

Dear Parents, Guardians,

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our Fishing Club for their 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in yesterday's Governor's Cup Tournament. Special congratulations go to Anthony Pedone for his first place finish in the Bluefish category.

## TEAM

Any student who is interested in joining TEAM next year may pick up an informational flyer in the main office. See Mr. Patten for additional information.

## OCVTS POST SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP

Any Senior who will be attending the Vocational School next year, should apply for their post-secondary scholarship. The scholarship is for \$2,500 and will cover most of the fees for their programs. See you Counselor for an application.

## RETHINKING READING: Summer Reading Update for Students in 6-12

Author and teacher Donalyn Miller, who wrote *The Book Whisperer: Awakening the Inner Reader in Every Child*, identifies three behaviors of successful, lifelong readers:

They dedicate time to reading on a daily basis

They successfully self-select reading material

They share books and reading with other readers

With those three important tenets in mind, the Toms River Regional Schools 2018 summer reading program in grades 6-12 has been designed and consists of: reading regularly, maintaining and submitting a reading log and presenting a book talk to their peers when they return to school.

The goal of our new and improved summer reading program is to assist students in developing an independent reading life--to foster an interest in and ability to choose books that meet their individual interests and needs. We believe our program will contribute to a school-wide culture of reading, which, in turn, will increase students' reading volume and stamina. We hope that students become curious and empathetic young adults who strive to effect change in the world around them.

Please see the following website for more details: <https://trivera19.wixsite.com/website>

## THE ART OF WAR

On June 4 and 5, Toms River High School North will be hosting Mr. Frank Romeo of "The Art of War". Mr. Romeo is a Vietnam Veteran who was part of a small Special Forces group that was ambushed in August of 1969. He was shot 7 times and woke up months later in a hospital in Japan. After a year of surgeries around the globe, he was discharged from a hospital in Queens, NY where anti-war protesters spit in his face and called him a murderer and a baby killer. The last few months of his service contract were spent in a military prison after being arrested at West Point for drug use (the year of surgeries and prescription drugs by Army Doctors led to addiction).

Mr. Romeo spent 40 years battling an internal struggle with his Vietnam experience and PTSD while raising a family of 7 children on Long Island. His story is too complex to share in full here. He began painting in private in the 1990's as a way to deal with the trauma of Vietnam. One of his paintings is now in the National Veterans Art Museum in Chicago as part of a collection that has been declared a National Treasure.

Part of Mr. Romeo's current work is promoting a planned walk across NY State to increase awareness for PTSD and the plight of our many disabled, homeless or unemployed veterans. He plans to raise funds to support a documentary film to spread his message to a national audience.

The exhibit will be open to the public at no cost on the evening of June 4. Mr. Romeo invites the students and parents of our district along with any interested members of the community to discuss the effects of war, PTSD and the plight of our veterans. He has a large exhibit of Vietnam veteran artwork and artifacts with an emphasis on the many complex facets of warfare and the rippling effects on society in the United States. Please spread the word to anyone you think would be interested and let me know if you would like additional information. I think it will be impressive to have a district-wide showing of support for this relevant topic and presentation that can spread a positive message that has the potential to influence us all in some way.

Please keep June 4 available for a visit to Mr. Romeo in the Arena at Toms River High School North. The exhibit will be open to the public on June 4 from 5 - 10pm.

Below is a 3 minute film on his current project and the link to his website.

Video Link:

<https://vimeo.com/258165356>

Vietnam Artwork Link:

<http://www.vietnamartwork.com/index.htm>

National Veterans Art Museum

<http://www.nvam.org/>

## SCHOLARSHIPS!

Scholarship season is COMING TO A CLOSE! Please visit our Guidance website to download applications or your child can pick up a copy when they visit Guidance. Please check back often as this list will be updated as new information becomes available.

### HSN Scholarship Listings : 2017-2018

Scholarships	Due Date	Eligibility
Abbott and Fenner Scholarship Program	6/13/18	Open to all high school juniors and seniors. Essay topic "Describe your education"
Accuplan Benefits Services	5/25/18	Available to all high school seniors attending college. Application is a 30 second plan of getting there.
Jon M. Pritsch Memorial Fund	5/24/18	Member of the High School Golf team, interested in a career in professional golf or university. Eligibility is not dependent on financial need.
Horatio Alger National Career and Technical Scholarship Program	6/10/18	Graduating senior who is enrolling in a community college or technical school in NJ. Demonstrates financial need, applicants must be Pell Grant eligible. Must be a U.S. citizen.
Pinnacle Peak Recovery	6/30/18	Senior attending an accredited 2 or 4 year college or university. Must write essay about fighting issues surrounding substance abuse or addiction.
Fraternal Order of Police-Ocean County Lodge #10. The Sandra G. Kaye Memorial Scholarship	6/19/18	Ocean County Senior who is pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice. Scholastic achievement must be in the top 10% of the class.

Real Estate By Design- The Boise Realtors \$500 College Scholarship	11/30/18	All seniors who are attending college in 2018
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END OF THE YEAR SCHEDULE

This year the Board of Education has approved half days for the last 4 days of the school year: Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> through Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. As always, senior exams will begin first, so that senior grades can be calculated by June 20<sup>th</sup> – the day before the first graduation practice.

JUNE 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11	12	13	14	15
			Quarterlies for Seniors  Period 8	Quarterlies for Seniors  Period 1  Period 2
18	HALF DAY 19	HALF DAY 20	HALF DAY 21	HALF DAY 22
Quarterlies for Seniors	<u>Senior and Underclassmen</u>  Quarterlies 5,6	<u>Senior and Underclassmen</u>  Quarterlies 7, 8*	Underclassmen Quarterlies  1, 2	Underclassmen Quarterlies  3, 4
Period 3	5 7:30 – 9:30	7 7:30 – 9:30	1 7:30 – 9:30	3 7:30 – 9:30
Period 4	6 9:40 – 11:40			

		8 9:40 – 11:40*  (Senior make-up*)	2 9:40 – 11:40  Graduation Practice 7:15 am	4 9:40 – 11:40  Graduation Practice 7:15am  4 PM Graduation
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**EXEMPTIONS** – Only Seniors, who have received an A for all four (4) marking periods **and** received an A on all three (3) quarterlies, may be exempt from the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter assessment.

**PLEASE NOTE: No quarterlies may be taken early. A district make-up schedule will be established.**

MAKE UP QUARTERLIES

**IMPORTANT ALL HS NORTH STUDENTS:** If you are unable to make up your exam(s) before June 29, 2018, please call your School Guidance Department (HS North: 732-505-5705) to schedule an appointment before July 19, 2018.

**ALL TECH & CAREER, FINE ARTS, AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXAMS WILL BE MADE UP BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT THE STUDENTS HOME SCHOOL.** Please call the School Guidance Dept. to make an appointment. (HS North: 732-505-5705)

**NOTE:** Last day for make-up exams is July 19, 2018.

DATE	DEPARTMENT	TIME	LOCATION
Wednesday,  June 27	MATHEMATICS	9:00	W08

<b>Wednesday, June 27</b>	<b>SCIENCE</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>W08</b>
<b>Thursday, June 28</b>	<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>9:00</b>	<b>W08</b>
<b>Thursday, June 28</b>	<b>WORLD LANGUAGE</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>W08</b>
<b>Friday, June 29</b>	<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>	<b>9:00</b>	<b>W08</b>
<b>By Appointment</b>	<b>TECH AND CARREER</b>	<b>Call Home High School</b>	<b>Home High School</b>
<b>By Appointment</b>	<b>FINE ARTS</b>	<b>Call Home High School</b>	<b>Home High School</b>
<b>By Appointment</b>	<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>Call Home High School</b>	<b>Home High School</b>
<b>By Appointment</b>	<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>Call High School CST Office</b>	<b>Student's HS CST Office</b>

UPCOMING DAYS OFF AND IMPORTANT DATES

May 23

Senior Impact Awards 7pm

May 23	Chorus Concert (Small Ensemble) 7pm
May 28	No School - Memorial Day
May 31	Chorus Concert 7pm
June 2	Junior Prom – RWJ Barnabus Arena 6-10pm
June 5	Cabaret Show – Auditorium 7pm
June 6	Academic Awards Breakfast – RWJ Barnabus Arena 8:15am
June 7	Senior Scholarship Night – RWJ Barnabus Arena 7pm
June 8	No School - ½ Day PM. Staff professional development
June 13	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony RWJ Barnabus Arena 6:30pm

Have a great week!

Ed Keller