

TIMBER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL SOMETHING TO CHEER ABOUT 2013



Valedictorians: Rachel Hatch, Matthew Howard, Michelle Melchiorre, ACADEMICS 2013 Justin Quigley, Vincent Russo, Bryant Wong

Salutatorians: Candice Dunn, Victoria Kendall, Amal Oladuja

Graduates: 359 Students (this includes Out of District and Juniors who qualified) Gloucester Township Day Scholarships:

Kelechi Azu Joshua Hernandez Marquese Noel McCormick Alicia Terrell

Meghan Barth Jonathan Lacev **Jon Parise** Wendell Thomas

Taylor French Austin LaRocca Andinase Rubertone Marc Schaffer Jee Vang

Gabrielle Hancock Adam Mawson

Alternates: Dylan Burnite, Brianna Golden, Jeremy Montes, Dylan Otero, Joseph Phillips, Emily Spaulding National Honor Society Scholarships: Brianna Golden, Jorge Gonzalez, Kathryn Keebler, Branden Virgilio Perfect Attendance: Jessica Kinzler, Nicole Landis, Alexis McDonald

President's Award for Educational Excellence GOLD;

Chigozie Amugo Patrick Corkery Angelo Grasso Shannon Kelly **Robert Mfon Justin Quigley** Eric Vignola

Brennan Boyle Michael DeStefano Nicholas Harrison Victoria Kendall Juliet Muldoon Patrick Robinson **Bryant Wong**

Fitzroy Campbell Candice Dunn Trevor Hatton Austin LaRocca Amal Oladuja Jessica Roscoe

Victoria Campbell **Devin Eager** Matthew Howard Mitzy Mathew **Jon Parise Marc Schaffer**

Kevin Collins Zachary Gaine Brandon Keller Michelle Melchiorre Harsh Patel **David St Leger**

Renaissance Graduate of the Year: Candice Dunn Governor's School of Engineering participant: Heather Torres

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS 2013

Timber Creek HSC Scholarships: Meghan Barth, Rachel Hatch, Bradley Hopkins, Matthew Howard Ann Mullen HSC: Vincent Russo Indian Temple Association: Sonva Patel Gloucester TWP Girls Athletic Association Brittany Washington Scholarship: Victoria Kendall SDK Millbridge Garden Apts Scholarship: Bryant Wong Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal: Vincent Russo Rotary Club of Gloucester Township: Rachel Hatch, Vincent Russo Student Council Leadership Scholarship: Monica Bhalla, Brianna Golden, Rachel Hatch, Shannon Kelly, Sonya Patel, Jessica Roscoe Morning Jolt Scholarship of Excellence: Danielle Stowe Tyler Richard Cardis Foundation Scholarship: Kathleen DeCaro, Amal Oladuja Timber Creek Book Award: Scott Jeffrey, Justin Quigley American Legion Past Commanders Post 281 D Bowers Scholarship: Sandra Rockson Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Scholarship: Amal Oladuja Camden County Bar Association Scholarship: Brianna Golden Erial VFW Memorial Post #5794 Award: Brennan Boyle, Monica Bhalla, Victoria Christopher, Robert Mfon Gloucester Township Lions Scholarship: Brittany Chan Carl Ehrich Memorial History Award: Nathan Ellis Erial School PTC Award: Victoria Kendall Excellence in English Award: Eric Vignola Rutgers University Full Scholarship: Quanzell Lambert Eight students were awarded full scholarships: Eric Church, Kare Collins, Dajaun Drennon, Brandon Keller, Myles Nash, Eric Vignola, Gregory Webb, Zaire Williams Fred Staveley Memorial Scholarship Kiwanis Gloucester TWP Blackwood: Brennan Boyle, Jahleel Coleman William's Wish Memorial Scholarship: Meghan Barth Timber Creek Senior Class Officers Appreciation Award: Vincent Russo, Brianna Golden, Victoria Kendall, **Candice Dunn, Brianna Fisher**

> BLACK HORSE PIKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BLACKWOOD, N.J.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS 2013 CONTINUED

Black Horse Pike Regional Supervisors' Association Award: Matthew Howard Camden County Best of Class Award:



Community Service—Amal Oladuja Leadership—Candice Dunn Most Improved Student—Caitlin McMullin Best Overall Student—Brianna Golden Most Courageous Student—Robert Missovoulos Performing Arts Student—Brennan Boyle Most School Spirited—Jahleel Coleman

Girls' State: Shamir Evans, Ashley Golden, Shannon Goodman, Natalie Hopkins, Cayla Johnston Boys' State: Kenneth Ralph, Corey Reese, Nicholas Weintraut Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership: Jun King, Austin Laney Camden County Counselors' Linda Zalusky Caring Award: Lanye Halliday George Washington University School of Engineering & Applied Science Award: Matthew Howard Most Aspiring Scientist Award: Austin LaRocca Promising Future Award: Karena Oliveri Source 4 Teachers Scholarship: Gabrielle Hancock Timber Creek Administration Faculty & Staff Award: Angelo Grasso, Shannon Kelley, Grace Ogungbile Timber Creek Counselors' Award: Victoria Kendall Timber Creek Administrator's Award: Brianna Golden American Red Cross Scholarship: Brittany Chan, Bradley Hopkins, Alicia Hughes, Sonnita Kem, **Kimberly Perry** Community Blood Council of NJ: Aisha Desai, Torissa Ellerson, Lanye Halliday, Grace Ogungbile First Congressional Scholarship: Rachel Hatch Stetser Lamartine American Legion Auxiliary Unit 281 Scholarship: Brianna Fisher World Language Club Award: Gianna Anastasia, Devin Eager, Lanye Halliday, Emily Kelley, **Michelle Melchiorre** US Marine Corps Distinguished Athletic Award: Dominic Ruggiero US Marine Corps Distinguished Scholastic Excellence Award: Bryant Wong US Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award Musical Excellence: Jasmira Lewis Michael Buffington Erial Little League Award for Softball and Baseball: Emily Kelley, Matthew Mulford Ralph E. Ross Academic: Candice Dunn Black Horse Pike Regional Supervisors' Association Award: Matthew Howard Camden County Bar Association Scholarship: Brianna Golden American Legion Oratorical Contest: Brennan Boyle, Brianna Golden Columbia Bank Scholarship: Michelle Melchiorre Future Teachers of America Club Sponsorship: Philip Sarpong Ann A. Mullen Scholarship in Honor of Paula Milano: Vincent Russo New Jersey Garden City Alumnae Memorial: Brianna Golden Philippine Community of Southern NJ, Inc. "Filipiniana Youth Award": Kevin Lara Ronald McDonald: Lanye Halliday Social Studies Scholarship Award: Juliet Muldoon Timber Creek High School Faculty Award: Matthew Howard

David Martinez and Joshua Scarborough achieved rank of EAGLE SCOUT



PATRIOT DAY In his proclamation of **Patriot Day** in 2003, President Bush called upon all citizens to commemorate September 11 each year with solemn ceremonies and personal reflection in memory of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States that killed thousands of innocent people and changed the lives of thousands more forever. Timber Creek held a beautiful tribute with a student assembly that included the mayor, board members, administrators, staff and service people. Thanks to Mr. Saunders for coordinating another fine ceremony.



UMDNJ MEDICAL SCIENCE ACADEMY

Nine students were accepted and housed at Kennedy Hospital in Stratford, NJ. It is an honor for them to be a part of this prestigious medical program. We are very proud of them and will do what we can to help their schedule run smoothly. Due to the timing of the sessions, this program requires these students to leave twenty-five minutes before the end of eighth period on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The students would be missing fifty minutes a week from their schedule. They fully understand that they are responsible for all missed work and that they will have to put in extra time to remain caught up in

class. They also understand that it is their responsibility to be prepared if they choose to take any AP test later in the year that happens to be their eighth period course they miss time in. We are very excited that the following students were accepted into the UMDNJ Medical Science Academy:

Victoria Christopher Samantha Darpino Austin LaRocca Grace Ogungbile Amal Oladuja Sonya Patel Kristopher Ponce Michael Terilla Alexis Tine

RESPECT WEEK OCTOBER 1-5

MONDAY: RESPECT: WHAT IT MEANS TO ME?

Ms. Dottie Deich and **Mr. Jeff McCoog** worked hard to put together a PSA to kick off Respect Week at Timber Creek. This PSA introduces our theme for the week "Respect: It's a Matter of Class." **Mr. Bill Ebert** along with students from his **World of Difference Club** worked hard to decorate the main lobby. Their "work of art" was displayed on Monday morning. Students will be asked to stop by and write on leaves/butterflies what respect means to them.

TUESDAY: KINDESS AND COMPASSION

A PSA from the Foundation for a Better Life was shown on the Morning Jolt. All students received PEACE pins in homeroom. Teacher's Story: One of our teachers shared a personal story about RESPECT. This was shown during the Morning Jolt.

Rachel's Challenge: All students in grades nine and ten heard the story of Rachel Scott. Rachel was the first teen killed at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. She left behind an amazing legacy and simple challenge to anyone who will accept it. Treat others with kindness and compassion and you just may start a chain reaction!

WEDNESDAY: YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A PSA from the Foundation for a Better Life was shown on the Morning Jolt. Teacher/Faculty/Staff & Adults from TC shared their stories about how students made a difference in their lives.

The Clothesline Project: Students were encouraged to decorate t-shirts (cut outs) defining what respect in a relationship means to them. These t-shirts were hung on a clothesline in the cafeteria (bulletin board).

THURSDAY: INTEGRITY

A PSA on integrity from the Foundation for a Better Life was shown on the Morning Jolt. Teacher/Faculty/Staff stories continued to be shown on the Morning Jolt.

FRIDAY: MAKE SOMEONE SMILE

A PSA on complimenting others from the Foundation for a Better Life was shown on the Morning Jolt.

BUDDY CLUB AND FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA

On December 13th members Megan Fryer, Abbey Sweeney, Ashley Golden, and Lila Kelly created a lesson and taught the students in the MD room to make edible holiday crafts for the Buddy Party held after school. One group created reindeer cupcakes and the other group made marshmallow snowmen. The treats were fun to make and more fun to share and eat at the party. These girls always willingly give of their time and self to make the school days for our students in the MD room a more well-rounded experience.

TRANSITION PROJECT

ADVISORS MRS. SUZANNE NORDONE & MRS. LAUREN GRIFFIN

On Thursday, October 18th, 315 freshmen met with 142 upperclassmen during respective gym periods. The first "outreach" session was entitled "Activity Day" and was designed for the students to get to know each other. Names were given, ground rules were established and an ice breaker game was played. Every month throughout the school year the freshmen met with their peer leaders. We're looking forward to many more successful outreaches. Thanks to our maintenance staff for their set-up and clean-up and Counseling for all of their help with scheduling.





COFFEEHOUSE The contest results of the Literary Magazine Club Fall Coffeehouse are in. The "Childhood Memories Versus Scary Stories" themed show produced the following winners:

Best Artist Best Chef Best Costume Designer Best Musician Best Writer

Brittany Clements Maddie Crone Ny'chelle Adams John E. Mendel Trent Davis-Rozicki

L.A.D.I.E.S/G.I.R.L. CONFERENCE

April 17th was a special day designed to help young ladies feel empowered and self-worthy, learn how to engage in healthy relationships/social skills and decrease incidents of bullying and violence. Activities were centered on girls building relationships with women of significance in their lives as well as other female students. We need our girls to know that there are women in and out of school that they can go to when they are experiencing bullying, violence, or just not having a good day. Greatness involves real L.A.D.I.E.S. (Leadership, Academics, Dignity, Integrity, Empowerment and Self-Worth).

"Like diamonds, girls don't have to be perfect inside or out, but their power to illuminate and let their **Light**, **Growth**, **Change** and **Power** <u>shine</u> is what makes them BEAUTIFUL." - Quote for 2013 By **Briana Golden**

WALT WHITMAN POETRY CONTEST

Kyra Smiley, an emerging poet and creative writer, was chosen 4th place over 200 entries. She and her poetry teacher, **Ms. Evans**, were recognized at a beautiful event outside of the Walt Whitman house Wednesday, May 29th, where Kyra got a chance to read her poetry, discuss her work with Rutgers professors and tour the historic site.

INTERACT once again collected for Toys for Tots. Toys were collected Nov. 26th through Dec. 15th. Toys were placed in the bins placed by the main office and LMC. A drawing was held for a \$30 gift card. Teachers and staff put sticky notes with their name on the toy. A winner was drawn at the faculty meeting.

HOMECOMING DANCE A great time was had by all. 500+ students attended this year. 14 students were on court: Jeff Lewis, Vince Pepenelli, Kevin Lara, Vincent Russo, Keith Bauberger, Wendell Thomas, Greg Webb, Elise Pratt, Alexa McLay, Gabby Hancock, Brianna Golden, Mady Zoranski, Sierra



Anderson and Gina DeSabatino. Congratulations to this year's Queen Alexa McLay and King Kevin Lara. A special shout out to our runners up Brianna Golden and Keith Bauberger as well. It was a night to remember indeed.

WHO'S WHO NIGHT

Most Artistic: Franklin Busi, Taylor French

<u>Class Clown</u>: Roemello Nelson, Samantha Morrissey <u>Most Likely to Succeed</u>: Vincent Russo, Sonya Patel



Best Actor and Actress: Brennan Boyle, Aisha Desai Best Dance: Taliq Chambers, Ana DePalma Best Dressed: Jahleel Coleman, Jaelyn Reed Best Personality: Jee Vang, Kim Perry Best Musician: Jeremy Montes, Brittany Chan Best Hair: Nathan Ellis, Marissa Bastianelli Best Smile: A.J. Clark, David Martinez Cutest Couple: Evan Lilley, Courtney Vesper Most School Spirit: Kevin Lara, Cherry Rice Most Athletic: Bryce Shade, Candice Dunn Best Car: Branden Virgilio, Jordana Macrillo Best Friends: Matthew Bryan, Zachary Smith, Alyssa Zepp, Emily Kelley Best Eves: Bradley Hopkins, Alyssa Rogers

INTERACT AND MARCHING BAND

On December 1st, twenty **Interact** members gathered together with the **Marching Band** to celebrate the holiday season in their usual merry style – walking down the Black Horse Pike handing out candy canes to the hundreds of excited children. Supported by the Rotary club, they created a beautiful Frosty the Snowman inspired float that lit up the street with magic and music. The Interact members had a great time and enjoyed interacting with the community that they love to serve.

WESTERN STUDIES AND INTERACT

January, 21st, 36 students headed out to the Power for Life Church to make over 300 bagged lunches and organize and hand out pantry items to over 100 Camden residents. Assisted by chaperones, **Garry Saunders**, **Tara Wood, Jessica Evans, and Bill Ebert**, these amazing students worked together to serve the community and for many of them, experience the rewarding nature of service for the first time. Through this activity students started to truly understand, as Martin Luther King said, "Everybody can be great…because anybody can serve."

LEO CLUB

Leo Club held its blood drive on October 31st with 107 students scheduled to donate. Of the students scheduled, about 100 students checked in to donate and 82 pints were collected. These 82 pints have the potential of saving 249 people. The American Red Cross was extremely grateful because of all the canceled blood drives as a result of Hurricane Sandy. Timber Creek's drive was a step toward rebuilding the blood supply levels.

TECHNOLOGY CLUB

This year **Technology Club** developed a "back pack rack." Students have expressed concern over the years about articles of clothing and their book bags being covered with saw dust and other building material from work tables used in the technology lab, so they decided to do something about it. Students started by measuring the existing teacher work station and drawing up the plans for the rack. The rack was designed for convenience and visual appeal. After plans were finalized and approved by **Mr. Smith**, building began. It took 2 months to design, build, sand, shellac, and install the rack, but the students were very pleased with the



results! Students also added a TC logo with a Charger lightning bolt as a finishing touch. It looks really great so, if you get a chance, check out the lab and the newest edition, the "back pack rack!"

SPOTLIGHT ON AWARDS

October Department—Athletics, Educators—L. Ambrose, L. Birmingham, J. DeMarco, C. Grottini,

J. DiVietro, R. Hinson, M. Logan, J. Massara, S. Ortzman

Cheerleading—Alexa McLay, Brittany Hyland, Jordana Macrillo, Taylor Perry Football—Justice Davila, Dajaun Drennon, Matt Adams, Khalil Pierce Field Hockey—Candice Dunn, Jess Kinzler Boys Soccer—Trevor Hatton, Christian Morgan, Jeff Tanski Girls Soccer—Kate DeCaro, Elise Pratt, Brianna Magana Tennis—Aarynn Crawley, Naomi Payne Boys Cross Country—Cameron Allen, Matt Short Girls Cross Country—Natalie Hopkins, Alexis Tine

March Departments—Boys Winter Track and Girls Track Captains, Educators—C. Grottini, S. McHugh Students—Kareem Ali, Cameron Allen, Tom Baker, Greg Black, Trent Davis-Rozycki, Tyler Davis-Rozycki, Tori Ellerson, Isaiah Etienne, Kevin Hagamin, Antoine Hawkes, Nakier Johnson, Dominick Munson, Jamaad Muse, Solomon Potter, Larry Russell, Matt Short, Alicia Terrell, Joe Thompson, Dayshawn Wilson

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

April 24th we celebrated the 12th Annual People's Choice Awards ceremony. This event is an award ceremony that recognizes student excellence of all kinds. A teacher, administrator or staff member selects a student who they would like to honor and present with an award at the People's Choice Awards Ceremony. 90 students were nominated. This year's theme was "Rockin' in the Spotlight", coordinated by **Ms. Jessica Evans** and **Ms. Carrie Fetter**, this year's ceremony had rock and roll flare.

PROM EXPO AND FASHION SHOW

Ms. Birmingham and the Class of 2013 hosted a Prom Expo and fashion show on March 12th. Senior students modeled beautiful formal wear. There were 20 vendors offering various goods and services for making Prom night memorable!

WORLD LANGUAGE CLUB AND STUDENT COUNCIL

Twenty-two students from World Language Club and Student Council, along with **Mrs. Robinson**, **Mrs. Alacqua**, **Mrs. Perez**, 5 students from Triton High School and their teachers took an evening trip to Cuba Libre Restaurant in Philadelphia. They enjoyed a lively Latin dance class and a delicious Cuban dinner. The students tried empanadas, arroz con pollo, yuca and flan for dessert. A good time was had by all!

COMMUNITY SERVICE Seniors Brianna Golden, Joel Grant, Jasmira Lewis and Jahleel

Coleman were honored for their contributions in the areas of community service, achievements or general good deeds on February 25th during the Gloucester Township Council meeting.

ALL SOUTH JERSEY HONORS BAND

Dec. 8th, 3 students auditioned and were accepted to the All South Jersey Honors Band -Junior William Pursell, and Sophomores Joshua Mott and Zachary Warren!

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

Students were honored at Erial's VFW Post 5794 for participation in the contest: <u>2nd Place</u> - **Desiree Furbert**; <u>3rd Place</u> - Kaitlyn Ryan; <u>Honorable Mention</u> - Alexis McDonald, Michelle Melchiorre, Kevin Collins, Brianna Golden, Allyson Louie, Matthew Short and Ian McKane. Congratulations to all our winning students!

SAY NO TO THE R-WORD

Mrs. Robinson, Megan Fryer, Ashley Golden and Abigail Sweeney are

shown here presenting Kristen Schultz with a certificate of recognition for speaking at the "Say No to the R-Word" assembly held during Health and Phys Ed classes April 19th.





ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



IST TEAM OLYMPIC CONFERENCE HONORS

Boys Soccer—Gian Duclos, Alex Kourahanis, Jeff Tanski, Trevor Tierno Girls Soccer—Jenny Mosely, Elise Pratt Field Hockey—Jessica Kinzler Football—Matt Adams, Kevin Casey, Taliq Chambers, Dajaun Drennon, Khalil Pierce, Bryce Shade, Zaire Williams Girls Basketball—Brittany Martin Boys Basketball—George Sapp Wrestling—John Amato, Joey DiMartino, Isaiah DeGuzman, Brandon Keller, Dominic Ruggiero, Bryce Shade, Brandon Virgilio Baseball—Brandon Cornelius

Softball—Candice Dunn, Katie Keebler Boys Tennis—Nate Ellis, Justin Quigley, Hardeep Parmar, Alex Kourahanis

Boys Track—Kareem Ali 100m, Greg Black 400m, Tyler Davis Rozycki Pole Vault, Jagger Green Javelin, Antoine Hawkes Shot Put, Jerryl McCoy 400m Hurdle, Dom Munson 3200m, Jamaad Muse 200m, Larry Russell High Jump, Nakier Johnson 4x800, Dom Munson 4x800, Isaiah Etienne 4x800, Cameron Allen 4x800

Girls Track—Alicia Terrell High Jump & 100m Hurdles

2ND TEAM OLYMPIC CONFERENCE HONORS

Boys Soccer—Steve Ersing, Trevor Hatton, Christian Morgan, Vinnie Palmucci Girls Soccer—Colleen Collins Field Hockey—Candice Dunn, Nicole Melchiorre Football—Bill Burton, Derrick Copeland, Justice Davila, Adonis Jennings Girls X-Country—Sade Lavallias, Janelle Shipotofsky Girls Tennis—Aarynn Crawley Boys Basketball—Brandon Cornelius, Joel Grant, Jeff Lewis Girls Basketball—Desiree Furbert, Amanda Riiff Wrestling—Keith Bauberger, Lorenzo Ruggiero Baseball—Bill Burton, Brad Rodier Softball—Brianna Fisher, Faith Rivera Boys Tennis—Christian Cintron, Austin Ellis Boys Track—Cameron Allen 3200m, Kevin Hagamin 110m Hurdle, Solomon Potter Shot Put, Jamaad Muse 4x400, Isaiah Etienne 4x400, Nakier Johnson 4x400, Kareem Ali 4x400 Girls Track—Tori Ellerson Shot Put, Janelle Shipotofsky 3200m Golf—John Kennedy



Boys Tennis, Baseball, and Softball teams make NJSIAA playoffs

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

Rebekah Alter, Thomas Baker, Alexis Brown, Hannah Butler, Colleen Collins, Brandon Cornelius, Justice Davila, Isaiah DeGuzman, Devin Eager, Tori Ellerson, Brianna Fisher, Ben Fleagle, Anthony Greco, Matt Hershey, Brittany Hyland, Tamia Johnson, Katie Keebler, John Kennedy, Jessica Kinzler, Jordana Macrillo, Brittany Martin, Adam Mawson, Jenny Mosley, Dominick Munson, Jamaad Muse, Naomi Payne, Taylor Perry, Justin Quigley, Faith Rivera, Edwin Rosa, Jack Seiner, Diarra Uhuru, Brad Wallace, Zach Warren

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Michael DeLaurentis won 2 Gold Medals at the 2013 Special Olympics, NJ Summer Games held June 7th through the 9th. Michael won the medals for the

backstroke and freestyle relay.