Dear Parents, Guardians,

Good morning! I hope that you all had a wonderful weekend!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our October Students of the Month, Shannon Culbert and John Green!

Shannon serves as the treasurer of our National Honor Society chapter. She is the president of the Current Events Club and is a member of our varsity swim team. She is proud to have completed research at the Governors School of Engineering and Technology for the development and characterization of plastic composites. Her work was published and presented at MIT for the IEEE Undergraduate Research Technology Conference. Shannon is interested in attending college and majoring in chemistry with the hopes of following the pre-med track.

John is a four year member of our varsity hockey team. He is proud to have been named a captain of the 2018-19 team. He serves as the president of both Interact and the History Club. He is a member of National Honor Society, captain's Crew, Roots and Shoots, and TEAM. John is currently visiting schools and would like to major in either Physical Therapy or Education.

Congratulations to freshman academy, Constellation, who were victorious in our annual Freshman Challenge this past Friday. They will receive a bagel party for their efforts. However, all of our freshmen were the beneficiaries of a great morning of team building and social and emotional learning activities. Intrepid was victorious in a landslide for their overwhelming attendance at the civil war football game on Fridayevening against Toms River South. They will enjoy bagels this Friday morning.

Congratulations to our Marching Mariners who closed out their regular season undefeated with a 1st place finish at Woodbridge High School. The band also won for Best Music, Best Visual, and Best Percussion. They will be competing in the NJ State Championships on Saturday at High School East and are the number one seed for the Region 10 Championships on Sunday at West Essex High School. Congratulations to all involved and good luck!!

VOTER REGISTRATION

This morning members of our Political, Legal, and Education class (PLE) orchestrated a voter registration drive during senior lunch. Representatives from the League of Women Voters and the Ocean County Board of Elections were on hand to assist with registration as well as operate two voting booths so that our students could experience the process prior to casting their ballots for the first time. I'd like to send a sincere Thank You to those organizations for their involvement with our students. The final day to register and to be eligible to vote in the coming November election is TOMORROW, Tuesday, October 16th.

SENIOR PORTRAITS

The last chance for Senior Portraits is TOMORROW Tuesday, October 16th. You MUST call Lors at (908) 964-0847 to get on the schedule. Walk-ins are not allowed. If you choose not to get these FREE photos, then you are not going to be in the yearbook, UNLESS you visit LA Photography or MP Pics. You may also call Lors to make an appointment to drive to their office for a photo (908) 964-3040. All photos must be submitted to Mrs. Macnab in B30 by November 2nd.

GUIDANCE NEWS -

COURSE DROP DEADLINES

The final day to drop any course without receiving a withdrawl (W) on your transcript will be this Friday, October 19th. Please see your guidance counselor as soon as possible with any questions.

ATTENTION SENIORS!!!

We are currently partnering with Ocean County College on their Pathways program. The first part of the program will begin THIS Thursday, October 18th. OCC will be meeting with all senior students during their gym classes to present their College 101 information.

STUDENT COUNCIL COAT DRIVE

Our Student Council is currently conducting their annual Coat Drive to benefit members of our community in need. Please bring your new or gently used coats, hats, scarves, and gloves to our main office. Winter and colder weather will be here before you know it!

OCTOBER COLLEGE VISITS

College visits have been scheduled for this month. Meeting with representatives helps you in your selection process. Come hear what the colleges you're interested in have to offer. You MUST see Mrs. Rose in Guidance to sign up in advance to attend. A list will be posted in your Junior and Senior English classrooms and check the HS North website at www.trschools.com for complete lists each month.

Monday, October 15th

Virginia Commonwealth University

Rutgers (New Brunswick)

Tuesday, October 16th

McDaniel College

Gettysburg College

Wednesday, October 17th

Mount St. Mary

Thursday, October 18th

Stevenson University

Wagner College

Ursinus College

Rider University

Friday, October 19th

Monmouth University

NJ Institute of Technology

UPCOMING DAYS OFF

Thursday, October 25th – ½ Day Students, Staff Professional Day

November 5 – 9 – Election Day & NJEA Convention

Wednesday, November 21st - ½ Day for students/staff

November 22-23 – Closed for Thanksgiving

December 4th - ½ Day Students, Staff Professional Day

December 24 – January 1 – Schools Closed for Winter Break

Have a great week!

Ed Keller