

THE TILLER NEWS

T-TOWN'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER, PRODUCED BY STAFF AND STUDENTS



IMPORTANT NOTICES from our Principal, Dr. Jon Tuin

CHALLENGE SUCCESS AT TUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL

Tustin High School will be participating in an exciting new layer of support for next year called "Challenge Success". It's a program designed to maintain and grow our current academic progress, as well as address the potential stress, anxiety, and/or competition that often exists at a high-performing high school. "Challenge Success" comes out of The Stanford Graduate School of Education and has been implemented successfully at high schools across the country. [HERE](#) is a link to additional information about the program that is specific to parents. Also, if you are interested, there is a book that has been published related to the program titled *Overworked and Underprepared*. A number of our staff members have committed to reading the book in an effort to better educate themselves on the current issues potentially present in our culture. We look forward to utilizing this additional consultation to provide a structure for us to identify and address school-wide needs and support our students. Thank you.

PARENT SURVEY

Your ideas and opinions are important to our school in maintaining a strong educational program. Please share your thoughts by completing an online survey located on the Tustin Unified School District homepage at www.tustin.k12.ca.us, under the "ABOUT OUR DISTRICT" tab. You may also request a paper copy of the survey from our school office. Your survey responses will be confidential and used to help us evaluate and strengthen the educational program at our school. If you have children attending more than one school in the Tustin Unified School District, you may complete the survey one time for each school. The survey window will be open **through Friday, June 1, 2018**. Thank you for your time in completing this important survey. Your perceptions are important to us, and your continued partnership in improving our school is invaluable!

FEATURED ARTICLES

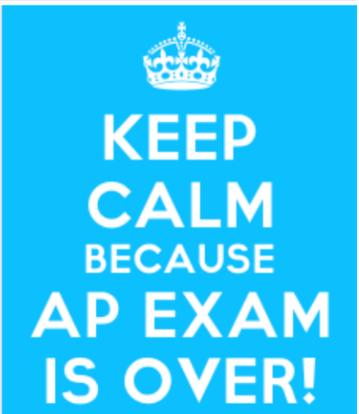
"All great achievements require time."

- Maya Angelou

AP MATH SCHOLARS PREPARE FOR THE EXAM

By Chris Miguel, on behalf of the Math Department

For the last 5 weeks, the AP Calculus and AP Statistics students were preparing for their respective exams. The AP students were required to build a portfolio of work composed of practice multiple choice questions, free response questions, and a group component, in which students were required to meet with their groups for a minimum of 3 hours per week. In addition to producing their portfolio, the students also attended many evening and weekend review sessions with Mr. Miguel. AP students challenged themselves and worked really hard preparing for the exam. Regardless of the outcome, the students will be able to hold their heads high knowing they worked hard and did their best. Congratulations to all AP students for getting through your exams!



FINDING THE AMERICAN DREAM

By Madeleine Lubin, on behalf of the English Department

In our English 3 Honors class, students are comparing and contrasting The American Dream portrayed by contemporary media versus The American Dream of F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*. Fitzgerald underscores the dissatisfaction that results from chasing an American Dream that is ultimately impossible to capture, and kids pointed out the similar sense of dissatisfaction that permeates society now. We also opted to examine our Mindfulness knowledge and students found disparities between what it means to be a "mindful" person and how society defines a successful, happy person. These concepts apply to Fitzgerald's themes in *Gatsby* and students are critiquing the book from both a literary and a rhetorical standpoint. They are tenacious critics! Now, we need a party!



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL) COMPETENCIES			
Growth Mindset The belief that one's abilities can grow with effort, hard work, and the ability to approach the situation with a variety of strategies. Say... "I CAN LEARN!"	Self-Efficacy The belief in one's own ability to succeed in achieving an outcome or reaching a goal. Say... "I'VE GOT THIS!"	Self-Management The ability to regulate one's emotions, thoughts, and behaviors effectively in different situations. Say... "I'VE GOT THIS UNDER CONTROL!"	Social-Awareness The ability to take the perspective of and empathize with others from diverse backgrounds and cultures. Say... "I UNDERSTAND YOU!"

BUILDING COMMUNITY AT THS

By Roland Jones, THS Connect Coach

As the year comes to a close, all staff and students have completed a survey to review the Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) goals that THS committed to as a focus for the 2017-2018 school year. On Wednesday, May 23rd, all teachers and students were asked to reflect upon the four core areas of SEL - growth mindset, self-efficacy, self-management, and social awareness. As THS commits to another year of SEL focus, the results of the survey will be used to build upon the successes of this year, and to intentionally support the Tiller community as it learns together and grows together.

2018 PROM "Caribbean Carnival" Fun for All!

By David Peay, Activities Director

The 2018 PROM was a huge success, with students enjoying a wonderful evening of dance as well as fun and games! The evening included unlimited refreshments, along with a photo booth and free games in the arcade. Students also enjoyed Harbor Cruises and a ride on the Ferris Wheel. Caricature Artist were available for students to make a memory with friends and sweethearts. The 2018 Prom King and Queen were crowned with **Malik Minnix and Nicole Anticono** being named Royal Honors. The evening air presented the perfect atmosphere for students to enjoy their final dance of 2018. The ASB would like to thank all the staff and students for making this year's Prom a success. It was truly a night to remember!



THE COUNSELORS' CHAT

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT CURRENT HAPPENINGS IN COUNSELING, PRODUCED BY THS COUNSELORS



Welcome to the 2nd semester of the 2017-18 school year!

We're fast approaching the end of the 2017-2018 school year. Counselors will continue to be an integral part of your students' support at school. The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you of events, deadlines, tips, and information that support students' college and career readiness. Don't know who your counselor is?

Please see the directory below:

Check out the [THS Counseling page](#) for information on High School and College opportunities!

A- CORONA	AMY BLEDSOE	ABLEDSOE@TUSTIN.K12.CA.US
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THIS WEEK'S UP-DATES

CLASS OF 2018

Senior Finals are Next Week: Make it count. Turn in your work. Study for your exams. Let's finish the year strong!

Requesting Final Transcripts: Please make sure that you order your final transcript! See Mrs. Garcia in the front office to pick up a request form. You may also request it via Parchment. Click here to submit a request via Parchment. The deadline is May 31st. 4 year colleges and universities require your final transcript to complete the matriculation process. Community colleges will require it for orientation. If you're enlisting, the military branches require confirmation of your diploma. So please don't wait until the last minute and order today!

Cap and Gown Pick up: If you have still not picked up your cap and gown, please do so at the student store during snack and lunch. Do not wait until the last minute. Students who still have yet to purchase may do so for \$30 (cash only). You can also rent a cap and gown from the student store at no cost.

Graduation Tickets: For students who have been unable to pick up graduation tickets due to being in danger of not graduating... we know you have been working hard to bring up those grades. Once you bring up those grades, please see your counselor in the student services office. You will be given a slip verifying that you have been cleared to pick up graduation tickets at the student store. Let's make every day count and graduate!

CLASS OF 2019

Course Selection Confirmation: Students will be given course selection confirmation forms to complete the registration process for the 18-19 school year. The confirmation form will list the courses that students selected during their registration meeting with their counselors.

1:1 Summer Meetings: Are you interested in getting more information about the college application process? Do you have questions regarding FAFSA, community college, trade, or military? Need some training on Naviance? Mrs. Sam and Ms. Riggs are partnering with the THS counseling department to provide 1:1 meetings and workshops for current Juniors and Sophomores during the summer. They will send an invitation via students' mytustd emails. So check your emails and sign up to be prepared to enter your Senior year with a few more tools under your belt!

Summer Suggestions: Wondering what to do for a productive summer? If you're not taking summer school or other courses, there are other ways to spend your time to prepare for your future. Take an ROP class to explore your career interests. Start working on your personal insight questions or your personal statement. Study for your SAT or ACT exam. These are all important steps to be prepared for Senior year and your future.

CLASS OF 2020

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CLASS OF 2021

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8TH GRADE - CLASS OF 2022

Prepare for the next step: Registration has been completed at all the middle schools. If your student has not submitted a form for course selection because you are still waiting on transfer approvals, please contact the counseling office when you receive confirmation of your transfer approval. Thank you for your patience as we work to ensure that all students are provided an excellent academic schedule for the 18-19 school year!

UPCOMING SENIOR EVENTS

- Tue, May 29th to Wed, May 30th—Senior Final Exams
- Thu, May 31st—Hello/Goodbye Assembly (report to Old Gym at 11AM)
- Sat, June 2nd—Senior Reflections (Open to all graduating Seniors; report to Old Gym at 10:20AM)
- Mon, June 4th—Graduation Practice (Report to Northrup Stadium at 7:30AM)
- Tues, June 5th—Graduation Ceremony (All graduating Seniors report to Pavilion at 4:45PM)

"SOMETHING GOOD"

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE: CLASS OF 2018 AWARD RECIPIENTS



National Merit Scholarship Program

FINALIST: Brian Ho

RECIPIENT: Kade Adams