

---

# **Tewksbury Memorial High School** **Principal's Newsletter March 2017**

---

## **From the Desk of the Principal - *Kristen S. Vogel, M.A.T.***

Every month in the newsletter we showcase the accomplishments of our students whether it is in the classroom, on the stage, or on the athletic field. However, the month of March seems to be a time when our students shine, in particular! Seven of our DECA students were recognized for their terrific presentations at the Regional Competition in Boston. In fact, eight of our DECA students have qualified for the national competition at the end of April in Anaheim, CA. We also inducted 72 students into National Honor Society where they were recognized for their academics, leadership, character and community service. This year our National Honor Society chapter participated in more community service than has ever been completed in the past! The Academic Decathlon team qualified in February for the state meet on March 4. This year has been the best year for the Academic Decathlon team, earning 17 medals! Our Science Bowl team that was formed last year by students competed at UCONN on March 4 at the Regional National Science Bowl Competition against students from 78 other schools. The 14 member team earned a win in Round 3 of the competition! In terms of athletics, all of our winter teams competed in postseason play this year! Our girls' hockey team made it all the way to the Division 2 state semi-final game where they lost to Notre Dame Academy. Blake Hiltz'18 won the Division 2 state championship in wrestling and Sam Beatrice'17 won a silver medal at the state level for balance beam in gymnastics. The indoor track team finished fourth overall in the All State Competition where the 4x400 relay team was All State Champions and Lauren Polimeno'17 won the State Pentathlon Championship.

I hope you will take the time to read more below about all the wonderful accomplishments of our students!

## **Dr. Seuss' Birthday- Read Across America**

These are the TMHS students who volunteered as readers at the Dewing School for Read Across America day! Terry Gerrish, the Principal of the Dewing School, said that our students, "were warm, engaging, kind, funny, and brought tremendous sunshine to our Dewing kids. From preschool to second grade, there was reading and sharing and fun times."



## **Rescheduled Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Parent/Teacher Conferences have been rescheduled for Thursday evening, April 6 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. by appointment only. The conference times will remain the same. If you are unable to make the time you signed up for, please contact the teacher to arrange another time to meet.

## Calendar of Events

### April

- 1** Affinity Winter Color Guard Tentative Performance  
4:48 p.m. at DCU Center Worcester, MA
- 6** Rescheduled Parent/Teacher Conferences  
6-8:00 p.m. by Appointment Only
- 13** Junior Prom 6-10:00 p.m. at TCC  
Report Cards Issued
- 14** No School - Good Friday
- 16** Easter
- 17-21** No School - April Recess
- 24** School Council 4:00 p.m.
- 26** AP Pre-administration  
PAC Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 27** Hats Off Luncheon 12:15 p.m. at TCC
- 27-28** Footloose Musical 7:00 p.m.  
McGrath Performing Arts Center
- 28** Administrative Chat 7:30 a.m.
- 29** Footloose Musical Matinee 2:00 p.m.  
McGrath Performing Arts Center

### May

- 1** AP Chemistry a.m.  
AP Psychology p.m.
- 2** AP Spanish a.m.
- 3** AP English Lit a.m.
- 4** Half Day for Students—Professional Development  
College Fair 8:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m.  
AP Gov't & Politics a.m.
- 5** AP US History a.m.

### May (continued)

- 8** AP Biology a.m.  
AP Physics p.m.
- 9** AP Calculus a.m.
- 11** AP Statistics p.m.
- 12** AP Microeconomics a.m.  
AP Latin p.m.  
Annual District Art Show and Band & Chorus Concert  
6:30-7:30 p.m. in McGrath Performing Arts Center  
Open Mic To Immediately Follow in Larrabee Library  
Public Showing of Art Exhibit  
7-9:00 p.m. in TMHS Café
- 13** Art Show 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
TMHS Café
- 16-17** MCAS Math
- 18** Scholarship and Awards Night 6:30 p.m.  
Hats Off Luncheon 12:15 p.m. at TCC
- 19** Academic Excellence Award Ceremony 8:40 a.m.
- 22** School Council 4:00 p.m.
- 22-25** Senior Exams
- 25** Senior Red Sox Event
- 26** Half Day—Memorial Day Weekend  
Progress Reports Issued  
Great East Music Festival  
Sponsored by Inspire Arts and Music, Inc.  
8:00 a.m. in McGrath Performing Arts Center
- 28** Administrative Chat 7:30 a.m.
- 29** No School—Memorial Day
- 30** Senior Prom and Promenade
- 31** Senior Brunch  
Sports Banquet

## Nominated Students for March Hats Off Award

Congratulations to Ashley Cronin'17 and Emily Sessa'17 for the month of March. These two outstanding senior students were nominated by faculty & staff and were honored at a luncheon sponsored by the Tewksbury Rotary

Club. Each month, two of our students are nominated for this award. Hats Off is a joint initiative of the Tewksbury Rotary Club and Tewksbury Memorial High School. The award recognizes those students who

have distinguished themselves academically, have contributed to the co-curricular program at the high school, and have been actively involved in the community. Keep up the great work!



Ashley Cronin'17



Emily Sessa'17

---

# TMHS Happenings

## National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

On March 13, 72 juniors and seniors were inducted into the William DeGregorio Chapter of National Honor Society. We also celebrated our current 73 senior members of National Honor Society. Our current NHS members participated in the following community service projects throughout the year: Town Clean Up Day, the Bike Rodeo, building Trahan School playground, volunteered at Trahan Ice Cream Social, Teacher Moving In Day, Autism Speaks Walk, Heath Brook Holiday, Valentines for Veterans, and volunteered for our Color Guard competition.

## Regional Competition of DECA

On March 9-11, 32 members of the TMHS DECA program attended the Massachusetts State Career Development Conference. Of those 32 students, five were award winners and qualifiers along with three additional students, to be announced later. They will attend the DECA International Career Development Conference in Anaheim, California from April 25-30 and will be competing among 18,000 students from across the world! Mr. Sullivan would like to thank all of the teachers, administrators and staff that helped prepare these students and contributed to their success! Although this is a business conference, what students have learned across the curriculum has helped prepare them to become well rounded students who are able to apply their classroom learning to real world situations. The following students received recognition at this conference:

**Matthew McLaughlin'17 & Stephen Long'17** - 3rd Place, Financial Analysis Team Decision Making Event

**Abby Cook'17 & Patrick Hunt'18** - 5th Place, Buying & Merchandising Team Decision Making Event

**Akhil Bagul'17** - 5th Place, Principles of Finance

**Rachel Bradley'17** - Top 10, Community Service Project

**Samantha Surowiec'17** - Top 10, Principles of Business Management & Administration

## International Club News

As a service to our local community, International Club members volunteered their time to serve breakfast at Cor Unum Meal Center in Lawrence on March 12. Students were at the center at 5:30 a.m. on a very cold Sunday morning (It was also when daylight saving time began!). Our students served all who came with great respect and a smile.



Service with a Smile



---

## International Club News *(continued)*



**International Club members volunteered their time to serve breakfast at Cor Unum.**



### **International Club Mission Statement**

The primary goal of the International Club at TMHS is to serve the community, locally as well as globally. Our activities help provide those in need with food, clothing, shoes, and medical assistance in order to improve their quality of life.

---

## Academic Decathlon

For the third year in a row the TMHS Academic Decathlon team proudly represented our school at the Massachusetts Academic Decathlon State Finals held at MIT on March 4. The TMHS team has prepared all year to face off against fifteen teams in ten disciplines including a series of tests, an essay, an interview, and a speech.

Congratulations to Anagha Late'17 for earning an Honorable Mention for Small School Math at the Varsity level.

Congratulations to all TMHS Academic Decathlon members, who worked toward making the 2016-2017 season the best on record. Our students earned 17 medals, facing fierce competition throughout the year.

We will be graduating many of our members this year, so if you are interested in joining Academic Decathlon, please stop by Room B208 or email Ms. Kelleher at [mjkelleher@tewksbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:mjkelleher@tewksbury.k12.ma.us). [Click here \(http://www.massdecathlon.org/about.php\)](http://www.massdecathlon.org/about.php) to learn more.

Below are pictures of the students competing in the state finals:



**Academic Decathlon Team represented TMHS at Massachusetts Academic Decathlon State Finals held at MIT.**



---

## TMHS National Science Bowl Team

On Saturday, March 4, the TMHS Science Bowl Team competed in their own “March Madness” competition at the University of Connecticut School of Engineering against 48 teams from high schools in the New England region. The National Science Bowl is a Jeopardy style competition sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy where students answer questions in biology, earth and space science, chemistry, physics, and math. This is the second year that the TMHS Science Bowl Team has competed at the regional competition. Once again, team members represented Tewksbury with fierce competitiveness, considerable gamesmanship, and extraordinary sportsmanship. Team members kept all their matches close and exciting with a big win in round 3, talked to UCONN engineering students about possible careers in engineering, and especially enjoyed the ice cream made fresh on campus produced from dairy cows in the agricultural program. It was a long day (left the school at 5:00 a.m. and back at 6:30 p.m.) but we made lots of new friends, worked hard, and had a great time...we’re looking forward to next year’s competition!!



Science Bowl Team competed in their own “March Madness” competition at UCONN.





---

## Fine & Performing Arts Department News

The Tewksbury Memorial High School Theater Company performed their one act play *Game of Tiaras* at the Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild Drama Festival in Chelmsford High School on March 4, 2017. Congratulations to Brienne O'Rourke '18 for winning an acting award and Rae Sarno '17 for winning a props award. The Theater Company has been very busy preparing for their much awaited upcoming musical *Footloose*. Please join us for what will truly be a fun production.

TMHS Theater Company presents *Footloose*:

Thursday, April 27, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Dr. Christine L. McGrath Performing Arts Center

Friday, April 28, 2017

7:00 p.m. Dr. Christine L. McGrath Performing Arts Center

Saturday, April 29, 2017

2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Dr. Christine L. McGrath Performing Arts Center



The Music in Our Schools Festival held on Sunday, March 12 was a great success. Special thanks to Ms. Ware, the band, and chorus for participating. Students and parents enjoyed an afternoon of performances by music students from the Ryan, Wynn, and high school. Ms. Ware and Mr. Olevsky are looking forward to making this an annual district-wide event.

TMHS Affinity Winter Color Guard has competed throughout February and March in the New England Scholastic Band Association Winter Guard circuit. They have enjoyed success throughout the season, including a first place finish at the Dover High School Competition and multiple second place finishes throughout the season. The team is looking forward to competing at the NESBA Winter Color Guard Championships on April 1 at the DCU Center in Worcester. Best of luck Affinity!

Thank you to the Painting I classes, the Painting II class, and the Design class for creating awesome installation art pieces that will be used as decorations for The North Street School Candy Land Dance that will be held March 30 for our elementary aged friends. The work will also be on display at the District Art Show in May. Don't forget to mark your calendars for this year's show.

The 33rd Annual Tewksbury District Art Show Featuring art students in grades K-12:

Friday, May 12, 2017

6:30-7:30 p.m. TMHS Band & Chorus Concert

Dr. Christine L. McGrath Performing Arts Center

Open Mic to immediately follow Band & Chorus Concert

TMHS Larrabee Library

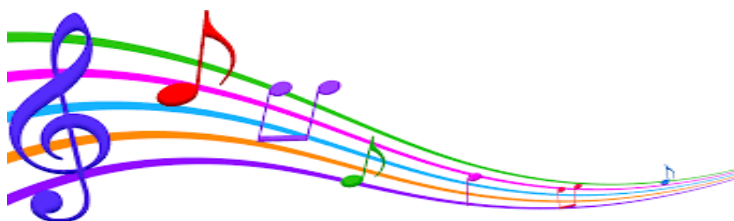
7:00-9:00 p.m. Public Showing of Art Exhibit

TMHS Cafe

Saturday, May 13, 2017

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Public Showing of Art Exhibit

TMHS Café





## Graduation Information

Tewksbury Memorial High School will hold its eighty-second commencement exercise on Friday, June 2, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. The doors will open at 5:00 p.m. and admittance will be by ticket only.

### Tickets

Tickets will be issued to each senior by [Eventbrite](#) (an eTicket service). Each Senior will be allotted up to four tickets for guests due to the limited space in the gymnasium. If more tickets are needed, an additional four may be requested. These tickets are not guaranteed. An email has been sent to all seniors' **school email** to register. If you do not receive it, check your spam folder. Please contact Mr. Stamp ([jstamp@tewksbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:jstamp@tewksbury.k12.ma.us)) with any questions regarding tickets.

### Parking

Parking will be available at TMHS and at the Ryan School (shuttle provided). Each senior will receive one (1) parking pass, for the TMHS lot, included with their cap and gown.

### Rehearsal

A mandatory graduation rehearsal will be held on Friday, June 2 at 9:00 a.m. in the gymnasium.

### Senior Obligations

**Any outstanding obligations must be paid before a cap and gown can be released to a senior student.** If the student has an obligation, it will be attached to their cap and gown package. This includes lost books, fees, uniforms, etc.

### Cap and Gown Pick Up

Tuesday, May 30 and Wednesday, May 31 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the school store

### Senior Exam Schedule

Monday, May 22 A & B Block Exams

Tuesday, May 23 C & D Block Exams

Wednesday, May 24 E & F Block Exams

Thursday, May 25 G Block Exams and Make Ups

**All exam days are half days for seniors.**

### Senior Week Events

All senior events will require a signed permission form. Please see permission form information.\*

### Red Sox Game Senior Event - Thursday, May 25

The Red Sox will be playing the Texas Rangers. Tickets are \$35 per person. The game begins at 7:10 p.m. Busses will leave TMHS at approximately 5:30 p.m. and return immediately after the game.

### Senior Prom - Tuesday, May 30

The Senior Prom will be held at the Marriott Long Wharf in Boston, MA (296 State Street, Boston, MA 02109) from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person. Busses will leave after Promenade (at approximately 5:30 p.m.) More information will follow.

### Promenade - Tuesday, May 30

The promenade will begin at 4:30 p.m. and take place in the Dr. Christine L. McGrath Performing Arts Center.



---

## Graduation Information *(continued)*

### Senior Week Events *(continued)*

#### Senior Brunch - Wednesday, May 31

The brunch will be held at the Tewksbury Country Club from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person. Yearbooks will be distributed at the brunch.

#### Senior Dinner Cruise - Thursday, June 1

The dinner cruise will take place aboard the Beauport Princess Cruiselines (6 Rowe Square, Gloucester, MA 01930) from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$60 per person. Busses will leave TMHS at approximately 4:30 p.m.

#### \*Senior Permission Form Information

- A general Senior Week permission slip is required
- A Prom Date Form will need to be completed by all non-TMHS students who will be attending the TMHS prom.
- A CORI Form will be required for all non-TMHS students who will be attending the prom AND who are at least 18 years old.
- All Senior students and a parent/guardian will be required to attend a mandatory meeting in the TMHS Auditorium on March 29, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

More information will be announced as soon as it becomes available.



Thursday, April 27- 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 28- 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 29- 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

\$7 for students/seniors \$10 for adults

*Reserve tickets at:*

[www.tmhstheaterco.weebly.com](http://www.tmhstheaterco.weebly.com)

*or purchase at the door.*

## Last Chance to Order a Yearbook

The Class of 2017 Yearbooks have been ordered and are in the process of being printed. Only 20 extra yearbooks were ordered. Go to [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com) to order or bring in a check made out to "TMHS Yearbook" for \$70.00. Checks can be given to Mrs. Sullivan in A103. The price will increase to \$75.00 on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Yearbooks will be distributed during the senior brunch at the Tewksbury Country Club during senior week. I would like to thank the Yearbook Staff for their help with the yearbook.

Susan Sullivan  
Yearbook Advisor



## Kindness is Easy

Being kind in small ways shows others that you care and it's simple. Encourage teens to show kindness throughout the day. For instance, they should carry the lunch tray for a classmate on crutches. Or they might give a quarter to the cashier if the person in front of them comes up short.

## **WE RISE AT TMHS!**

### **RESPECT**

FOR SELF, OTHERS, PROPERTY, AND THE COMMUNITY

### **INTEGRITY**

BY BEING HONEST, ETHICAL, AND RESPONSIBLE

### **SKILLS**

NECESSARY TO PURSUE THEIR GOALS IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM

### **ENGAGEMENT**

IN ACADEMIC AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### **TMHS STUDENTS Will:**

#### **COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY**

BY GATHERING INFORMATION AND PRESENTING IDEAS IN A CLEAR,

ARTICULATE MANNER

#### **SOLVE COMPLEX PROBLEMS**

USING A VARIETY OF HIGHER ORDER THINKING SKILLS

#### **WORK INDEPENDENTLY AND COLLABORATIVELY**

AS AN ENGAGED LEADER

#### **RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS**

