

COLT E-NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the 2016-2017 School Year at Thurston!

It is a wonderful feeling to have the halls of Thurston High School full again with staff and students, eager to teach and learn.

I trust the summer months have brought you to THS, ready for the challenges and opportunities we can expect in the months to come. The next few weeks will create the foundation of good habits that will ensure success and graduation. Basic skills like **going to class everyday, not being late, being organized, asking for help, and believing in your self** will guarantee success and graduation. Involvement in clubs, activities, sports, and positive friend groups will make these years impactful and memorable.

The THS staff takes our mission to heart: "Thurston High School is a caring community dedicated to preparing graduates for a successful future by **educating, supporting, and inspiring** all learners."

We have so much to be proud of, so much to look forward to, and there is no better team than those at THS to accomplish the lofty goals we have for our students.

So WELCOME to you all; please know we are grateful for the opportunity to serve your family with the full support of all those who are Colts.

Online Payments

Parents and students, for your convenience Thurston High School's online payment site is available for paying any necessary school and/or class fees. There are over 50 items to choose from ranging from Chemistry class fee to Drama participation fee, Textbook Fines to Woodshop class fees, Parking passes or ASB Cards, Sport fees and even the opportunity to donate or sponsor THS programs and participants. This link can be found on the THS Website "THSColtspace.com" or directly to:

<https://squareup.com/market/THS-ASB>.

Thank you and have a great school year! Go 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](#)

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[THS Facebook](#)

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R.E.A.L.

Are you a **R.E.A.L.** Colt? Thurston High School is excited to introduce our school theme for the year- **R.E.A.L.** **Respect. Excellence. Advocacy. Leadership.** These are the characteristics we expect the Thurston family to demonstrate at school and in the community. You will see **R.E.A.L.** all over campus, in newsletters, on social media, and most importantly, in daily interactions with students, staff, and the community. We are looking forward to keeping it **R.E.A.L.** during the 2016-2017 school year and beyond. **GO COLTS!**

Important Dates:

- 9/22 - Club Lunch - 11:15 a.m.
- 9/23 - Early Release - 12:40 p.m.
- 9/28 - Financial Aide Night - Library - 6:00 p.m.
- 10/6 - Pep Assembly - Homecoming
- 10/7 - Early Release - 12:40 p.m.
- 10/7 - Homecoming Game - 7:00 p.m.
- 10/8 - Homecoming Dance - 8:00 - 10:30 p.m.
- 10/14 - No School - Colaboration Day
- 10/17 - Picture Retakes - Cafeteria - 7:30 - 10:00 a.m.
- 10/26 - Site Council Meeting - Library - 4:00 p.m.
- 10/27 - Fall Choral Concert - Cafeteria - 7:30 p.m.
- 10/28 - Early Release - 12:40 p.m.

Site Council

Parents and Guardians, **please consider joining the THS Site Council.** Our work will be collaborative with THS staff, parents, and our community toward the improvement of student-academic performance, and Thurston High School.

The objectives for the Site Council are improving student performance, collaborative decision-making, and establishing high levels of openness, teamwork, and trust. The THS Site Council will be comprised of teachers, parents and guardians, THS Administrators including Principal Chad Towe, and classified staff.

While meetings are open to all parents and guardians, we will work toward having a common group.

Please join us for our first meeting Wednesday, October 26th from 4-5pm in the THS Library.

Please email me at chad.towe@springfield.k12.or.us if you are interested in joining this important decision-making group. This is a wonderful opportunity to be a part of a council whose focus is on school-wide issues, as we work for what is best for our students and Thurston High School.

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Student Services

Here we go! We are excited about this year and looking forward to serving you and your student. Here are a few reminders from the Student Services office:

Open/Closed Campus

Freshmen and Sophomores have a closed campus for lunch. This means they must remain on campus during passing times and during the lunch period (Even if they drive).

Junior and Seniors have an open campus for lunch. They are free to walk, bike, or drive off campus during lunch period.

All students, regardless of grade, are allowed to leave campus for the day once they have completed their required classes for that day.

Adding Four

The Thurston High family has four new teachers this year. Allow us to introduce them to you:

Greg Fisher – Business Dept.



“Hello! My name is Greg Fisher and I am a new business education teacher at Thurston High School. I will be teaching Freshman Focus, Personal Finance and Marketing. I previously taught business education at Westview High School in Beaverton, Oregon (1999-2014) and spent the past school year substitute teaching locally. I am also an assistant football coach and VERY proud and excited to be a Thurston Colt! GO COLTS!!!”

Nazia Swartz – English Dept.



Hello, my name is Nazia Swartz and I have worked in multiple schools in over the last 5 years and served as a positive role model for students especially students of color. I am very excited to teach English at THS!

Polly Kohl – Fine Arts/CTE Dept.



My name is Polly Kohl. I've been at Thurston for 8 years as assistant in the library and then in the metal and wood shops. This is my first year as a teacher and I will be teaching Machine Technology, Metals Technology, Transportation Technology, Robotics, and Electrical Circuits. I'm an engineer, so is my husband and one of my sons is about to finish his engineering degree. I like to run and have run one marathon so far. Next up (in the distant future): an Ultra.

Jason Koch – ELD Dept.



Hello, my name is Jason Koch and I am new to Springfield Public Schools. I will be splitting my days between Briggs Middle School and Thurston High School. I am glad to be a part of the THS family. I am a fan of the Blazers, the Ducks, the Arts and Architecture. Go Colts!!

StudentVue Log In Information

Go directly to http://sv.sps.sis.k12.or.us/Login_Student_PXP.aspx OR go to the www.thscoltsspace.com and scroll down to Student Resources---StudentVue. User name and passwords are in the following format:

USERNAME: firstname.lastname

PASSWORD: capital first letter of last name, lowercase second letter of last name, followed by the student ID number

EXAMPLES:

Carlos De La Cruz with a ID of 456789

carlos.de-la-cruz with a password of De456789

Jane O'Grady with an ID of 123456

jane.o'grady with a password of O'123456

Daniel Aguliar-Espinosa with an ID of 654321

Daniel.Aguilar-Epin with a password of Ag654321

Parents if you are having trouble accessing ParentVue please call Sharon Morris at 541-744-5156 or email sharon.morris@springfield.k12.or.us.

New in College & Career Center

A warm Thurston welcome to Jenny Wytcherley, our new College and Career Center Coordinator. Please introduce yourself to Jenny, she is a wonderful resource for our families and students during their transition from THS to colleges and careers. Welcome Ms. Wytcherley!



Visit the Library

Welcome back! Now that you are back in school, please plan a visit to the THS Library! There are a lot of great resources for you to take advantage of including the library catalog, online databases, magazine subscriptions, and a wide range of popular fiction and nonfiction.

Stop by during lunch or before/after school and have a look around. We look forward to meeting you!

Tutoring Center is Ready

Indeed! THS's tutoring center will be fully scheduled next week and ready to assist our students with academic support for classroom success and graduation. Math (all classes)? Language Arts? Science/Biology/Chemistry? Spanish? (German and Japanese by appointment) Government? History? College Essays? Writing papers? Yes, all covered! Remember the tutoring center is a valuable asset and service. Questions? Schedule appointment? Stop by the tutoring center in the library and speak to Mr. Peebles. Go Colts!