

COLT E-NEWSLETTER

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SpringWeek is Coming!

SpringWeek May 2nd - 6th is a weeklong event to promote clubs, activities, and school pride... we'll generally just be having some fun on campus.

- Monday May 2:** Juice, tea, and donuts in the courtyard before 1st period.
- Tuesday May 3:** Music and amazing t-shirt give-aways in the courtyard at lunch.
- Wednesday May 4:** Music and a water-balloon-toss-champion will be crowned.
- Thursday May 5th:** Music and tasty treats in the courtyard at lunch.
- Friday May 6:** Clubs, activities, music, and treats in the courtyard to end the week.

Focus on schoolwork and graduation in the classroom, focus on fun and friends in the hallways!

Survey Says....

Thurston community, we need and value your input and feedback! This year Thurston High School has been focusing on improving student outcomes through work on our Campus Climate Team (CCT). The CCT is a group of staff, teachers, and administrators who are working to foster respectful learning environments through enhanced campus climate. Positive campus climate has been shown to increase academic and social success for students and improve graduation rates. Please take a few minutes to guide the CCT clicking on the link (student or community member) below to fill out a brief survey. Thank you and GO COLTS!

[THSCommunitysurvey](#)

[THSStudentsurvey](#)

The survey will be open from 4/19-5/4/16

Tryouts Coming!

Cabaret Tryouts: May 30-June 6 starts with an information meeting in the THS Library @3:30pm. Tryout packets can be picked up in the main office or girls PE office starting Monday, May 16. Contact Coach Kenzie for more information: mckenzie.smith@springfield.k12.or.us"

[Thurston One Page](#)

For Current Information on the Calendar, bell schedule and how to contact staff visit the:

[Thurston Website](#)

To check out the schedule and see our events visit the:

[Events Calendar](#)

For times and locations of our sporting events visit the:

[Sports Calendar](#)

Connect with us and "LIKE" us at:

[THS Facebook](#)

Follow us on Twitter

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Plant Sale

The THS Plant Sale will be held over 2 days...first time ever. In the greenhouse.

Friday, May 6th 1-6pm

Saturday, May 7th 7:30am-2pm.

Fuchsia baskets-begonia baskets-flower starts-vegie starts-herb starts-\$1 gallon tomatoes

Call the front office if you need more information.
(541) 744-5000



Important Dates:

- 4/29 - Cheer Tryouts - Main Gym -4PM
- 5/2 - 5/6 -Certified Appreciation Week
- 5/5 - 5/7 - Play - Pirates of Penzance - Aud - 7:30PM
- 5/13 - Athletic Auction - Springfield Armory - 6:30PM
- 5/12 - 5/14 - Play - Pirates of Penzance - Aud - 7:30PM
- 5/16 - Sr. Breakfast Tickets go on Sale
- 5/18 - LCC Placement Testing - Library - 1PM - 3PM
- 5/24 - POPS Concert - 7:30PM
- 5/26 - Scholarship & Awards Night - Aud - 6:30PM

College and Career Center

Seniors Headed To LCC Can Sign Up For Fall Term LCC

LCC has opened its first sessions for you to register for Academic Advising. This step is required to attend LCC next fall. Spots are limited, so if you are eligible, you'll want to move fast.

Set-up appointment dates for [FALL](#) term sessions on the Main Campus (Eugene). THIS IS THE PREFERRED CHOICE, so you get a feel for the campus and also meet an academic advisor in person.

However, if you are unable to go out to LCC in person, you may choose to do an online New Student Academic Advising Session. Access the online version of the New Student Academic Advising Session [here](#). Spring term sessions are over; the online version will be available for summer and fall terms beginning May 10.

IMPORTANT: As a reminder, BEFORE you register for your Academic Advising Session you must already have completed these steps: 1) Create an email account if you do not already have one, 2) Apply for [Admission](#) (to get your L#), 3)Take your Placement Tests here at THS on May 18 from 1pm-3pm or schedule and take your [Placement Testing](#) at LCC, and 4) Initiate your [myLane](#) account and complete the New Student Information Session. Additionally, you will want to apply for Financial Aid (your FAFSA and other scholarships).

**It is not too late to file your [FAFSA!](#)
Be sure to update your 2015 tax information into FAFSA.**

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Graduation Information

Senior information to know:

Admission to the graduation ceremony at the Hult Center will be by "ticket only". The Hult Center requires everyone, including infants, to have a ticket. The graduate's family will be allotted up to six tickets. Four tickets will provide admission to the Hult Center main floor and mezzanien. Two additional tickets will provide admission to the upper balcony. The first four tickets are free and the remaining two tickets will have a charge of \$10 each.

May 6 - Mandatory Senior Meeting - During 7th (early release)
Class photo will also be taken.

May 26 - Scholarship and Awards Night - Auditorium - 6:30PM

May 31- Tickets will go on sale for Senior Breakfast and Graduation

June 7th - First day of finals for seniors

June 8th - Last day of finals for seniors

June 10th- Senior Breakfast @ the Eugene Hilton from 8 AM until 10 AM (Price to be determined)

June 11th- Graduation @ the Hult Center at 1:00 PM
(Number of tickets to be determined)



SmarterBalanced Testing

We are half way through State testing!

SmarterBalanced assessments started at the beginning of April and we have tested over 300 students in English Language Arts. Some of those students have also started their Math assessment as well. Currently, we are offering make-ups for those students who were unable to attend one or more of their scheduled testing times through Friday, May 6th. Starting Monday, May 9th and concluding May 20th we will finish the Math assessments. Students can find out when their testing date is by clicking on this link: [Smarterbalanced.](#)

ACE Award Nominees and Winner!!!

Frank Cook, THS volunteer, was awarded the ACE Award for Volunteer of the Year on April 19th at the Hult Center. He, along with 10 other THS staff and community members were nominated by their peers for this award. Congratulations to Frank and all the other amazing nominees!!

Classified Staff:

- Linda Urness – Thurston High School
- Polly Kohl – Thurston High School
- Sherry Moore - Thurston High School

Certified Staff:

- Doug Piquette – Thurston High School
- Jared Taylor – Thurston High School
- John Carey – Thurston High School
- Mark Huisenga – Thurston High School
- Tim Vian – Thurston High School

Volunteers:

- **Frank Koch – Thurston High School**
- Judy Akers – Thurston High School

Forecasting Information

Paperwork to begin choosing classes for next year (2016-17) was handed out this week in your Literature Class. Here are some helpful reminders as you work on selecting the classes for next year.

Read the directions CAREFULLY - there are directions embedded throughout the form.

If you would like to read the course description on the forecasting sheet, you have two options. Check out the curriculum guide online through our school's website. Or stop by the Counseling Center. We have extra curriculum guides that we are keeping in our office for students to use as a resource.

Check to see if there are prerequisites for the courses you want to take next year. Again look online at the curriculum guide or come to the Counseling Center to understand the prerequisites.

Please have everything filled out and completed by Monday, April 25th. We will be working with Literature classes throughout the week to input course and check your information in Synergy.

You were given directions to input your elective choices into Synergy on your own. This is an option for you to try, but not required. If you would like help entering your courses, counselors will help you during the week of April 25th during your Literature class.

Parents/Guardians: Please ask students about what classes they have selected for next year and sign the bottom of the form.

Again, please read the directions carefully and take your time. You are making decisions for the entire 2016-17 school year.

If you have any questions, please stop by the Counseling Center.

It's Warm Outside

Believe it or not spring is just around the corner and with that hopefully comes sun and warmer days. With that said, it is a great time to remind students about our dress code.

When articles of clothing, or lack thereof, disrupt the learning environment it becomes the school's concern. Students may be asked to change clothing, and/or be sent home to change with parent/guardian permission.

Please remember what is in style is not always appropriate for school. Help us by adhering to the dress code. Failure to do so can be difficult on both the student and the staff. Remember, if you're not sure your outfit adheres to the dress code wear something else.

Dress Code:

1. Dress and grooming shall be clean and keep with health and sanitary practices. Articles of clothing and accessories may not create a safety hazard to the individual student or others.
2. Gang dress, symbols, accessories and criteria for exclusive group membership are prohibited.
3. Articles of clothing that advertise or promote the use of alcohol, tobacco, or drug products or display sexually suggestive words or pictures are not permitted at school.
4. Any underwear or undergarment may not be visible. This includes bras and boxers.
5. Halter tops and/or strapless tops are not allowed or other clothing that is revealing in nature.
6. Midriffs (tummy area) should be covered. No short shirts.