

Thousand Islands Central School District



HIGH SCHOOL

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A Message from the Principal: Mr. Gilfus

September 2009

Dear Parents-

I am proud to announce that our students and staff are off and running with the new school year. The transition has been outstanding, as has the energy found throughout the building. Please encourage your child to use their assigned locker and combination lock – provided by the district. Unfortunately, we need to take every precaution to ensure all student and district property are safe and secured. Finally, please note the High School Parent Teacher Conference Schedule date and times, as they are different than both the Elementary and Middle Schools. The High School will host Parents for Conferences on Thursday, November 19th between the hours of 11:00 AM and 8:00 PM. Please contact Mrs. Hummel at 686-5594 x 5401 if you would like a schedule appointment with your child's teachers. High School classes will NOT be in session on November 19th. However, the H.S. will be in session with full day classes on Friday (11/20), Monday (11/23) & Tuesday (11/24). We encourage all parents to contact us for scheduled appointments on November 19th and do expect all students in attendance through Tuesday, November 24th. If you have any questions regarding Parent Teacher Conferences or anything in general regarding the High School – please feel free to contact me directly at 686-5594 x 5000. Thank you.

Mr. Joseph J. Gilfus, Principal

Guidance: Mrs. Bobbi Nevala – 11 & 12th Grade
Mrs. Debbie Eldridge-Block – 9 & 10th Grade

Guidance Testing Day will be in the morning on Wednesday, October 14th. Regular classes will resume after Period 5.

The PLAN will be administered to 10th graders. The PLAN is an assessment given nation wide to sophomores. It is designed like the college entrance exam, the ACT. The test provides practice for the ACT, and checks to see if students are on track for college or their high school career. It is a useful tool for career exploration and includes a comprehensive career interest inventory. Ninth graders enrolled in Regents Geometry will also be taking the PLAN.

Juniors will take the PSAT which is a practice exam for the college entrance exam, the SAT. In addition to providing practice for the SAT, merit scholarships are generated based on student performance. Students may not reschedule this exam and must be in attendance on the morning of October 14th.

The ASVAB, the required test for military enlistment, will also be offered to interested juniors and seniors. Students must sign up in the Guidance office in order to take the ASVAB exam.

Sept. 29 – Last Day to drop or add a class

Oct. 5th – Higher Education Night, at JCC 4:30-7:30 – Juniors & Seniors

Oct. 14 – Guidance Testing Day

Nov. 19 - Parent Teacher Conferences, More info will be coming

Nov. 23 & 24 – Regular classes

Scheduled College Visits:

9-29-09 - SUNY Potsdam, 11:15 AM

10-5-09 RIT, 8:30 AM

10-5-09 - Green Mtn College, 10:00 AM

10-5-09 - SUNY Canton, 1:15 PM

10-6-09 - Morrisville St. College, 1:00 PM

10-20-09 - LeMoyne College, 9:00 AM

10-22-09 - Herkimer CC, 9:00 AM

10-22-09 - SUNY Alfred, 11:00 AM

10-26-09 - North Country CC, 11:30 AM

10-27-09 - Wells College, 12:45 PM

11-10-09 - SUNY Oswego, 12:00 PM

Mathematics: Mr. Steve DeMay
Department Coordinator

With the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year New York State is entering the third year of the Algebra, Geometry and Algebra 2/ Trig sequence. Each course is a one year course, culminating with a Regents exam in June. The Algebra 2/ Trig course is being offered throughout the state for the first time this school year. The Algebra 2 / Trig is the third math Regents that is required for a student to receive an Advanced Regents Diploma. We are anticipating a good year for our math students at Thousand Islands.

Science: Mrs. Pamela Gore
Department Coordinator

There is a new recycling campaign starting in the TI School District for the 2009-2010 school year. Students will be recycling juice drink pouches. All drink pouch brands may be recycled. Recycling bins have been set up in the cafeteria.

The students at TI will benefit by having an opportunity at school to be active participants in a recycling program. The company Terracycle will pay \$0.02 for each recycled juice pouch with all proceeds being split between our TI Booster Club and the TI Scholarship Foundation. By recycling, students will reduce the volume of trash that our school creates that must be buried in a landfill. This will lessen our negative impact on the earth.

SAFE club members will help send recyclables to Teracycle who will take recycled materials and make new products to be sold. For more info, check out www.terracycle.net

Social Studies: Mr. John Blodgett
Department Coordinator

The 2009-2010 year is off to a good start. With Mrs. Williams taking a twelve-month sabbatical in Germany, the teaching assignments in the Social Studies department have been realigned. Mr. Augliano -- a welcome addition to our ranks -- now comes up from the Middle School to teach two sections of U.S. History and Government.

New course offerings include two Jefferson Community College "Edge Program" extension courses -- "History of the Twentieth Century" during the first semester and "Recent American History" during the second semester. For each of these courses, successful completion earns the student three JCC college credits. Both are being taught by Mr. Soluri, who now has the students immersed in diaries and other primary sources relating to the experience of WW I trench warfare.

Technology: Mr. Craig Freitag
Department Coordinator



Our freshman engineers are spending time learning sketching techniques. They are working on 2 Dimensional and 3 Dimensional sketching.

2 Dimensional:
Orthographic Projection / Multi-View Drawings

3 Dimensional: Isometric, Oblique, and 1, 2, & 3 Point Perspective drawings.

Our upper classman are learning Principles of Engineering; Civil Engineering and Architecture; Digital Electronics; and Engineering Design and Drawing

The program is Project Lead the Way. A sequence of courses designed to excite students in engineering. Students can earn 4 college credits for each class taken. For more information please contact Craig Freitag at freitagc@1000islandsschools.org

Foreign Language: Mrs. Mary Ann Reff
Department Coordinator

Seniors who have successfully completed four years of a foreign language and who earned an 85% or better on the NY State Regents exam taken at the end of level 3 have the opportunity to take a Spanish or French course taught through JCC. The courses are taught here at TI and students earn 3 college credits per semester (6 for the entire year). Both courses are intermediate level college courses that will count towards the general education requirements at most liberal arts colleges and/or prepare students to go on to more advanced college level courses if they so desire. Students pay a tuition fee that is 1/3 the cost of the same course if taken on the JCC campus. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students at TI and we encourage students in the lower level foreign language classes to work hard in order to be eligible to take this class their senior year.

Music: Mrs. Kathryn Ingerson
Department Coordinator

-The Music Department has hit the ground running this year! The Concert Band, Concert Choir, and Select Choir are all preparing for the AFS Concert. This annual concert is designed to benefit the American Field Service and will take place on Oct. 19, 2009 at 7:00pm in the Auditorium.
-The High School percussion section was asked to perform as a drum corp at this year's Homecoming football game. The Select Ensemble will also be performing at the Homecoming game.
-The Select Vocal Ensemble is performing a joint concert with The Syracuse Brass Ensemble. This invitation only concert is a very exciting prospect for the vocal ensemble and they are working hard to prepare for their first performance of the year. This concert will be held at Sturtz Theatre in Watertown Oct. 17, 2009 at 7:00.
-Our Music Department Calendar is available online and is updated regularly. Please check it out and come support your school's musicians.
-Upcoming events include
-Cape Vincent Halloween Parade -10/30/09
-Syracuse Veteran's Day Parade - 11/7/09
-Area All-State Festival -11/20/09-11/21/09

Art: Mrs. Nicky Badour
Department Coordinator

The Art Department is off to a running start. We have three sections of studio art being offered this year, with around 60 students participating in this artistic environment. Once students complete Studio Art the door has been opened for the electives in the arts offered here at Thousand Islands. Students can choose from Drawing & Painting, Crafts, Ceramics, Interior Design and Photography. Currently there are around 40 upperclassman participating in those electives and more to follow in the 2nd half of the year.

Mrs. Badour's website is currently being renovated and once finished will provide some wonderfully creative student artwork being completed this year! Check it out soon...

Special Ed.: Mrs. Darlene VanWie
Department Coordinator

The Special Education Department is comprised of Two Resource Rooms and a 15:1 classroom. Mrs. Kristen Jetty works with Resource students in grades 10 and 11. Mrs. Darlene Van Wie works with resource students in grades 9 and 12. The 15:1 classroom is taught by Mrs. Suzanne Perkins with aide support from Mrs. Deborah Taylor, Mrs. Linda Beerman, Mrs. Beth Cantwell and Mrs. Jeannette Aiken.

The Department works collaboratively with all staff to provide push in and pull out support for our students at the high school level. The Special Education Department ensures that all modifications are followed on the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Grade 10 Resource students should be applying for their mods on the College Board SAT exam. See Mrs. Jetty for an application!

Library Media: Mrs. Balk
Department Coordinator

Student Council: Mrs. Nevela
Advisor

Need to do research at home? Access *World Book Online* using our school ID and password! Go to: www.worldbookonline.com.

The school ID is **1000** and the password is **islands**.

Contact Mrs. Balk if you have questions.



10-3-09 Homecoming Carnival (Guardino), 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Spirit Picture at 1:00 PM – wear your Viking Blue! Spirit shirts will be available for sale at the carnival \$10 each. Children sizes are available.

10-5 to 10-9 Spirit Week – PJ Day, Punk Day, Sports Shirt, 80's Day and Blue & Gold Day. Pep rally on Friday, 10/9th, 9th and 10th period.

10-10-09 Homecoming Dance 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM. \$10/person.

Class of 2011:

Mr. Lauraine, Mrs. Bechaz

Dear Junior Students and Parents,

The Class of 2011 is off to a busy year! We are in the process of planning the Junior Prom. The Prom is scheduled for May 22nd, 2010 at the Clayton Opera House. The first Prom Committee meeting will be held on October 7th in Mrs. Bechaz's room at 2:30. We have held our first bake sale and it was a huge success! We will continue to hold bake sales every second Wednesday of each month. The next bake sale is scheduled for October 14th. Please continue to support us with your baked goods.

The Junior Class will be holding a hotdog/candy game booth at the Spirit Carnival held at Guardino Elementary on October 3rd from 11-1. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Your child should also be in the process of selling a **minimum of 5** coupon books entitled Enjoy the City. Each book sells for \$20 with \$10 being profit. Payment is expected at the time of the order. The books will be delivered before the Holidays.

Profits from the first three sales out of every ten sales will go directly to the Class of 2011. This money will be used for Prom, Senior Picnic and other Senior activities. The remaining profits will go into your child's individual Senior dues account. All orders are expected to be turned in by October 21st.

Finally, we are just beginning to brainstorm ideas for a Senior Trip. If you have any creative ideas and/or suggestions, please share them with your child and/or email them to us.

If you have any questions or concerns (*or would like to volunteer*), please contact one of us at 686-5578 (ext 4301 – Mr. Lauraine/ext 4353- Mrs. Bechaz).

The Junior Class of is also selling map books for athletic events. These books include directions and maps to the majority of the schools our sports teams play. These books are extremely handy and helpful and only cost \$5.00. They are sold at sporting events, or you may ask any Junior Class Officer or Advisor.