

COLT E-NEWSLETTER

COLT NIGHT

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

COLT NIGHT is a chance for parents and students grades 9-11, to explore our challenging and interesting curriculum, athletics, activities, and other opportunities here on campus. This is an exciting event we hope you will not miss!

During this special evening, incoming 9, 10, and 11th grade students and their families will have time to visit with staff in order to make informed decisions regarding course selections for the upcoming school year. We will have representatives from our sports programs, clubs, and group activities in our courtyard. During the evening, incoming 9th graders will have an opportunity to meet with the administrators and class representatives in our auditorium to find out more about the upcoming year. Several drop-in sessions in our library will also be available for parents and students to gain greater knowledge of our specialty programs: Aspire, Naviance, AP/Honors Options, Athletics, GPA/Attendance, and Student Services.



Excellent Eight - February

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: **Lydia Braker, Griffin Smith, Lily Clement, Kole Deharsh, Michaela Dawes, Aleta White, Donald Inglese and Skylor Stout.**

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.

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](#)

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

Important Dates:

- 3/14 - Spring Choral Concert - Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.
- 3/16 - All Night Party Meeting - Library - 6 - 9:00 p.m.
- 3/17 - 3x3 Basetball Tournament - Main Gym - 7:30 p.m.
- 3/17 - Early Release Day
- 3/20 - Band/Orchestra Concert - Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.
- 3/21 - Dodgeball Tournament - Gym - 7:00 p.m.
- 3/27 - 3/31 - Spring Break - No School
- 4/7 - Grading Day - No School
- 4/8 - Mr./Ms. THS Pageant Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.
- 4/11 - Colt Night - Incoming Freshmen - 6:30 p.m.
- 4/12 - Jr. Parent Night - This year's Jr.'s - 6:30 p.m.
- 4/14 - Early Release / Collaboration
- 4/14 - Highlighter Dance - Aux Gym - 7 - 9:30 p.m.

College and Career Center

Seniors:

- If you have not completed your FAFSA. Please be sure you completed it by the end of this month at the latest. Colleges will begin to send out award letters starting in April. Please come in to the College Center if you need help submitting your FAFSA.
- Make sure you are checking your emails. Colleges are starting to ask for verification forms which need to be submitted before they can start sending your award letter.

- Oregon Promise early notification deadline is April 1st.

- It is TIME for SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS! Make sure you browse through Naviance for the more recent opportunities. The majority of them are due by the end of March and April. Make sure you stop by the College & Career Center for the Local Scholarship Opportunities.

- University of Oregon will be here April 6th to talk to admitted students who are planning or thinking about attending.

Juniors:

- We will be having a Junior Parent Night on April 12th in the Library at 6:30pm.

- Hands on Career Day at LCC April 14th time TBD.

Sophomores:

- Camp RYLA is seeking for high school sophomores with leadership potential who want to be challenged to grow as leaders and citizens. Students will stay in a cabin in Dorena Oregon from June 24-29. There is no cost. Pick up an application at the College Center. They are due March 17th.

THURSTON HIGH SCHOOL COLT E-NEWSLETTER

Senior Information

Graduation is fast approaching and our Senior Officers, THS staff and Senior parents are working hard to present to the Class of 2017 an amazing Senior Breakfast, Senior video and scrapbook, Graduation and All Night Party. An informational letter will be sent to your home the first week of April supplying you with pertinent times, dates and costs.

Scrapbook and Senior Video

We want to commemorate everyone we can in the senior scrapbook and slideshow, so if you could mail, drop off or email in pictures and videos of your child from 9-12th grade @ thurstonseniorclassphotos@gmail.com we would love to include them. In order to have everything done in time we will need them by May 1st.

All Night Party Information

Next Meeting: April 6th @ 6:30pm, in the THS Library
 Next Fundraisers: Papa's Pizza-Monday-April 3rd, Goodwill Truck-April 8th and 9th, Hanging Baskets for Mother's Day, Sale starts Thursday, April 6th
 Check out Facebook Page-THS Grad Night 2017- You can register now for the All Night Party!

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.

Trades Academy

Students choose one of the following areas for approximately 9 weeks. They chose from Electrical, Sheet Metal and Plumbing/Pipefitting. It is offered to any junior or senior boy or girl that is interested. It is open to any Lane County high school student. They take classes on Tuesday and Thursdays from 2:00-4:30 P.M. during Feb. and March.

They had to submit an application, get transcripts, and a letter of recommendation. The paperwork was submitted and once they were selected, they had a 10 minute interview. If they passed that, they were in the program.

From Thurston High School we have 6 students in the program this 3rd quarter. 3 are in Plumbing/Pipefitting, 2 are in Electrical and 1 is in Sheet Metal. There are 30 students in the program from area high schools. The classes are taught at the training centers except Electrical is in Tangent which is to far for kids to drive so it is offered here at Thurston.

It is taught by Bob Salle who is a retired electrician with over 40 years of experience. He is an instructor for continuing education for the union. His association is with the Central Electrical Training Center Local 280. He is a instructor for the CJATC.

Students are learning electron theory, circuitry, and how to draw it and put it together; photovoltaic display; low voltage class termination and about fiber. They also learn safety. They learn about conduit bending and will have lab time to complete 10 assignments.

"The Trades Academy program is relevant hands on classes that prepare students for the trades, specifically in Electrical, Sheet Metal and Plumbing/Pipefitting. These are high wage high demand career opportunities. It allows the students to learn more about these programs and whether or not they want to pursue these career pathways after high school."

We have had success stories of students getting into the apprenticeship programs because of their participation in the Trades Academy program. One former student is at a HVAC business in town.

Another at a local sheet metal firm. 2 or 3 others into the electrical apprenticeship and 1 or 2 in the Plumbing and pipefitting apprenticeship.

ALICE Training at THS

ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate and is the method used by Springfield Public Schools (SPS) and Thurston High School (THS) to ensure the safety of students and staff in the event of an on campus safety-emergency.

Safety of students and staff is of the utmost importance to Springfield Public Schools and Thurston High School. SPS, and THS specifically, are implementing best practices and are working in collaboration with our local law enforcement partners to implement the ALICE method, which empowers everyone to use his or her best judgment in each unique situation.

Thurston High School will conduct our next staff and student training March 16th, (9:40-9:55 am).

Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Mr. and Ms. THS!

As March progresses, so does the Mr. and Ms. THS Pageant. We have already made over \$9,000 for Children's Miracle Network, but we need your help to hit our \$20,000 goal! On Friday, March 10, the students of the pageant will take on the THS staff in a basketball game. At Track Town we will have a fundraiser on Monday, March 13—pick up a flyer from a student! Then, on Tuesday, March 21, all Thurston students and staff can participate in a dodgeball tournament, and we invite all parents to come watch! After this last fundraiser, there is only the pageant itself, at 7 pm on Saturday, April 8. Tickets will cost \$10 and be available the week before the pageant. Come support Children's Miracle Network, Thurston High School, and the River Bend NICU!