



## A Note from the Principal

Happy New Year to all TSHS Students & Families,

Hope everyone had a great holiday break. As we launch the start of semester 2 of the 2017/18 school year, here are essential elements and reminders for all students in order to have a productive and successful academic year. The 3 key principles and reminders for students each and every day:

- Be present for school
- Be prompt for class
- Be prepared to be challenged

Student achievement and accountability are two of our top priorities. Students are encouraged to take ownership and monitor their course work and progression in each of their classes. TSHS also offers after school tutoring free of charge so students can obtain support in course work, test preparation and remediation.

In addition, TSHS is committed to providing an optimum learning environment for students. School safety and order are essential in maintaining productivity. Students are encouraged and welcomed to report any issue or incidence that may deter the school as a whole from meeting the

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# 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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goal. Examples: cleanliness on campus, school safety breaches, bullying and harassment reports.

As we look ahead at the calendar for semester 2, state testing window is approaching quickly. With that being said, our test preparation efforts are underway. All students participating in an E.O.C. test and also the FSA ELA test will be participating in boot camps within the coming weeks. These sessions are designed to provide an intensive review and preparation for the official state tests. Students also participating in the AP and/or AICE exams will also have boot camps too. Details regarding the boot camps will be sent home with students and posted on the website.

Looking forward to a great 2nd semester and as always..  
**GO SPONGERS!!**

**MRS. FATOLITIS, PRINCIPAL**

## Early College

Any 10th grader interested in early college needs to attend an information session this week or next week to obtain the application. Flyers are in the guidance office. 11th graders interested in early admissions should attend a session and see Ms. Rainwater to apply. Further, any junior who has a 3.0 or above and would like to apply for the executive internship program should see Ms. Rainwater by February 12th.

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## Cap And Gowns

While we have your attention, seniors. The deadline for cap and gowns is February 1. Go to [balfourfl.com](http://balfourfl.com) to order yours today.

Student Night will be held in the cafeteria on February 11th at 6pm.

## Scholarships

By the way, if you're a senior in need of money for college, check out the school's website for a list of scholarships or go see Ms. Ewing. Act fast because many of the deadlines are approaching soon.

## Band Fundraisers

Have gently worn shoes you're no longer wearing? Want to help the band and color guard travel to their spring performance at Carnegie Hall and the WGI World Championships? Well, you're in luck because you can donate them to the Leadership Conservatory's shoe drive happening now until January 31. Give your gently worn shoes to a band or guard member, or drop them off in the bin in front of the band room. Please **make sure** the shoes are in pairs, dry, and have soles intact.

If you'd rather help them raise money by eating some delicious subs, join them at Jersey Mike's Subs tonight through Sunday January 21. There are flyers and coupons in the front office, so stop by and get yours today!

## Congratulations

A huge congratulations to Anabel Ellison on making the All-Conference Team over the Winter Break at the College of Central Florida. Anabel averaged 18 points per game and 8 steals. Congratulations Anabel.

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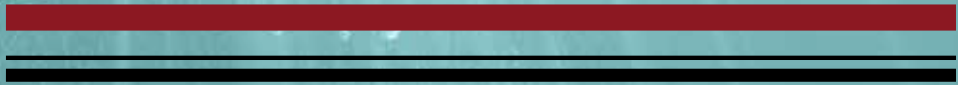


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### Important Senior Dates

- Prom – March 16, 2018 @ Innisbrook
  - Senior Picnic – March 23, 2018 @ Howard Park
  - Grad Bash – April 20, 2018 @ Universal/Islands of Adventure
  - Senior Breakfast – May 4, 2018 @ Innisbrook
  - Graduation – May 17, 2018 @ Spongers Field
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- Seniors Dues are \$50. Money is due by February 1, 2018.
  - Yearbooks are on sale now for \$70 until May 1, 2018.
  - Grad Bash Tickets are \$120. Money is due by March 1, 2018.



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