



ANOTHER REASON MATH ROCKS AT THS

By Natasha Hamlin and Trisa Albright on behalf of the Math Department

If you pass by room 226, you'll see Monica Azimioara, or Mrs. A as the students call her, skillfully unmasking Algebra's complexities into simple concepts that prove that math is indeed fascinating, beautiful, and useful. She states, "We are not born knowing math, but our brains are wired to learn it. The reward in learning mathematics is people become smarter!" Mrs. A was born and raised in Bucharest, Romania and speaks three languages, Romanian, English, and a little French. She has won Teacher of the Year twice at Columbus Tustin Middle School. Mrs. A sought a change, and after learning from former students that THS has an incredible nurturing and caring environment, she knew she found her new school. Mrs. A writes notes of encouragement to students after a quiz and gives students organizational tools to help them keep track of their work. Her keen wit and savvy keeps students interested in a classroom that bustles with energy. If you are in Mrs. A's Algebra 1 or Algebra 2 Trigonometry Honors, you quickly learn that Mrs. A, like math, is incredible.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS KICKS OFF

By Natalie Segovia, Class of 2017 and Director General of Recruitment, and Eleanor Zechiel, MUN Advisor

Model United Nations (MUN) launched its annual kick-off meeting on Wednesday, September 7th. Over 150 MUN parents and students attended to hear important registration information, and to gain an insight into the environment of an actual MUN conference. Booster parent leaders assisted with registering students, recruiting volunteers for the annual THSMUN Conference in November, and selling t-shirts. Student leaders hosted a fashion show and a mini-mock conference, where THS students, posing as delegates, and the chair answered frequently asked questions about the program. At the end of the night the students and parents were allowed to ask any questions and introduce themselves to the MUN Advisors. A big shout out to both the parent helpers, and the student High Secretariat for putting together this great event! We are so excited to see what this year has to offer and can't wait for our [24th Annual Conference](#) on November 19th and 20th.



TED-Ed ON CAMPUS

By Galilea Oregon, Class of 2019, THS Journalism

Are you a person who is passionate about learning or believes that ideas have the power to change lives, perspectives, and essentially the world? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then TED-Ed, just might be the perfect club to join. Tustin High School's TED-Ed Club is an organization that aims to encourage thinking and exploring student passions. On our very own THS campus, TED-Ed club promotes enthusiasm for sharing ideas, whether it is through watching TED videos, or riddles that make students learn more about themselves or even by presenting their very own TED Talk on whatever they are passionate about. Club co-president, Sona Karun, a Junior, shares that, "TED-Ed has allowed [her] to take on a broader perspective of the world around [her] as [she] has learned from other people's life experiences, journeys, and ideas." Interested in joining? Ask club presidents, Emily Crowl or Sona Karun, or club advisor, Mrs. Robinson, to join; or simply pop into one of the club's meetings during lunch on Mondays and Wednesdays in Room 702, located in the new Humanities building.



ATHLETES OF THE WEEK, CHLOE CARRAWAY AND SAGEL SIMON

By Melissa Trout, Girls' Athletic Director

Although Varsity Golfer, **Chloe Carraway**, is only a sophomore, she is already leading the THS Golf Team into victory. She has posted an even par of 36 for the season thus far. She was the medalist (lowest score for the match) in the match against Cypress with a score of 34, 2 under par earlier this week. Coach Miguel is not only impressed with Chloe's athleticism, but her work ethic and sportsmanship. In addition to playing golf, Chloe is a tremendous example of a student-athlete by also being a high performing honors student. It is safe to say that in the game of life, Chloe is shooting well under par.



By Tom Giebe, Boys' Athletic Director

Our boys' Athlete of the Week is junior football player, **Sagel Simon**. Sagel, who is the Tiller starting Quarterback and Safety, had a tremendous game this past Friday versus Trabuco Hills, completing six throws in seven attempts for 115 yards and a touchdown, and on defense contributing with many tackles and a few pass break ups in leading the Tillers to a 28-21 victory over Trabuco Hills. Sagel and his teammates will conclude the non-league portion of their schedule this Friday night as they face TUSD rival, Beckman, here at Tustin High. Congrats, Sagel, and go Tillers!



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COUNSELORS' CHAT

(Current Happenings At Tustin)

A weekly newsletter brought to you by your THS Counselors.



Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! It's a big year with changes in the FAFSA filing period using prior-prior year, University of California personal insight questions, and an addition of a new application platform for some private universities. The Tustin Counselor Team will help your students navigate through this school year and get informed about college/ career pathways. If you are not sure who your counselor is, [please refer to our website](#). The purpose of this newsletter is to provide current communication regarding resources, initiatives, events, and workshops available for all Tillers.

COLLEGE VISITS - OPEN TO ALL GRADE LEVELS

Students should sign up on [Naviance](#) if they plan on attending any of these visits, and also to view our entire calendar of ALL college visitations scheduled for this school year.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	REPRESENTATIVE	DATE	TIME
St. John University	Jonathan Weiss	Mon 9/26	1PM
University of Arizona	Sung An	Wed 9/26	1PM
California State University Fullerton	Aimee Nelson	Tue 9/27	9:35AM
Grand Canyon University	Admissions Representative	Wed 9/28	1PM
Portland State University	Cree Dueker	Wed 9/28	2:30PM
Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising	Admissions Representative	Thu 9/29	1:10PM
University of San Francisco	Eric Dong	Thu 9/29	1:10PM
University of Nebraska	Eric Bertrand	Thu 9/29	2:30PM
Concordia University	Michelle Martin	Fri 9/30	1PM

SENIORS - CLASS OF 2017

College Tip of the Week: Reporting your test scores? If you are applying to multiple CSU's, report your score to CSU Mentor. This will ensure that all of the CSU's that you apply to will be able to access your scores. If you are applying to multiple UC's, reporting your score to just 1 UC will allow all of the UC campuses to view your scores once you submit applications to their campuses.

Interested in becoming a teacher? We have a special guest from CSU Fullerton to discuss the pathway to becoming a teacher! She will be presenting during the tutorial period on September 27, 2016. Please sign up on Naviance to participate and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity! Please see your counselor if you have any questions.

Missed the 9/19 Financial Aid Workshop? Not to worry! Please click [here](#) to view the UC Irvine presentation, [here](#) for the Santiago Canyon College presentation, and [here](#) for the College Funding Solutions presentation for reference. We will be hosting a follow up, hands on financial aid workshop in November. More information to follow!

UC College Application Workshop: With new changes to the UC application, particularly the Personal Insight Questions, we want all students to be better prepared to complete their applications. We will be hosting a representative from **UC Merced on October 17th, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.**, to cover changes on the application, and provide tips for the Personal Insight Questions. More information to follow shortly.

Save the Date, October 19: All Seniors will be getting registered to take the new, redesigned SAT during the school day. This is a FREE digital SAT exam with REAL, reportable scores. Students who are taking the October 1st paper SAT may also take the digital SAT on October 19th at THS. **This day is NOT a late start day!**

College Visits: Admissions representatives want to talk to Tillers regarding prospective admissions at their universities. This is a great way to ask questions and get to know the campus as well as introduce yourself to a potential decision maker. Please don't miss these opportunities! [Sign up on Naviance](#). The list of colleges visiting will be updated as soon as appointments are made. If you need help signing up, go see your counselor!

#applied: As of today, 17.1% of the Senior class have submitted applications to post secondary institutions. Counselors will be tracking this information through Naviance. Add your colleges on to your Naviance dashboards once you have submitted applications. Need information on how? Click [here](#) for a quick tutorial!



JUNIORS - CLASS OF 2018

Save the Date, October 19: All Juniors will be registered to take the PSAT. The exam will be free and will be completed during the school day. **It is NOT a late start day.** This is an important step for college readiness!

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SOPHOMORES - CLASS OF 2019

CCR Academy: Our next CCR, on **late start Monday 9/26**, Sophomore students will review TUSD's graduation requirements, A-G requirements for college admissions, and taking a self-reflection survey/quiz about college preparation and planning.

Save the Date, October 19: All sophomores will be registered to take a FREE Pre-PSAT exam through Schooop. This is an online exam that will be completed during the school day. **This is NOT a late start day.** This is an important step for college readiness!

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FRESHMEN - CLASS OF 2020

Save the Date, October 19: All freshman will have the opportunity to participate in **ONE** college campus tour on this day. During CCR, students will fill out a survey to indicate which of the following campuses are preferred campus tour destinations: University of California Irvine, Claremont McKenna College, Chapman University, or California State University Fullerton. **It is NOT a late start day!**

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