



January 5, 2018

From Mr. Berry's Desk

Happy New Year, and welcome back to a brr-isk January. Tuscarora's students have been particularly focused this week, as I believe they understand the end of the semester is approaching rapidly. As of today, there are only fourteen school days remaining in semester. Final projects are coming due, those last big tests and semester long assignments are coming to an end. As a parent, it's an excellent time to drill down on TAC with your child and take a look at grades. What ideas and questions should drive the conversation? Here are a few to consider:

- What major assignments or "big grades" do you have left in the semester? Grades can be deceptively good or poor if there are still major assignments to factor in. Don't just look at the current overall grade, but talk about what is to come. Lots of good grades on small assignments or homework is one thing, but don't forget to give the elements of your child's grade in the proper perspective and weight. If a major assignment carries five times the weight of another, a student should be putting at least five times the brainpower, resources, time and effort into the larger one. Not all class assignments are created equal
- If the overall grade is not what you would want, where should you put your effort? Fourteen days is still a lot of time, and you have to have a game plan. Is it homework? Is it a project? Is it class participation? Where do you need to put your time and effort in the remaining days? Don't just guess or hope it turns out OK.
- What does the teacher have to say about your performance and what you need to do? Too often, when families have discussions about grades, there is too much guesswork about what the successful path forward is. Encourage your child to go to that teacher at Flex to have a discussion/ask questions about what they can do for the remainder of the semester. Have your child learn how to be their own best advocate, and unlock their own success. For you own piece of mind, a quick telephone call or email speaking with the teacher can be very enlightening. Remember: teachers post grade information for you on HAC every day/week. The teacher is beginning the conversation. If you have questions or need answers, ask.
- Remain positive. Students sometimes become fixated on past performance or what they believe they CAN'T do. Steer and KEEP the conversation to what is possible and what CAN be done. Be encouraging, and in particular since parents know their children best, make sure students are tapping their strengths and not looking for easy ways out.
- What resources are available to your child? In addition to their teacher, there is the Flex Period, there is in-house tutoring from peers, there is the Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO) with four teachers every Tuesday and Thursday after school with transportation at 4:00. In short, there is no end of help for students outside the classroom.

In the grand scheme, learning is more than just attaining grades. In addition to the practical, timely bullet points I have offered, take the time to reflect with your child about what subjects they are learning a lot about, which they have enjoyed and those for which they are developing a passion. After the accountability, the real joy is considering what education is helping your child to become.

Happy 2018 to you,

Christopher Berry

Principal

Looking Ahead

Date	Event
Friday, January 5	Academic Tournament, Frederick High, 6:00 PM
Sunday, January 7	Christmas Day (Orthodox)
Monday, January 8	Wrestling Home Match vs. Frederick & Urbana High 5:00 PM THS Athletic Boosters Meeting, Media Center, 7:00 PM
Tuesday, January 9	THS Drama Evening of One Acts, 6:30 PM Boys Basketball at Linganore High, 5:30 and 7:00 PM Girls Basketball Home vs. Linganore High, 5:30 and 7:00 PM
Wednesday, January 10	Unified Bocce Match home vs. Oakdale High, 3:30 PM THS Mock Trial vs. Middletown High, Frederick County Courthouse, 5:00 PM
Thursday, January 11	Safe and Sane Mr. Titan Auditions, 2:30 PM - 6:30 PM, Chorus Room Swimming vs. Linganore High at Middletown High Pool, 6:00 PM Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, TJ High, 7:00 PM THS National Honors Society Induction, Auditorium, 7:00 PM
Friday, January 12	Indoor Track at Liberty University Boys Basketball home vs. Oakdale High, 5:30 and 7:00 PM Girls Basketball at Oakdale High, 5:30 and 7:00 PM
Saturday, January 13	Saturday School, Media Center, 8:00 AM Wrestling at Smithsburg High, 5:00 PM

*Dates and times are subject to change.

Attendance

Daily attendance is one of the single most important factors in a high school student's success. 96% or better attendance each day is the goal for Tuscarora High School. Please help students meet the goal every day! Talk with your student about the importance of attending school as well as the importance of being engaged in every class Here is our attendance data for this week:

Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
12/22/2017	1/1/2018	1/2/2018	1/3/2018	1/4/2018
85.75%	NO SCHOOL	89.73%	93.60%	Snow Day

School Counseling

College-Bound Juniors - Practice SAT

Registration for the Diagnostic SAT has begun in the Guidance Department! Sign up for this January 29th (snow date February 16th) practice. This is a free test! This is an extremely important experience before you will take the March SAT.

Registration for 2018-2019 is Coming!

All current freshmen, sophomores and juniors should be discussing course selections with their families and teachers. THS students will register online through Naviance on February 5th during FLEX. After reviewing their selections with parents, students need to submit their Registration Form no later than February 12th.

Registration 2018-2019 Open House

Students and Parents who would like to talk with teachers regarding their course selections, please plan to join us on February 6th (snow date February 13) at 7 PM. Curriculum Leaders will be present to discuss curricular syllabi and the best choice for your student's career plans.

Freshmen (and Parents)

Please plan to attend FRESHMEN NIGHT on January 16th (Snow Date January 23) at 7 PM in the THS auditorium. The School Counselors will be discussing Registration for sophomore classes, graduation requirements and Naviance. This is a VERY important meeting to help guide you through course selections for your post-high school plans.

Attention Spring FCC Students

Please log on to your FCC account to view and pay for spring tuition. Tuition must be paid by the first day of class or you will be withdrawn from the program.

[Directions on how to access your account](#)

Any questions or difficulty, please contact Assistant Principal Lisa Smith or School Counselor Danielle Moore.

9th and 10th Graders Interested in Biomedical Science

Applications for the 2018-2019 school year are now available! Please click on the link below or go to the THS homepage if you are a 9th or 10th grader interested in applying to the Project Lead the Way Biomedical Science Program at THS. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity please sign up to shadow our current classes during the school day.

Application: <https://goo.gl/5P7X3I>

Shadow: <https://goo.gl/forms/x799gBct4LJg7JYu1>

Teacher Recommendation Form: <https://goo.gl/gSXYT3>

CTC Shadowing

It is that time of year again!! Time for the CTC shadowing and application to begin!

We have some new and exciting things happening this year here are a few important notes: **Sign up** for Shadowing will begin October 9th, Shadowing will begin on November 1st.

The process to **SHADOW** at CTC has changed this year if you are interested in shadowing you **must** do the following:

Pick up a **SHADOWING PERMISSION SLIP** form at the THS Guidance Office

- Fill out the form and return to Guidance, **PLEASE** make sure you complete the form including **signature** of parent/guardian, this will hold up the process of requesting a date for you to shadow if this form is not signed
- Once the form is completed and handed in, Mrs.Packan will contact CTC to make a request on behalf of the student and the program they are interested in shadowing
- CTC will contact Mrs.Packan with the assigned date & time (AM/PM) the student will be shadowing. When the shadowing date is assigned Mrs.Packan will call the student down to let them know the date and time
- The student will be given a permission slip form to take to their teachers of the classes they will be missing, once these are signed by both teachers then the student should return this form to Mrs.Packan
- ***(STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING UP ALL MISSED WORK)**
- Student will be issued a bus pass for the assigned date and time (AM/PM) to ride the bus to CTC.

Some programs take longer than others to be assigned to shadow due to the amount of students interested in the program.

There is a chance it may take up to a few weeks to receive a date and time of shadowing.

Scholarships, Internships and Job Opportunities

Boys State - Hood College Chair of Board Scholarship

High school Junior boys interested in Government, politics, leadership, military academy or a college ROTC, this week-long practical exercise in government at McDaniel College June 17-23, 2018 is for you. \$40,000 McDaniel Scholarship and college credit opportunities. Application process is online at www.mdlegion.org/boysstate.

Northrop Grumman Scholarship

Seniors interested in majoring in engineering should apply to the Northrop Grumman Scholars program. The program awards an \$8,000 scholarship over the course of four years (\$2,000 per year with ongoing eligibility requirements) to one graduating high school student in each Maryland County and Baltimore City.

The application may be obtained online

at <http://www.northropgrumman.com/CorporateResponsibility/Community/Pages/engineeringscholars.aspx>. The deadline for scholarship applications is February 4th, 2018.

Miss Frederick Scholarship

Young women aged 13-24 who go to school on a full-time basis in Frederick County, MD are eligible to participate in this competition for scholarship awards. Email MissFrederickMD@gmail.com with intent to compete.

Hood College Chair of Board Scholarship

This highly prestigious scholarship will provide four full-tuition awards to academically superior seniors. No separate application is required. Simply apply for admission to Hood College at www.hood.edu/apply by January 15, 2018

The Routzahn Family Business Scholarship

The Routzahn Family Business Scholarship provides \$1,000 scholarships (\$250/semester) to one student from each Frederick County High School who will be attending Frederick Community College (FCC). Student must enroll full-time (12+ credits) and declare a major in Business Administration or Accounting. Student must maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA for the scholarship to renew each semester. Deadline is May 1, 2018. Please see Naviance or guidance for the application.

USAMRIID Internship

Science Internships at United States Army Medical Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID) at Ft. Detrick for current juniors -- Applications for the science internship at USAMRIID will be available November 1. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and be 17 years old by Saturday, September 1, 2018. Application deadline is Thursday, January 12, 2018. See Mrs. Mummert for more information and the application.

Youth Apprenticeship Opportunities for JUNIORS

Not sure of your next step after high school? Consider one of the exciting Youth Apprenticeship opportunities offered to FCPS students. Fields include traditional and non-traditional apprenticeships. An updated list of current apprenticeships can be found at

https://campussuite-storage.s3.amazonaws.com/prod/33903/86de7fb0-3a18-11e6-b537-22000bd8490f/1671241/b7f84500-e045-11e7-a0d3-12c42196f070/file/YA_Jobs_2017-asOf12122017.pdf

See Mrs. Mummert for more information.

Apprenticeship Opportunities

Several positions are still available for seniors to participate in a youth apprenticeship:

- Frederick Regional Health System (Frederick Memorial Hospital)
- Holly Hills Country Club
- Phoenix Mecano

To find out more: <http://www.fcps.org/academics/Apprentice-Program>

[The Maryland General Assembly seeks six Frederick County high school seniors to serve as five pages and one alternate page during the coming legislative session.](#)

For additional information, please see the full news release:

[<http://www.fcps.org/about/news/1618683/general-assembly-seeks-student-involvement>]

Frederick Parks and Recreation

Frederick County Parks and Rec. is looking for students to help coach gymnastics and cheerleading at local rec. centers this winter. Must enjoy working with children and be able to teach beginner and intermediate tumbling skills. See Mrs. Mummert at THS for more information.

Senior Class News

Graduation Gown Ordering Information

In order for the company to custom make the graduation gowns, we need information from each senior. Go to the following form to complete the information. This MUST be done by each senior. <https://goo.gl/forms/MN2lqRsd5hibdURB3>

Herff Jones distributed graduation ordering information today at senior meeting. Orders may be placed in the following ways:

1. Order online at www.highschool.herffjones.com (beginning November 18th). Make sure you select Tuscarora High School in
2. Mail order form and payment to the address on the form

If you order during lunch or at the grad fair, many products are available for pick up at the time of the order

PTSA

Website

The THS PTSA is pleased to announce that we now have a web site. Thank you to Mary Atwell for all of your hard work with developing the site. We encourage everyone to visit <https://tuscarorahsptsa.org/> for information regarding meetings and upcoming events. Please keep in mind it is a work in progress so keep checking back for updates.

Safe And Sane

Doughnut Sales

Don't forget your dollar this Friday! Every Friday is Dollar Donut Day on Main Street from 6:55 - 7:25 am. All proceeds go directly to Safe and Sane.

Event Registration Now Open!

[CLICK HERE](#) for the registration form or pick one up in the front office or around the school next to posters. Mail completed form and check or drop off in the front office ASAP for the discounted rate of \$60, by Jan 31, 2018. Prices go up after that. Your payment includes your entire night at Adventure Park, all food, fun, buses to and from the school and Adventure Park, plus the prizes you may win when you attend! REGISTER NOW!

Mr. Titan

We are bringing back Mr.Titan/Miss Titan/Lip Sync Battle. It's all in good fun! How do you win? The audience votes! We already have a bunch of Mr. Titan contestants. **Come to the audition with music (Lip Sync Battle) on January 11, 2018 from 2:30-6:30 in the chorus room.** We need to confirm the signups. Mr. and Miss Titan people, please stop in to the audition (1/11/18) so we can confirm your interest. Our rehearsal will be February 8th, and our actual show is set for February 22nd. Start talking to your friends.

Bingo

We have a Bingo planned! January 28, 2018. All proceeds help Safe and Sane. It will be held at the Lewistown Fire Hall. Tickets are \$20 in advance, or \$25 at the door. We will have cash prizes and themed gift baskets. Doors open at 12:00 noon. Games start at 2:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased at [BINGO!](#)

IHOP

Our next restaurant fundraiser night is **IHOP**. Monday, January 22nd from 3-10 pm. You **MUST** mention the fundraiser for Safe and Sane to get credit. Note this in your calendar now.

Restaurant Raffle Tickets

We are selling **Restaurant Raffle** tickets now! \$5/ticket OR 5 tickets/\$20. We have over 31 gift certificates to restaurants all over. Every day in March we will pull a winner for a restaurant gift certificate. That means each ticket gives you 31 chances to be a winner! (Applebees's, Famous Dave's, Mod Pizza, BJ's, Glory Days, Chipotle, Friscos, Beef O' Brady's, Chili's, Champions, Olive Garden, Tropical Smoothie, Sushi Densha, Starvin Marvin, Mays, Manalu, Silver Diner, Pretzel & Pizza Creation, China Garden, Unos, Red Lobster, and MORE!) Contact us at thssafeandsane2018@gmail.com to let us know how many you would like to buy.