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Science NECAP for THS Places school in the TOP FIVE for all Rhode Island High Schools.

Results from the October 2007 and May 2008 NECAP testing placed THS among the top 10%- 20 % in Rhode Island High Schools. Current seniors who tested in their junior year in the areas of reading, writing, and math resulted in the high school placing eleventh in the state in combined scores. The same group did even better in their state science testing last spring which placed them fifth among the fifty high schools that were assessed. The overall target scores in math and English language arts en-

abled the high school to meet its annual yearly progress criteria set for by the federal guidelines in the No Child Left Behind Act.

Students were tested during the fall and spring on the New England Common Assessment which is also given to students in New Hampshire and Vermont. The students' positive attitudes during the assessment period were important factors in our successful ranking.

The high school also held informational breakfast rallies dur-

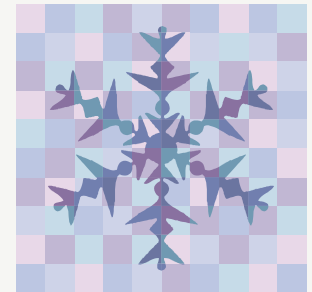
ing the fall and spring to reinforce test strategies, attendance, and the importance of eating breakfast. Math teachers practiced common problems with classes, English teachers reviewed common writing responses, and the Science department was involved state-wide in determining concepts and criteria for their assessments.

We appreciate the efforts of teachers, parents, and guardians to support and motivate our students during this period.

Calendar changes:

Graduation—6/12/09

Awards Night—6/2/09



9th Annual Newport County College Fair

On October 23, the Tiverton High School Guidance Department held its 9th Annual College Fair. Over 100 colleges, universities, and post-secondary institutions were represented at the fair. Students and parents from Tiverton, Portsmouth, Fairhaven, Bristol, Warren, Middletown, and other area communities attended the fair which is open to all

students and parents throughout RI and Massachusetts. Once again, the college representatives were pleased with the students and parents they had the opportunity to meet. The representatives commented that the students were well prepared and asked quality questions. The fair was a tremendous success due in part to the numerous parent

and faculty volunteers as well as the community sponsors. Thank you to all; we look forward to our tenth.



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TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR
CONSIDERATION TO
BE INDUCTED INTO
THE NATIONAL
HONOR SOCIETY, A
STUDENT MUST
MAINTAIN A 3.5
GPA.

HOMEWORK HELP

Tiverton Library Services has implemented Live Homework Help for students in grades K—12.

Students connect with tutors for one-on-one homework help seniors in an Online Classroom

Tutors are certified teachers, university professors, graduate schools students, students at accredited colleges, and professionals who are experts in their fields. All of the Live Homework Help tutors have received a third party background check and have been certified by Tutor.com.

This service is available daily from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Simply go to

www.tivertonlibrary.org and click on "Ask RI.org" icon.

At the top of the "Online Services page is the link

"You've Got Homework?

We've Got Help". Live Homework Help is available from their home PC or Mac with many subjects available. More information is available by calling the director of Tiverton Library Services at 625-6796 ext. 12. or emailing her at

director@tivertonlibrary.org.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION

The National Honor Society, Sakonnet Chapter, held its induction ceremony on November 6th at 7:00 P.M. in the high school auditorium. Students representing the four characteristics were:

Character— Ariel Galipeau

Leadership—Mark Ventura
Service—Elizabeth

McGreavy

Scholarship—Chelsea Benjamin

Inductees were: Tricia Akers, Alycia Barcelou, Joshua Beaupre, Brian Belanger, Chelsea Benjamin, Andrea Bonas, Rachael Bonoan, John Buckley, Jaclyn Carlo, Amy Chaunt, Carlie Crawford, Lisa Dion, Elizabeth Dzialo, Jamie Gagnon, Ariel Gagli-

peau, Nicholas Hoetzel, Lucy Lyman, Alicia McGovern, Kayla McGovern, Elizabeth McGreavy, Daniel Mello, Jr., Lea Michaels, Thomas Olsen, Tayla Petit, Joshua Raposo, Michael Roderick, Jr., Abilyn Silva, Brienne Smith, Jared Sylvia, Patrick Toste, Jacqueline Twiss, Mark Ventura, and Zachary William.

The featured speaker was Mr. Jeffrey Heath, Tiverton Middle School Teacher, who represented Character for the Class of 2002. Mr. Pierce Williamson, former National Honor Society Advisor, led inductees in the pledge.

Seniors qualified for NHS with a cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.5.

They were evaluated on two additional rating scales prior to their induction. These students have worked very hard during their high school years and deserve much recognition for their efforts.



Dress Down Funds Distributed

Monies collected from our Dress Down Fund were distributed throughout the school system to help families during the holiday season.

One family from each elementary school, one family from the middle school and one family from the high

school were given gift certificates to Walmart and Stop and Shop.

Dress Down funds are distributed whenever the school is made aware of a family or child in need. We have disbursed over \$1500.00 to townspeople this school year.

If you know of a family who is in need of some assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Lebeau at Tiverton High School. She can be reached by calling 624-8494 and leaving a message on her voice mail box # 333.

THS Working with New England Institute of Technology

Our Career Ed Department was contacted by the New England Institute of Technology (NEIT) and the Department of Education regarding training and possible additional articulation agreements.

Using teaching modules and tests for the national Center for Construction Education and Research, further students will be eligible to earn future credits with NEIT towards a technical degree in the construction trades while enrolled in the Woods and Construction classes. Students will also be eligible to earn OSHA safety certification as well.

Pending completion of training by Mr. Fernandes and Mr. Phillips, freshmen THS students could begin earning credits as early as September 2009.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 17

Music Concert— 7:00

DECEMBER 24—JANUARY 2

Winter Recess—No School

JANUARY 11, 2009

Harlem Wizards—2:00

JANUARY 19, 2009

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—No School

JANUARY 23, 2009

End of 2nd Quarter

FEBRUARY 6, 2009

Winter Dance—7:00—10:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY 11 & 12

Parent- Teacher Conferences

FEBRUARY 16-20

February Recess—No School

We are looking for parents who are willing to serve on the School Improvement Team. The team will primarily look at issues that deal with school improvement and student performance. Meetings will be held from 2:00—3:00 once a month. Any interested parent may contact Lee Ann McKenney at 624-8494, ext. 340 or Elizabeth Farley at 6246621, ext. 251.

THS Guidance Honors Students at Straight A Breakfast



On November 26, 2008, the Tiverton High School Guidance Department had the opportunity to recognize thirty-four outstanding individuals for achieving straight A's for term one of the 2008-2009 school year. At the breakfast, the students were presented with certificates that noted their accomplishments as well as pens to congratulate them on behalf of the Guidance Department.