

TITAN TIDINGS

TINLEY PARK HIGH SCHOOL September 2008-Vol. 2



From the Desk of Principal Dr. Theresa Zielinski...

School is finally in full swing! The halls are filled with students, teachers are busy providing challenging academics and athletic contests have already begun. A building full of bustling people certainly makes the school day fly by! Since the days are quickly passing, please maximize your time with your student and take an active role in his or her education. Dialogue with your student about the events of the day, upcoming activities and ask to see samples of his or her school work. These strategies will not only show your student that you are interested in the educational process but also serve as great relationships builders. We encourage parents to use the "Parent Portal" that is made available via our website to access student grades and attendance rates. This website is available 24 hours a day. The website is just another example of how parents can take an active role in their child's education. I thank you for a great start to the 2008-09 school year, and please note that we are here to assist you in any way possible!

Go Titans!

From the Desk of Associate Principal Mr. Randy Couwenhoven...

Thank you for adhering to our new policies and procedures. Here they are as a reminder:

1. We will continue the practice of requiring a state ID or driver's license from every visitor to be scanned into our Raptorware System. Always enter and leave the building through the Visitor's Entrance at **door W1**.
2. If you know you will be visiting the school to see a teacher, we are asking that you call or e-mail the teacher first in order to set up an appointment. If you are not able to reach the teacher, please call the PPS Office or Main Office.
3. All students that begin their day at **7 a.m.** will only have access to the building through **door S6**, in the back of the building adjacent to the cafeteria, beginning at 6:30 a.m.
4. **The school building will not be open until 6:30 a.m.** If you drive your student to school, please drop him/her off at door S6 **after** 6:30 a.m.
5. If your student is a traveling student and arrives **after 8 a.m.**, he/she must enter the building through the Visitor's Entrance at **door W1**. **W1** will be the only door open after 8 a.m.

Our mail-in registration was a great success this past summer. We will continue to use the **MAIL-IN ONLY** process in the future.

From the Desk of Pupil Service Director Mrs. Cracco...

It's great to be back at school, especially since that school is Tinley Park! Congratulations to the senior class on meeting the State of Illinois PSAE benchmarks in reading and math. The "62 ½ Attack" was successful. Letters will be sent home soon with individual student results, and our Titan Scholars, those who met or exceeded in both math and reading will be recognized. Seniors who did not take the PSAE last spring must take the make-up exam test this October. Letters have been sent home to the seniors who are effected, the PSAE is a state requirement for graduation.

Recently, updates to the **2008-2009 Student/Parent Handbook** were sent home along with signature form. The form needs to be signed by the student and his/her parent or guardian indicating the changes were received. Please review the corrections, sign the form and return it to school as soon as possible. Students know to return signed forms to their third period teachers.

Fall testing will take place on Wednesday, October 8th. Freshmen will take the EXPLORE, sophomores will take the PLAN and juniors will take a practice ACT exam and seniors will take the ASSET test. The results from these tests are another way for you to check your student's academic progress and determine if they are on track for success on the ACT, and ultimately college.

Feel free to call or stop by the office if you have any concerns or questions, we welcome your input. GO TITANS!!

From the Desk of Athletic Director Mr. Mongan...

Mark Your Calendar –

Co-Ed Cross Country Invite	September 27 @Midlothian Meadows
Varsity Volleyball	October 4
Girls' Swim	October 18

A complete and up-to-date fall schedule can be found at highschoolsports.net

The Thunder – A new age group swim team here at Tinley Park H.S. will begin their season on Monday, September 22nd. Early Bird Registration will be on September 8th from 3:30 – 6 p.m. Swimmers ages 6-18 are welcome! For additional information contact Coach Westberg at Ext. 2828 or Coach Witkowski at Ext. 2827.



TITAN INFORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS



IMPORTANT DATES:

SEPTEMBER 20 (SATURDAY)- 9:00AM-1:00PM– Mothers of Multiples Clothing Sale

SEPTEMBER 28 (SUNDAY)- 12:00– Parade for Silver Medal Winner Christine Magnuson– The Titan Band, Poms, Swim Teams and Cheerleaders will march.

OCTOBER 7 (TUESDAY)- 7:00– Board of Education meeting at Tinley Park

OCTOBER 8 (WEDNESDAY)- 4:00– Market Day Pick-Up

OCTOBER 13 (MONDAY)- No School– Columbus Day

OCTOBER 23 (THURSDAY)- Yearbook retakes for freshmen, sophomores and juniors in the Audion.

OCTOBER 27 (MONDAY)- Picture retakes for Seniors in the Audion.

OCTOBER 31 (FRIDAY)- The Interact Halloween Safe-House in the cafeteria.

NOVEMBER 1 (SATURDAY)- Deadline for most college early applications.

NOVEMBER 13 (THURSDAY)- 7:00– Financial Aid night for juniors and seniors in the Audion.

WHAT A HOMECOMING WEEK

Homecoming 2008 is officially over. The busy week was filled with events ranging from movie nights to the spirit assembly. The Titans beat Oak Lawn 9-8 in the rain on Friday night. The week came to a close with the dance on Saturday with nearly 600 students in attendance. The 2008 Homecoming Court consisted of Armand Nailor, Jamie Stec, Jeff Loffredo, Ryan McMahon, Tim Jones, Mike Mehaljevic, Kristen Diddens, Eliza Buffington, Amanda Aguyo, Kristina Bailey, Morgan Adkins and Lisa Vondrak. The Homecoming King and Queen of 2008 were Tim Jones and Kristin Diddens. Congratulations to all on a successful week.

YEARBOOK DELAY

Due to a printing error in the yearbooks, their distribution has be delayed until October 14th. The books are being corrected, but a few students might be featured in non-alphabetical order. We apologize for any inconvenience this might have caused, if you have any questions please call Mr. Uniek at 532-1900 ext. 2804. Thank you for your patience with this process, we do appreciate it.

