graham's and Mrs. Brooke Evan's English I students are conducting a grammar review, TN Ready preparation, reading and analyzing, POW TIDE writing model, essay writing, and library orientation/research report. Mrs. Harrill's drama students are learning about history of theatre and working on a variety of speech and speaking skills.

Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Denice Watson are team-teaching ACT reading and language arts to junior students. Higher ACT scores mean more opportunities for college and for scholarships; therefore, these students are examining grammar skills which are tested on the ACT as well as strengthening their reading comprehension skills.

Math Department

September brings about cool evenings, football, and lots, lots of math!

We would like to give a warm welcome to the newest members of the Math Crew, Mrs. Teresa Cook and Mrs. Trista Jones. They both will be teaching Algebra I and geometry this school year.

Mr. Steven Patton will be teaching Algebra I, the junior ACT prep class, and the upper level college math courses. Mrs. Adams will be teaching Algebra II this school year. Mrs. Donna Lynn will be taking the lead in the Bridge SAILS class that many of the seniors will be doing in the computer lab. She is also teaching geometry and Algebra II. Mr. Kyle Parks will be doing double duty both in the special education department and the math department.

The Math Crew is always willing to help in any way we can. If you have any questions, concerns, or need extra support for you or your child, please do not hesitate to call the school for assistance. Morning and afternoon tutoring is available to help students with any of their work. Please check with the front office for times.

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Be sure to sign up for

TEXT ALERTS.

(See Mrs. Watson)

Senior Make-Up Pictures

September 14 @ 8:00 a.m.

Formal, Cap/Gown,
and Casual

All needed for the Yearbook!

Proofs will be sent

home for purchases.

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Academics



Science Department

Chemistry classes will be studying the periodic table. They will not only look at the history of the table but also why it has the particular shape it has. It is really fascinating to see how wonderfully organized this table is! Biology classes will be covering cellular structure and the main differences between an animal cell and a plant cell. Students will be required to create a cell model over one of these cells. They will be graded over content and appearance. Be creative!

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 school's website. If a parent has any concerns, or questions about his/her child's performance in the science classes, please don't hesitate to email, call, or schedule a meeting time.

Fun Science Facts:

- If you could drive to the sun at 55mph it would take about 193 years.
- It is impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.
- The human eye blinks an average of 4,200,000 times a year.
- Only female mosquitoes bite.
- The average human produces a quart of saliva a day, about 10,000 gallons in a lifetime.
- Sharks are immune to cancer.
- Each person sheds 40 pounds of skin in his or her lifetime.

Social Studies Department

In the American government classes, August studies included government types around the globe and how they were formed, with an emphasis on the formation of democracy. For September, seniors will delve into the types of governments held by the early colonists and the structure of the Articles of Confederation, with its strengths and weaknesses. The end of the month will lead to the formation of the U.S. Constitution.

Psychology classes have explored the various fields of psychologists and the science behind psychology in August. September issues include the steps of conducting psychological research, methods of observation, & the use of ethics in research.

U.S. history classes delved into the reconstruction era and industrialization period, in addition to the Indian Wars in August. In September, students will learn key facts about immigration in the United States, along with urbanization in the country from 1865-1914. This will be followed by a focus on the issues of the Gilded Age (1877-1900).

In all of Ms. Martin's classes, there will be some time spent on remembering the tragedy of September 11, 2001, as this day in history is continuing to make changes in the lives of Americans and the way the government is and will be operated in the future. Let us always remember and never forget. SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!

***** JOSTENS *****

MEETS with **Seniors** (Graduation) and **Sophomores** (Class Rings) - **September 20**, AM Activity

COLLECTS ALL Senior and Sophomore Orders - **September 28** during Lunch

Vocational Department

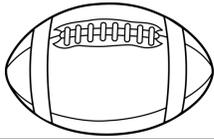
Mr. Kurt Harrill would like to welcome everyone back to the 2016-17 school year. Computer Application classes will be learning the keyboard alphabet keys during the first 9 weeks. They will be practicing the touch system to operate more efficiently in Microsoft Word. Work Based Learning students need to make sure paperwork is completely filled out and turned in. Parents and guardians please read the rules and policies of WBL (Work Base Learning) so that your child understands the expectations. The Future Business Leaders of America are looking for new members the requirements are that you are enrolled or have had a business class and membership dues of \$10.

Mrs. LaQuey McJunkin's health science classes have been examining medical history and careers. During September, students will learning OSHA regulations and standards as they apply to health care facilities and the work place environment.

The forensic classes will begin to look at impression evidence and the strides that have been made over the last thirty years with fingerprinting, DNA, and microscopic evidence.

The agriculture classes are studying a variety of subjects: dual credit greenhouse class will begin propagating plants and creating production schedules for spring sales; ag science will be evaluating soils; vet science will be learning proper injection methods; small animal will be trimming toenails and grooming dogs. The FFA will be attending the TVA fair on September 12, money is due on September 7.

NO SCHOOL
LABOR DAY
September 5



Sports News



Athletic/Alumni Center Update
Mr. Shawn Yates



Thank you to all of our coaches who are working with our fall sports teams and have their seasons under way. All of the coaches and players have put in a lot of time in the offseason and are excited to get to test themselves against their opponents. We want to encourage all of our students to come out and support our athletes who are participating in sports this fall. Schedules are posted on the website, schedules are available on the TSSAA website, and we have copies in the main office.

The Athletic Department would like to congratulate Mr. Chris Hollinghead on becoming the head baseball coach for the 2017 season.

All senior and junior athletes need to stop by the guidance office as soon as possible in order to complete

their NCAA checklist. This is a requirement for all athletes during these last two years of high school.

Season tickets are on sale in the main office. You may purchase a season ticket for all sports or for individual sports if you would like. Season tickets will save you a little money for the season and will keep you from having to wait in line at the gate on game day. Stop by the main office of the school if you are interested. By the way, football tickets at the gate have increased to **\$6.00** per person.

If anyone needs to schedule an event at the Alumni Center, please contact the Athletic Department at 423.253.2530.

LADY BEARS VOLLEYBALL

- 9/1 - Concord (A)
- 9/6 - Polk Co. (A)
- 9/8 - Grace (H)
- 9/12 - Polk Co. (A)
- 9/13 - Sequoyah (A)
- 9/15 - Harriman (H)
- 9/19 - McMinn Central (H)
- 9/20 - Polk Co. (H)
- 9/26 - Polk Co. (H)
- 9/27 - Loudon (H)



LADY BEARS SOCCER

- 9/1 - Carter HS (H)
- 9/6 - Polk Co. (A)
- 9/12 - Pigeon Forge (H)
- 9/13 - Sweetwater (H)
- 9/15 - Sequoyah (H)
- 9/20 - Austin-East (A)
- 9/26 - Rockwood (A)
- 9/27 - Greenback (A)

FOOTBALL HOMECOMING

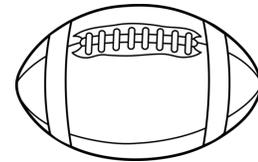
September 26 - 30

vs. Wartburg Bulldogs

HOMECOMING PARADE

Thursday, Sept. 29 at 6:00 p.m.

Lineup/Judging - 5:00 - 5:30



BEARS FOOTBALL

- 8/19 - Sequoyah (H)
- 8/26 - Andrews, NC (H)
- 9/2 - Austin-East (A)
- 9/9 - Copper Basin (A)
- 9/30 - Wartburg (HC)
- 10/7 - Sweetwater (A)
- 10/14 - Oliver Springs (H)
- 10/21 - Grace Christian (A)
- 10/28 - Rockwood (H)





SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Golf at Ridgewood G. Soccer (H) Carter 	2 Staff Development NO SCHOOL Football (A) Austin East	3
4	5 Labor Day NO SCHOOL Volleyball (A) Polk County 	6 Progress Reports Golf at Egwani Farms G. Soccer (A) vs. Polk Co.	7 OPEN HOUSE 3:00 - 6:00 Golf at Kahite	8 Seniors Register to Vote (Lunch) Volleyball (H) Grace Christian Golf at Rarity Bay	9 Football (A) Copper Basin 	10 ACT Given at TPHS
11	12 Golf at Kahite G. Soccer (H) Pigeon Forge	13 Volleyball (A) SQHS Golf at Rarity Bay G. Soccer (H) Sweetwater	14	15 G. Soccer (H) Sequoyah	16	17
18	19 *Faculty Meeting *Medic Blood Drive *Underclassman & Fall Sports Pics Volleyball (H) McMinn Central JV Football (A) SQHS	20 JOSTENS (Seniors & Sophomore) During Homeroom Volleyball (H) Polk County G. Soccer (A) Austin-East	21	22 BETA Leadership Conference	23 BETA Leadership Conference	24
25	26 Volleyball (H) Polk County G. Soccer (A) Rockwood	27 Volleyball (H) Loudon G. Soccer (A) Greenback	28 AM Assembly JOSTENS Collects Graduation and Ring Orders During Lunch	29 Homecoming Parade 6:00 p.m.	30 Football Homecoming vs. Wartburg 	