

THE TILLER NEWS

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



BRIEF HAPPENINGS

#APPLIED

For the second straight year, the Tillers will participate in the California College Application and Success Campaign - more commonly known in T-Town as “#Applied”! By Tuesday, November 19th, all Seniors will have successfully submitted an application to the 2 or 4 year college of their choice. Last year, 87% of our senior class submitted an application by the target date; this year, our goal is a 100% submission rate! The counseling department will host a celebration on November 19th during tutorial to celebrate this important step toward postsecondary success!

THSMUN CONFERENCE

THS MUN will host its' **27th annual MUN Conference** next weekend on Saturday and Sunday, November 23rd and 24th. Over 1,200 students from more than 30 high schools throughout the state are participating in the event. MUNers will discuss a variety of international topics and current events through collaboration and debate. The annual conference is completely student-run and has been coordinated by the MUN High Secretariat leaders this year. This conference serves as a vital fundraiser for the MUN program and is one of the largest held in California!

FEATURED ARTICLES

BIOMEDICAL PATHWAY: PROJECT-BASED LEARNING

By Tyler Watkins, BioMedical Pathway Teacher

Students at Tustin High School have the unique opportunity to join the Biomedical Science Pathway. Each year has a different overarching question that students develop an answer to in the project-based learning environment. In year one, Principles of Biomedical Science, students determine the cause of death for Anna Garcia. In year two, Human Body Systems, students explore how all the body systems work together to keep us alive. They do this through labs and the building of a clay Maniken. Year three Medical Interventions students perform numerous labs to explore how healthcare professionals prevent, diagnose, and treat disease. Finally, as seniors, students take Biomedical Innovations where they develop a solution to a current biomedical issue impacting society. Here are some pictures of students in action. To learn more check out bit.ly/TustinBiomed If you are interested in joining, see your counselor, or Mr. Day, Mrs. Kranz, or Mr. Watkins.



WINTER ASSEMBLY AUDITIONS

By Sarah Markley, Co-Activities Director

We are looking for student performers! If you would like to try out your singing, dancing, or other talent for the winter assembly, please come to auditions at lunch in the Little Theatre on Monday, November 18th. This year's assembly is on Friday, December 6th in the Sports Pavilion.

PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR E.L.L.s THROUGH E.L.P.

By Maribel Herrera-Olmedo, Teacher/Instructional Coach

The English Language Partnership Team is advising English Language Learners and providing these students with academic language support. Jayme Acosta (counselor), Olga Reardon (community liaison), and Maribel Herrera-Olmedo (teacher) are meeting with students during tutorial on Thursdays. For the remainder of the semester, the ELP team will provide students with reading, listening, speaking, and writing strategies to help them prepare for the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) that will be administered in February. We are excited to continue celebrating the success of these students throughout the year.



TILLER SPOTLIGHT: GAEI ROSAS

Submitted by Ringo Bossenmeyer, Physical Education Instructional Coach



The Tiller Physical Education Department would like to take this opportunity to spotlight freshman, Gael Rosas. Gael ran the fastest mile (5:20) of any of the over 600 P.E. students at THS so far this school year. He also holds the middle school record for the mile at Columbus Tustin. Not surprisingly, in Gael's spare time he likes to stay active, enjoying soccer and skateboarding as well. Congratulations Gael, your effort and dedication to health and fitness is beyond impressive!



By Melissa Trout, Girls' Athletic Director

Saturday night was an epic night for not only our **Girls' Varsity Volleyball team** but the entire Tiller Family. In a packed gymnasium of red-shirted fans, the “Good Vibes Tribe” became CIF Champions. This accomplishment puts the team down in history as the first volleyball team at THS to win this title. According to Coach Lane, the squad had the CIF Championship goal early in the season, and they worked relentlessly to make it a reality. After a celebratory dog-pile on center court, the Southern-section issued each player and coach the sacred, red CIF patch; the site received the infamous CIF Plaque which will be housed in the very gym that this event occurred. After this tremendous win, the team has now qualified for the state-tournament, and although the end-result on this new path is not mapped out, one thing is for sure: the memory of the night they became CIF Champions will out live the brief moment that they take their Tustin jerseys off for the last time. Congratulations to Coach Lane, Coach Lee, and all of our Varsity players!



ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

By Tom Giebe, Boys' Athletic Director

Our Tiller Boys' Athlete of the Week is, football player, **Matt Rodriguez**. Matt, a senior running back, rushed for 182 yards on 28 carries, including a spectacular 57-yard



touchdown run, in a season ending loss for the Tillers versus Sunny Hills. One of the better running backs in Orange County, Matt rushed for 1680 yards this season and tacked on 21 touchdowns in leading the Tillers to a 5-6 overall record this season. Matt also rushed for over 100 yards in 10 of his 11 games. Congratulations to Matt on a terrific season and best of luck in the future. GO TILLERS!