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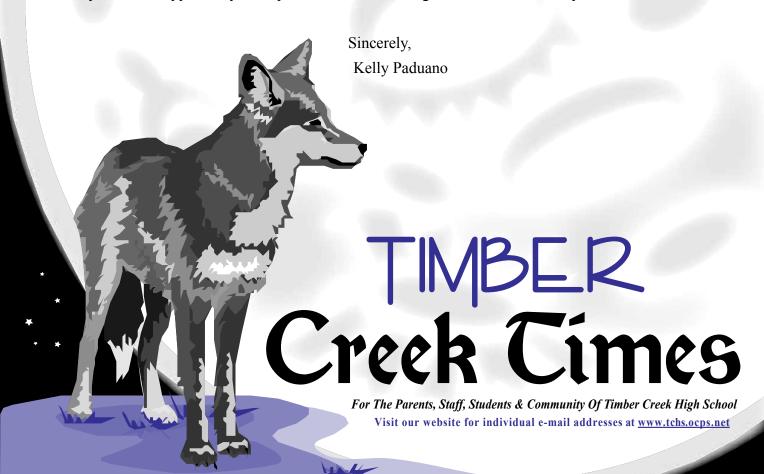
Sur Summer is almost here! The students and staff have been working hard all year and are ready for the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA). This is the fifth year of the FSA, and we will continue to share information about the test and the testing schedule with our students and with you. One new piece of information we have for the 18-19 testing schedule is that all state level exams (FSA and EOC's) as well as AP exams will be administered in May.

This time of year also brings a renewed sense of excitement as the Class of 2019 prepares to graduate, underclassmen plan for their futures, and the next generation of Timber Creek Wolves prepares to come to our campus. We are proud of all the great things our students have accomplished and look forward to seeing what they do next.

Additionally, I would like to remind all of you that it is the partnership between home and school that makes Timber Creek High School so special. Thank you to our amazing parent groups – PTSA, SAC, PLC, Athletic Boosters and Foundation – for their ongoing support. You can visit the Timber Creek Website for information on how to get involved.

As our Seniors prepare for graduation, we hope they reflect back on all the amazing memories they had while at Timber Creek High School. If you have questions about upcoming graduation events, visit our Senior Information webpage athttp://www.tchsseniors.com/.

Thank you for the opportunity to be part of such an amazing school and community and Go Wolves!





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This Spring has been busy for the Regiment! After a very successful marching season in the Fall, placing 2nd place at State Finals, the Regiment turned its focus to concert and Winter Guard seasons. In March, the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and Freshmen Band ALL received straight Superiors at their Music Performance Assessment (MPA), which is a first for Timber Creek (and a huge accomplishment)!

The Winter Guard wrapped up a busy, successful season as well. All three teams competed in the FFCC Championships in Daytona Beach March 29, 30, and 31. This was the culmination of a season of hard work and amazing performances by all three Timber Creek teams. We are so extremely proud of their passion and dedication to this year's performance. Timber Creek Cadets (comprised of middle school students from the feeder schools) finished 4th place in their division, Timber Creek JV team finished 5th place in their division, and the Timber Creek Open team finished 4th place in their division!

On April 17, the Regiment collaborated with the middle schools that send students to TCHS. Avalon, Timber Springs, and Discovery 8th graders joined the Freshmen Band in a performance designed to showcase the amazing talent coming out of our local middle schools. It was a great opportunity to give 8th graders a taste of what it's like to play in a high school ensemble, and it also sparked excitement for the 2019-2020 Regiment! The very next day was the Spring Concert - preceded by the Spring Fiesta dinner fundraiser. The Spring Concert featured all of the ensembles in the Regiment in their final concert of the year.

Still to come in April, the Jazz Band will be performing at Jazz in the Park on April 27 in Downtown Avalon. Jazz in the Park is a full-day celebration of jazz, featuring ensembles and performers from around the area.

In May, the Regiment wraps up the school year as Seniors welcome incoming Freshmen at the Regiment Open House on May 13. The Open House kicks off the 2019-2020 season with the big reveal of next year's show theme! Anyone who is interested in joining the award-winning Regiment should plan to attend. Important information and dates for the 2019-2020 year will be provided at the Open House.

And finally, all members of the 2019-2020 Regiment should plan to attend Regiment Kick-off Camp on May 30 and 31. Kick-off Camp is an opportunity for incoming 9th graders to jump right in to their high school band experience, and for returning students to brush up on their marching skills. Kick-off Camp is going to be two power-packed half days for wind instruments and two full days for percussion and guard members. The Regiment had a stellar season this year, and we are looking forward to an exciting season next year!



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## MPORTANT SENIOR INFO - 2019

#### **Graduation Tickets**

 There will be no graduation tickets this year. The ceremony will be open seating. Doors will open for guests at 1pm.

#### **Graduation Reader Cards**

• Reader cards for graduation are being created through English classes. Any senior who does not have an English class needs to see Mrs. Bell in room 522 before Friday, 4/26.

#### Cap & Gown Distribution

- Thursday, 4/25 & Friday, 4/26 in the cafeteria at lunch.
- If you still need to order something, please call Herff-Jones at 407-647-4373.
- If you have not yet picked up your announcement order, please stop by Mrs. Bell's room (522) before school, between classes, or during lunch.

#### Senior Exams (CFE)

- Thursday, 4/25 1st period EOC
- Friday, 4/26 2nd, 3rd, & 4th period EOCS
- Monday, 4/29 5th, 6th & 7th period EOCS

#### Senior Award Ceremony \*DATE CHANGE

- Wednesday, 5/8 6-8pm in the PAC
- Invitations will be sent through Mrs. Hemann in the CCC
- Please wear business attire and your cap & gown

#### Senior Exit Checklist

- Due to your guidance counselor on or before 5/15
- Form will be available online
- Limited printed copies will be available in guidance, the front office, 515, & 522

#### Seniors' Last Day

Wednesday, 5/15

#### Mandatory Graduation Information Meeting / Practice (Senior Fair)

• Monday, 5/20 in the PAC at 11:00am.

#### **Senior Celebration (Walk-Out)**

Monday, 5/20 after the mandatory graduation practice.

#### **Senior Yearbook Distribution**

- Tentatively scheduled for Monday, 5/6 during 5th, & 6th periods room 522. Book distribution will continue during 5th & 6th periods until all books are handed out.
- If we have extra books available, they will be \$90 cash only (exact change).

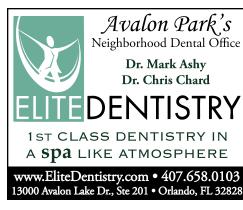
#### **Graduation**

- Wednesday, 5/22 at 2pm at Amway Center
- Seniors need to arrive by 12:30pm
- Doors will open for guests at 1pm



















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# GUIDANCE NEWS Attention Students:

As part of qualifying for Bright Futures Scholarship, seniors (Grade 12) must submit their community service hours to their guidance counselor and take the appropriate tests (SAT and/or ACT). All community service hours must be pre-approved by the student's counselor prior to completing the community service hours. All pre-approved community service hours are due by the last day of school May 29th, 2019. Please visit the Bright Futures scholarship website for more information at: http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/.

As seniors (Grade 12) begin to receive scholarships from colleges or outside organizations, they need to add the scholarship information into Naviance. All seniors (Grade 12) must complete the online *OCPS Senior Survey 2019* on Naviance.

Directions to completing the OCPS Senior Survey:

- 1. Log on to Naviance through the Naviance app on Launchpad.
- 2. Students should be able to access the survey through the Important "To-Dos and Tasks".
- 3. If they don't find the survey there, students need to go to the "About Me" tab at the top right side of the page, click on "My Stuff", then click on "My Surveys" and the OCPS Senior Survey 2019 should pop up for students to take. This survey only takes about 10 minutes at the most to complete.
- Current 9th through 11th grade students who are planning on doing community service over the summer, must get their community service <u>pre-approved</u> by their guidance counselor <u>before</u> leaving for summer break. The community service packet can be found on our school's website, Naviance, and paper copies are available in the guidance department.
- Do you have questions or need help with Naviance? Please see Colleen Hemann in the College and Career Center in guidance or email her at colleen.hemann@ocps.net

#### **Testing Schedule**

DATE	TEST	WHO Tests
Apr 25, 26, 29	CFEs SENIORS	Apr 25-1st; Apr 26-2nd, 3rd, 4th, Apr
		29-5th, 6th, 7th
April 30	CFE Makeups seniors	
May 1 & 2	FSA ELA Reading Sessions (2 day test)	All 9th and 10th graders
May 6-17	AP Testing	
May 8 & 9	FSA Alg 1 and Geo (2 day test)	All students enrolled in Alg 1 or
		Geometry
May 13 & 14	ELA, Alg 1, Geo FSA makeups	Any student absent for ELA/Alg 1/
		Geo EOC
May 15	Biology EOC	All student enrolled in Biology
May 16	US History EOC	All students enrolled in US History
May 17	BIO, US History EOC Make ups	Any student absent for Biology or US
		History
May 20-23	CFEs Underclassmen	May 20-1st; May 21-2nd, 3rd, 4th, May
		23-5th, 6th, 7th
May 24	CFE Makeups	Any underclassmen absent for CFE



# TC AFJROTC CAPETS INVESTIGATE AVIATION CAREERS

March 29, 2019, the Timber Creek Honors Ground School (HOGS) cadets and I went to Orlando Executive Airport to see the different career opportunities in aviation other than the traditional commercial airline pathway. We first arrived at the Sheltair Fixed- Based Operator (FBO), where we were introduced to a diverse group of people who have different jobs. We learned about careers in Airport Management, Helicopter Operations, Real Estate Management, Customer Service, and Fight School.

After learning about what these jobs were, how we could get there, and what the people actually do, we explored the parts of the airport. We visited Flight Ready training school. We got to see the planes on which they train their students, and then toured Heli Team, which supports Channel 2 news. We also saw a retired helicopter from Vietnam that is now repurposed to spray crops or put out fires.

After the helicopter hangar, we visited the CNL Financial's Aviation Department. This was the coolest place we visited all day. We went inside this completely white hangar and got to look at the different features of some of the FalconJet aircraft as well as go inside them. Having never been inside a private jet before it was exciting to see all the fancy features inside which passengers have access to while travelling. We received a lot of great information about being a pilot for a private company which I had not known before. They showed us there are more opportunities to fly for a living other than just through the military or commercial lines. As well as the jets, we got a hands-on tour of a personal aircraft, a Cessna 182. Mr Hart, the owner, showed us the basic Flight control movements and the other basic features of the Cessna. My peers and I were familiar with most of the controls and features because it was roughly the same model we have been learning with. We explored the building's lobby and the hangar.

Our last visiting spot for the day was the control tower. I have an interest in air traffic so this was obviously very exciting for me. Because the tower was functioning while we were there we needed to split into two groups, I was in the group that went up first. If anyone is considering a job in a control tower I feel the need to warn you, the elevator did not go up all the way. There were stairs. Lots of stairs. Once I caught my breath at the top I was in heaven a little bit. The people in the tower were really nice and educational. They answered all of the questions we had. They explained what they were doing and saying to the pilots over the radio. I gained a lot of information on what you really need to get an air traffic controller job. When we switched with the other group we had an amazing conversation with an ex-Navy controller who shared her story and how she got into Air Traffic.

It was an overall terrific experience and I know I doubtlessly learned a lot about jobs in aviation. You never really realize just how many jobs can fit into one area. Throughout the whole day, every person told us the same important key to making it into the aviation world. Collaboration is a vital key. Because the aviation workforce is so small, everyone knows everyone, and if you don't, then chances are you know the same people. Connections and who you know will greatly help you step forward just as much as it will help you to step back. Aviation kind of reminds me of a bubble. You are either in the bubble or not, and once you've been sucked in

the bubble there's no chance you're going to want to leave.



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### LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

We've had a very busy year in the TCHS Library Media Center. We've welcomed new staff members, added many new books, checked out a lot of digital devices, and made every effort to make our library more engaging for students with displays and events. We look forward to implementing more improvements next year, as we welcome a new class of freshmen and our returning Wolves. This is YOUR library, so stop by the circulation desk and leave a suggestion!

BOB Team: Morgan F., Savannah L., Nora M., Emma G., October T. and Amantia M. Supporting members not pictured: Francesca D., Yomaris M., and Mateo M.

Last month, our champion Battle of the Books Team took home the gold and defended their title as reigning district champs in the Fifth Annual OCPS Battle of the Books Competition. These students studied the fifteen Florida Teens Read books in great detail and were gracious winners, once again. We're exceedingly proud of them and their hard work, and looking to add new members next year. All are welcome!

#### DIGITAL DEVICES

Returning students will keep their laptops over summer, so they can continue to have digital access. We ask that you use a case or sleeve and be mindful when traveling. Please make an

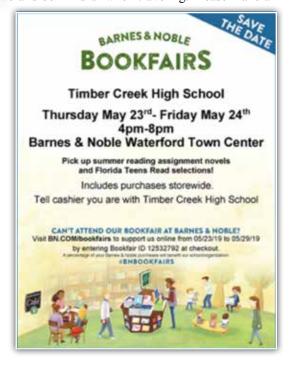
effort to refrain from leaving devices in vehicles. The heat and potential for theft are a concern, and we don't want to start the new school year with replacement fines.

### **STAY CONNECTED:** Follow us on Instagram atchslibrary ocps

If you have any questions about joining Battle of the Books, summer checkout, accessing ebooks, or digital devices, please email our Library Media Specialist, Mrs. Mahaffey, Melanie.Mahaffey@ocps.net.

#### **B&N BOOK FAIR**

Support our library! With the help of our fabulous Timber Creek PTSA, we're having a Barnes & Noble Book Fair on May 23rd and 24th, from 4-8 pm. This is the perfect opportunity to pick up those summer reading novels!







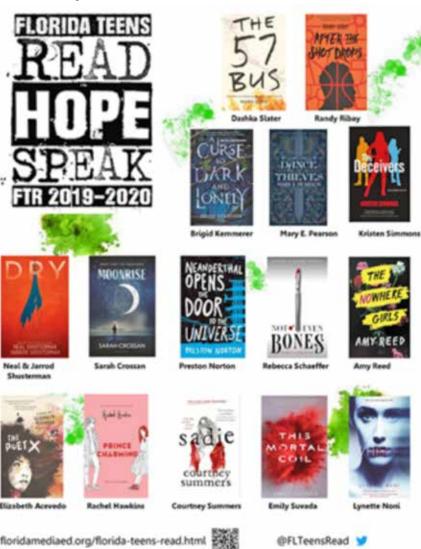
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#### **SUMMER READING**

Congratulations to the book, The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas, which was the 2019 winner of the Florida Teens Read Contest and a popular movie this fall. Students can get a jump start on reading the Florida Teens Read selections for 2019-2020- summaries can be found at https://www.floridamediaed.org/florida-teens-read.html These selections are perfect for summer reading, as they encompass several genres and themes. The books will be available in the TCHS Media Center over the summer. Summer Reading assignments for select classes will be posted on the TCHS website soon. While we hope families and students will have a chance to relax and travel during the break, we're hoping that you will fill some of those hours at the beach, on the plane or in the car with a good book. The importance of promoting pleasure reading is significant for your entire family. All OCPS students have access to ebooks and audiobooks though the Orange County Virtual Library Card and our OCPS catalog Destiny, both of which can be found in Launch. Please share your summer reading adventures by using the social media hashtags #OCPSreads and #TCHSreads, so we can share in the fun!









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# TCHS Athletics



# TC ATHLETICS PRESENTS THE 14TH ANNUAL TCHS B005TER GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 14th Annual Booster Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 11th. You can register online, or print out the registration form to return to the school, at https://timbercreekathletics.com/. We are currently still looking for foursomes and hole sponsorship. Please contact Dawn Feeney at dawn.feeney@ocps.net if you are interested in sponsoring the event.



# \* Finish Strong \*

We are rapidly approaching the end of the 2018-2019 school year. Right now, the focus of your student should be on a strong finish, and you can help! Your attention and involvement in this effort will reinforce the importance you place on your child's education. Please take the following steps to support your student during this critical time.

- . Reinforce positive and successful school habits. Attention in class, homework, test preparation, and attendance are key factors.
- 2. Access and review your student's progress, attendance, and test schedules on Canvas and ProgressBook.
- 3. Help your student to create a plan to improve current weaknesses and prepare for final exams.
- 4. Be aware of tutoring and study assistance classes available at the school and encourage your student to participate.
- 5. Help your student to stay focused. Your involvement is a tremendous positive factor for a strong finish. Your interest, willingness, and dedication to helping your child succeed provides an unmistakable message. Your child will thank you for it someday.