

## COLT E-NEWSLETTER

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**Tests Coming**

ACT® and Smarter Balanced tests will be administered to all 11th graders in the coming weeks. Please use this information, to prepare yourself and your student for the challenges that are ahead. Please know we are working to ensure your student's success and are here to help with every step.

The ACT® will be administered on February 28th to our entire 11th grade class (9th, 10th, and 12th graders will be on an "A" Day Schedule). The ACT provides a review of academic progress toward college and career readiness and is typically required for post-secondary applications. **These tests can also help your student prepare for, and potentially meet, the State's Essential Skills graduation requirements in reading, math, and writing.**

**DURING THE TEST:**

1. Students will not be able to leave the test area once testing has begun.
2. Bring a snack- there is a 10-minute break.
3. No cell phones. Off and away all day. Students should plan on checking phones into proctors or Student Services.

**AFTER THE TEST:**

1. The ACT will finish around 1:00 p.m.
2. At the completion of the exam, students may return to class, or be excused for the remainder of the day.
3. The cafeteria will be open after the test to serve lunch.

You and your student will have the opportunity to review test results in approx. 6 weeks when they are sent to your home address. Juniors can send their results to four colleges or universities of their choice. We recommend you speak with your student's guidance counselor about the results and the tools to assist them in making plans for the future. Contact: Shauna Drake [shauna.drake@springfield.k12.or.us](mailto:shauna.drake@springfield.k12.or.us).

**Excellent Eight January**

Each month THS staff nominate students for the Excellent Eight. This month the following students were recognized for their outstanding academic and/or behavior excellence: **Leighanna Huston, Dakota Davis, Kade Graham, Ronaldo Vargas, Sam Maberry, Bre Johnston, Marcella Weiss and Joshua Chapman.**

These students are building positive relationships, going above and beyond, setting good examples, and doing so much more. Keep up the good work! BE R.E.A.L., COLTS!

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 & Instagram

[@thscolts](#) & [@thurstoncolts](#)

How parents can get involved: [Parent Involvement 2017](#)

**Important Dates:**

- 2/7 - Sr. Meetings and orders due - Library - 8:30 - 1:25p.m
- 2/8 - Winter Cheer Showcase - Gym - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- 2/15 - Ensemble Show - Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.
- 2/16 - Honor Roll Dessert - Cafeteria - Cafeteria - 5:30 p.m.
- 2/16- All Night Party Meeting - Library - 6:30 p.m.
- 2/17 -Early Release/Collaboration Day
- 2/22 -Site Council - Library - 4:00 p.m.
- 2/23 -Belize Info Night - Library - 5:30 -7:00 p.m.
- 2/28 -ACT Test Day - for Juniors only (9, 10, 12 - A Day)
- 2/28 -Mr/Ms THS Volleyball Tourney- Gym 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 3/2 - Band Orchestra Concert - Auditorium - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 3/10 -Mr/Ms THS vs Staff Basketball game - Gym - 6:30 p.m.

**Helpful Tips for the 2nd Semester!**

We are halfway through the school year! With the new semester there comes an opportunity to push the reset button and start fresh. Below are some helpful hints for students and parents/guardians that will help everyone be more successful:

**Attendance:**

Students: Show up to every class on time. If you miss a class, advocate for yourself and seek help from your teachers and peers.

**Parents/Guardians:** Please call Student Services if you have questions or concerns about your child's attendance 541-744-5048.

**Synergy and Communication:**

Students: Continue to check your grades and missing assignments online. If you don't have access, please use one of the computers in the Library.

**Parents/Guardians:** Please communicate with the teachers/counselors/administration if you have questions or concerns. If you don't have ParentVue set up, please call the Counseling Office 541-744-5000.

**Homework:**

Students: Stay on top of your homework. Rather than waiting for it to pile up, "chunk" your assignments and do what is manageable. Don't forget about the due date!

**Parents/Guardians:** Set aside a time for homework each night. Check ParentVue or email teachers if you have questions.

**Extra Help and the THS Tutoring Center**

Students: Go see your teachers during lunch or after school. Also, there are amazing tutors in the Library that are eager to help. Please drop in during your free period, lunch, or set up a time to get assistance after school. Also, feel free to work with your teachers if you need to access help during class. Parents/Guardians: Email teachers about what kind of support your child may need or set up a time to meet with a teacher.

Let's all start strong this semester so we can finish strong...**GO COLTS!**

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## U of O Summer Programs

The University of Oregon Summer Academy to Inspire Learning (SAIL) program has for eleven years now, offered free one-week summer camps on the U of O campus, where students learn about various subjects from distinguished University of Oregon faculty members through fun, social and interactive activities. SAIL camps include sessions on the college admissions process, scholarship availability, and the financial aid process. During the school year, SAIL also offers mentoring, administered by U of O college students to eligible high school students who are navigating the college admissions process. In 2017 we hosted 300 students during the summer and served 16 high schools throughout the academic school year with many outreach activities. If you are interested in attending a SAIL summer camp, applications will be available starting March 1, 2017 on the SAIL website: [www.sail.uoregon.edu](http://www.sail.uoregon.edu)

## Online Sports Registration

Attention!! Spring Sports registration is now open! All registration is now completed online!! Information can be found on the Thurston Website and students can also pick up a flyer from Lisa Minium, the Athletic Secretary. Click the [LINK](#) to get started.

Also, there is an open session at Thurston for families that may need access to technology.

Thurston HS Computer Lab  
(enter through the front of the school)  
Monday, February 13, 3:15 - 4:00 p.m.



## Mr. and Ms. THS!

One of Thurston High School's time honored traditions has begun: The Children's Miracle Pageant, Mr./Ms. THS. Each year senior contestants, along with junior and sophomore assistants, "shake down" the school and community for donations to support River Bend/Peace Health Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. This is THS's 26th year. Our school, joining with other high schools in our area, have raised over \$3 million to Help The Babies. This year's theme is: Dr. Suess. Our contestants are wearing the ever present buckets for change. Jars and buckets will appear in local business for donations. Join us at THS to support Children's Miracle Network, 172 hospitals nationwide, as THS students give back.

## Thurston Pantry

Thurston High School is proud to support all of Thurston's School-Families in times of need.

Working with Food for Lane County, the Springfield Education Foundation, and THS student and staff. THS is proud to offer, **at no charge**, non-perishable food, clothing, toiletries and school supplies to Thurston's School Communities.

Please call The THS front office: 541-744-5000  
THS is an equal opportunity provider.

## Tutoring Center

**Questions? Need Just a Bit More Assistance? Not sure what you should remember? Come to the Tutoring Center in the THS Library.**

Tutors are available for: Social Studies, language arts, essay writing, all math classes including AP calculus, all science, biology, chemistry and physics, and other AP courses. Tutoring also available for German and all levels of Spanish. If a tutor is not available for YOUR specific class, an appointment can be scheduled. Come see Mr. Peebles in the Tutoring Center in the back of the Library. This is a no cost service to students of Thurston High School.

## College & Career Center

Seniors!

- There is a majority of you who have not completed your FAFSA. Please come in to the College Center to receive help filling it out.

-If you are thinking of attending college please make sure you submit the Oregon Promise to help pay for two years at a community college to have as a back up. Submit your OSAC Scholarship application by March 1st.

-It is TIME to start submitting SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS make sure you browse through Naviance for the more recent opportunities. Make sure you stop by the College & Career Center for Local Scholarship Opportunities.

-Lane Community College Foundation has \$800,000 to award in scholarships for seniors who plan to attend Lane in 2017-18. Visit [www.lanecc.edu/foundation/scholarships](http://www.lanecc.edu/foundation/scholarships) to apply by March 2nd.

-Sophomores who are interested in leadership we have a summer camp, RYLA, available for you. It is a weeklong free camp in Dorena, Oregon. For more information stop by the College & Career Center.

## Rescheduled Senior Meetings

### February 7<sup>th</sup>

Last Name	Period	Times	Report to:
A-G	1	8:30 - 9:30	Library
H-O	3	10:10 - 11:10	Library
P-Z	5	12:25 - 1:25	Library

Please attend during your assigned time, find a meeting that works well with your schedule, and preferably, attend a meeting during an open-study period.

**Before February 7<sup>th</sup> Senior Meetings, please prepare:**

- FAFSA- Complete by January 31
- Naviance- Complete your Assigned Tasks
- College Applications- Check Deadlines!
- Scholarship Applications- OSAC Scholarship App Due Feb 15
- Caps and Gowns- Order online or During Senior Meeting Feb 7
- Graduation Breakfast, Paying Fines, Graduation Practice, and finally...

Graduation!!!