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Weekly Update – August 28, 2026

Good Afternoon THS Families,

What an awesome first two days at Trumbull High School! The excitement was visible in our classrooms and hallways. The collective energy and watching everyone connect was really great to witness.

We hope students are already feeling more comfortable with their schedules, getting to know their teachers and peers, all while finding their way around the building (special shout out to our Link Crew leaders!). Whether returning to THS or joining us for the first time, we want every student to feel welcomed, supported, and connected to our school and the people in it. Our faculty and staff worked hard to prepare for their arrival, and their care and enthusiasm were evident throughout these opening days.

During the first two days, we held grade level assemblies to review important information including school procedures, expectations, and social events that are being planned. We encourage you to speak with your student about the information that was shared. As everyone continues to settle into the new year, please know that our house offices and administrative team are available to answer questions and offer support to students and their families.

Some of our work this year will continue to focus on creating meaningful experiences both in and out of the classroom which provide students with a clear sense of purpose and opportunities to grow. We believe students are most successful when they understand what they are learning, why it matters, and how they can continue to improve.

There will also be many opportunities for students to become involved in the life of our school. Our athletic teams, clubs, arts programs, and other activities allow students to explore and get involved. Our Club Fair will be held on September 9th and 10th, allowing students to learn more about the many organizations available at THS.

For our new families, I will share a weekly update highlighting important information, upcoming events, celebrations, and reminders from around THS. Please take a few moments to review the items below and use the included links for additional details.

Thank you for your continued partnership and trust. These first two days were a terrific beginning, and I am genuinely excited about this school year!

Go Eagles!
Sincerely,

Todd G. Manuel
Principal, Trumbull High School

To see more photos, highlights, and updates from THS, be sure to follow us on social media @trumbullhs on Facebook, Instagram, and X.

Welcome Back



On August 12th, the Welcome Back Letter was sent to all Trumbull High School families. The letter contains important and useful information to help families as we begin the 2026–2027 school year. Please click [here](#) to access the letter. If you have any questions, please contact your student's House Office.

Driving Safely on Campus and Traffic Protocols



Please review the Parent/Guardian Drop Off / Pick Up – traffic pattern images [here](#).

Drop off areas are at the rear of the building using parking lot 4 and football field side **ONLY**, not in the front of the building or A-House side.

End of day pick up will be in the rear of the building **ONLY** in parking lot 4. Students cannot be picked up at dismissal time in the front of the building, and vehicles cannot park in fire lanes in that area/

The safety of our students and staff on our campus is paramount, including the assurance that bus and emergency vehicles can always enter/exit the school property. Please be aware that while on our campus please be sure that your vehicles are mindful of blocking any crosswalks or idle/park in "No Parking" zones.

***Utilizing TPS buses is the most effective way for students to travel to and from school. If you are picking up your child, we encourage families to arrive 5–10 minutes after dismissal, as this can help alleviate congestion and reduce traffic around the school.**

Alternative Transportation Policy



Board of Ed Policy Regarding Bicycles

For those who may be unaware, the board of education **prohibits students from riding "bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, scooters, or unregistered motorized vehicles to school."** That policy can be found [here](#). Thank you for your support with this!

Back-to-School Night



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Trumbull High School welcomes our parents/guardians to our school for Back-to-School Night on Thursday, September 10, 2026, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

If you'd like to come early, THS Principal Todd Manuel will be presenting an introduction to the program in the auditorium starting at 6:10 p.m.

Upcoming Events



Sept. 7	Labor Day – No School
Sept. 9	Senior Post High School Planning - Virtual
Sept. 9-10	Club Fair (held during school hours)
Sept. 10	Back-to-School Night – 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	Senior Sunrise
Sept. 15	Advisory Day – Students dismiss at 12 p.m.
Sept. 16-18	Underclassman Photos
Sept. 17	Senior Class Photo
Sept. 21	No School – Yom Kippur
Sept. 25	Home Football Game vs Norwalk – 7 p.m.
Sept. 28-30	NEASC Decennial Visit

Our Athletic events and schedules can be found [here](#)

Loaner Device and Bring Your Own Device Program



As a reminder, all Trumbull High School students are expected to bring a computing device to school every day. Like a notebook and pen, we are expecting each student to have a computing device with them at all times.

This expectation does not mean that students will be on their device during every class every day. Teachers will be able to plan instruction thoughtfully and intentionally using technology to support student learning and creativity. A student's smartphone is not an acceptable computing device.

For information regarding our Loaner Device Program and our BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Program, please click [here](#).

If you have requested a district Chromebook through our loaner program and have paid your invoice, you will be notified when your student's Chromebook will be available to be picked up in our media center.

Yearbooks 2026-2027



Class of 2027 senior photos were taken during the summer and are ongoing. If you missed your appointment, [please schedule using this link](#), or call Robert Taylor Photography at 203-377-0739.

Underclass photos will be taken at Trumbull High School on September 16, 17, and 18, 2026. More info and a pre-order link are coming soon!

Preorders of 2027 yearbooks are open now at yearbookordercenter.com (order number 14201); grab the Early Bird price before 10/1.

Senior Dedications are also open now [at the same site](#). Due date for Senior Dedications is Nov. 6.

Trumbull Ace Foundation - Fig Tree Fundraiser



Back in 1982, a branch was cut from a fig tree in Richmond, Virginia and planted in Ken and Linda Halaby's backyard here in Trumbull, in memory of Linda's father. That one branch is where every fig tree in this fundraiser comes from. 150+ trees later, growing in 20+ states, and this is the year it wraps up.

Ken said it best: "When we started sharing these trees, I never imagined they'd be growing in backyards across more than 20 states. Linda and I have been blessed to share this tradition with so many wonderful people, and our hope is that this final fundraiser inspires others to continue supporting our schools and our community for years to come."

And this year's crop might be the best one yet. Ken's been out checking on the trees and says it's the most prolific year for figs in 40 years.

Here's why it matters. Every donation goes straight to the ACE Foundation and the Ken Halaby Attitude Is Everything Program, the same funding that keeps clubs like We the People, Geography Club, DECA, E-Sports, Math Teams, Model UN and Mock Trial running for Trumbull kids. You buy a tree, a kid gets to keep doing what they love.

Trees range from 5 feet to 10 feet tall this year. Average donation price is \$250 (tax deductible), though it varies with tree size. Delivery's available for \$35 if you can't pick up. Appointments run August 17-29.

Email Ken directly at kenhalabysr@gmail.com and he'll set up a time for you to come take a look and pick one out.

PTSA Information and Membership

Please mark your calendars: The first PTSA meeting will take place on September 14th at 7 p.m. in the Senior Lounge.

Additional questions? Contact Shelley Alvarado, spatinha76@gmail.com, or Jen Farmer, corbitz2@gmail.com.