

THE TILLER NEWS

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



BRIEF HAPPENINGS



GRADES LAM

THS and TUSD have partnered with the program GradeSlam to provide 24/7 online academic support for all Tustin High Students! Beginning this week, GradeSlam will provide students with 24/7 online tutoring services at no cost to you. The program supports basic tutoring services for any and all subjects, homework help, and essay review completed by trained professionals. Read our [Special Issue of the Tiller News](#) for more on the program!

TUSD COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIR



Save the Date! TUSD is holding its 2019 College & Career Fair this Monday, November 4th, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Tustin High School. Over 90 colleges, universities, and military academies will have representatives hand out literature and answer questions about their institutions. There will also be workshops focused on different parts of the college-going process.

FEATURED ARTICLES

PRECALCULUS BOOK PILOT

By Annie Tran, on behalf of the Math Department

The students in the Pre-Calculus course have been piloting new textbooks this semester. Both books are college level textbooks, but do come with a few useful ancillary materials.



The most useful ancillary material has been the online homework system. The system allows teachers to choose problems to assign to students. Each question is unique to individual students, so no two students will ever have the exact same assignment. The students like that they receive immediate feedback on their answer. If they struggle on their assignment, many of the problems have videos attached to them, so they can watch the video on how to work out the problem. After a small learning curve, students have really enjoyed using the online homework system this semester.

ASB TEAMS UP WITH OWW

By Sarah Markley, Co-Activities Director

Our ASB members were able to team up with Tustin community organization Operation Warm Wishes (OWW), this past weekend for the Totally Spooky Inn Experience. Our students handed out candy, painted faces, and danced with children from the community who experience homelessness or disadvantaged living situations. We hope to team up with OWW for other events in the future!



STEM MEETS COLLEGE BASEBALL

By Ed Hernandez, T-Tech Academy Director

Being a college athlete is often a full-time commitment and there is just not enough time in the day to also pursue a rigorous STEM major like engineering. One Tiller student athlete looking to buck that trend is Parker Cadacio. As a gifted athlete with a 4.2 GPA, he thought the day might come when he would have to choose between his two passions - Baseball and Engineering. However, Parker recently visited one of the best engineering schools in the country,



the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University campus in Arizona. As luck would have it, they are starting a new varsity baseball program! The Eagles will be starting their first season in 2020, just in time for Parker. A match made in heaven if you ask me. Parker officially committed to Embry-Riddle a few days ago. Best of luck, Parker!

TILLER SPOTLIGHT: DESTINY LUJAN

Submitted by Jessica Sotelo, Counselor



Destiny Lujan is a senior student at Tustin High School. She has a strong passion for business and is an excellent student. Working 30 hours a week, she still finds time to be involved in Soccer and Link Crew! As a Link Crew leader, Destiny helps guide freshman students and supports them through their transition to high school. Destiny manages to juggle all of her responsibilities flawlessly, daily demonstrating what it is to have grit and resilience. She has a great future ahead of her. Keep up the excellent work, Destiny!



By Melissa Trout, Girls' Athletic Director

Audrey Barcnas has done it again! This star cross-country runner repeated her consistent performance at the Empire League Finals this week. Although her three-mile time of 19:22 was not her PR, it was fast enough to take third place and qualify for CIF. In addition to advancing to the playoffs, she was selected for the first-team cross-country team for the Empire League. Coach Guzman is confident that this sophomore runner has a bright running future ahead of her. In addition to being one of the fastest runners in the program, Audrey is also an honors student juggling a rigorous academic load, and currently holds a 4.16 GPA. She is a hard-working role model for her teammates and classmates. Best of luck to Audrey as she prepares for CIF Competition in November.



ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

By Tom Giebe, Boys' Athletic Director

Our Tiller Boys Athlete of the Week is Cross Country Athlete David Dominguez. David, a senior, placed 13th overall at the Empire League Final Cluster Meet on Tuesday, October 29th with a time of 16:43.9 to help propel the Tillers to a fourth place finish. While the Tillers fell short of qualifying as a team David enjoyed a successful senior season as a team leader on the course, as well as in the classroom where David currently holds a 3.32 overall GPA. Congrats to David, and GO TILLERS!

