

## COLT E-NEWSLETTER

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**Happy Holidays THS Community!**

The end of 2016 helps us to reflect on the significant accomplishments of the past year, and look forward to the opportunities and challenges in the days to come. Our mission statement, "Thurston High School is a caring community dedicated to preparing graduates for a successful future by educating, supporting, and inspiring all learners" continues to guide the work of the loving and caring adults on the THS campus. In the days and months to come in the new year, THS students will be faced with curricular challenges and social and behavioral opportunities. These will be positively encouraged and directed by the Thurston Staff, our community, and especially by your love at home. So this holiday season, please take the time to love, appreciate, and demonstrate gratitude for the people, young and old, you hold close in your homes and hearts- knowing that in the new year, we will do that too in the halls of Thurston High School. Wishing you all the very best for the Holidays and New Year- Go Colts!

Chad R. Towe, EdD  
Principal, Thurston High School

**Code Red wants to play at your event! Code Red is THS's best wind musicians and we are eager and ready to play. Call advisor Tim Vian at THS for scheduling info. 541-988-5253**

Want to know more information about transfers? look [HERE](#)

**Excellent Eight November/December**

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: **Heidi Norman, Keeghen Kolstad, Lukas Calhoun, Faith Williams, Catrinea Matti, Kaeli Hurley, Morelia Alvira-Sanchez and Madeline Smith.** 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](#)

**Tree of Joy**

Thurston High School's Tree of Joy brings amazing holiday cheer to our local community!!

Thurston's leadership class adopted 51 elementary students from five of our local schools: Mt. Vernon, Thurston Elementary, Ridgeview, Riverbend and Douglas Garden. Classrooms sponsored students in their 3rd period class and competed to raise the most money. Classrooms battled it out and the winners will receive a Track Town pizza party, Voodoo Donuts, or drinks from Dutch Bros. As a school we raised close to \$5000 for the Tree of Joy, which is about \$87 per elementary students for presents. Each classroom designated a few students to go and purchase toys, clothes, and other gifts for their student(s). On Tuesday, December 13th, Mr. Canaga and the Leadership students delivered the presents to the schools along with candy canes, chorals and extra holiday cheer! Our Thurston High School students do an amazing job of supporting our local community; thank you all so much!!

**Important Dates:**

12/16 - 12/17 - Feaste - Cafeteria/Library  
12/19 - 1/2/17 - Winter Break - No School  
1/11 - Faculty Council - Library - 3:15 p.m.  
1/11 - 11/13 - One Act Festival - Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.  
1/16 - MLK Day - Holiday - No School  
1/16 - MLK Celebration - Springfield HS - 2:30 p.m.  
1/20 - Pep Assembly - Check schedule  
1/20 - 1/21 - Hall of Fame - Cafeteria  
1/21 - Robotics Competition - Roseburg HS  
1/23 - 1/25 - Finals Schedule  
1/26 - 1/27 - Grading Day - No School

**College and Career Center**

Seniors!

Things you should be completing by the end of Christmas break:

-FAFSA application. Submit it as soon as possible

-Finish submitting College Applications

-Request Official Transcripts to be send to the college

-Start OSAC Scholarship Application and Oregon Promise Application

-Browse through Naviance for Scholarship opportunities available

Please stop by the College & Career Center if you need help submitting any college application, scholarship or FAFSA help. Follow us on Twitter [@THSgotocollege](#) for the most up-to-date information from the College & Career Center.

We need Volunteers to be an ASPIRE Mentor to help our students achieve their educational and career goals. Meet with students to explore college and career options. If you are interested in becoming a mentor please contact Mrs. Wytcherley at 541-744-5157 or [jennifer.wytcherley@springfield.k12.or.us](mailto:jennifer.wytcherley@springfield.k12.or.us)

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## Hall of Fame

Thurston High School 2017  
Hall of Fame Inductees

The Thurston High School Hall of Fame committee is pleased to announce the 2017 inductees:

**Dave Gibson - 1965**  
**Wayne Smith - 1971**  
**Greg Proden - 1978**  
**Harold Michaud - 1981**  
**Denny McCurdy - 1982**  
**Todd Alberts - 1992**  
**Pan Shindledecker Windom - 1982**  
**Coach Bobbie Haas**

Hall of Fame Social - Friday, January 20, 2017 -  
Colt Lounge - 5:30 p.m.

Hall of Fame Banquet - Saturday, January 21, 2017 -  
THS Cafeteria - 5:00 p.m.

Tickets available at: [thscoltspage.com](http://thscoltspage.com)

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## Springfield Schools Health Center

Total Health Care for Students & Families, Including:  
[www.lanecounty.org/chc](http://www.lanecounty.org/chc)

- Immunizations
- Sports Physicals
- Preventive Health Care
- Mental Health
- Ongoing medical needs
- Reproductive health

Sliding scale discounts available if you have no insurance. Private insurance, OHP and Medicare welcome.

Location:  
1050 10th St., Springfield  
Phone: 541-682-3550

Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Appointments necessary.

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## 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.

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## Counseling Center Info

All Night Party Information

Fundraisers:

December 15th -Papa's Pizza fundraiser, remember that you must have a flyer. Flyers will be passed out before and after school in the THS drop off zone.

Now until December 16th- Papa Pizza coupons and Johnson Brothers Gift Cards for sale. Call Debbie Bosche @ 541-520-3549.

Next Meeting:

January 10th @ 6:30 in the THS Library.

Senior Meeting on Friday, Jan. 13

Seniors! It is time to order your cap and gown. When you return from Winter Break pick up your senior order packet in the Counseling Center. On Friday, Jan. 13 we will have senior meetings in the library (times to be announced).

At the meeting we will be going over important reminders for your senior year and you will have the opportunity to purchase your cap & gown and other graduation items. Class of 2017 you are almost half-way to graduation. We are so excited for you and your future! See you on Friday, Jan. 13 with your order forms filled out.

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## Keep it R.E.A.L. : Report Harassment/Bullying Behavior

Each school day Thurston High School is home to nearly half the population of Springfield's teens between the ages of 14-18! In light of all the energy and busy-ness that comes with this age group, we strive to maintain an environment where all student feel physically and emotionally safe. While this will always be our aim, we are also prepared to handle harassing/bullying behaviors which can arise from unhealthy peer to peer relationships. If students, parents/guardians, staff, or community members become aware of harassing/bullying behaviors directed towards a Thurston student, or group of students, we strongly advocate that the behavior be reported to the school as soon as possible.

What are some options for reporting these behaviors?

Tell a trusted staff member

Call the Student Services office

Visit the Student Services office and complete a Harassment/Bullying Reporting Form

Email a School Administrator, the Dean of Students, or the School Resource Officer.