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The Spotlight

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Black Horse Pike
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Engaging Students, Fostering Achievement, Inspiring Excellence

2015-2016 Budget Statement Highlights

Shared Service Agreements

* The school district has saved taxpayer dollars by sharing services with other entities.
* Shared service bussing arrangement with Gloucester Township, Winslow, Camden County Educational Services, Runnemede Public Schools and Gloucester County Special Services.
* Construction projects procurement through South Jersey Technology Partnership (SJTP).
* Purchasing shared service arrangement with Middlesex Regional ESC, Ed-Data & Hunterdon County ESC Cooperative Purchasing.
* Health Care Insurance Fund participant in Southern New Jersey Regional Employee Benefit Fund.
* Energy Savings Incentive Program participant with Gloucester Township Municipality for new boilers in two schools and solar panels.
* Repairs through Gloucester Township Municipality - brining, pothole repairs, paving & milling parking lots.
* Shared Services Maintenance Agreements with Runnemede & Bellmawr School Districts and Gloucester Township Housing Authority.
* Lunch Agreement providing lunches for Runnemede Public Schools.

Curriculum & Instruction

* Creating a New Bell Schedule next year will allow more curricular opportunities for students by opening up another period for classes. Students will be able to take extra electives to better prepare them for college and careers.
* The new Robotics Lab has been completed and the curriculum has been written. Next year will be the first year the course is running with two sections of students at Highland.
* Continuing to financially support students in Advanced Placement courses to fund the administration of Advanced Placement Exams.
* Expanding college and career planning strategies, like offering SAT preparatory manuals, supplementing cost of SAT courses and paying for administration of one SAT test per student.
* Preparing students and teachers to tackle the challenging Common Core State Standards through multiple Professional Development opportunities.
* Benchmark assessments have been created and administered in social studies, mathematics, language arts literacy, business, and science.
* The three high schools will coordinate to raise vegetables at Timber Creek's organic garden.
* Continue support for on-line services relative to the new evaluation system and lesson planning.
* Revise and edit curricula to align to the Common Core State Standards.

Timber Creek and Triton Install Hydroboost Bottle Filling Stations

Timber Creek installed two Halsey Taylor HTBH-HAC Hydroboost bottle filling stations; one in October 2014 and one in February 2015. Triton is set to install one station in April 2015. These water coolers exceed average market energy-efficiency performance by 35%. Students are permitted to refill water bottles to cut down on plastic waste and the District continues to strengthen it's sustainability efforts!

Channel 6 WPVI-TV
Best of the Class

Lexus Myers has been selected as Channel 6 WPVI's Best of Class of 2015 for her academic excellence.

Camden County
Best of the Class Awards

Community Service Award	MacKenzie Carr
Leadership Award	Alana Swinton
Most Improved Student Award	Juliana Picozzi
Best Overall Student Award	Oluseun Dairo
Most Courageous Student Award	Amy Keller
Performing Arts Student Award	Kayla Evangelisto
School Spirit Award	James Pildis

Jazz Band News

The Highland Jazz Band has been selected to perform in the 2015 New Jersey Division III State Jazz Band Championship. The Division III State Championship will be held at Nutley High School on Saturday, April 25, 2015.

The Jazz Band won the Deptford Jazz Festival, beating all other competition, and earning their first "Superior" rating in a regular season show since 2007. The band also won the award for Best Rhythm Section, and senior Katie Jorgensen won the Best Soloist award.

March Spotlight Winners

Grade 9	Dawn Vincent
Grade 10	Kathlyn Fisher
Grade 11	Jason Catrambone
Grade 12	MacKenzie Carr
Staffulty	Michael Davidson

Widener University Leadership Award

Congratulations to Christian Scafidi for being chosen for the Widener University High School Leadership Award. High School Leadership Award winners who chose to enroll at Widener University receive a $20,000 scholarship over four years.

Vice Principal's Choice Awards March

Maxwell Bauer	Grade 9
Gregory Butler	Grade 10
Renae Moken	Grade 11
Dawn Jackson	Grade 12

Highland Choir

On March 28th, Highland Choir joined Chris Pinnella from the Trans-Siberian Orchestra in a concert to benefit American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The incredible musical evening helped raise over $2,000 for Gloucester Township's Relay for Life.

Senior Citizen Social

Highland High School Human Relations Committee hosted its first Senior Citizen Social on March 28th. Local senior citizens were invited to attend an afternoon of free lunch and entertainment. It was a wonderful event enjoyed by all who attend. The Human Relations Committee would like to thank all who attend and look forward to next year's Senior Citizen Social.

Spotlight on

Timber Creek
REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
Home of the Chargers

Educator of the Year!

Congratulations, Mrs. Jen Pavelik, Timber Creek's 2015 Educator of the Year. It is with great pride that we are able to recognize Mrs. Pavelik for this honor. A life time "Creeker ", Mrs. Pavelik is a proud member of the Math Dept. She is very well respected by the entire staff, however it is her love for teaching and her students that will make this day eventful and rewarding. Mrs. Pavelik is involved with so many activities that promote all of the positive qualities of Timber Creek. We are so fortunate to work everyday with a teacher who exhibits so much passion and dedication to her job. She truly deserves this honor.

BASEBALL Spring sports at Timber Creek are off to a great start! The Chargers' baseball team beat Sterling High School in the annual Camden County Tournament at the River Sharks stadium in Camden, NJ. TC will play the winner of Triton vs. Haddon Heights for the title. Recently, Timber Creek was selected as the SJ Sports Digest School of the Week and some of our athletes were asked what it means to them to be a Charger. Check out what they had to say at www.sjsportsdigest.com!

We would like to wish all of the teams good luck as their seasons are getting underway!!

NHS held its Annual Valentine's Day Blood Drive. The Blood Drive was co-sponsored by the Community Blood Council of New Jersey. A total of 58 usable units of blood were collected that day saving 174 lives. The blood collected during the blood drive stays in the state of New Jersey. A special thanks to the Timber Creek community, members of the National Honor Society especially the Executive Officers John Carson, Dan Fithian, Ben Meesupwattana, and Sonthavy Kem to make this blood drive a successful event.

CAREER DAY Timber Creek High School's Career Day was on Friday, March 27, which featured a diverse group of 90 presenters who shared their job descriptions, job-related experiences, education and training with students. The career fair was presented to the Junior Class of 2016.

HONOR SOCIETIES BRING ACADEMIC PRIDE TO TRITON

This year Triton held three individual honor society inductions programs that highlighted student achievement in the subjects of English, History, French, Italian, and Spanish. Thanks to the hard work of Mrs. Erickson and Mrs. Winch, the English Honor Society is a new addition to Triton initiating 75 junior and senior founding members. The World Language societies inducted sixteen new members in a multi language ceremony. The History Honor Society added 46 new members bringing their total membership to 104. Academics are highly valued at Triton and our students are recognized for their hard work and dedication in the classroom.

PROJECT PRIDE

Once again Triton welcomed representatives of Project Pride. This program is brought to Triton by the Student Assistance Coordinator and the School Safety Team. The purpose of the program, sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Corrections, is to bring the message that good people can make bad mistakes altering their lives and the lives of others forever. Four convicted offenders shared their personal stories and their advice on how students should make good decisions and take full advantage of the opportunities made available to them in school.

GIRLS STATE

Triton is honored that the following students were selected to attend this summer's Girls State program. Jessica Klein, Dhruvi Patel, Keya Patel, Isabella Salurso, and Gabrielle Savidge. The alternates are Shabnoor Begum, Brittany DiMatteo, Nicole DiSanti, and Kimberly Wolstenholme.

Girls State is a week long event sponsored by the American Legion. Schools from across the state send a delegation to represent their school. Each young lady is assigned to be a citizen of city where she will help set up mock government and elect mock officials. The ladies will learn about the function of political parties and gain a better understanding of how government is formed.

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HONORS SPOTLIGHT MUSTANGS

APRIL

9th Grade

ALEX HAUER

10th Grade

ALICIA BERKI

11th Grade

ALYSSA MOUNTES

12th Grade

LUCIANO ROCCA

Teacher

JACK FEIGHAN