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### December

### ~Nurse's Corner~

Smiles Mobile Dentist will be at TSHS on Dec 6th.

Pre-registration is required, may get enrollment form in clinic or register online at

### www.MySchoolDentist

.com. Registration must be completed by Monday, Dec 4 for eligibility.

Continue to practice healthy hygiene during sick season.
- NUTSE MEGAN



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#### Spotlight into the classrooms:

English 8 - Mrs. Jaramillo - Students are reading and studying The Diary of Anne Frank. Along with the reading portion of the unit, they have also researched aspects of the Holocaust and World War II.

Pre-Algebra - Mr. Cassel - Students are working on learning the pythagorean theorem.

Math 8 - Mrs. Flanary - Math 8 we are working on fractions and powers of products and quotients

Science 8 - Dr. Collier - Our class is preparing for our upcoming Science 8 end-of-course test. We have been reviewing the  $6^{th}$ ,  $7^{th}$ , and  $8^{th}$  grade standards and completing our final unit on types of energy, energy transformations, types of waves, and properties of waves.

Creative Writing - Mrs. Jaramillo - Students did a White Elephant style prompt exchange for one of their final projects. The final will be an impromptu topic and genre.

Geometry – We are working on Polygons and Quadrilaterals. Then we will be finishing out the semester with Circles.

Art I - Mrs. Keith -We are studying famous artists and their styles this 9 weeks. We have finished projects on Marc Chagall, Da Vinci, Henri Matisse and are now working on our Picasso project choosing from his Blue Period or Cubist style.

Humanities - Mrs. Kopychenco - We have been studying Native American Heritage month in November. The next culture that the class has elected to explore is Mongolian.

Digital Apps - Mrs. Gillenwater - Students are learning to correctly format business letters in Microsoft Word and are learning to create spreadsheet workbooks in Microsoft Excel. This semester students earned 14 professional industry certifications in Microsoft Office Word and PowerPoint. These certifications are always displayed on the classroom bulletin board until students graduate, and can be added to students' college/employment resumes. Students this month are creating Christmas digital art projects in MS Paint (See the last page for a picture of the winners of the Christmas digital art project.) (Ana L and Natalie G).

Earth Science - Mrs. A. Addington - Earth Science is kicking into high gear, preparing for our SOL test that will be Tuesday, December 12. We have been learning about Oceanography, Meteorology, and Astronomy. After the SOL, we will do some hands-on Astronomy activities, and maybe make some fossils

Word Geography - Mr. Tiller - Students are gearing up for their SOL this month, and are busy reviewing for it.

English 9 - English 10 - English 11 - Mr. Shipley - Students in Honors English 9 & 10 have been working on some PSAT-SAT prep. English 11 students are continuing to work on the verified credit exam.

English 9 - Mrs. Gilmer - We are and will continue analyzing literature and informational texts to strengthen comprehension.

Algebra 1 - Mrs. Castle - Slope, point-slope form, and slope intercept form of a linear equation. We are writing equations of linear lines.

Algebra I - Mrs. Flanary - Algebra I we are working on slope intercept form and graphing.

AFDA - Mrs. Castle - Students are learning how to find the probability of rolling dice, picking a card, marbles. They have been working on graphing points on a coordinate plane.

**English 10** - Mrs. Kopychenco - We have taken our Work Keys writing tests, and we are now reading Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare.

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Class Codes for Guidance Classroom

Class Code 8th grade

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Class Code 9th grade

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Class Code 10th grade

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Class Code 11th grade

63952wd

Class Code 12th grade

Guucwbk

**Dual Enrollment**-if you take a class de this semester or next semester

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### Spotlight into the classrooms:

**Biology** - Mr. Pierson - Students have learned the various processes of genetic engineering and the benefits and potential harm of such technology. They learned how crime scene investigators and scientists could create a DNA profile from evidence left at a crime scene that would lead to the perpetrator's capture. Students learned how to read and construct a pedigree that shows how a trait has been passed down through several generations of a family. And, more recently, they have learned how and why organisms are classified, how fossils form and are dated, and how populations can change over time.

Career Investigation - Mrs. A. Addington - The Career Investigation classes are learning about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Careers. We've had a few guest speakers! Stacey Cookenour is Scott County's Litter Control Officer. He taught the classes about what he does as litter control officer, the importance of not littering, and the consequences if you're caught! Another guest speaker was Jeff Stapleton. He showed the students what he does as a Landscape Architect and had them do a design activity on their own. We also had Susan Greene, MECC Career Navigator, help the students navigate their career interests. She also introduced them to the Dual Enrollment options here at TSHS, and she told them about the AIMS Higher Scholarship Program. Visit: <a href="https://www.mecc.edu/aims/">https://www.mecc.edu/aims/</a> for some more information on the AIMS program! The other career clusters that the students have learned about since last month is Human Services; Information Technology; Law, Public Safety, Security, and Corrections; Manufacturing; and Marketing, Sales, and Service. And we will continue with one more Career Cluster next week, Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics.

Family and Consumer Science Classes - Mrs. S. Addington - FCCLA meets every Monday during lunchtime to plan our monthly activities. For this month's activity, ten FCCLA students went to Biltmore and Grove Inn on an overnight trip. The FCCLA students who went on this trip saw a town that makes most of their money from Tourism, Hospitality, and Recreation. Our FCCLA students plan to use ideas from the trip to help them win in their STAR event at the state level.

**20th Century US History** - Mr. Tiller - were are talking about the key people, events, and circumstances of the Cold War and how it has influenced our present world.

English 12 - Mrs. Gilmer - Students will wrap up British Lit studies of Historical and Cultural Influences on literature from each era. They are presently completing a research/ literary analysis paper on chosen topic.

Art 2 - Mrs. Keith - We are finishing up our timeline in Art History. The Pop and Op art movements of the 1950's and 60's will be our last projects this semester.

Math Analysis - Ms. Meadows - We are working on Rational Expressions and Equations. Then we will be finishing out the semester with Function Operations.

Math Analysis DE- Ms. Meadows - We are finishing up Chapter 3 and then will be closing out the semester with a few sections from Chapter 9.

**Biology 2** - Mr. Pierson - Students have learned the composition and importance of human blood. They learned the various types of human blood, the characteristics of each type, and which blood types are compatible with one another during blood transfusions. Students also learned the genetics of human blood groups and calculated probabilities of inheritance using genetics crosses. Presently, they are learning the structure of the human heart, how blood circulates through the heart, and the heart's electrical conduction system that controls heartbeat and heart rate.

**Chemistry I** - Dr. Collier - We are currently going over the fundamentals of chemical equations, predicting products of chemical reactions, and types of reactions. In the next week, we will begin our final unit on the stoichiometry of chemical reactions.

### Winter Sport Dates: December





### Girls & Boys Basketball

December 4 Patrick Henry Quad 4pm @ PH Quad 4pm December 8 Cloudland @ Cloudland Patrick Henry @ Home December 12 Quad 4pm @ Home December 15 Jenkins Quad 4pm December 16, 18, 19 Big H Tourney Varsity Girls Only @ Cherokee Happy Valley Christmas Tourney December 18 @ Happy Valley, Elizabethton, TN Varsity Boys Only December 22 Lee High @ Home Quad 4pm

@ Jenkins

@ Rye Cove





December 28

January 2

Jenkins Rye Cove

### Scholastic Bowl

Quad 4pm

Quad 4pm

December 4 @ Home Vs. Burton 4pm
December 17 @ Home Vs Rye Cove 5pm
December 11 @ Eastside 5pm
December 14 @ Thomas Walker 5pm



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

### Christmas Dress Up Days



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#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

December 11 - 19 Christmas Dress Up Days
December 14 Winter Sports Pictures
December 20 1pm Dismissal
December 21 - January 4 No School
Winter Break

January 5 2nd Semester Begins



Reminder - Link your Food City Value Card to Twin Springs High School. This has to be done every year.

# Congratulations

Natalie G & Ana L. Winners of the Christmas Art Project in Digital Apps.

