

TROY HIGH-LITES

Troy High School Parent Newsletter • December 2011 & January 2012

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Dear Parents:

In my last email blast, I mentioned an interesting column by Thomas Friedman appearing in the November 19 edition of the Sunday New York Times. In it, Friedman cites positive correlation study results using international PISA (Program for International Student Assessment) performance results and various measures of parental involvement. This article is timely because Troy High School recently received its results from its participation in PISA from back in 2009. Background - every three years, the 32-nation Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) conducts exams which assess 15-year old performance in reading comprehension and problem solving in math and science. The field of countries has expanded to more than 60, as many non-OECD nations also participate. THS participated in PISA in the spring of 2009. Click here for the link to the article - http://www.nytimes.com/2011/11/20/opinion/sunday/friedman-how-about-better-parents.html?_r=1.

First and foremost, THS students (random sample including all NCLB subgroups) performed exceptionally well compared with all United States schools, similar to highest performing OECD-nation schools, and even similar to outstanding international schools. More specifically, overall performance for THS was higher than all similar U.S. schools (beat all averages), greater than nearly all OECD-nation schools (better than all 32 except similar to Australia, Canada, Finland, Japan, Korea, New Zealand), and better than most all PISA nation schools (also similar to Hong Kong-China, Singapore, Shanghai-China). Essentially, these results place Troy High School above all similar high schools in the U.S. and in company with the very best international schools. Look no farther than Troy High to receive a world-class, high-quality education.

Furthermore, if we trust the results of the correlation studies that show a positive correlation between parental behaviors like reading to children, telling children stories, and deep discussions of their school day, it is clear that you are a huge part of the success here at THS. As I stated last week, thanks for all you do to promote a culture of learning and growth at home. Friedman's article is bluntly titled, "How About Better Parents?" I am grateful to serve as a principal at a high school where my response to that question would be a definitive, "Yep. We've got 'em."

Troy High School, even with its imperfections, demonstrates that partnerships between the community, parents, students, and staff coupled with high expectations create incredible results. And, know that I am committed to doing all that we can to improve the learning environment so that our success continues and grows to greater heights. We are continuing to improve support for struggling learners, create inclusive classrooms for all, and appropriately challenge students with the most rigorous classes possible. Even more work is on the horizon.

Have a happy Holiday Season and New Year! Go Colts!

Sincerely,


Mark Dziatczak
Principal

P.S. In my next letter I will share commentary about recently published and incredibly positive results of a recent State of Michigan study identifying THS at the top of the class with regard to our graduates' college preparation and persistence. Stay tuned!



First Semester Exam Schedule

Exam week can be stressful to students. Please encourage students to begin studying early and to get plenty of rest during the week.

The exam days are Tuesday through Thursday, January 24-26; these are half-days with dismissal at 10:36 a.m.

The exam week schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, January 24

1st Hour Exam - 7:20 a.m.
2nd Hour Exam - 9:03 a.m.

Wednesday, January 25

3rd Hour Exam - 7:20 a.m.
4th Hour Exam - 9:03 a.m.

Thursday, January 26

5th Hour Exam - 7:20 a.m.
6th Hour Exam - 9:03 a.m.
End of first semester

Different this year...

Friday, January 27

1/2 Day (Start of second semester)



Troy High Mission Statement

The purpose of Troy High is to ensure learning for all members of the Troy High community.

Troy High Vision Statement

Troy High will become an exemplary learning community that supports innovation and is committed to continuous improvement. Troy High will address the academic, social, emotional, and physical needs of its learners. Troy High will be a place where a collaborative community develops curriculum, instructional strategies, and assessment to ensure all students learn.

Policies and Procedures Worth Repeating

Testing Out

Students who believe that they can move faster than the pace of our advanced curriculum have the option of trying to "test out" of a class. While any student can attempt to test out, it is intended for those students who believe they already know the content of the class. Forms will be available in the Guidance Office late February or early March. Test expectations for specific tests will be available some time in the spring. More details regarding testing out will be communicated in future *Troy High-Lites*.

Attention Seniors

Seniors should double check graduation status with their counselors particularly if graduation might be in jeopardy. All students are advised not to let up on studies and have their grades drop second semester. Many colleges request eighth semester grades for those seniors who have been accepted, and a student's admission status can be jeopardized if his/her grades fall.

Senior Honors Convocation

Eligibility for participation in the Senior Honors Convocation will be determined by final grades reported at the end of the seventh semester. If you have any questions about your status, please see your guidance counselor.

Early Exam Procedure

Students are expected to be present for their semester final exams. In the event that an emergency situation arises, parents should put in writing to THS Principal Mark Dziatczak their request for an early test date. Only significantly compelling or unique situations will warrant the scheduling of an early exam. No teacher will provide an early exam to any student without written permission provided by the principal.

Closed Campus Policy

Please be reminded that Troy High has a closed campus policy and students are not to leave during the school day without parent permission. Students who are excused to leave school must check out at the Attendance Office, and when they return, check back in through the Attendance desk. Parents, please do not excuse your child to leave campus to go out to lunch.

Student ID Cards

Students are required to carry their picture ID cards during school and at all student activities. The ID card will be used for identification, to charge student lunches, and as a hall pass and library card.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Procedure for Deliveries and Communication with Students During the School Day

Again this year, none of our offices or teachers will have student assistants to help coordinate clerical functions in the building. We are asking for your cooperation with deliveries to and communication with students.

- If you have an item or message for your student, please drop it off at the Attendance desk located at the reception area in the Main Office.

- Since guests are not permitted in school, we do not allow siblings, friends, or relatives to visit during the school day or make deliveries to students. All items must be dropped off at the Attendance desk.

- We cannot allow fast food or take out lunch deliveries from parents, relatives, or friends.

- Absences and early dismissal phone calls should be made as early as possible to provide the greatest amount of time possible for us to call students to the Attendance desk to pick up their early dismissal passes.

- Finally, if you have a THS graduate in your household, please advise them to make arrangements to visit their former teachers and school before or after regular school hours. We will be restricting alumni visits during the regular work day unless special arrangements have been secured in writing by the host teacher.

We appreciate your assistance with these procedures. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Main Office for clarification. Thank you very much.

Student Dress Code

It is the responsibility of parents and students to see that school dress is appropriate and not disruptive to the educational process. We want all students to take pride in their appearance, pride in their education, and pride in their school. As we prepare our students for the world of work and promote learning in the school environment, students are expected to dress in compliance with the following guidelines. PLEASE READ THIS LIST CAREFULLY. The *Code of Student Conduct* was updated to include specific items that should be taken into consideration while shopping for back-to-school clothes. Female students should take special note of the guidelines listed below.

1. Students may wear shorts, skirts, or dresses that fall below mid-thigh. They must extend below the student's fingertips when their arms are at their sides.

2. No low-cut tops, halter tops, bare midriff tops, tank tops, or spaghetti strap tops may be worn either by boys or girls. See-through or open-mesh tops are also unacceptable when worn alone. Acceptable tops must have straps that are approximately three fingers wide. Cleavage should be covered appropriately.

3. No clothing with inappropriate messages may be worn. This includes sexual references, profanity, gang affiliation, alcohol, or drugs.

4. No hats, sweatbands, bandanas, or head coverings may be worn in school (prior to the start of school through the end of the school day) unless religiously mandated.

5. Clothing should be of proper fit and not revealing. Baggy pants which display underwear, excessively tight shorts or spandex clothing, revealing tube-style tops, extra-short cutoff shorts and miniskirts, or revealing shirts which display bras are unacceptable.

6. For safety reasons, shoes must be worn at all times.

7. Legging style tights or yoga "pants" worn to school must be covered with a long top, shorts, skirt, or pants extending below the student's fingertips when their arms are at their sides. Tights and leggings worn alone are not considered pants. Students should be sure they are wearing actual pants to school.

Students who wear inappropriate clothing will be asked to change or call their parents to bring them appropriate clothing. Continued problems will result in discipline as outlined in the district's *Rights and Responsibilities - Code of Student Conduct*, including Saturday detention or suspension.

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National Honor Society News

The National Honor Society just completed their selection process for new members. An invitation to apply was given to all juniors and seniors with a GPA of 3.5 and above. Applicants were scored on the four categories designated by the National Honor Society organization - scholarship, character, leadership, and service. The induction ceremony will take place on Monday, December 12, at 7 p.m. in the THS Auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend.

Congratulations to the following new members of NHS:

Merna Abdou	Emily Hilzinger	Michael Peng
Aditya Achanta	Mark House	Kimberly Pius
Jatin Ahluwalia	Anna Hsu	Elise Plancon
Madison Amalfitano	Brian Hsueh	Carly Pollina
Muhammad Anjum	Cary Huang	Victoria Pruss
Lauren Antakli	Eric Huang	Christian Przeslawski
Vikas Aravindabose	Kevin Huang	Edmund Qiao
Megan Arthur	Michelle Huang	Lily Rau
Omar Ayas	Olena Huang	Maanasa Reddy
Lyna Azzouz	Karen Hug	Rebecca Ress
Dimitri Balcoff	Farah Huq	Amanda Richards
Michael Barto	Evan James	Rachel Sacco
Zachary Bauer	Matthew Jewell	Soumi Santra
Jacklyn Benton	Sonalee Joshi	Andrea Scherlinck
Daniel Berger	Jessica Julian	Brian Schmidt
Marcell Brikho	Nikhil Khare	Douglas Schomer
Cameron Brogan	Marianne Khouri	Rachel Schroeder
Lindsay Brown	Eunice Kim	Alexandria Seeger
Melissa Bucheli	Jae Goo Kim	Omar Seifeldin
Yelizaveta Burakova	Jihyun Kim	Sakshi Sethi
Kira Burnett	Lawrence Kim	Saumil Shah
Haley Burns	Matthew Kim	Stephanie Shammas
Brooke Butler	Minjeong Kim	Surab Shrestha
Austin Carlisle	Sung Yeob Kim	Wayne Shu
Nitin Chandra	Anthony Koch	Kabir Singh
Dorothy Chen	Shaili Kothari	Apara Sivaraman
Kathleen Chen	Kathryn Krajenta	Ryan Smith
Michelle Chen	Deepthi Krishna	Shaifali Sood
Xue Cheng	Karishma Kumar	Srividya Srinivasan
Krista Chessin	Connor Lamb	Margaret Steele
Andrew Chmielewski	Eunbyul Lee	Jennifer Stencil
Sarah Chmielewski	Hangil Lee	Eliza Stepien
Kimberly Christie	Inbum Lee	Sean Taipala
Matthew Criswell	Vivien Lee	Marie Talarico
Matthew Cui	Nikhil Lewis	Quincy Taylor
McKenna Curcio	Maxwell Li	Kirsten Thompson
Ereny Demian	Ally Liang	Maral Toukhanian
Elise Demiryran	Courtney Linton	Jason Twu
Sucharitha Dinakaran	Christine Liu	Angelika Urbaniak
Zachary Doepke	Jacob Lourim	Chuckry Vengadam
Ellen Donabedian	Nyein Lwin	Rachel Vinson
Anne Drake	Sara Ma	Alexander Wang
Hannah Emerick	Lauren Mackillop	Hanlu Wang
Hannah Emerling	Ankita Mangal	Mitchell Weigand
Justin Fan	Rohit Maruthi	Julia Welch
Talina Fleifel	Kevin Miller	Zhao Qing Wen
Brittany Friesen	Miranda Mio	Sara Wideman
Akhil Gangisetty	Hamad Mirza	Erica Wideman
Carolyn Gearig	Lindsay Moeller	Evan Williams
Grace Goodrich	Karthik Mohanarangan	Erin Wrubel
Rachel Guenther	Sang Ho Moon	Brian Wu
Nicholas Guzzo	Daniel Myers	Phillip Yang
Nicole Hahn	Arjun Namineni	Xinrui Yang
Zachary Hall	Jawad Nasser	Rui Zhong
Kellie Halushka	Kelly Niemiec	Leshui Zhou
Peter Hao	Brenna O'Brien	Carlie Zitkus
Lavanya Harinarayan	Michael Olson	
James Hendrickson	Jesse Pappas	

Parent Coffee

Join THS principal Mark Dziatczak for coffee and an informational meeting on the following dates...

No December Meeting

January 10

February 14

March 13

April 10

May 8

Meetings will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the Lecture Room unless otherwise noted.



Policies and Procedures

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Student Code of Conduct

The Rights & Responsibilities/Code of Student Conduct may be found on the district's website at www.troy.k12.mi.us. It is suggested that both parents and students review this document before the start of the school year. If you do not have access to the internet, please stop by the Troy High Main Office.

Phys. Ed. Waiver

The "Phys. Ed. waiver form" no longer exists. We have streamlined our waiver process and will be automatically qualifying students based on their participation in the appropriate extracurricular activities (athletics, marching band) using official participation rosters.

At the conclusion of each season, our data processor will be updating a master list of possible PE waiver students and recording the number of seasons of participation. Participation from previous years will also be recorded in the data base. Once the criteria for exemption has been met through participation in athletics or marching band, the student's transcript will be updated exactly like it was done using the old forms. From there it will be up to the student and parent with the help of the guidance counselor whether or not the exemption is utilized by the student.

We are hoping that this new process allows us to serve our families better while eliminating an extraneous bureaucratic hurdle. We will monitor the new system this year to ensure it is meeting our needs. If you have any questions about the new process, please contact your student's guidance counselor.

Gladiator Yearbook News

Order a Yearbook!

Please visit www.yearbookforever.com to order a yearbook. We are NOT sending order forms home - you must visit the website, enter in the school name and state, and order there with a credit card or electronic check. Yearbooks are \$65 until January 1, so order now before the price increases.

Parent Pride Ads

Senior parents, let the whole school know how proud you are of your graduating son or daughter by purchasing a COLOR Parent Pride Ad in the Gladiator Yearbook. This is your unique opportunity to recognize your senior's achievements and tell him/her exactly how much he/she means to you! The final deadline is December 16. Space is very limited, so order one today. To order, visit our website, www.yearbookforever.com, and click on Parent Pride Ads. You can order your ad and yearbook at the same time. Any questions, please e-mail Ms. Vettraino at cvettraino2@troy.k12.mi.us.

Kudos Klub

Congratulations to senior **Rachana Gudipudi**, Troy High's Student of the Month for October. The Kudos Klub selected her because of her numerous hours of volunteer work. She volunteered more than 350 hours on the buildOn program; she also volunteered for Club Med, is the first chair in the THS Symphony Orchestra, has done protein research at Wayne State University, and is also a volunteer at St. John's of Oakland. Accompanied to the Troy Exchange Club by teacher Jeff Moore, Rachana was applauded for her volunteerism and received a \$100 savings bond and a plaque for her efforts.

The Kudos Klub Student of the Month for November was **Regina Guerra** who was also honored by the Troy Exchange Club with a \$100 savings bond and a plaque. Regina was accompanied by teacher Kelly Forshey. Regina has volunteered tirelessly for Student Government, the Global Outreach, the Youth Group, the Prison Ministry, and attended the Global Leadership Summit.

On December 1, senior **Neha Bokil** will be honored as the December Student of the Month and will receive the same awards from the Troy Exchange Club. She will be accompanied by teacher Jenny Sobczynski. Neha has participated in the Model United Nations, the National Honor Society, is a National Merit Semi-Finalist, and has attended the Lawrence Technological University Summer Biotechnology Camp.

The Kudos Klub congratulates all the stupendous students at Troy High who do so much for the entire community with their volunteerism. KUDOS to you!

Harry Potter Party/Book Fair a Success!

On 11/11/11 Barnes & Noble hosted the THS Media Center for a Harry Potter party/book fair. Over two hundred THS students showed up for the event, plus several teachers and their families. They were treated to various activities including a wand making table, wand duels, Harry Potter trivia contests, costume contests, and even a game of Wizard chess. All the events were planned and run by Troy High students. A fun time was had by all, and together we raised more than \$900 for the Media Center.

Troy High/Athens Robotics

The combined Troy High/Athens FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Team supports science and technology in our schools and community by giving presentations and hands-on demonstrations of our robot and other fun technology activities at the middle and elementary schools for scout troops, CARE Co., and other community activities. We even mentor elementary and middle school FIRST LEGO League robotics teams and host an official regional tournament for them.

Now we would like to ask you for your support. Please join us December 15 at the Barnes & Noble in Rochester Hills for our bookfair and Cheesecake Factory cheesecake fundraiser (see flyers on Pages 13 & 14). Come see our robot, pick up your cheesecake, and don't forget your voucher.

On the attached flyer is our Bookfair ID #10587335 that can be used at any Barnes & Noble store and for online orders from December 15-20 for general merchandise. Voucher (instore) or ID# (online) must accompany purchases for us to receive credit. Also attached is an order form for Cheesecake Factory cheesecakes. Any orders placed for cheesecakes between now and December 9 will be credited to our fundraiser. Order forms can be dropped off at the Rochester Barnes & Noble (Attn: MaKenzie), in the Athens Office (robotics mailbox), or at THS in Room 258, the CAD Lab. Orders for cheesecakes need to be prepaid - checks made payable to Barnes & Noble. Cheesecakes are available for pick-up starting December 15, but can be picked up at a later date as well.

Classic Colts

The Classic Colts nominated the week of November 7-11 are: **Francis Ahn, Dina Akhmetshina, Zach Ambrose, Erika Barker, Blake Belgeri, Tianyi Bi, Jenny Bobo, Sonja Boruszok, Megan Bourquin, Marquise Bradley, Christina Briones, Peaton Brown, Kira Burnett, Eddie Cai, Paulina Camaj, Stephanie Carryer, Bin Chen, Rebecca Chmielewski, Katie Cox, Chris Dorsey, Dominick Douthet, Dom Eichner, Shawn Fassbender, Maya Fedosseev, Kelly Feng, Andrew Ferriby, Courtney Fietsam, Zach Hall, Ahmed Haque, Laney Hart, Jacob Howard, Jeremy Howard, Josh Hulten, Austin Hurmiz, Alex Jung (2), Kelsey Kavulich, Alec Kennedy, Andrew Kenny, Hassan Khanzada, Kevin Kim, Keylee Kizy, Kathryn Krajenta, Alondra Krome, Nidhi Kumar, Carson LaCarter (2), David Lee, Jenny Lee, Vivien Lee, Zhuoming Lei, Michelle Liu, Muhammad Malik, Bradley Marquise, Jack McMahan, Dhruv Medarametla, Lindsay Moeller, Katlyn Moss, David Mulkeran, Colleen Murphy, Ardit Myrto, Baraka Nasari, Marisa Oleski, Ana Otero, Anna Ousviatsova, Caitlin Pangle, Nick Papadelis, Christian Przeslawski, Austin Ransdell, Suk Ro, Christine Robertson, Lilyia Sachovska, Diana Semon, Claire Shabet, Rojesh Shakya, Cara Skrzycki, Rachel Smith, Pranav Srinivasan, Rusty Stakhura, Raychel Stephens, Daria Sterp, Allison Taylor, Breana Teamer, Jennifer Thompson, Ledio Topi, Juliana Tu, Alex Webb, Erin Wrubel, Harrison Wu, Ellen Yang, Elizabeth Yanick, and Irene Young.**



TROY HIGH SCHOOL



BOOSTER CLUB

Officers:

John Leonard
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Darlene Kozlowski

Cindy Lanzen
Sandy LaBelle
Bernie Lourim
Michele Mirois
JoAnn Mitchell
David Overberg
Kim Rosseter-Ransdell
Randa Seifeldin
Janice Shabel
Dorothy Shetler
Mark Vogel
Barb Wideman

Standing Members:

Mark Dziatczak
Principal

Remo Roncone
Assistant Principal

Matt Reimann
Faculty Representative

Booster Club Meetings
7:30 p.m. TPR Room

December 5
January 9
February 13
March 12
April 9
May 14
June 11

Troy High Booster Club

Academics, Activities, Athletics

The Boosters awarded \$6,514.16 at their November meeting to support the following THS Academic, Activity, and Athletic groups: Classic Colts, Spanish classes, Spanish Club, Quiz Bowl, Peer Mediation, Physical Education, Hockey, Theatre Ensemble, Tennis, Cheer, and sports award engraving.

Annual Booster Event

Mark your calendar for the annual Booster event at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle on Wednesday, March 21, at 6:30 p.m. (see the flyer on Page 6). The Boosters are now accepting donations of items for our tin can raffle and accepting ads for the program book. We are also looking for anyone interested in helping out on our planning committee. Please contact one of the chairpersons (Darcel Connors darcelc@prodigy.net, Joann Mitchell july21jam@wowway.com, Mark Vogel msvogel@hotmail.com) if you would care to donate, advertise, or volunteer to be on the committee. Thank you!

Update: Call for Memberships!

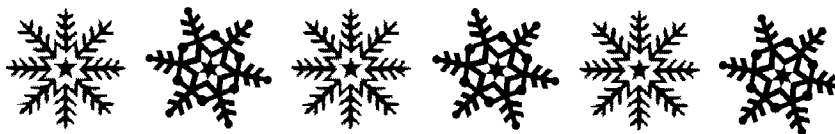
At last count, we have 316 Troy High families who are members of the Booster Club for the 2011-2012 year. If you provided your e-mail, you should have received an appreciation message. This is a great number, but with approximately 1,700 total Troy High families, we know that we can do much better! The Troy High Booster Club supports all aspects of the Troy High community, so we would like to have everyone as a member. Please join today at whatever level you can! Check out our website at www.troyhighboosters.org for a membership form and additional information.

Fall Concessions Raised \$20,000

As of the end of the fall sports season in early November, concession sales raised a total of \$20,000 that will now be available to assist in supporting ALL students at Troy High. Thanks again to those of you who helped support the concession stand this fall, either by working an event, or visiting the stand during events to make a purchase. Due to your involvement, the Troy High Booster Club will be able to provide continued support for Academics, Athletics, and Activities to benefit students involved in many different programs at Troy High. Although spring seems a long way off, it's really just around the corner! Please sign up to volunteer in the concession stand for spring events; just email Cindy Lanzen at lanzen.c@gmail.com.

Cindy Lanzen and Cathy Berlage, 2011-2012 Concession Co-chairs

**Thank you for your support of
THS Boosters and our Troy High students!**





Troy High Booster Club presents.....

Colts' Comedy Night

Join us on Wednesday, March 21, 2012
at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak, MI
for an evening of laughs with a little fundraising thrown in.

Doors open at 6:30pm; show begins at 8:00pm;
ending at approx. 9:30pm.

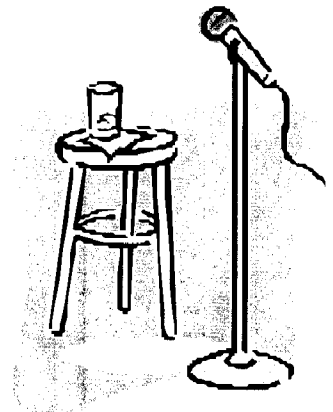
Complimentary pizza and other snacks
will be served (cash bar).

\$35.00 General Admission Seating
\$50.00 VIP Reserved Seating

Make your reservation now!
Seating is limited!

For more information or
advance ticket sales contact:

Darcel Connors (darcelc@prodigy.net)
Joann Mitchell (july21jam@wowway.com)
Mark Vogel (msvogel@hotmail.com)



- - Guidance Office News - -

Guidance Office Update is online at www.troycolts.org/pdfs/Guidance%20Update.pdf

Financial Aid Information

For all senior students seeking financial assistance for college, the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) must be completed. The FAFSA is used to determine eligibility for federal, state, and many local grant, scholarship, and financial aid loans. Apply online (for free) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. In order to complete the application with your electronic signature, you must obtain a pin number at www.pin.ed.gov. For early estimates for federal aid eligibility (to be used by freshman, sophomore, or junior parents and students), please visit www.fafsa4castered.gov. Please contact the Financial Aid Office of the student's college choice to see if supplemental forms are required.

Beware of Financial Aid Scams

Frequently, various mailings are sent to seniors and their families from "for profit" firms that offer to give students an inside track to college financial aid sources, for a fee. Should a family receive any such information, they are advised to check with a school counselor as to the credibility of the sender. Many of the same scholarships and grants can be found by visiting www.michigan.gov/mde.

For information about scholarship scams, contact the Federal Trade Commission at P. O. Box 996, Washington, DC 20580, or on the web at <http://www.ftc.gov>.

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College Applications & Transcripts

Order transcripts from the Guidance Office at least five school days before your postmark deadline.

Order by December 9 for January 1 deadline.

Michigan colleges only: Request transcript in Docufide and at Guidance Office (\$2). Out-of-state colleges: Request transcript in Guidance (\$2).

All senior students have been seen individually by their counselor regarding the college application process and future planning. Students are encouraged to complete applications prior to the December holidays. Seventh semester grades will be sent to colleges that request them. There have been 1,293 applications processed as of November 16.

Scholarships

Scholarship applications currently available in the Career Room:

Due Date	Name of Scholarship
12/1	RARE Foundation Senior Scholarship Competition
12/15	NFIB Young Entrepreneur Foundation Scholarship
1/3	UM Club of Greater Detroit
1/3	Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship
1/11	Gates Millennium Scholars
1/31	Princeton Prize in Race Relations
2/3	MEA Scholarship
2/8	KFC Colonel's Scholars
2/14	CMU Leader Advancement Scholarships
3/1	CMU Multicultural Advancement Scholarship
3/1	CMU Lloyd M. Cofer Scholarship
3/15	Troy Community Lions Club
Ongoing	Troy Firefighters Women's Auxiliary Scholarship

Descriptions will be provided below for scholarships in Guidance Office not found in the Scholarship Book. Otherwise, please refer to the Scholarship Book for details. Scholarship Books may be purchased for \$1 in the Guidance Office.

- **CMU Leader Advancement Scholarship** applications are online at www.cmich.edu/cmulead.
- **CMU Multicultural Advancement Scholarship** and **CMU Lloyd M. Cofer Scholarship** applications are online at: www.cmich.edu/Documents/admissions/Cofer%20application.pdf.

Attention all high school students: Prepare for the March MME ACT with our ACT Prep class

Location and schedule:

Troy Athens High (4333 John R. north of Wattles Rd)

Fee: \$150.00

- Includes: Text book and Two Full Length Practice Exams
- Strengthen your test content mastery
- Learn ACT-specific strategies and tips



MME Exam Prep	Class Title	Date	Time
Session 1	ACT Exam #1	Saturday January 21	11:30 - 3PM
Session 2	English Test Strategy	Saturday January 23	10:30 - 3PM
Session 3	Math Test Strategy	Saturday February 4	10:30 - 3PM
Session 4	Reading Test Strategy	Saturday February 11	10:30 - 3PM
Session 5	Science Test Strategy	Saturday February 18	10:30 - 3PM
Session 6	ACT Exam #2	Saturday February 25	11:30 - 3PM
Session 7	Review Day	Saturday March 2	10:30 - 3PM

**To maximize your ACT score, you must prepare!
Outstanding test prep for a reasonable price!**

Register online at www.jtcampbell.net



Contacts: Nadeen Brown (248) 931-3638 nbrown2@troy.k12.mi.us
Brandou Celestin (313) 378-1092 jeron@jtcampbell.net

Guidance Office *(continued)*

Junior Class Visits

Counselors will meet with juniors through the 11th grade English classes this December, and will meet with the remaining juniors in their required English class in the first week of February. Counselors extensively discuss important information about college entrance exams, college searches, the college application process, and much more. Juniors are encouraged to take the SAT and ACT tests in the next few months to avoid any delay in the college application process next fall. Students are also encouraged to visit colleges during breaks, to maintain good grades, and to use the Career Resource Room to help in their career and college search.

Testing Info

Free ACT, SAT, and SAT subject test preparation booklets are available in the Guidance Office.

Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southeast

OSTC invites you to explore over 20 different career options. See Mr. Turner in the Guidance Office, and see the flyer on this page for available visitation dates.

9th Grade News

Counselors have completed their interview with ninth graders. Each student had a chance to review their records and ask questions they might have regarding high school. We invite students to visit the Counseling Office as a need arises.

Michigan Competitive Scholarships

In order for students to qualify for the Michigan Competitive Scholarship, the sum of the four subscores (math, English, science, reading) for the ACT must be 90 or more. The second criteria is that a family must show need. Any qualifying students should complete a FAFSA and release information to the State of Michigan, and report their social security number when registering for the ACT. Please see your counselor for details.

News from Colleges

U Mich-Dearborn is holding its *Financial Aid Workshop* on Saturday,

December 3, at 10 a.m. For more info, go to umd.umich.edu/faworkshop.

Calvin College invites prospective students to *Fridays at Calvin*. Go to www.calvin.edu/visit for more info.

Ferris State offers a variety of *Dawg Days* (visit) on Saturdays. Go to ferris.edu/visits for more information.

Oakland University invites students to *Engineering and Computer Science Day* on Saturday, January 21, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For information, contact Undergraduate Admissions at 800.OAK.UNIV or Oakland.edu/go.



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VISITATION DAYS

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Career Fair – Thursday, March 8, 2012, 5-8 PM

Wednesday, March 21, 2012



Arts & Communication



Business, Management,
Marketing, & Technology



Engineering/Manufacturing
& Industrial Technology



Health Sciences



Human Services



Natural Resources
& Agriculture

- Biotechnology and Environmental Science
- Business, Management, Marketing, and Technology
 - Construction Technology
 - Culinary Arts/Hospitality
- Engineering/Emerging Technologies
 - Health Sciences
 - Transportation Technology
 - Visual Imaging Technology

See your counselor for more information

Sign-up must be completed by the following dates:

*Nov. 11th *Dec. 9th *Jan. 6th *Feb. 10th Mar. 16th

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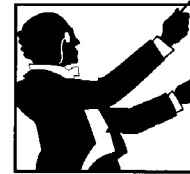
U of D-Mercy is offering *Visit Day* for seniors on Saturdays, December 3 and February 18. Call 800.635.5020 or email admissions.events@udmercy.edu for information and reservations.





ORCHESTRA NOTES

Your TOP "Need-to-Know" Notes
for December 2011 and January 2012

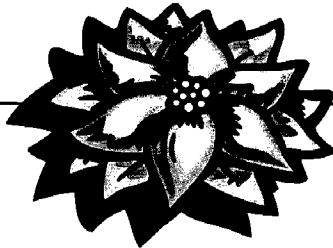


Band Boosters

The **THS Holiday Concert** on Thursday, December 15 at 7 p.m. is guaranteed to get you into the holiday spirit with seasonal favorites and music by Brahms, Handel, and Leroy Anderson. Start the evening's festivities at the Orchestra's complimentary Pre-Concert Coffee in the auditorium lobby (generously provided by Caribou Coffee) and further warm-up to performances by the Freshman, Concert, and Symphony Orchestras, the Troy Country Fiddlers, the Troy Concert Choir, and the Treble Choir. Admission to the concert is free; donations to the Orchestra Association of Troy High (OATH) are gratefully accepted.

In keeping with tradition, the Orchestra is offering parents the opportunity to purchase red poinsettia plants for \$15 each from Telly's Greenhouse in Troy. The

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TROY HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

HOLIDAY CONCERT POINSETTIA SALE

In keeping with tradition, we are offering you the opportunity to purchase red poinsettia plants from Telly's Greenhouse in Troy.

The poinsettias will be used to decorate the stage for the Holiday Concert on December 15 and can be picked up after the concert.

Parent Name _____

Student Name _____

Phone Number _____

Number of plants _____ X \$15.00/plant = \$ _____

Please enclose your check payable to OATH and mail by Friday, December 2, to:

Laura Jewell
5121 Shrewsbury Drive Troy, MI 48085

If you are unable to send your check by this date,
please e-mail me at klmjewell@wowway.com
or call 248-879-2884 by December 2.



The Troy High Band concert season is ramping up after an outstanding marching season. The first concert of the season debuts on December 8 when the Campus, Concert, Symphonic, and Jazz bands along with selected musical ensembles present their winter concert, "Peace on Earth." Usher in your holiday season in fine musical fashion as you listen to various holiday selections while surrounded by festive poinsettias and beautiful decorations.

The ensembles that will perform at the winter concert will also be seen at various locations around town as they participate in the Troy Band program "Take it to the Streets," performing at local businesses, convalescent homes, hospitals, community functions, and more. Ensembles play many types of music, including mixed ensembles, drumline, jazz combos, and the famous Boomwhackers!

The bands offer a great way to start your holiday vacation and benefit a most wonderful cause. The Jake Effect Fund provides music scholarships to worthy Troy High School Band members. Join us at 7 p.m. on December 16 at Five Star Lanes on Dequindre. You'll enjoy 3 games of bowling, shoe rental, pop, and all the pizza you can eat - all for just \$20 per person. With that, a portion goes to The Jake Effect Fund. You'll find a sign-up sheet at www.troycoltbands.org.

The New Year will bring many performance opportunities for the bands. The Jazz Band will perform at various jazz

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poinsettias will be used to decorate the stage for the Holiday Concert on December 15, and can be picked up immediately after the concert. Laura Jewell needs your order by December 2; please contact her at klmjewell@wowway.com or 248.879.2884.

Three **magnificent baskets will be raffled off** at the Holiday Concert, each created with a popular local theme: U of M, MSU, and Made in Michigan/Detroit. The baskets make spectacular gifts and will be available for viewing on the OATH website (www.troyhighorchestra.org) by December 9. Raffle tickets will be on sale prior to the concert and on the night of the performance. Tickets are \$1 for one, \$5 for six, and \$10 for twelve. Please contact Laura Jewell (see info above) if you are interested in purchasing raffle tickets.

A not-to-be-missed evening on Saturday, February 4, the **Gala Concert** (see flyer on Page 12) features the three THS Orchestras, the Troy Country Fiddlers, and three special guest soloists: Adrienne Rönmark (violinist), Debra Fayroian (cellist), and Laura Rasmussen (violinist). Tickets are available at the auditorium box office the night of the performance; advance reserved seats may be purchased via downloadable order form from the OATH website. Admission is \$20, and all proceeds benefit the Troy High Orchestras.

Orchestra uniforms will be finalized in school on Monday, November 28 (this includes cummerbunds, ties, tailoring, fiddlers' shirts, and final uniform fee payments). Uniforms and hems will be evaluated at the Holiday Concert dress rehearsal on December 14, and **holiday photos** will be taken at that time.

Mrs. Hug will be at school on November 28 to receive the signed slips indicating a student's participation in the **Spring Orchestra trip** to San Antonio, Texas. The first trip payment is due November 30 and can be made online at www.brightsparktravel.com using the code 5558032.

Relive the musical skits of the **Spooktacular Concert** with a \$5 DVD! Downloadable order forms for Spooktacular, Orchestra String Camp, and the 2011 Holiday Concert (coming soon) are all available on the OATH website. These DVDs make great gifts for grandparents, and are perfect holiday stocking-stuffers for your musician.

Our sellout **Spooktacular** was wildly well-received by the audience, and seamlessly ushered by a team of volunteer Orchestra parents and NHS students. **Thank you** to the moms and dads that kept the concession area and the front and back of the house running smoothly!

Order forms for the all-new **Orchestra spiritwear** will be sent home with your student, and/or emailed to you directly. There are lots of Orchestra logo clothing items to choose from...now you can support your Orchestra with STYLE!

There will be an **OATH Board Meeting** on Monday, December 5, at 7 p.m. in the THS Staff Lounge. The Orchestra Association of Troy High meets the first Monday of every month. If you have questions, concerns, or would like to become more involved, please contact OATH President Nora Otero (nrodri8849@aol.com) or THS Orchestra Director Alan MacNair (amacnair2@troy.k12.mi.us).

Student Directories are on sale in the Main Office for \$5 and contain our Orchestral calendar and the school calendar.

On behalf of OATH, we wish everyone a HAPPY HOLIDAY and a peaceful, musical 2012!

Important January Dates

- January 9 OATH Board Meeting - 7 p.m. - THS Staff Lounge
- January 21 Michigan Music Conference - Grand Rapids
- January 28 MSBOA District Solo & Ensemble Festival - Rochester H.S.

**Be sure to see the
Holiday Concert flyer (Page 11) and Gala Concert flyer (Page 12)**



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festival locations, including the University of Michigan and Western Michigan University. Their ultimate performance, the Colt Celebration Dinner/Dance, this year titled "Puttin' on the Ritz," will be held on March 23. Students are preparing for upcoming MSBOA and San Antonio performances. In Texas, students will participate in a national music festival, the Fiesta Flambeau parade, and a performance on the famous river walk. Stay tuned for more information covering these events.

We will implement a new meeting schedule for the 2012 Band Boosters meetings. Instead of monthly meetings, we will meet every other month - January, March, and May. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

From all of us in the THS Bands, have the happiest of holidays!

Mark your Calendar...

- December 8 Winter Band Concert - 7 p.m. - THS Aud.
- January 10 Band Booster Meeting - 7 p.m. - Band Room
- January 28 MSBOA District Solo & Ensemble Festival



ATTENTION
*Parents of Freshmen,
Sophomores, and Juniors:*

*The Class of 2012
needs your help!*

*Please check the
All-Night Party article
in this newsletter (Page 15)
and see how volunteers
like you ensure this party
is a success for our seniors.*

*Thank you from the
All-Night Party
Planning Committee*

TROY HIGH FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT
Presents the Troy High Orchestras and Choirs

2011 HOLIDAY CONCERT



Get into the Holiday Spirit with Music from Holiday favorites as well as music by Brahms, Handel and Leroy Anderson

Performances by the
Freshman, Concert and Symphony Orchestras
Troy Country Fiddlers
Troy High Concert Choir
and Treble Choir



Start the evening's festivities at our
Pre-Concert Coffee in the lobby
Provided compliments of
Caribou Coffee

Thursday, December 15th, 2011 at 7:00 pm
Troy High School Auditorium

Free Admission

Donations Accepted to
The Orchestra Association at Troy High (OATH)



The Troy High School Orchestras
Present the Twentieth Annual

~Gala Concert~

Featuring the
Freshman, Concert and Symphony Orchestras
The Troy Country Fiddlers
Alan R. MacNair, Director

Saturday, February 4, 2012

7:00 p.m. Concert, Afterglow Following
Troy High School Auditorium

With Special Guests

Adrienne Rönmark

Violinist,
Detroit Symphony Orchestra
and Troy High Orchestra's Alumni



Debra Fayroian

Former DSO Cellist



Laura Rasmussen
Violinist



Admission \$20.00

Advanced Reserved seats available, order form available at
www.troyhighorchestra.org

Also Available for purchase at the Auditorium Box Office the evening of the
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Proceeds Benefit the Troy High Orchestras



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Troy Robotics Club Barnes & Noble Bookfair

Thursday, December 15, 2011

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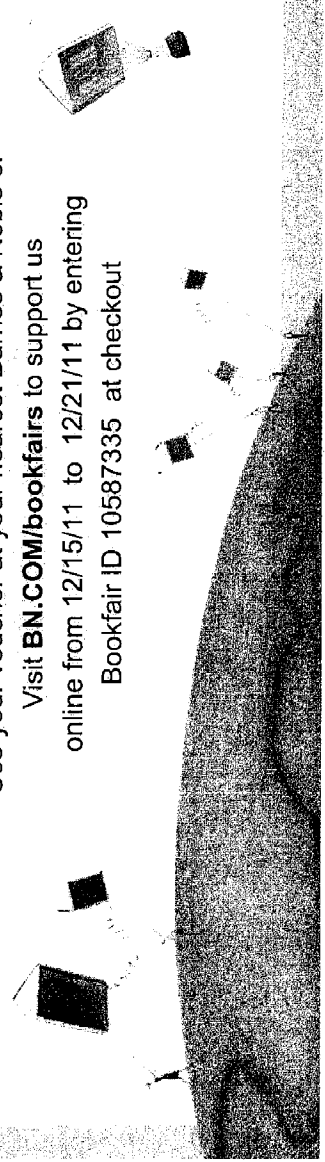
Troy High / Athens High Schools Robotics Club

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- Get your picture taken with our mascot, Sharkie
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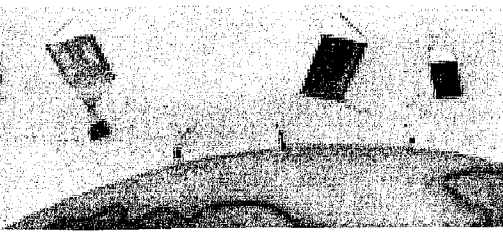
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Your Order will help support the Troy Robotics Holiday Bookfair at Barnes & Noble on Thursday, December 15th. Cheesecake stays fresh in freezer for 9 months! Serves 14+

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Troy High All-Night Party News

Party preparations are already underway to make the Senior All-Night Party on Saturday, June 9, one of the most memorable activities that the seniors participate in during their last year at Troy High.

Make sure your son or daughter doesn't miss out on this opportunity. Now is the time to reserve a place for them. **Reservations** are being taken in the office at the lowest price of the year - \$50. This price is valid until the end of the first semester, (1/26/12) when it will increase to \$60. A personalized keepsake ticket is included with each reservation and makes a great addition to any memory book.

Don't forget the **"Toddler Photo Contest."** Bring a toddler photo of your child (no larger than 4x6 and with your student's name on the back) to the office so it can be used as part of a fun identification game at the party. Please don't choose something irreplaceable as unfortunately these photos cannot be returned.

We are also in need of **donations** to help make the All-Night Party as successful as possible in these difficult economic times. Please consider a monetary donation. Please drop off in the office or mail to Troy High, attention ANP. Checks can be made payable to THS All-Night Party. All donors will be acknowledged on the school's marquee located on Long Lake Rd.

All-Night Party tickets make great stocking stuffers!



ATTENTION PARENTS... WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE!

Senior Parents... Please volunteer to help make this a great event for your student!

Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior Parents... You are especially encouraged to help with the All-Night Graduation Party for our senior class. The participation of underclassman parents as volunteers at the party is a long-held tradition at Troy High and is a key component of its success.

Listed below are the volunteer opportunities available. All are for the night of the party unless otherwise specified and are divided into two shifts, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., or Midnight to 3 a.m.

- Decorations (Friday afternoon or evening and Saturday morning)
- Casino
- Entertainment
- Midway
- Refreshments (party shifts plus Friday or Saturday daytime)
- Tie-Dye T-Shirts

Contact volunteer coordinator Mary Strobridge at medstro2@aol.com or 248.267.5837 with details of which slot you would like to fill. She will be happy to give you more information about the volunteer opportunities.

We are also in need of a few parents to join the All-Night Party Planning Committee (one Sophomore Co-Chair, Refreshment Co-Chair, and Entertainment Co-Chair). Shadows (help current Chair this year and then chair next year) are needed for Casino, Midway, Tie-Dye T-Shirts, and Volleyball. Please contact the ANP Chairs for more information.

Thank you in advance for becoming a part of this exceptional event for our seniors.

ANP Chairs

Paula Talarico (pmtalarico57@gmail.com or 248.828.3084)

Bernie Lourim (lourim@comcast.net or 248.649-7378)



Troy High Staff

THS visual arts teacher **Heather Kelly** was recently acknowledged at the Troy School Board of Education meeting for competing in the 2011 Grand Rapids ArtPrize competition and having her work chosen for exhibit at ArtPrize. Kelly entered her mixed media piece "Wish" in the huge art competition in Grand Rapids. The piece is a portrayal of motherhood, combining both text and image with digital photography and metallic powders. Before a winner was selected, Kelly had made it clear that a portion of her winnings would be going to the Make a Wish Foundation if she won. If she didn't, she noted when the piece eventually sells, a portion will still go to the nonprofit. Please visit heatherkellyart.com for more information about Heather Kelly's work and the wish project.

Biology teacher **Rebecca Brewer** was recognized in October before the entire student body, staff, TSD administrators/board members, and ING representatives for winning first place in the 2011 ING Financial's Unsung Heroes award program. Brewer received the honor for her *Mini-Med School: Simulating Surgeries* program. For winning the national competition, she was awarded \$27,000! Rebecca will make a presentation at an ING conference in Phoenix in January.

Physics teacher **John Morrison** and physics club students won InvenTeam in this year's prestigious Lemelson MIT STEM competition for their innovative mechanical assist stair climber project. The THS team (**Sandeep Arakali, David Bai, Nitin Chandra, Allen Chen, Kathy Chen, Matthew Cui, Rolland He, Lawrence Kim, Maxwell Li, Richard Mu, Nikhil Ramu, Phillip Yang, Clark Zhang, Arnold Zhou**) is one of 15 high school teams across the country to be awarded \$10,000 to develop a prototype of their project. In June our students will showcase their stair climber at EurekaFest on the MIT campus in Cambridge, Massachusetts.



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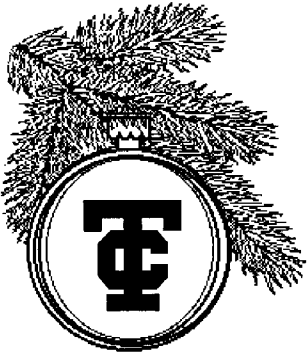
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Important Dates

December

- Friday, December 2 Winter Ball - 7-10 p.m. - THS Gym
- Monday, December 5 THS Booster Club Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - TPR Room
- Tuesday, December 6 Blood Drive
- Thursday, December 8 Choral Concert - 7 p.m. - Auditorium
- Monday, December 12 Band Concert - 7 p.m. - Auditorium
- Tuesday, December 13 National Honor Society Induction - 7 p.m. - Auditorium
- Thursday, December 15 Market Day Pickup - 2:30 p.m. - Auditorium Lobby
- Monday, December 19, thru Orchestra Concert - 7 p.m. - Auditorium
- Monday, January 2 Winter Break - No School

January

- Tuesday, January 3 School Resumes
- Monday, January 9 Troy High Booster Club Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - TPR Room
- Tuesday, January 10 Parent Coffee - 9:30 a.m. - Lecture Room
- Monday, January 16 No School (Martin Luther King Day)
- Tuesday, January 17 Market Day Pickup - 2:30 p.m. - Auditorium Lobby
- Monday, January 23 All-Night Party Meeting - 7p.m. - TPR Room
- Tuesday, January 24 Half Day - Exams (Hours 1 & 2)
- Wednesday, January 25 Half Day - Exams (Hours 3 & 4)
- Thursday, January 26 Half Day - Exams (Hours 5 & 6) - End of 1st Semester
- Friday, January 27 1/2 Day - 2nd Semester Begins

Mid-Winter Break

- Monday & Tuesday,
 February 20 & 21 Mid-Winter Break
- Wednesday, February 22 School Resumes