

WEEKLY STAFF NEWSLETTER

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Tuscola High School

HOME OF THE MOUNTAINEERS



From Dale

As I began last week, hearing the constant news reports concerning the impending Hurricane Irene, I was apprehensive about the possibility of extensive rain coming to the mountains. We all remember the damage and destruction incurred the last time we had major flooding. With our economic issues already affecting our schools and our local government, I could only imagine what financial issues another devastating flood would do to our communities in Haywood County.

Does this sound familiar in relation to budget cuts and expectations of our schools? For the past two years, we have heard the multiple proposals for the various budget cuts. We are expected to raise our student scores nearer to the 100% goal set by No Child Left Behind. We need to increase our graduation rates, reduce the drop-out rate, and better prepare students to be ready for the work force and/or college. With our state money cut in half, we have no textbook money, no technology

money, some of our staff lost days of employment, vocational and clerical positions were cut, and most importantly, teacher positions were lost in Haywood County and across our state. Does this sound like the impending Hurricane Irene about to hit North Carolina?

Luckily, for the western part of our state, we avoided the hurricane and torrential rains and floods that our neighbors in the eastern section experienced; however, we cannot avoid the state budget cuts to our schools.

While the storm threat is still there, I am always amazed at the dedication of our teachers and their drive and desire to improve our schools, the community, and our students. Many of you have heard the term, "more with less". For our schools and staff, I suppose we don't know any other way.

We will continue to push forward, raise the expectation level, and meet the requirements that are asked of us. Hopefully, brighter and sunnier financial days are ahead. We are extremely blessed to live in such a gorgeous area, both in the physical setting and in the expectations of our staff and students.

I applaud each of you for your contributions to Tuscola High School. Each of you contribute so much time and effort every day. Because of you, we are very successful; academics, athletics, and the arts will continue to excel, and we will continue to produce productive and creative students.

This past weekend, the weather was wonderful in the mountains. The air was crisp and brilliant. Marcia and I went to Water Rock Knob on the parkway Sunday for a picnic. It was stunning and inspiring to have quick access to such beauty and serenity.

As educators, we know there will be more storms and bad weather. It will come in many different shapes, but we also know that the skies will eventually clear, and we will have another brilliant weekend on the horizon.

Dale McDonald

Our mission is
to achieve
student success through
focusing on the whole child as a
lifelong learner!

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July 6—S. Tompkins
July 10—K. VanDenBeldt
July 16—E. Rhinehart
July 20—J. Hyde
August 2—C. Marcus
August 7—J. Smathers
August 10—D. Lowe
August 14—M. Ethridge
August 19—J. Grasty
August 30—J. Robinson

R. Robles
July 13—B. Gunter
July 18—D. Chambers
July 21—D. Cogdill
August 3—J. Griffith
August 9—D. Rhodes
A. Owenbey
August 21—G. Justice

“Flattery corrupts both the receiver and the giver.”

-Edmund Burke

“Knowing trees, I understand the meaning of patience. Knowing grass, I can appreciate persistence.”

-Hal Borland

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday Faculty Picture Day
Soccer vs. Asheville
Volleyball at T.C. Roberson
Tuesday SIT Meeting 3:10
Wednesday Soccer at T.C. Roberson
Thursday JV Football at Asheville
Volleyball vs. Smoky Mtn.
Friday Homeroom for Homecoming
Football vs. Asheville

NO SCHOOL MONDAY SEPT. 5. LABOR DAY
Homeroom for Homecoming Sept. 2nd & 6th
All meetings are open to any faculty or staff member.

Building Lunch Duty Schedule
For the week of August 29th
Monday is the 8th day of school!

In the Cafeteria
A Lunch– C-1

B Lunch—B1

Weekly Bell Schedule

Regular Schedule
Monday-Thursday
Friday—Homeroom Schedule after Lunch

	6-10	41-45	76-80	111-115	146-150	181-182		6-10	41-45	76-80	111-115	146-150	181-182
RUTH	L	G	A	F	L	L	SUTTON, K.	L	G	A	F	L	L
GARLAND	G	A	F	L	L	G	TUCKER	G	A	F	L	L	G
ARGENTINE	A	F	L	L	G	A	FRANCOEUR	A	F	L	L	G	A
COGDILL	F	L	L	G	A	F	CLARY	F	L	L	G	A	F
COOPER	L	L	G	A	F	L	ROGERS, B.	L	L	G	A	F	L
	11-15	46-50	81-85	116-120	151-155			11-15	46-50	81-85	116-120	151-155	
D'ALESANDRO	L	G	A	F	L		BATES	L	G	A	F	L	
PRESSLEY	G	A	F	L	L		HUBBARD	G	A	F	L	L	
ALLEN, J.	A	F	L	L	G		POLLIFRONE	A	F	L	L	G	
PHILLIPS	F	L	L	G	A		MARCUS	F	L	L	G	A	
JOHNSTON	L	L	G	A	F		SOLLIE, J.	L	L	G	A	F	

Sports Schedules can be found at
www.highschoolsports.net

A New School Year

The year begins, yes, once again
All scurry through the day.
Teachers, students, and principals alike
In a hurry to be on their way.

Whether teaching a class, absorbing information
Or just making sure all goes well
It's adjusting to roles at Tuscola
During the year of 2011 and 12.

New curriculum, ballgames, art shows
And concerts to name a few
Graduates awaiting their very last day
All anxious to successfully get through.

Though time seems long, it always flies by
And as this year begins and ends
Don't forget to enjoy the minutes between
Cause we can never redo time with friends.

Welcome to a New Year at THS

The beginning of each year always has its chaotic moments, but we still have times when all runs smoothly – as with last week. Thanks to everyone! The start of a school year is my favorite if for nothing else just to watch the realm of emotions displayed on the faces in the hallways. Excitement, nonchalance, anxiety and worry are evident. Though we can't be excited 100% of the time, I do hope each of us remembers to enjoy the good times along the way. We are so fortunate to work in Haywood County at Tuscola High School with a wonderful faculty and staff and students who (for the most part) are a joy to teach. I wish all of you a fantastic year, and if I can help with anything, please ask!

Darlene Lowe

***Teachers, don't forget to submit names of your peers who are so worthy of recognition.*