

Thompson Valley High School

Parent Newsletter

From the Principal:



There is a great deal of talk, both in the educational community and in the world of work, about our students having 21st Century skills. In a general sense, these are skills that would prepare our youth to be successful in their future careers. To be specific, these skills include:

- Core subjects with a 21st Century Theme
- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical Think Skills and Problem Solving
- 21st Century Communications
- Collaboration Skills
- Information and Media Literacy
- Application of New Technologies

These are skills and strategies that can be taught in all classes in many ways. In addition to our State High School Standards, our teachers are weaving these skills into our student's lessons. It is our goal that students at Thompson Valley High School will be competitive with students from across the country. With a strong base of academic knowledge and the ability to work in the 21st Century environment, our students will be successful in any post-secondary or work-force path they choose to pursue.

We are very excited by the work of our teaching staff to bring the 21st Century world into our high school classrooms. This effort creates relevance and increases student interest. Many of our teachers have traveled the world and have shared their experiences with our students. Others have recently changed

careers from a business/ corporate world to a classroom teacher. Their experiences have enhanced their classrooms, as well as letting students know what will be expected of them as they enter the world of work.

In addition to our efforts at TVHS, we are very fortunate to live in a city like Loveland. Many individuals and business have volunteered their time and their expertise with our students. The more we can bring our community into the schools, the more productive our students will become. These partnerships are invaluable in our student's learning process. Every high school student pictures themselves in some career, and the more we can start to put them in that setting, the more successful they will be after school

Our successful implementation of the 21st Century skills will give our students the strategies to achieve any goal they set for themselves. We are proud to be a 21st Century school, and will continue to prepare our students for their future.

Mark Johnson,
Principal

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**Spring
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on**

March 11

**Turn your
clocks for-
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TVHS JROTC SPRING Parent Newsletter—2012

The highlight of first semester Thompson Valley JROTC has to be the number of cadets that made the academic Honor Roll. Eighteen students earned that honor: Trevor Rodriguez, Keegan Hawkinson, Hannah Case, Megan Case, Jason Klemm, Erik Klemm, Jonathon Ellis, Cody Marvin, Jesse Gonzales, Allison Baunoch, Daniel Denton-Weber, Sarah Price, Collin Bosse, Marielle Feilinger, Connor Dingae, Dalton Hernblom and Garion Daniels.

The cadets were also active and successful outside of the classroom. Various students participated in the fall fundraiser, an intra-battalion drill meet, adopt-a-highway, the cadet challenge, the Natrona drill meet, the Veterans Day Parade, two quarterly awards ceremonies, the annual Holiday party, the TVHS fitness walk, Color Guard at two Eagles hockey games, and other activities in the community and school.

The biggest event on this semester's calendar is the annual formal ball at the Embassy Suites. This year, 125 guests will attend. We have already participated in a drill meet and defended our tug-of-war title at Mesa Ridge High School in Colorado Springs. Some of the other events and activities and events on the second semester docket include a drill meet in Cheyenne, Wyoming, the Northern Plains drill meet here in Loveland, the Leadership Planning Conference in Estes Park, adopt-a-highway, two Raider Challenge competitions, the end of year picnic, and the end of year awards ceremony. We also attend a summer camp at Camp Guernsey, Wyoming this summer.

Parents and family are always welcome and encouraged to attend most of our extra-curricular activities. The goal of JROTC is high school graduation and a plan in place for post high school life. We stress teamwork, community service and civic participation. Additionally we augment many of a student's required classes and provide individual services pertaining to college, scholarships, and entering the work force. We would like to thank Thompson Valley High School and the school district for their continued support of our program and our cadets.



YEARBOOK 2012

★ PARENTS— if you have not already purchased a yearbook for your student we have a limited number available. You can purchase a yearbook at jostensyearbooks.com by credit card or check or through the bookkeeper at TVHS with cash or check.
★ Cost is \$70.




Thompson School District R2-J

Information regarding the procedure by which community members may obtain law enforcement information collected pursuant to the Colorado Sex Offender Registration Enforcement Act is available online at:

[http://dcj.state.co.us/odysom/Sex Offender/SOPdfs/schoolresourceguideregistration.pdf](http://dcj.state.co.us/odysom/Sex%20Offender/SOPdfs/schoolresourceguideregistration.pdf) and on CDE's website at:

[http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprevention/download/pdf/School Sex Offender Guide.pdf](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprevention/download/pdf/School%20Sex%20Offender%20Guide.pdf).


In addition, copies of this guide are available upon request for a \$2.00 copying fee at the main office of every Thompson school and at the Thompson School District Main Office at 800 S. Taft in Loveland, Colorado. Community members may view the document for free while at these locations and the document can be downloaded free of charge at the websites listed above.



FEES

PARENTS - If you need to pay fees the bookkeeping department will be open during parent/teacher conferences.

PARENTS and STUDENTS — Due to the large volume of cash that is received by our bookkeeping department for payment of fees, fines, etc. we are unable to accept pennies as payment for parking tickets, fees, fines, etc. Thank you.



NEW BOE MEETING SCHEDULE



The new BOE (Board of Education) meeting schedule will be as follows:

- ✓ 1st (except April) and 2nd Wednesdays of each month a work session will be held beginning at 6:00 PM. These work sessions are for discussion and dialogue amongst the BOE and staff and no BOE action will take place. There will no longer be a monthly Monday afternoon study session.
- ✓ The 3rd Wednesday of each month a regular meeting will be held beginning at 6:00 PM. At this meeting, the BOE will take action on previously discussed agenda items.

ATTENDANCE — Parents and Students

Notification letters that your son/daughter is reaching a high number of absences will be sent to the email address that we currently have on file. You will receive letters at 4 and 8 absences. We ask that you look at Portal (campus.thompson.k12.co.us/campus/portal/Thompson.jsp) and discuss the importance of attendance with your son/daughter. Please contact your administrator with concerns/questions.

Congratulations to Lauren E. Howard, 9th grade student at Thompson Valley High School. Lauren was a finalist in the national contest sponsored by Huffing Post called "Teen Impact" and was selected as a top ten Finalist! Lauren has been involved with the non-profit organization called Africa Bags since sixth grade. Now, four years later, she continues her efforts selling village-made cloth shopping bags and book bags that not only sustain better income and lifestyles for Malawians, but also decrease the amount of paper and plastic bags Americans use every day. To read her blog go to huffingpost.com and read Lauren's blog. You can also go to africabags.org to see how you can help change lives.

FBLA—A PATHWAY TO SUCCESS!

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is an organization for students interested in business. Our mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. The purpose of FBLA is to provide additional opportunities for high school students in business, and/or business-related fields, to develop career and technical supportive competencies and to promote civic and personal responsibilities. In preparation for an active leadership role, FBLA members learn how to lead and participate in group discussions, preside at meetings and conferences, work effectively within committees and engage in practical problem solving and decision making. Members learn the value of competition on local, district, state and national levels by experiencing the responsibility of success as well as the challenge of defeat.

On February 8, ten members of our FBLA chapter will travel to Greeley to participate in the District Leadership Conference including Kaitlyn Hill, Hannah Liss, Tyler McWhorter, Katie Menzies, Katie Munson, Annie Rodgers, Jane Rodgers, Joanne Salazar, Sabrina Siedenbug and Shaylene Sorrow. Hundreds of students from Northern Colorado will be present for the conference. Students compete in a variety of events, such as Electronic Career Portfolio, Business Communications, Digital Design and Promotion, Video Production, Word Processing, Business Ethics and Business Presentation. Those students who earn top honors will be able to move on to compete at the State Leadership Conference in April, located in Vail.

Congratulations on your hard work and success, FBLA members! You are the BEST!

~Mrs. Lindsay Hart, FBLA Advisor



Explore the Possibilities in Business & Marketing!

Have your students considered their options for a career after graduation? Did you know that more people graduate from college with a degree in business or marketing than any other major? Now is the time to begin preparing for the future, while still in high school!

Registration for next year's classes has begun and now is the time to decide the courses that will fit your student's needs. Since students are required to register for more classes next year, take this opportunity to select a business or Marketing class that can provide essential skills for the future.

The Business Department offers a variety of classes that teach relevant, real-life skills that can be beneficial to all students preparing for life after high school. All of the Business and Marketing classes you should consider include:

Computer Applications	Finance	Multimedia Technology
Word Processing	Career Development	Sports/Entertainment Marketing
Web Design	Accounting I	Advertising/Retail Merchandising
Computer Graphics	Intro to Business	Marketing Work Experience (seniors only)

Your counselor and the TVHS Business Department teachers are available to assist you in making class selections for the upcoming year. Remember, take this opportunity to prepare for life after high school!

Lindsay Hart, Don Murray — TVHS Business & Marketing Teachers

TVHS WELLNESS COMMITTEE would like to share some of our proud accomplishments and invite you to become involved!

We started the school year with a staff development/team building/wellness day that allowed teachers to get to know each other, move, become inspired and start the year off on a positive note! Some sessions included basic self-defense, Zumba, stress management, yoga and a variety of team building activities.

Eagle 2 mile Prediction Run/Walk on campus with costumes and many prizes!

Lunch and Learns for the staff on a variety of topics once/twice a month.

Wellness Calendar in the Cafeteria with healthy tidbits.

“Biggest Loser” contest for staff.

Researching the idea of Zumba dance prior to ACT testing to increase student test scores!

Several committee members are reading the book “*SPARK*” BY Dr. Ratey that encourages physical activity and how it relates to increased test scores.

We support our physical education program and encourage students to move more.

We need your help with ideas/suggestions for a spring fundraising event that will help sustain our wellness efforts in years to come! Our next wellness meeting is scheduled for Jan. 31 in room 202 from 11-11:30 a.m.—you are invited to attend!

Please contact Kris Ayers if you are interested in getting involved!





2012 Scholastics Art Awards: Colorado Visual Arts Thompson

Valley High School Students Place at State Art Competition

Thompson Valley High School art students place at the state art competition. Over 4000 art works were submitted and over 160 art portfolios from art students around the state of Colorado. These students are the only Scholastic Art Awardees from our district.

Works posted below will be on exhibit at RMCAD from February 11—March 2 in the Philip J. Steele Gallery, Rotunda Pavilion and Alumni Gallery.

There will also be an exhibit of work representing the Colorado Scholastic Art Awards at the Denver Art Museum from March 13—April 5, 2012.

Gold Key Portfolios and Gold Key Individuals will go on to the National Scholastics competition. Award winners will showcase their work to a national audience with an exhibition of approximately 100 works of art that is hosted by venues across the U.S. Gold Keys will also be considered for one of the many college scholarships now totaling more than \$230,000.

Gold Key Portfolio:

Faith Ford, Thompson Valley High School (*Photography Portfolio*)

Gold Key Individuals:

Sarah Ashbaugh, Thompson Valley High School, *Desires*, (*Painting*)

Morgan Bierbaum, Thompson Valley High School, *Lesser Casualties*, (*Photography*)

Juan Escobar—Garcia, Thompson Valley High School, *Hubert*, (*Photography*)

Kodi Hays, Thompson Valley High School, *Accept it!* (*Painting*)

Cayley McComas, Thompson Valley High School, *Enlightenment*, (*Printmaking*)

Gus Waneka, Thompson Valley High School, *Trent Ascending*, (*Painting*)

Silver Key:

Sarah Ashbaugh, Thompson Valley High School, *Isolation*, (*Printmaking*)

Sarah Ashbaugh, Thompson Valley High School, *Perspective* (*Oil Painting*)

Kaitlyn Hill, Thompson Valley High School, *Human Form*, (*Photography*)

Honorable Mention:

Austin Armstrong, Thompson Valley High School, *Comfortable living* (*Printmaking*)

Tyler Benke, Thompson Valley High School, *Madness*, (*Printmaking*)

Evan Chianese, Thompson Valley High School, *"POR QUE!"* (*Photography*)

Hannah Thompson, Thompson Valley High School, *The Boulder Climb* (*Printmaking*)





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IMPORTANT DATES AT TVHS

- Feb. 14-16** Parent/Teacher Conferences—by scheduled appt.
3:30-8:30 pm Tues. & Wed./ 7—3:00 pm Thurs.
- Feb. 16/17** NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- Feb. 20** Presidents' Day—NO SCHOOL
- March 11** Turn clocks ahead one hour—spring forward
- March 12** Begin CSAP
- March 16** 3rd Quarter Ends
- April 2-6** Spring Break
- April 28** Prom
- May 24** K-12 Last Day/End of 4th Quarter
- May 25** Teacher Work Day
- May 26** Graduation—10 a.m. The Ranch
- May 28** Memorial Day

