

Turlock High School

Bulldog Newsletter, November 2019

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Greetings | As most may know already, a few THS families have had unfortunate events lead to the passing of 3 outstanding young students. We will honor their memories and pray for the families to overcome such grave losses. We are very grateful to Jessica's House Grieving Counselors and Turlock Chaplaincy Volunteers for assisting our student body through each of these extremely difficult situations. Kaden Farro, Thaily Gutierrez and Estevan Nuno, you are missed.

THS Modernization Projects are well on their way. The Wallace St. and D Parking Lot safety upgrades are complete except for we are still adding a sidewalk for students from the varsity baseball field gate to the R Wing sidewalk, since students can no longer walk on the back end of Wallace St. The Canal St. parking will be completed soon and the Science Building Project is scheduled to start in December. The demolition time of the old science building is still to be determined.

Student Achievement | California School Dashboard is in its third year as the new accountability system for California public schools. You may access our most recent posted performance levels at www.caschooldashboard.org and view reports and we expect the 2019 data release to come out sometime in December 2019.

The CAASPP scores for the Smarter Summative in English and math for 2019 are as follows: 98.8% of 11th grade students tested; English = 62% Met or Exceeded Standard. This is a 5% decrease from last year. Math = 29% Met or Exceeded Standard. This is a 1% decrease from last year. Of 935 Advanced Placement (AP) exams, 65% of students accomplished a score a 3 or higher. We administered the ASVAB for 50 students and the PSAT to 90 students in October for those who voluntarily signed up.

Best Practices | Teacher Professional Development (PD):

Since the beginning of the year teachers have participated in many Professional Development and training opportunities, many specific to technology. Here are some examples: Ellevation, ALBERT, Nearpod, Go Guardian, CAASPP IAB, My10yearplan.com, etc.

Technology | All THS students have received a Dell 2 in 1 Chromebook. We ask that you continue to remind your student to charge the chromebook every night and bring it and the charging cord to school everyday. One of the more apparent device obstacles noticed at this time is students coming to school with a device not charged. Please help.

Leadership | THS students and staff are to be commended for their reaction to the Lock-down carried out on 9/10 due to someone hacking into our radio system. We were locked down tight in 1 minute and 30 seconds. Remarkable! The event was very real to us all and the result was the best outcome possible; no shooter was ever on campus. We learned of many items to improve on and are working on improvements now. Also, as a reminder, please do not drop or pick-up students off in the middle of the road. Use the appropriate locations to pull in or have your student walk to you in a safe loading area.

Athletics

CCAL Varsity Standings:

*Cross Country Boys - 1st Place, co-champs

*Cross Country Girls - 2nd

*Volleyball - 1st Place, co-champs

*Water Polo - All 4 squads went undefeated, 1st Place

*Football - All 3 squads went undefeated, 1st Place
Congrats and well done!

Activities

Homecoming Week was fantastic. We thank the community for such outstanding support especially for our Downtown Parade.

The Homecoming theme was Back to the Future and the Float winners were the Junior Class and the FFA Club. They built amazing floats. Jazmyn Tubbs was crowned Homecoming Queen by the student body. Congrats to all!

THS Idol competition showcased wonderful talent and ended with Rowan Luis winning. Fantastic job to all!

Principal:
Gabe Ontiveros

Assistant
Principals:

Joe Cusenza

Dean of Students:
Donnie Swanson

Aaron Mello
Cristy Ricketts

Student Activities Remind

1. Download App
2. Text 81010
3. Message @mscullum



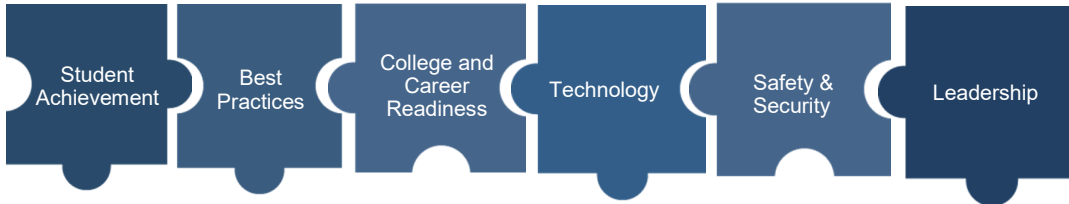
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