



TRITON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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News of the Week

October 9, 2009

Congratulations to Mr. James Galante and the freshmen students in his Engineering Technology class (08-09). One hundred percent (100%) of these freshmen, boys and girls, passed the MCAS for Technology Engineering in the Spring of '09.

The Technology Engineering curriculum involves the knowledge of mathematical and natural sciences gained through studying, experiencing, and practicing ways to utilize materials and devices to increase our efficacy in the world. Students in this class apply the mathematical and scientific principles learned to practical ends such as the design, manufacture, and operation of efficient and economical structures, machines, processes, and systems.

Given this accomplishment, these students **do not need to take the Biology MCAS in their Sophomore year**. The Technology Engineering MCAS test meets the Massachusetts State requirement for graduation.

Principal, Kevin McLaughlin has instituted a new recognition program at THS.

Each month staff is asked to submit nominations to the administrative team: Mr. McLaughlin, Ms.Dawe, Mr. Brennan, and Dr.Lazzaro. They may nominate any student and any staff member.

Students of the Month for September:

Freshman	Claire Cavanaugh
Sophomore	Vanessa Eisen
Junior	Julia Spinella
Senior	Jenna Perrone
Most Improved Student	Chris Fowler

Staff Member of the Month: Brad Smith

Please offer your congrats to the winners.

Each winner received a framed certificate and a small gift. Their pictures will be displayed in the office window.

Triton School Committee Change of Venue: The October 14 School Committee meeting will take place in the cafeteria of the Salisbury Elementary School located at 100 Lafayette Road. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a walk-thru of the building followed by a student presentation. The business portion of the meeting will begin at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The November 4 School Committee meeting will take place in the cafeteria of the Newbury Elementary School located at 63 Hanover Street. The schedule will be the same as above.

The December 9 School Committee meeting will take place in the all-purpose room of the Pine Grove School located at 191 Main Street in Rowley. The schedule will also be the same as above.

PGS art teacher, Jen Dubis, was juried into the 65th Annual Members' Prize Show which was juried this year by Joseph D. Ketner II, Henry and Lois Foster Chair in Contemporary Art at Emerson College. The piece on display will be *Fearless Ignorance* (a.k.a. "the bees" by everyone who knows her work). The show is from Oct.9-29th at the Kathryn Schulz Gallery (right across the street from Mt. Auburn Hospital). The reception is Oct 17 from 12-2PM.

Jen's piece was one of 50 chosen for this exhibition. Following is a link to the complete list of artists: http://www.cambridgeart.org/ex09_mps.html

Mr Allen, THS English teacher, would like everyone to know that the high school newspaper, "The Triton Voice" is on the web! There are a few students in the class, and a few others have begun writing for the Triton Voice outside of school. If THS teachers have students who have shown interest in the news, let them know that they can come to see Mr. Allen to get started. Anyone, freshmen to seniors are welcome to write for the Triton Voice. Web site: <http://my.hsj.org/ma/byfield/triton>

[Ms. Peicott's NES second graders](#) are learning about air. They were amazed to find out that air does take up space. They know that is true because when they fastened a funnel to an empty water bottle, being sure no air could escape, they tried to pour water into the bottle but it couldn't fit! Air was already there! They also found out that air does weigh something. When they hung a deflated balloon and a balloon that was filled up with air from a hanging balanced ruler, they observed that the balloon filled with air hung lower than the one with no air in it! Amazing!

[Ms. William's Second Graders at NES](#) are studying air too! They have been making kites and learning about air's composition, wind, and wind power. They have also been establishing classroom routines, reviewing concepts from grade 1 and pre-assessing. The students are excited for the kick off of our new writing program, 6+1 Traits of Writing with the "Ideas" trait next week.

[Maureen Farley's, TRHS honors Marine Biology students](#) are once again working with the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management to monitor the invasive species, purple loosestrife, in the local salt marsh. Students take measurements, collect data, and report their findings to the scientists working on this Wetlands Restoration Project.

AND: Marine Biology, Environmental Science and Natural Science students went deep sea fishing on Thursday, October 1. It was a beautiful fall day, but the seas were a bit choppy. The fish were biting - a total of 65 were caught, among them haddock, cod, pollock, and cusk!

FYI: Each year, Target Field Trip Grants Programs allow thousands of educators to receive funds to cover field trip-related expenses, such as transportation, ticket fees, resource materials and supplies. In 2009, Target awarded 5,000 grants of up to \$800 each to educators in all 50 states. Learn more at Target.com/fieldtrips.

[TMS Team 7-3](#) is hoping to have an exchange student visit from France! He will be arriving on October 23 and staying with the Shelbourne family. We welcome other visitors from French speaking countries so that we can ask questions about their lives and practice our developing language skills.

Announcement from Donna Andersen, THS Athletic Director: I would like to clarify the policy for admittance to all Triton home games. With your school ID, you will be allowed to enter the games FREE of charge. This FREE pass is for the ID holder and does NOT include a guest. I hope this message both notifies and clarifies our policy.

SES Fifth graders Shawn Russo and Kaylie Babine are going green! These two students have recently begun a bottle and can recycling program at SES. Their initial efforts will be in the fifth grade with hopes to expand school wide. If you see them at SES, please congratulate them on their initiative.

Nancy Sweeney, TMS office clerk, is currently teaching dance lessons to a group of physically and mentally challenged clients that are members of the Horizon Club in Newburyport. She has worked with this group for about 15 years now and they know that she works at Triton. Although it has been challenging for all to do this, Nancy loves it and she will be doing several sessions over a period of six months. This program is funded with the Ryan O'Hara Scholarship. Ms. O'Hara was a local musician and singer who died of cancer and her friends established a scholarship in her name.

Students at SES are enjoying the new Smartboards in the building. Many have had the opportunity to experiment with interactive math websites. The Smartboard software provides many activities and games that coincide nicely with the math curriculum giving students a fun and state of the art way to practice what they have learned.

Mini college fair at THS: The guidance department is hosting mini college fairs every Tuesday throughout the month of October. The first fair was on Tuesday October 6th. The representatives are at Triton from 7:50am -9:00am. Juniors and/or Seniors are invited to visit with the college reps.

List of colleges for 10/6/09:

Connecticut Culinary Institute
Daniel Webster College
Dean College
Eastern Nazarene College
Fitchburg State College
Green Mountain College

Lesley College
Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Newbury College
New England Institute of Art
Quinnipiac University
Regis College
Salve Regina University
Simmons College
University of Bridgeport
Universal Technical Institute
University Maine Farmington
University Massachusetts Boston
University of Southern Maine
University of Vermont
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Wheelock College

List of colleges for 10/13/09:

Bay State College
Becker College
Ben Franklin Institute
Bridgewater State College
Cazenovia College
Chester College of New England
Curry College
Hesser College
Hollins University
Iona College
Johnson & Wales University
Keene State College
Lasell College
LeMoyne College
Marion Court College
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Merrimack College
New Hampshire Institute of Art
Nichols College
Southern New Hampshire University
St. Anselm College
Thomas College
University Massachusetts Amherst
University Massachusetts Dartmouth
University Massachusetts Lowell
University of Hartford
University of New Hampshire
Westfield State College
Worcester State College

**CHECK OUT THE [NEW GUIDANCE WEB PAGE](#) DESIGNED BY DR. LAZZARO–
ALL THE COLLEGE INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW AND ACCESS!**

SES will offer the first of many math parent workshops on October 21st and 28th. The first round of workshops will focus on addition strategies taught and practiced daily in the classroom. Often parents struggle to help their children with math homework because it looks and sounds different than when they were in school. This series of workshops is designed to help parents better support their students at home. The October 21st workshop will be on addition strategies for parents of 2nd and 3rd graders. October 28th will be a workshop on addition strategies for parents of 4th and 5th graders.

THS Library Media Center News: The THS Library Media Center continues to support the academic pulse of the school by seeking grant opportunities. The THS Library has been awarded a \$5,000 LSTA Grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. This grant was written by Andrea Sargent, Library Media Specialist and Dene Turner, Library Media Assistant. This funding, along with an award from the Newbury, Rowley and Salisbury Cultural Councils, and the Newburyport Bank, will update the THS Library collection to include materials on local, state and natural history in accordance with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks to support the ongoing local history museum exhibit course.

Museum Exhibit On Tour – The Local History Exhibit created by Triton High School students Marion Dullea, Kristen Kelleher, Zach Taylor, Jake Martin, Matt Denaro and Molly Lovell has begun its tour of the three towns’ libraries with its debut at the Newbury Town Library. The exhibit is entitled “Triton Then and Now” and includes many details of Triton High School’s history.

Triton High School wishes to express its deepest gratitude to the Triton Ed. Foundation for its donation of a new interactive Smart Board and digital camera for the computer lab. Lessons and presentations are far more dynamic and engaging.

[The TMS Green Thumb Nursery](#) has been enjoying their opening attempts of their new business, Organic Offerings. These are mini garden stands located in both the high school and middle school offices. We have offered fresh packaged herbs (thyme, basil, and dill), potato salad made from freshly harvested potatoes from Vermont, window sill herbs grown in our very own garden out by the athletic fields (from seeds!!!), and gourmet pumpkin seeds---AND there is plenty more to come!

[All SES second grade students](#) just finished (or are in the process of) making kites and flying them! This is part of the new Science curriculum, using some manmade and some natural materials (pine cones, leaves, and sticks) the children were able to make the kite and then fly it to experience the effect of air (or moving air) on the kite!! We can't see air but we can see what it can do!! p.s. The children loved flying the kites!

[A Note from Artie Cole to SES staff:](#) I can't remember when I've had more fun during a visit! Thanks so much to all of you for being who you are---delightful teachers and colleagues. It's so rewarding to interact with educators like those at Salisbury. _All went well on my return trip---except for that crazy city of Boston. Many streets were closed and cyberspace forgot to tell the satellite and Garmin's navigational service. So I went around in circles many times---literally---because of all the round-about's! But I finally figured it out by following airport rental car signs. Arrived home at 9PM (EST). Whew!

I'm hoping we can continue to work together and sincerely hope student dialogs and discussions grow in Salisbury classrooms---so I can videotape, but more important, so that kids will have all that student-to-student dialog offers: engaged and exciting opportunities.

Thanks so much,

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