

COLT E-NEWSLETTER

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A Perfect Beginning for ALL This Fall

Hello to all: cherished parents, students, and community members. The 2015-2016 school year at Thurston High School is off to a very positive and meaningful beginning. We have begun our year with a new mission statement that will help to guide our calling. **“Thurston High School is a caring community dedicated to preparing graduates for a successful future by educating, supporting, and inspiring all learners.”** An integral component of educating, supporting, and inspiring our students is through the involvement of our parents and guardians. The involvement of parents and guardians reinforces the importance of a Thurston education. Please use the link below to access information about the numerous opportunities Thurston High School provides for you to be involved. We are very much looking forward to partnering with you this year as we look to educate, support, and inspire!

[Parent Involvement](#)

Tutoring Center is OPEN!

Thurston High School is offering a new service to benefit all students of THS: a Tutoring Center located in the library. Academic advising and tutoring for all core subjects will be available during the school day between 11am and 2:30 pm. Volunteers will help staff the tutoring center throughout the week. Noland Peebles has returned to THS as the Tutoring Center's coordinator. For questions or information. Please feel free to contact Mr. Noland Peebles or Mr. Sun Saeteurn, vice-principal, sun.saeteurn@springfield.k12.or.us

Decision Education Foundation: 2015 Educator of the Year

Decision Education Foundation (DEF) works to improve the lives of young people by empowering them with effective decision making skills.

As head of the counseling at Thurston High School, Amy Stranieri has been a long time Decision Education Foundation (DEF) supporter who has played a critical role in the development of the DEF Bridge Program. She recently presented to the Society of Decision Professionals about her work with DEF and this fall is piloting a college and career readiness course with DEF material as the organizing principle. **Congratulations Ms. Stranieri!**

[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

[@thscolts](#)

Staff Appreciation Committee

Did you know Thurston High School has a staff appreciation committee? Every month of the school year we do something special for all THS staff to let them know we value what they do for our kids. We would love for you to join us! You can volunteer your time, baked goods, or crafts to help. We have no meetings and are open to any ideas you have for new celebrations. Please contact brenda.hansen@horacemann.com or 541-726-0954. Thank you!

Important Dates:

- 10/14 - PSAT Test Day - Cafeteria
- 10/14 - Cheer Show Case - Main Gym - 6-8PM
- 10/15 - SEF Night of 11,000 Stars - Willamalane- 5PM
- 10/17 - All State Cheer Comp - Gyms & Cafeteria
- 10/21 - Scholarship Info Night - Library - 6:30-8:30PM
- 10/22 - Pep Assembly - Homecoming
- 10/23 - Homecoming Game vs Roseburg - 7PM
- 10/24 - Homecoming Dance - Main Gym - 8-11PM

For up to date information on the Bond Measure

[Bond Updates](#)

College and Career Center (CCC)

Follow us on Twitter
[@THSgotocollege](#)

[Thurston Career Center](#)

Mid-Willamette College Fair

Friday, October 16th at UO Mac Court
9am – 12pm Register at www.gotocollegefairs.com
Approximately 70 colleges in one place!!
Get a permission slip in the CCC and ride the bus for free!

Scholarship Info Night

Tuesday, October 21st in THS Library 6:30 – 8:30 pm

College Application Week (CAW)

November 9 - 13 (No school on November 11th)
in THS Library during school hours. Tuesday evening,
November 10th from 5pm – 8pm
<http://oregongoestocollege.org>

Do you need to retake your ACT or SAT tests?
December last date to test to get scores to colleges to be eligible for their scholarships.

ACT December 12th Test Date...Registration deadline
November 6th www.actstudent.org/start

SAT November 7th Test Date...Registration
deadline October 9th

SAT December 5th Test Date...Registration deadline
November 5th www.sat.org/register

College and Career Readiness [Class Blog](#)

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Senior Picture Information

Here are the deadlines and requirements for senior pictures. Please contact Mr. Roberson with questions: joseph.roberson@springfield.k12.or.us

The yearbook staff must receive the finished photo, and your senior quote, by December 18th. No Exceptions! Professional pictures are often of higher quality. Most studios do Yearbook-only photos for around \$50. We will use photos from registration if we do not receive a senior photo.

Senior Photo Upload: Photos need to be uploaded directly to the Lifetouch website. Visit community.lifetouch.com, and use KIRKYP for your access code.

Photo background should be a uniform, solid, or neutral color, or an outdoor or black-and-white shot.

Props, hats, low-cut or inappropriate tops, instruments, pets, soft focus or variety backgrounds, and full body shots are not allowed.

Face size: 1" from top of forehead to bottom of chin. Photo size: No smaller than 1 3/4" wide x 2 1/4" high.

Colt Compliment Cards

If your student earns a Colt Compliment Card it's because, by their actions, they are helping to create a positive culture at Thurston High School. Staff members award the Colt Compliment Cards for students such things as observing a student opening a door for someone, exhibiting extra attention to details on assignments, showing resiliency, being a tutor for a peer, perfect attendance, and picking up trash just to name a few. This is our way of saying THANK YOU for making Thurston High School a great place to be.

Co-Teaching at THS: Two brains are better than one!

Once again, Thurston High School is providing co-taught classes. The co-taught classes provide additional support for ALL students in each classroom. By having two certified teachers in one room, we double the brain-power and the teaching techniques so we can support all learning styles and find multiple ways reach our students. In these co-taught classes, we have paired a classroom teacher and Learning Specialist in one classroom for either one or two class periods each day. There was great success last year with increasing student achievement and success for our math, biology, and literature classes, so once again we have targeted these subjects.

This year's classes and teachers who are co-teaching:

- 10th grade Biology with Ryan Herlands and Chris Newell (2 class periods)
- 11th grade Literature with Jonathon Kempe and Kirstin Sadiq (1 class period)
- Geometry with Allison Cunningham and Natalie Rombach (1 class period)
- Algebra 1 Review with Mary Adams and John Mosby (1 class period)
- Algebra/Geometry Survey with Diane Ray and Natalie Rombach (1 class period)

If you would like additional information about these co-taught classes, please either email the teachers directly (firstname.lastname@springfield.k12.or.us), or our Assistant Principal Missy Cole at missy.cole@springfield.k12.or.us

Thurston Success: Thurston and University of Oregon Partner up!

Thurston High School was the recipient of a grant through the University of Oregon to help support freshmen as they transition into high school. The university has provided curriculum and additional resources to supplement the amazing work that is already happening at Thurston with our freshmen students. At Thurston, all freshmen participate in a class called Freshmen Learning Teams (FLT) where there are unique opportunities to connect with teachers and other students. In this class, students learn how to navigate the academic and social waters that comes with being a new student. With the help of the University of Oregon, it is going to be a great year as we educate, support, and inspire all students!

Performing Arts Opportunity

1. The Eugene Opera invites students in grades 9-12 curious about the world of opera to enroll by October 15 in the 2015-2016 Eugene Opera Academy: Behind the Scenes. Participants will:
 2. Attend rehearsals and performances of the Eugene Opera's four shows this season
 3. Talk with professionals who bring opera to the stage
 4. Take part in a Master Class