

Dear Parents, Guardians,

Good morning! I hope that you all had a wonderful weekend! Please see some important information below:

#### VISIT THE SCHOOL NIGHT

Our Visit the School Night will be held on Wednesday, September 26th at 6:00pm. This night is a great opportunity for parents to meet their child's teachers and to gain an understanding of the student's academic responsibilities for the coming school year. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher and administrators whenever you have questions. An open line of communication is the key to ensuring that our students realize their maximum potential.

#### GUIDANCE NEWS

Wednesday 9/26/2018 (next week) is the deadline to drop a class and replace it with another class that receives credit. After 9/26/2018, the only changes that students will be able to request are track changes and dropping a course to a study hall.

Course Change Request Forms can be found in the Guidance Office. Please see your counselor with any questions.

#### STATE OF THE DISTRICT

Please click the links below for important information regarding the Toms River Schools.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5ng0JmjCTA&feature=youtu.be>

<http://www.trschools.com/docs/2018/09/2018-TRRS-Booklet.pdf>

#### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our Students of the Month Riya Shah and McKayla Yoo!

Riya is a member of our varsity tennis team and National Honor Society. She serves as a Writing Center Tutor and is a member of key club. Outside of school, Riya has been honored as a Congressional Gold Medal recipient and named an AP Scholar with honors. She volunteers as a EMS explorer and has done research at the New Jersey Governor's School in the sciences. Undecided on a school, Riya would like to major in Pre-Med after graduation.

McKayla competes in alpine skiing and enjoys training in the martial arts. She has created a charity drive, Clothes 4 Kids, which benefits orphanages in South Korea. Last winter McKayla won state recognition for her short story, "Persephone" in an annual Scholastic Writing Competition. She enjoys learning new languages and likes to draw in her free time. She is applying early action to Georgetown University and plans to double majoring in Economics and English.

Congratulations to Our Staff member of the Month, Mrs. Ann Gural! Mrs. Gural has been teaching at High School North for all but one of her sixteen year career. She currently teaches Heritage Spanish as well as Spanish 3. Mrs. Gural counts the staff as well as Upper A Wing among her favorite things about our school. In her spare time she enjoys cooking, reading, and completing home DIY projects. We are lucky to have her!

Congratulations to High School North freshman Julietta Onofrietti, who was named to the Top 300 of 2,537 applicants for the Broadcom MASTERS Science Fair! As the only middle school STEM competition-- Julietta entered with the Intermediate North Science Fair Project last year-- that leverages Society-affiliated science fairs as a critical component of the STEM talent pipeline, the Broadcom MASTERS consists of the top 10 percent of 6th, 7th and 8th grade projects

entered in Society-affiliated fairs around the country. Julietta's project: Can Plant Derived Oils Act as a Natural Way to Decrease Caries Causing Bacteria Streptococcus mutans in the Oral Cavity? According to Broadcom MASTERS, only 34 students selected for the Science Fair were from New Jersey this year, and only three from NJ were tapped as Masters 300 National Finalists: one in Titusville, one in Princeton, and Julietta in Toms River.

ATTENTION JUNIORS AND SENIORS!!!!

All students who drive to school are required to have a parking pass on their vehicle in order to park in our student lots. Any senior, who does not have a parking sticker will not be permitted to leave the school for lunch. Paperwork is available in the main office. The cost is \$3.00.

PSAT

On Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> our freshman and sophomore students as well as juniors, who signed up last spring will have opportunity to take the PSAT at no cost. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to gain valuable knowledge and experience in preparation for the SAT test. Additionally, results from this assessment are used in determining candidates for the National Merit Scholarship program. Please join me in encouraging all of our students to approach this assessment seriously and with confidence. Please click the link below for information regarding the assessment.

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/psat-8-9-student-guide.pdf>

Seniors and juniors who do not test will participate in an activity in the auditorium.

SERVICE ACADEMY DAY

Any student interested in applying for the following service academies: US Airforce, US Coast Guard, US Merchant Marine and West Point, there is an information day on September 23, 2018, on Rutgers Campus. We have a bus leaving High School North at 7:30 am. If any parent or student would like a seat on the bus please email Danielle Stolz at [dstolz@trschoools.com](mailto:dstolz@trschoools.com). Seats are limited and are filled on a first come basis.

INSPIRE TR

Please click the link below for useful information regarding INSPIRE TR, our special education parent advisory group.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1L8nPlpJP6NmMHUDwjgv1Z-MaVSy9vmuevFdmqrVyF8/edit>

Have a great week!

Ed Keller