



THE TILLER NEWS

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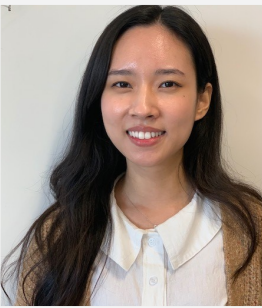
FEATURED ARTICLES

A NEW FACE IN THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

By Abbey Zinsser, Science Department Instructional Coach

The Tustin Science Department has a new member! We are happy to introduce our new physics teacher, Ms. May Sung. Ms. Sung joins us from UC Irvine where she earned her teaching credential and master's degree. She is eager to help students make sense of the world around us and to help students realize that physics is not just about calculating numbers, but is also about understanding how everything is connected in the universe. She is passionate about creating an equitable and productive environment for all students to learn and grow. Starting the year through distance learning is not how she envisioned her first year of teaching would begin, but like any good teacher Ms. Sung is adapting to the challenges that come at her.

Welcome to the Tiller Family!



TILLER SPOTLIGHT: MALIA ACOSTA

Submitted by Amy Bledsoe, THS Counselor

Get to know Malia Acosta! Malia is a star athlete, dedicated student, and mature young woman juggling multiple responsibilities in a busy senior year. Malia helped her team to win last year's CIF girls volleyball division five title as the team libero, and has played for numerous club teams since 8th grade. Academically, she ranks in the top 5% of her senior class. Outside of school, Malia works part time in Acai Republic, and participates weekly in Mariners Church youth group. On top of her schedule, Malia also conditions privately 5 days a week for volleyball season. She is excited to apply to college and interested in studying sports medicine or nursing. This star's future is looking bright!



WE MISS YOU TILLERS!

By Sarah Markley, Co-Activities Director

We miss you Tillers! ASB is hard at working planning a few things for this fall. We are working hard on a Welcome Back Assembly video coming to you during a CCR very soon. We are also planning our Club Rush and Club Interest meeting. Start thinking now about if you're the type of person who would like to lead a club or even join a club. Information will be coming to you soon. Make sure you check [@thsasb](#) on Instagram for updates!



MUN GOES VIRTUAL

By Caitline Mangahas, Director of Communication

Each year, the Tustin High School **Model United Nations (MUN)** program works diligently to host one of the largest **MUN** conferences in Southern California. However, due to COVID-19, the Secretariat team has been adapting to move its twenty-eighth conference online. The theme of this year's conference, Decade of Action, expresses the crucial years preceding to 2030 in which members of the UN must collaborate to formulate solutions for the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. For Senior Secretary General Angela Huang, "this is a call for urgent unity and collaboration for not only global leaders but also students and other members of society to ensure a sustainable future for our world." Adding on, Senior Secretary General Anika Lima asserts that "For everyone's safety, THSMUN is going virtual this year, which will create new challenges, but also new opportunities." Huang, Lima, and the rest of the Secretariat team hope to execute a successful digital conference later this November.



ATHLETICS

By Melissa Trout and Tom Giebe, Athletic Directors

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year here at Tustin High School. As you have experienced, there have been many changes to school this year, and athletics is no exception. All seasons of sport have been moved into two seasons that start in December. The first season includes Cross Country, Football, Boys and Girls Volleyball, and Boys and Girls Water Polo. The second season, which starts in February/March (depending on the sport) includes Baseball, Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys and Girls Golf, Boys and Girls Lacrosse, Boys and Girls Soccer, Softball, Swim, Track and Field, Boys and Girls Tennis, and Boys and Girls Wrestling. As always, athletes must be physically clear to participate. However, although fall sports are now being played during the winter and spring seasons, athletes are not limited to choosing just one sport. Coaches will work with students to ensure that multi-sport participants can still play both sports. Information on athletic clearance can be found at [athleticclearance.com](#). Please create an account and fill out the information. You only need to return the final signed form and the athletic physical form to room 607. Also, if you plan to practice on campus with your team, touch base with your head coach for the schedule and fill out the COVID waiver release. These can be picked up from your coach or downloaded from the Schoology website. **GO TILLERS!**

