



A Note from the Principal

Happy New Year to all our students and their families!! Our first semester of the 2016/17 school year was a productive one. Very proud of all our students and their efforts.

As we begin Semester 2, our school enrollment continues to remain steady with the TSHS student enrollment at 1454 students and the average daily student attendance 93%.

TSHS is committed to enhancing our student learning programs and supports. We most recently launched an Extended Learning Programs (ELP) – for tutoring and state assessment test preparation. This resource is available for all TSHS starting this week with Mrs. Marks-Satinoff after school in room 2402. Students are encouraged to stop by and register. These programs are delivered via the online Grad Point program.

Course registration for the 2017/18 school year will be underway within a few weeks. A Curriculum Information Night will be held Tuesday, January 10, 2017 in the school auditorium at 6:30 p.m. for all parents interested in learning about the 2017/18 student course registration offerings. This evening will allow parents and students to learn about new course offerings for TSHS as well as some school based programs – AVID, Business Entrepreneurship and Child Care.

There are still openings for Executive Board members for PTSA. Please contact the school if you are interested.

Thank you for your continued support.. as always... Go Spongers!!

MRS. FATOLITIS, PRINCIPAL

Sponger News SPLASH



Tarpon Springs High School

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Mission:

Our Mission is to prepare every student to be a productive citizen and provide them the skills necessary to be successful in life.

Vision:

The vision of Tarpon Springs is 100% of students will attain the skills necessary for success in college, career or the job of their choice.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



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High school student volunteers needed as homework mentors to assist students grades K-8.

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The Tarpon Springs Historical Society Railroad Depot Museum

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Wednesday – Friday 12:00-3:00 pm

Saturday 11:00 am-3:00 pm

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Volunteer

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Reading Pals offers two opportunities to volunteer:

1. Choosing a one-hour time slot when it fits your schedule, working with different children every time as a Reading Pal Reader; or

2. Committing to regularly meet one hour a week with the same child as a Reading Pal Tutor.

Both volunteer positions require a background screening and a two-hour orientation that prepared you to work with students.

A few spots are left!

We need you!

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This is a wonderful way for your company to get community recognition and exposure, and at the same time help support your local schools!

Rhiannon Ochs
ochsr@pcsb.org

**Tarpon Springs
High School**

MACKIN VIA

Your book review is due at the end of the week and you haven't even started reading. You head to the library to check out the book but someone else has beat you to it. No copies available.

Fret not! As a TSHS student or teacher, you can choose from over 1,000 eBook titles and can read them on any Android or Apple device, for free.

Just follow these few simple steps:

1. Log-in to your FOCUS portal.
2. Under Learning Resources, select MackinVIA.
3. If prompted, choose Tarpon Springs High School.
4. Begin searching for titles!

For more information on MackinVIA features or how to navigate the site, visit your library or email the librarian at halkiasj@pcsb.org.

TEXTBOOKS

As the 2nd quarter comes to an end, students should gather semester course textbooks and return them to the library. Students with textbook obligations to the school may not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities.

Start the new year with a clean library record! Students may check their library records online using the Destiny catalog. To look for textbook fines, log-in to FOCUS and look under Fines and Fees. For questions or concerns about lost textbooks and fines, contact Jan Cortese at the bookkeeping office or Mrs. Halkias at the library.



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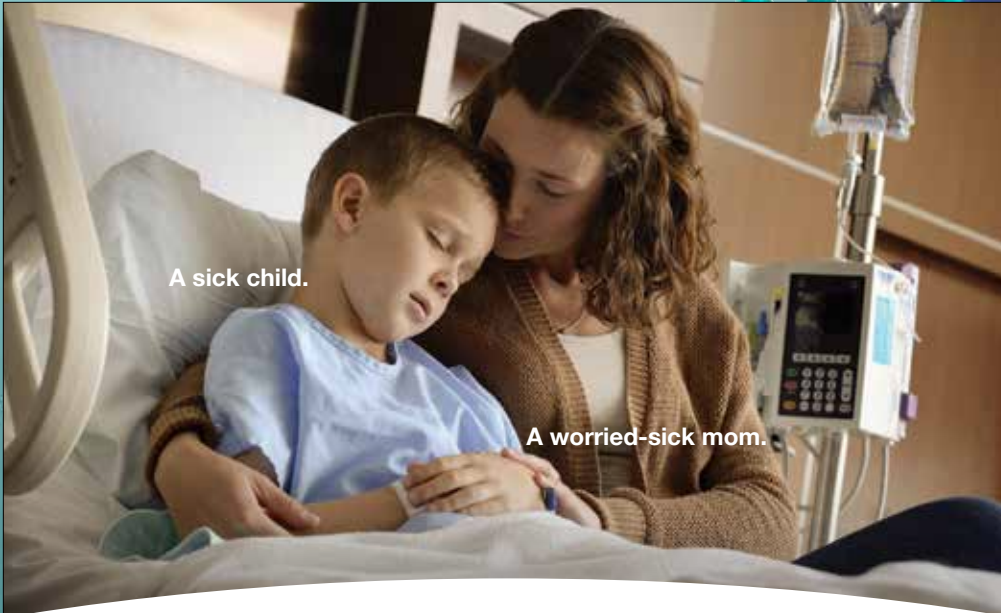
MATTIE WILLIAMS
NEIGHBORHOOD FAMILY CENTER

THE GIVING TREE

This year, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) coordinated with the Mattie Williams Neighborhood Family Center in Safety Harbor to have a Giving Tree on campus. The Mattie Williams Neighborhood Family Center is an organization that offers programs and services to meet critical basic needs, limited financial support, career development and educational programs for children to promote school readiness and school success.

The tree was housed in Mrs. MacNeill's room and FCA was initially given 40 children's names. The children on the tree ranged in age from 3 to 14 and listed one item that they really wanted for Christmas. Tarpon students and staff did such a wonderful job collecting donations that FCA officers requested 40 additional names from Cops & Kids, a local youth program offering free after-school childcare, homework help, and enrichment courses. Sadly, many of these students listed socks and shampoos on their wish lists.

MacNeill, FCA sponsor, proudly reported that Tarpon High collected toy donations for all 80 names. In addition, FCA started a separate collection for shampoo, soaps, and socks that will be distributed to local families in need.



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Seniors

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Senior Picnic - March 10, 2017 (\$20)

Cap and gowns will be distributed in the Auditorium before the senior picnic.

Cap & Gown: Auditorium. 7:15 am - 10:00 am

Senior Picnic: Howard Park. Shelter 1. 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Prom - March 31, 2017 (Single: \$70, Couple \$130)

Prom will take place at Innisbrook in Edinburgh Hall. Please contact Ms. Sullivan with any questions regarding the dance: sullivan@pcsb.org

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Grad Bash - April 21, 2017 (\$110)

Tickets for Grad Bash will go on sale in January. See Ms. Ochs in room 2402 before or after school or during lunch to purchase tickets.

Artist: Jason Derulo

Senior Breakfast - May 12, 2017 (\$25)

Seniors will be released from their first period at 7:10 am and report to the Auditorium for graduation practice before the breakfast.

Rehearsal: Auditorium then Spongers Field
7:10 am - 9:00 am

Breakfast: Innisbrook in Edinburgh Hall
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Note: If you do not attend rehearsal, you will not be able to walk.

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Graduation - May 22, 2017 on Spongers Field (Free)

The night you've all been waiting for! Seniors arrive in the Auditorium by 5:00 pm. Graduation takes place on Spongers Field at 7:00 pm. Dress casual attire. Be sure to bring your cap and gown.

Cap & Gown - balfourfl.com (\$51.50)

The Required Cap & Gown Package includes the Cap & Gown, Diploma Cover, Regular Tassel, and Custom Medallion. It will be sold online at balfourfl.com for \$51.50. Other packages, including invitations and class rings are available on the website. *Order deadline: January 27, 2017.*

Yearbooks - Ms. Ochs in 2402 (\$70 until May 1)

Yearbook and senior pages can be purchased from yearbookforever.com or Ms. Ochs in 2402 before or after school or during lunch.

Yearbooks: \$70 until May 1. \$80 until graduation

Senior Pages: Full pages - \$300. Half page - \$180

Senior Panorama - TBA

The Senior Panorama will be taken in the Gym at 8:05 am. The date will be announced once it's finalized, and ordering information will be available that day.



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