

# THE TILLER NEWS

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



## Special Message from Dr. Tuin

### SCHOOL FACILITIES "LISTENING INITIATIVE" UNDERWAY

Safe, modern learning spaces are essential to supporting high quality teaching and learning. That's why Tustin USD continues to make school facilities planning a top priority. Last year the District updated its Long-Range Facilities Master Plan with input from over 600 community participants. We are now moving to the next level, engaging our community and elevating the conversation in a District-sponsored Fall LISTENING Initiative. Your input is important and needed. I encourage all members of our Tustin High School community to make your voices heard.

Here are two simple ways you can participate to protect the quality of education at Tustin High School:

1. **Contact me directly.** I welcome the opportunity to hear your ideas about improving our school facilities.
2. **Please click here to complete our survey online.**

Remember - YOUR VOICE MATTERS! Please make time to provide your input, feedback, thoughts, and questions as we continue to assess our most critical facilities needs. Thank you!

## FEATURED ARTICLES

### THS SCIENCE TEACHERS DOING REAL RESEARCH

By Lindsay Fay, on behalf of the Science Department

When we imagine science research, we often envision conducting an experiment in a lab. This year, five members of the THS science department are making their classrooms their laboratories as we participate in the TUSD Science Academy. The academy is a partnership between TUSD and the University of California, Irvine through a National Science Foundation grant that allows Tustin science teachers to work together to co-create units that are relevant to students and provide a more equitable opportunity for all students to be successful in science. Unit topics include selecting materials for reusable items, designing a safe car for a loved one, and taking a stand on vaccination policies. We are excited for our students to experience what we have created!



### CLUB RUSH IS COMING!

By Sarah Markley, Co-Activities Director

We've got a lot coming up in the next few weeks with activities at Tustin High School. First up, Club Rush! Come out to the Plaza next Tuesday, September 24th to visit the tables of our nearly 40 clubs for this school year. Check out what others are doing on campus and sign up to join the clubs that interest you! Next, keep on the lookout for announcements regarding Freshman elections. They will be coming up soon!

### MUN TRAINS IN PALOMAR

By Savannah Thorn, 12th Grade, MUN Executive Team President

Our MUN Tillers recently went on a weekend trip to Palomar for our annual Training Camp. We began our weekend with fun campfire songs and delicious s'mores! The weekend was filled with a variety of activities preparing for upcoming conferences as well as developing crucial MUN skills. Our MUNers had a blast taking part in bonding exercises that the Executive Team did an amazing job planning for them! We were able to learn more about each other and have fun while still incorporating vital skills that can be used in our conferences as well as our everyday lives. Overall, Training Camp was such an amazing experience for everyone. Hope to see you there next year!



### TILLER SPOTLIGHT: ELLI CHO

Submitted by Amy Bledsoe, Counselor



Meet **Elli Cho**, future social activist and champion for women's rights! Elli founded Tustin's Gender Equality Club to promote equality, equity, and inclusivity of all genders. The club meets weekly to discuss economic, social, and political issues that affect our students. She spent the last two summers attending camps at Georgetown University and Barnard College focusing on social justice and women's leadership. She gained perspective from the LGBTQ community, as well as the racial and socioeconomic divide in America. This fall, Elli will be applying to multiple liberal arts colleges and hopes to one-day help shape government policy. Watch out for Elli, she's going to be a game changer!



By Melissa Trout, Girls' Athletic Director

Although these articles usually highlight the skills of one athlete on a team, it is the extraordinary effort of an entire squad this week that needs to be celebrated; Our **Varsity Volleyball** team had many "firsts" this weekend:

- ⇒ At the tournament on Saturday, the squad took home a first place trophy.
- ⇒ They beat Whittier Christian for the first time- a team that knocked them out of CIF in the past.
- ⇒ For the first time, they are ranked #1 in the division. The "Good Vibes Tribe" has had an incredible start to the season and are optimistic that they can conquer another first for the Girls' Program: Making it to CIF Finals. Please join me in congratulating all of these girls for their collective effort, and watch them in action as league play begins this week.



## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

By Tom Giebe, Boys' Athletic Director

Our Tiller Boys' Athlete of the Week is football player **George Camargo**. George, a senior, had a night to remember last Friday. Earlier in the day, it was announced that George would be our homecoming king, and he topped it off by playing a fantastic game that evening; making many key tackles and intercepting the last pass of the game to preserve a Tiller victory over Palm Springs. George, who also plays volleyball, will lead the Tillers in their last non-league game this Thursday as they face Ayala High School. Great job George, and GO TILLERS!

