THE TILLER NEWS

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

BRIEF HAPPENINGS

WELCOME BACK, TILLERS!

The 2019-2020 school year officially kicked off on Tuesday, August 13th. The Tillers are back to work and ready for another amazing school year filled with growth, excitement, and joy.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

A new school year means our annual Back to School Night is just around the corner! Meet your student's new teachers and check out their classrooms on Wednesday, September 4th from 6 - 8pm.

THS VS FHS

Another year, another Rivalry game played on the Tustin Field! The Tillers take on their cross town rivals, the Foothill Knights on Friday, August 30th at 7pm!

Go big R.E.D.!

FEATURED ARTICLES

NEW TILLER ABOARD

Mrs. Michelle Everitt has been appointed as a new assistant principal at Tustin High. She joins us from Paramount Unified School District where she was most recently serving as a program specialist in special education curriculum. Previous to this, she was a special day teacher and department chair at Paramount High School. Mrs. Everitt's educational career began in the Corona-Norco Unified School District as a middle school math and science teacher.

Mrs. Everitt received her bachelor's degree in education from Michigan State University. She went on to earn master's degrees in educational administration and Special Education at California State University, Fullerton.

Mrs. Everitt is excited to begin her new educational journey at Tustin High. With her seventeen years of public education experience, she has a wealth of knowledge, experience, and leadership to share with our Tustin Tiller Community! Welcome to the Tiller Family.

Once Tiller, Always A Tiller!

MY SUMMER INTERNSHIP AT THE ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

By Amruth Chilukuri, 11th grade

"So, What did you do this summer?"

In my summer internship at the Orange County Sheriff's Department, I created a map using mapping software in order to create an Android or iOS-based application to track deputies during an emergency evacuation. With this map, deputies can track which houses have been checked for evacuation and record distress reports. I was also tasked with learning Bootstrap and C# programming languages which are used to create the user interface for the command post. My internship has opened a new world of possibility within the software sector, specifically in the field of geographic information systems.

WELCOME BACK, TILLERS!

By Sarah Markley, Co-Activities Director

Our ASB students had a wonderful time at OCL camp the first week of August, getting back into the swing of things. For ASB Leadership, this is a great way to start the year! Our students learned about leadership, event planning, school-wide activities, and school spirit. They heard great speakers and learned what it takes to "step up" and be the person to get something done.

TILLER SPOTLIGHT: ANGELA HUANG

Submitted by Eleanor Zechiel, MUN Director

Angela Huang had an exciting summer! She attended the Ronald Reagan Student Leadership Program at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute. During the program, she learned about the leadership qualities of President Reagan and developed a Leadership Action Plan for her community. She also had the opportunity to work with a community mentor to devise a plan on various alliances between the students of Tustin High School.

FALL ATHLETIC PREVIEW: BUILDING STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

By Melissa Trout and Tom Giebe, Athletics Directors

As an Athletic Department, the Tustin Tillers are starting the 2019/20 school year strong. When you examine the number of athletes participating in fall sports, it is easy to see that all of our Programs are making giant strides toward success. Many of the programs will also build their physical and mental toughness in the new weightlifting facility.

Girls Tennis: Our Tennis Program is the largest it has ever been with over 30 athletes participating; many of them being advanced returners. With young talent making up the majority of the Varsity roster, this Program will definitely see more success this year. Both the JV and Varsity squad will have numerous opportunities to grow as athletes as they participate in a full pre-league schedule this year before Empire play begins. The team is anxious to take on its Empire League rival (Kennedy) later in the season. Coach Austin Price is also taking over this year as Head Coach of the Program.

Girls Volleyball: After a large turnout at summer practices, the Program now has almost 50 girls participating. Although THS graduated many strong players last season, the Varsity team is getting stronger every day. The starters are all returning players-many with years of experience on the court. The Tillers will put the team's "Good Vibes" mentality to the test on Thursday when they play Portola High School.

Football: A tradition of hard work and dedication have made our Varsity team one of the finest in Orange County. With nearly 100 athletes participating, this is, by far, the largest Football Program Tustin has ever had. New head coach, Anthony Lopez, will lead the new look Tillers as they get their first opportunity to highlight their strengths to the Tiller fans this Friday.

Girls Golf: There is a new coach on the greens! THS is proud to welcome Therese Hogue to the Golf Program. The squad will have a few practice matches before league play begins in September. Although there were talented seniors that graduated last year, some strong underclassmen have stepped up to fill their shoes on the Varsity roster.

Boys Water Polo: Boys' Water Polo also has a new Head Coach, Tustin alum Matt John. The squad is building off the dedication and momentum that it ended with last year. The Tillers made it all the way to CIF Finals last season- a feat that had not been accomplished since the 1970's. Coach John and the Varsity squad are excited to prove to all of CIF that their playoff potential was no one year fluke.

Cross-Country: What a difference a strong commitment to a summer program makes! The cross-country had the largest number of athletes training in the hot summer months in recent history, and it will undoubtedly make a large impact on Tustin's season this year. Even our top, experienced runners have shed minutes off their PRs from last year. There are currently over 100 athletes running daily for this Program.

THE COUNSELORS' CHAT

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT CURRENT HAPPENINGS IN COUNSELING, BROUGHT TO YOU BY YOUR THS COUNSELORS

WELCOME TO THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR!

Hello and WELCOME BACK TO THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR! Although we are sad to say goodbye to summer, we are so excited to say HELLO to all of you! Counselors will 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.

Not sure who your counselor is? See the directory below:

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COLLEGE VISITS BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CHECK NAVIANCE AND RSVP.

THIS WEEK'S UP-DATES

CLASS OF 2020

College Tip of the Week: Create your accounts for college applications! If you are applying to UC's, the application platform is **HERE**. Apply to CSU's **HERE**. You can apply to most private universities through the **common app**. This is an important step to getting started!

College Visits: We encourage students to sign up for these invaluable visits to get more information about colleges AND ask questions. We encourage students to keep an open mind and attend as many of these opportunities as possible.

ACT or SAT: Still need to take the SAT/ACT? It's not too late! Colleges will typically accept scores from exams taken up until December of Senior year. If you are in need of a fee waiver, please come to the counseling office.

Sign up for the SAT or SAT subject exams by creating an account and registering on https://student.collegeboard.org. Sign up for the ACT exam by creating an account and registering on ***www.actstudent.org***.

You will use these websites to register for exams as well as report scores to your selected colleges. Please keep in mind that there are deadlines to register for exams. If you are in need of fee waivers, see your counselor.

CLASS OF 2020– CONTINUED

SAT Dates	
	12/2/19
8/24/19	3/14/20
10/5/19	5/2/20
11/2/19	6/6/20

ACT Dates	
8/14/19	2/8/20
10/26/19	4/4/20
12/14/19	6/13/20

CLASS OF 2020, 2021, 2022

ROP: Are you interested in taking ROP courses? Drop in to the library to see Ms. Riggs, our Career Specialist! She can guide you on course offerings such as medical terminology, culinary arts, etc. There are currently spots available so come on in and sign up!

CLASS OF 2023

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ALL CLASSES

It's the first week of school and students may have some schedule change requests. The counseling department uses the following forms for students to submit requests:

ALL CLASSES– CONTINUED

Challenge Cards: A challenge card is used when a student wishes to take a more rigorous course above and beyond what they are recommended for by the teacher. Students who submit a challenge card and are granted the request must stay in the course for the entire semester, regardless of performance in the class. Challenge cards are available in the Counseling Office.

Course Change Request Form:
Class changes will not be made for the following reasons:

- Last day to request to level down is ***Friday, September 6***
- Student does not "like" the teacher or prefers another teacher.
- Student changes mind or does not want the class.
- The change is educationally inappropriate (e.g.: moving to a lower level after passing higher level).
- "My new job has different hours than before", etc.

Counselors will do their best to respond to requests in a timely fashion so please be patient as we work through the requests.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

UPCOMING COLLEGE VISITS

HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR A COLLEGE VISIT?

Log in and click "sign up". It's that simple!

What college should I go to?
Narrow down your college search HERE.

The latest versions of "Presenting Yourself on the UC Application" for both freshman and transfer applicants are also available. These will provide you and your students with guidance on how applicants can maximize opportunities to represent themselves on the application. Students can access the freshman presentation **HERE**.

Soka University of America	Mon, Sept 9th	1:08 PM
Paul Mitchell, The School Costa Mesa	Tue, Sept 10th	1:13 PM
Santiago Canyon College	Wed, Sept 11th	1:21 PM
The University of Iowa	Tue, Sept 17th	1:13 PM
University of La Verne	Tue, Sept 19th	1:13 PM
Santa Ana College	Mon, Sept 23rd	1:08 PM
University of Oregon	Wed, Sept 25th	1:21 PM
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Prescott	Thu, Sept 26th	10:50 AM

**Sign up for ALL upcoming visits on Naviance*