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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

TEENS AND TECHNOLOGY

In light of recent news regarding the misuse of technology among students, I felt it necessary to send out a reminder concerning the safe use of technology. We are obviously living in drastically changing times compared to many of the previous generations. Information and technology travels and changes at a resounding pace. This generation of teens is growing up with this technology as a normal part of their lives...while the rest of us race to catch up.

Last week an ugly scenario was brought to our attention through the media involving students at a local school who were sending sexually explicit photographs through their cell phones. What started out as two friends exchanging photos, ended up with one of those photos spreading like wild fire and spinning quickly out of control. Although this incident was highlighted individually, the reality of similar scenarios is all too frequent.

Students today are multi-tasking and relying on texting as a main form of communication. Even though texting provides quick and easy communication, it also lends itself to a myriad of problems. We continue to be a school that supports the appropriate use of technology. I do not desire to see us become like many schools across the country where cell phones, I-pods, etc. are all banned on campus. More rules and restrictions will not help. I believe we can better serve and help educate the next generation about "time, place, and manner."

My wife and I took the plunge this year with our daughter and brought her into the cell phone world. We all signed a written contract regarding the appropriate use of the cell phone. The biggest part of our plan (together), is that open lines of communication

(actually talking to each other vs. texting) are a must. She is not allowed to delete any texts, pictures, forwards, etc. without our prior approval. Why? What is appropriate for her eyes and ears...better be appropriate for ours! This has also created multiple opportunities during the week where we sit down and discuss what's happening in her life. Her phone and our contract have actually increased our face to face interactions at home.

Whether your son or daughter is on My Space, Facebook and/or accumulating thousands of text messages each month, make sure you are staying in the middle of those lines of communication. What many students have learned (the hard way) in recent years is that once information is sent from "point A" to "point B"...it is out of their control. There is no way to bring it back, get it off the internet, or out of some other student's phone.

Please help us in our effort to teach our students about time, place, and manner. This is a battle in which we all need to be engaged before it is too late.

Thank you for your support.

Scott Seaman

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e-mail him at: scott.seaman@tumwater.k12.wa.us*

STUDENT/PARENT INFORMATION

ATTENTION FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORE PARENTS



FRESHMEN/SOPHOMORE INFORMATION NIGHT WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2010

The counselors will be hosting this Parent Information Night for 9th and 10th grade students in the THS Performing Arts Center. The evening will start at 6:30 p.m. with a presentation from South Puget Sound Community College about the Running Start Program. They will then present additional information concerning graduation requirements, college testing and post-high school options. Students are also welcomed to attend!

Please join us for an informational packed evening!

Tumwater High School's Thunderbird Theatre Presents



"Much Ado About Nothing"

February 4th - 6th @ 7:00 p.m.
Tickets: \$6 Student/Seniors; \$8 Adults

Tumwater High School Performing Arts Center
700 Israel Rd.
Tumwater, WA 98501

For more information contact: Kristina Cummins at 709-7655 or at kristina.cummins@tumwater.k12.wa.us.

THS BLOOD DRIVE - MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2010

Our second blood drive of the year will be held on **Monday, March 8th** in the commons room C-3. It will run from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and is **open to the public**. Our fall drive was very successful as we had 28 first time donors and 67 all together. Please consider donating to help save lives.

TOLO DANCE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH

WHERE: Olympic Flight Museum on Old 99
THEME: "Above the City Lights"

This is our last theme dance open to freshmen and sophomores. Tickets are \$25 per couple and \$13 for singles.

SENIORS!!!

ARE YOU WORKING ON YOUR 4PS? ARE YOU GETTING PREPARED?

EARLY OPTION - For seniors submitting their portfolio for scholarship purposes
March 11-12 ~ 4Ps' Portfolio Due to the Career Center.
March 24 - 26 ~ Presentation Dates for those with approved portfolios.

REGULAR OPTION - Open to all seniors.
March 31 & April 1 ~ 4Ps Portfolio Due to the Career Center.
April 26-29 ~ Presentation Dates for those with approved portfolios. Presentation date and time will be assigned when you turn in your portfolio.

LATE OPTION - Available only for seniors who did not successfully pass their presentation the first time and need to re-do.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP PORTFOLIO
May 1 ~ Scholarship Applications Due to the Career Center by 2:30 p.m.

Call Jana Tyrrell 709-7616 for questions or email jana.tyrrell@tumwater.k12.wa.us

NEXT TRAFFIC SAFETY CLASS STARTS APRIL 19

April 19 to June 9, 2010 ~ The first 30 students to pay are guaranteed a seat in the class. Classes fill up fast. Register now by paying \$360 (cash or check) at the ASB office. The next class will be offered in the summer. Questions: Email: tumwatertse@comcast.net

"ONE" CAMPAIGN TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY

The "One" campaign will begin in February as the THS Community Service Committee **helps the Thurston County Boy's and Girl's Clubs** raise their projected budget. The Tumwater Club is a big part of our community and serves students from all Tumwater Schools. We are asking our students to make a difference by donating \$1 or more to help support this cause. We will be doing some activities during lunches to help raise awareness.

**REPLACEMENT LEVY FOR
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS
ELECTION FEBRUARY 9, 2010**

✍ ✍ **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

FEBRUARY~

Monday, February 1	2nd Semester Begins
Mon. Feb. 1 - Thurs. Feb 4	Attendance Appeal Hearings
Thurs. Feb. 4 - Sat. Feb. 6	Winter Production " <i>Much Ado About Nothing</i> " 7:00 p.m.PAC
<i>Friday, February 5</i>	<i>Skyard Grade Update - *Teachers update for parent access</i>
<u>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9</u>	<u>REPLACEMENT LEVY - PLEASE VOTE!</u>
Wednesday, February 10	EARLY RELEASE DAY 12:10 (Buses pick up at 12:10 p.m.)
Thursday, February 11	Challenge Day (See January Newsletter Principal's Message)
Monday, February 15	NO SCHOOL (Presidents' Day)
Tuesday, February 16	NO SCHOOL (Mid-Winter Break)
Thursday, February 18	Band/Orchestra Concert 7:00 p.m. PAC
*Wednesday, February 24	9th and 10th Grade Information Night 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 24	EARLY RELEASE DAY 12:10 (Buses pick up at 12:10 p.m.)
Thursday, February 25	Choir Concert 7:00 p.m. PAC
<i>Friday, February 26</i>	<i>Skyard Grade Update - *Teachers update for parent access</i>
Saturday, February 27	FBLA Scrapbooking Crop, Commons 11-8:00 p.m.

MARCH~

Monday, March 1	Spring Sports Begin
Friday, March 6	Dance Districts 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Monday, March 8	Blood Drive #2
Wednesday, March 10	EARLY RELEASE DAY 12:10 (Buses pick up at 12:10)
Thursday, March 11	Band Festival - New Gym 6:00
Thurs. March 11 - Fri. March 12	4 Ps Scholarship Notebooks Due
Friday, March 13	THS Dance Team Show
Mon. March 15-Fri. March 19	WASL Week
Wednesday, March 17	TSD Strings Festival - Gym 6:00 p.m.
<i>Friday, March 19</i>	<i>Skyward Update - *Teachers update for parent access</i>
Saturday, March 20	TOLO 8-11 p.m. Commons
Wed. March 24- Fri. March 26	4Ps Early Presentations
Wed. March 31-Thurs. April 1	4Ps Notebooks Due

APRIL ~

Thursday, April 1	Jazz Night 7:00 p.m. PAC
Mon. April 5-Fri. April 9	SPRING BREAK