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Weekly Update – September 18, 2026

Good Afternoon THS Families,

Tuesday was our first Advisory day of this school year which also means we gave one of my favorite recognitions to 30 well deserving students, the Office of the Dean's List Award. Students are nominated for this award by one of their teachers or administrators for exemplifying one or more of the skills or dispositions outlined in the Trumbull Public Schools Vision of the Graduate. Congratulations to each of these students for a well-deserved recognition. We are so proud of you. As a building we have been placing even more emphasis on these important abilities and personality traits, in fact some of our students created this [video](#)!

It was school picture days this week and I'd like to give a special thank you to our staff and volunteers who dedicated their time to make these days run smoothly. Additional information on picture purchases can be found in the School Picture Day section below.

An important milestone for Trumbull High School is approaching later this month as we welcome a visiting team from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) for our Decennial Accreditation visit. Our faculty and staff have spent the past three years thoughtfully preparing for this visit through curriculum development, instructional collaboration, common formative assessments, instructional rounds, and ongoing school improvement efforts all of which contribute to creating a stronger student experience. We are excited to showcase the incredible work taking place throughout THS, celebrate our school community, and receive valuable feedback that will help guide our continued growth. We look forward to sharing more information as it becomes available.

Overall, our fall programming is now in full swing, offering students so many ways to get involved in our school whether through extracurricular activities, cheering on our athletes at home games or joining us for the Marching Band Fall Classic next Saturday, September 26th. Please consider supporting any or all of these events!

Lastly, in observance of Yom Kippur, there will be no school on Monday, September 21st. I wish all of our THS families a wonderful and relaxing long weekend.

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

**Office of the Dean's
List Award –
September**



On Tuesday, Trumbull High School honored 30 students for the September, Office of the Dean's List. These students were nominated by a staff member for demonstrating one of the skills and dispositions of the Trumbull Public Schools [Vision of a Graduate](#) during the month of September. Each student demonstrated one or more of the following skills and dispositions: Collaboration, Communication, Critical Thinking & Problem Solving, Emotional Intelligence, Growth Mindset, Innovation, Integrity, and Self-Efficacy.



Please join me in congratulating the following students, in alphabetical order:
 Brianna Barboza Uriol, Aman Berhe, Abigail Cain, Emma Carley, Logan Doyle, Hannah Felicione, Harper Fulton, Deron Gayle, Christian Hansen, Sofia Henriquez, Henry Lazowski, Grace Malin, Kylie Manuel, Leighann-Elize Matias, Charlie McCubbin, Quinn Mellinger, Carly Mofenson, Tammy Moore, Bhadra Nair, Mia Philip, Atiya Rogers, Jack Sharkey, Thomas Simon, Taylor Tiani, Ethan Velasco, Edihanne Vilsaint, Jalliah Wiggins, Lilyanna Wong, Brielle Woo, Kylie Yurdin

Please note, not all recipients are pictured.

**October 14, 2026
PSAT Day –
Please Save the Date!**



We are in preparations for our upcoming PSAT administration scheduled for October 14th. The letter for **grades 10 and 11**, with details about the structure of this day, was sent via email blast on September 17th. It can also be viewed [here](#). **Any student who plans on taking the PSAT using their own device is asked to please bring their device, fully charged, to school from October 2nd – October 7th. This will allow for a device check to ensure compatibility with the testing site.**

Grade 9 students will participate in three engaging workshop-style sessions crafted to support a more positive transition to Trumbull High School. Please see the grade 9 letter sent on September 17th [here](#).

Please note that our buses will be ready to transport students' home at the conclusion of testing.

Grade 12 students will receive a separate correspondence outlining their plan for this day in the coming weeks.

**Suicide Prevention
Month**



September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. The [flyer](#) provides information about available resources for those who may need support.

Upcoming Events 	Sept. 19 Football Game vs Crosby – Away – 10 a.m. Sept. 21 No School – Yom Kippur Sept. 25 Football Game vs Norwalk – Home - 7 p.m. Sept. 26 Marching Band Fall Classic show (we are scheduled to perform at 5:15 p.m.) Sept. 28-30 NEASC Decennial Visit Oct. 2 Football Game vs Shelton – Home – 7 p.m. Oct. 9 Harmony Explosion Northeast Festival – THS – 7 p.m. Oct. 12 No School Oct. 14 THS PSAT Day Oct. 16 Football Game vs Danbury – Away – 7 p.m. Oct. 17 Agriscience Fall Festival Oct. 18 Great Pumpkin Classic <i>Our Athletic events and schedules can be found here</i>
Barton L. Weller Scholarship for Class of 2027 	Class of 2027 students have an opportunity to win a \$25,000.00 scholarship for college. Please have your student access the Class of 2027 Google Classroom to gather more information about the Barton L. Weller Scholarship and its requirements. Students may submit a proposal for a project requiring basic study and originality. The students must clearly demonstrate in the proposal that the project is logistically and financially feasible to complete. Each proposal will be judged based on the format, project potential, originality and the care with which its planned implementation has been thought through. Chosen candidates will complete a five-month, original independent research or study project carrying out the proposal submitted. Please access the Barton L. Weller Scholarship application and information by accessing the following link: https://bartonlwellerfoundation.com/foundation/.
School Picture Day 	Grade 9, 10, 11 photos were taken this past week, but the prepay link (code thsu26) will remain open through Sept. 25th! Please note: any student who missed their photo can have one taken on retake day (date TBD). Please visit this document to view all the details. Senior photos are ongoing at Robert Taylor Studios. Studio appointments are still available for those who have not taken a picture or require a retake. Click this link to schedule. We will also be having “Last Chance Seniors” day here at THS on October 26. Signups will be available soon. Questions about your photos? Call the studio at (203) 377-0739. Click here for the Class of 2027 Yearbook Info Guide.
Yearbooks 2026-2027 	2027 Yearbooks are On Sale! Take advantage of our Early Bird Price of \$85 through Sept. 30 by visiting the Yearbook Order Center (use job number 14201). This year the yearbook will feature Creative Minds, the THS art and literary magazine. <i>Families of seniors experiencing financial hardship should contact their school counselor about our need-based yearbook scholarship program.</i> Senior Yearbook Dedications, Sports Booster & Business Ads Parents of graduating seniors can purchase a dedication ad in the 2027 yearbook now! Visit Yearbook Order Center (use job number 14201) to upload photos and design your message. The deadline for dedications is OCTOBER 21. Sports teams can honor their seniors and local businesses can also support our yearbook program with a business advertisement. Visit the same site and upload your design.

Harmony Explosion Northeast Festival



On October 9th, THS will be hosting the Harmony Explosion Northeast festival, an educational clinic and performance exploring the musical style known as “barbershop a cappella.” Students will prepare music under the direction of Samantha Tramack, a world champion at this musical style (her quartet, GQ won the international grand championship for the genre earlier this summer). The day-long workshop will culminate in a concert that is open to the public, beginning at 7pm in the THS auditorium. General admission tickets are \$20 each and available at the door; students attending Trumbull High School are admitted for free with their student ID. We hope you will join us!

Closed Campus During the School Day



This is an important reminder from the Trumbull Public School District Safety Team that all Trumbull Public Schools’ campuses are closed to the public during school hours. Only individuals with official business at one of our schools is allowed on school campuses during the school day. This means that walks through our campus or use of the track/fields are not allowed when school is in session. We appreciate everyone’s understanding and recognition that this expectation increases the safety of our students and staff.

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!

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. **Families who are dropping off their student are asked to please use the identified areas and not park in yellow lined spots. These are reserved for Tumbull High School Faculty and Staff.**

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 buses and emergency vehicles can always enter/exit the school property. Pleaes be aware that while on our campus, vehicles must not block 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.**

PTSA Information and Membership



Please mark your calendars: The next PTSA meeting will take place on November 9th at 7 p.m. in the Senior Lounge. If you are interested in joining the PTSA, please click [here](#).

Welcome Back Breakfast for staff, Friday, September 25th

Let’s welcome back the staff in style and start the school year off on the right foot.

Time: Sign up for a time to help set up, serve or clean-up for the breakfast.

Food donations: We need donations of food that will help supplement the food we are purchasing. Donations of muffins, pastries, and water bottles can be dropped off the night before (September 24th) 7-8 p.m. in the senior lounge.

Food/Volunteer sign up:

<https://pta.ivolunteer.com/th2026fallteacherappreciation...>

Monetary Donations:

<https://trumbullhsptsa.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/404678>

Beginning Sept 8, afterschool snacks are sold in the Commons Mon-Thurs as a PTSA fundraiser. ALL funds go to the PTSA so they can provide a great post-prom party, offer scholarships, provide mini-grants to teachers and clubs, and to show appreciation to our teachers! It really is the shortest and easiest volunteer assignment. Please click the link below and sign up if you can be at the school between 2-2:50 on any given Mon, Tues, Wed or Thurs. Thank you!

[Trumbull PTA Volunteers - THS Afterschool Snacks 26/27](#)

Additional questions? Contact Shelley Alvarado at thsptsa1234@gmail.com