



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.

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 one new faculty member this year: Mrs. Laney

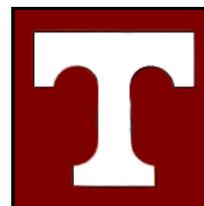
Franklin, in the special education department. She is a graduate of TPHS and a Bear for Life! Welcome back, Laney!

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 2017-18!

Guidance Office Announcements

Mrs. Sarah Brown

The guidance department has started helping all seniors apply for the Tennessee Promise Scholarship. With this last dollar scholarship a senior can attend a Tennessee community college or a Tennessee College of Applied Technology tuition free; regardless of GPA, income, or ACT score. In order to stay Tennessee Promise eligible, seniors will need to attend the meetings on October 17, 2017 at 1:30 in the cafeteria and April 2, 2018 at 5:30 in the cafeteria. In addition eight hours of community service will also need to be completed between November 1, 2017 and June 1, 2018. The school will have opportunities to complete these hours just check with the guidance office.

Seniors should start applying to colleges now. Application deadlines for some universities, such as UT-Knoxville is November 1. Also, FAFSA, Free Application for Federal Student Aid, can be completed online starting October 1, 2017. All you need is your parents' 2017 tax return, a student FAFSA id and a parent FAFSA id, which can be done online. The financial aid process can often be overwhelming and frustrating. Please remember that we are more than willing to assist you with college applications and FAFSA.

Finally, all seniors will have an opportunity to take the ACT free of charge on October 3, 2017. You don't need to do anything, but attend school that day. We have taken care of everything else. For anyone else wanting to take the ACT, it will be given on Saturday, October 28, 2017 and Saturday, December 9, 2017 at TPHS. The cost for each ACT this year is \$46.00. The deadline to register is September 22 for the October test date and November 3 for the December test date. We can help students register and upload a photo.



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 classes will be working on a process paper, and how to do something. They will also be working on 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 partic-

ipating in daily oral language as a grammar review and analyzing parts of an essay. Mr. Chris Hollinghead's English II students are studying early American literature, while analyzing articles, making connections, and tying them into our writing. His students are also having a year-long emphasis on TN Ready vocabulary mastery. 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. Denice Watson is 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 are excited to have back the following members of the MATH CREW: Mrs. Theresa Cook will be teaching geometry. Mrs. Trista Jones and Mrs. Kayla Adams will be teaching Algebra I and Algebra II. Mr. Steven Patton will be teaching Algebra II, Junior ACT Prep class, and the Dual Enrollment math courses. Mrs. 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 Algebra 2.

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. Mrs. Lynn will have a computer lab open in the morning times (7:00 am) to help with any Sails/Bridge/Dual Enrollment. Please check with the front office for other times.

*** SENIORS ***

Be sure to sign up for

TEXT ALERTS.

(See Mrs. Brown)





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 Gov't 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 Sept. 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 11th, AM Activity
COLLECTS ALL Senior and Sophomore Orders - September 15th during Lunch

Vocational Department

The CTE Department has a new teacher and teachers with new responsibilities this fall. Sheann Graham is teaching Business Communications, Computer Applications, and Advanced Computers; Jami Babb is teaching Nutrition I, Human Studies, and Business Management; Travis Hamilton is teaching Plant Science, Agriculture Mechanics, Ag Power/Equipment and coordinating work-based learning; LaQuey McClunkin is teaching Health Science, Diagnostic Medicine, and Medical Terminology; Jake Harris is teaching Intro to Welding, Welding I, Welding II, Construction Core, Carpentry I, and Carpentry II; Kathryn Ingram is the new CTE Department Head and teaches AgriScience, Greenhouse Management, and Veterinary Science.

The FFA will have a busy September. The TVA Fair is Sept. 11, 2017. The deadline to pay for the fair is Thursday,

Aug. 31 (\$15 dues plus \$5 for fair). The career development events for September are: Horse Judging competition on Tuesday, Sept. 12th; Livestock judging team competitions on Saturday, Sept. 16th and Thursday, Sept. 28th; Land/Soils evaluation on Tuesday, Sept. 26th. The deadline to purchase tickets for the UT Varsity Visit in October is Tuesday, Sept. 19th.

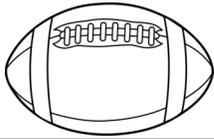
NO SCHOOL!

Staff Development Day

September 1

LABOR DAY

September 4



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 school and TSSAA websites. We also have copies in the main office.

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, tickets at the gate for all sports have increased to **\$5.00** per person, except for football—which is **\$6.00**.

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

Go Bears!!!

LADY BEARS VOLLEYBALL

- 9/5 - CGLA (H)
- 9/11 - CGLA (A)
- 9/14 - Basin (H)
- 9/18 - McMinn Central (H)
- 9/19 - Tyner (A)
- 9/21 - Sequoyah (H)
- 9/25 - Brainerd (H)
- 9/26 - Loudon (H)
- 9/28 - Alcoa (H)



LADY BEARS SOCCER

- 9/5 - Polk Co. (A)
- 9/14 - Sweetwater (H)
- 9/19 - Greenback (H)
- 9/21 - Harriman (A)
- 9/28 - Wm. Blount (A)

FOOTBALL HOMECOMING

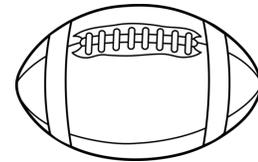
September 5-8

vs. Copper Basin

HOMECOMING PARADE

Thursday, Sept. 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Lineup/Judging - 5:00 - 5:30



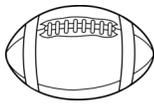
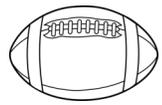
BEARS FOOTBALL

- 8/18 - Sequoyah (A)
- 8/25 - Andrews, NC (A)
- 9/1 - Rockwood (H)
- 9/8 - Copper Basin (HC)
- 9/15 - Polk Co. (A)
- 9/22 - Midway (A)
- 9/29 - Marion Co. (H)
- 10/13 - Tyner (H)
- 10/20 - Sweetwater (H)
- 10/27 - Bledsoe Co. (A)





SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 No School (Staff Dev. Day) Football (H) Rockwood 	2
3	4 Labor Day NO SCHOOL Volleyball (A) Polk County 	5 Football Homecoming Week Begins! Girls Volleyball (H) Vs. CGLA G. Soccer @ Polk	6	7 Seniors Register to Vote (Lunch) Volleyball (H) Grace Christian Golf Match @ Rarity Bay	8 Football (Homecoming) Copper Basin 	9 ACT Given at TPHS
10	11 Girls Volleyball @ CGLA Golf District Tournament @ Chatta Valley	12 Volleyball (A) SQHS	13	14 Girls Volleyball (H) Vs. Copper Basin G. Soccer (H) Sweetwater 	15 Football (A) Polk Co. 	
17	18 *Faculty Meeting *Medic Blood Drive *Underclassman & Fall Sports Pics Girls Volleyball (H) Vs. McMinn Central	19 JOSTENS (Seniors & Sophomore) During Homeroom Girls Volleyball @ Tyner Academy G. Soccer (H) Greenback	20	21 BETA Leadership Conference Girls Volleyball (H) Vs. Sequoyah G. Soccer @ Harriman	22 Football (A) Midway 	23
24	25 Girls Volleyball (H) Vs. Brainerd	26 Girls Volleyball (H) Vs. Loudon	27 AM Assembly JOSTENS Collects Graduation and Ring Orders During Lunch	28 Girls Volleyball (H) Vs. Alcoa G. Soccer @ William Blount	29 Football (H) Marion Co. 	30