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Weekly Update – October 2, 2026

Good Afternoon THS Families,

This week was an incredibly exciting and meaningful one as we welcomed seven members of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) to Trumbull High School for our Decennial Accreditation visit. Over three days, the visiting team observed 102 classes, spoke with students and faculty, and participated in a variety of student showcases and activities. I can honestly say that I have never been prouder to be part of this amazing school community!

The initial feedback was incredibly positive. Team members shared that they saw great learning happening in our classrooms, students who were highly engaged, and exceptional teachers helping students demonstrate their understanding. The visiting group also acknowledged our work on embedding the skills and dispositions of TPS's Vision of the Graduate in each aspect of daily student life. Our Student Showcase was a definite highlight of the visit and one of the coolest experiences I have been part of as an educator!

To the students who gave tours, shared their experiences, or participated in our showcases, thank you! You represented Trumbull High with such pride and enthusiasm. You truly showed our visitors what it means to be a Trumbull Eagle. Thank you also to our entire faculty and staff, especially our Steering Committee, priority area teams, and everyone who helped organize the visit and prepare our students. We look forward to receiving the team's formal feedback and using it to help us continue to grow and improve.

Today is also National Custodial Appreciation Day! A huge thank you to our Head Custodian, Mr. Craig Shairer and our entire custodial team for everything they do each and every day to keep our school and grounds welcoming, and as clean as possible. There are so many things that happen here each day (and night) and we are grateful for their efforts.

Tonight, will be a special evening at our second home football game of the season. Our Trumbull Eagles will face Shelton High School at 7 p.m. at McDougall Stadium. During halftime, we will be [“Kickin’ It for Chelsea”](#), a fundraising event honoring Chelsea Cunha ‘21, a Trumbull High graduate and athlete who passed away unexpectedly in 2022. Each fall varsity team will send an athlete to compete in a field goal kicking contest, with proceeds benefiting the Chelsea Cunha Scholarship Fund. Several of our sports teams will also host individual nights throughout the month to show support of this important and meaningful recognition scholarship. Please consider attending in support of our teams.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful 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

Upcoming Events



Oct. 2	Football Game vs Shelton – Home – 7 p.m.
Oct. 7	Multilingual Learners Parent Information night – LH Admin Building – 6pm
Oct. 9	Harmony Explosion Northeast Festival – THS – 7 p.m.
Oct. 12	No School
Oct. 14	THS PSAT Day – Students Dismiss at 11 a.m.
Oct. 16	Football Game vs Danbury – Away – 7 p.m.
Oct. 17	Agriscience Fall Festival
Oct. 18	Great Pumpkin Classic
Oct. 19-23	THS Spirit Week
Oct. 21	Advisory Day – Students Dismiss at 12 p.m.
Oct. 21	Grade 8 Open House
Oct. 23	Football Game vs Ridgefield – Home – 7 p.m.
Nov. 2	Junior Harvest Ball (Cotillion) – The Waterview, Monroe

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

Multilingual Learners Parent Information Night



We will be holding our **ML Parent Information Night** next **Wednesday, October 7th**, at the **Long Hill Administration Building (Board of Education) in the Assembly Room**. Additional information can be found [here](#).

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.

The Great Pumpkin Classic! Our 36th Year!



The 36th annual Great Pumpkin Classic is Sunday October 18th. It features a kids fun run, health walk and 5k. This race supports The Trumbull High School Scholarship Foundation. This event is a fun community spirited way to raise scholarship funds for our seniors. If you would like to help with this event, we would love to have you. Please use the QR code or visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/CT/TRUMBULL/GreatPumpkinClassic> to register for Great Pumpkin Classic or sign up to volunteer. The Trumbull High School Scholarship Foundation is seeking new members. If you are interested in joining the Foundation, please contact Cathy Lobdell at clobdell@trumbullps.org

THS Goes PINK!



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the **Trumbull Public Schools are taking 'The Pink Pledge'** to support the Norma Pfriem Breast Center. 100% of proceeds go directly to their patients. THS has a fundraising goal of \$1,000 goal! To donate online, please use THS's fundraising link: [Trumbull High School is fundraising for Bridgeport Hospital Foundation Inc](#)

On **Friday, October 23rd**, THS will GO **PINK** in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month! Students and staff are encouraged to wear pink throughout the school day and at the football game that evening and bring a \$1 donation in an envelope to their house office marked 'Pink Pledge.'

Want to show your THS spirit while supporting the cause? THS Pink merchandise is now available for purchase in the School Store.

**Class of 2028 Harvest Ball (Junior Cotillion)
Date is approaching!**

Please read this important information.



The Class of 2028 Harvest Ball (Junior Cotillion) will be held on **Monday, November 2nd, from 7:00–10:30 p.m. at The Waterview in Monroe.** Although the event falls on a Monday, please note that **students do not have school the following day** (Professional Development Day for staff).

1. **All juniors planning to attend must PRE-REGISTER by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7th,** in order to be eligible to purchase a ticket for the Junior Cotillion. Only students who pre-register will be able to purchase a ticket during the ticket sales window. The pre-registration form will serve as the permission slip for juniors to attend the event and is available through the Class of 2028 Google Classroom. Students must be logged into their trumbullps.net account to access the form. Students may also use this form to pre-register a non-junior date.
2. For non-junior guests - There is a maximum of 600 tickets available, per the rules of our contract with the venue. **If space is available** (Priority for tickets is given to the Class of 2028 first since this is an event for the juniors), non-junior guests that are currently enrolled students at THS (in the Class of 2030, 2029, or 2027) will receive an email in the trumbullps.net account with a link to complete the guest pre-registration form. Completion of this form is required for the student to have access to purchase their ticket during the ticket sales window.
3. **Tickets are \$80 per person** and will be available for purchase through the Infinite Campus Store on the IC Portal. Junior ticket sales will take place from **October 9th – 21st.** Tickets for non-junior dates will be available for purchase from **October 23rd – 27th.** Only students who have completed the pre-registration form will be eligible to purchase a ticket.

Table sign-ups will occur AFTER October 27th. More details regarding that process will be posted in the Class of 2028 Google Classroom after ticket sales have closed.

**Attention Seniors!
Cap and Gown Orders**



Online orders have begun for graduation cap and gowns on the Infinite Campus School Store page.

All students participating in graduation are required to wear:

- **The recycled material black gown with gold THS tab and a black cap**
- **Black and gold dated tassel**

The price for the **complete** package is **\$55** if order is received before January 31, 2027. A complete package includes: the *recycled material black cap and black gown with THS tab and a black and gold dated tassel*. Cap and tassel only orders are \$40. Orders will not be accepted after January 31, 2027.

Place your order online through the Infinite Campus School Store page. Payments can be made with an e-check or credit card.

In the event that a student does not fulfill the requirements for graduation as per Board policy and/or is removed from the graduation ceremony by the Administration/Central Office, NO refunds will be granted. Only students who have met all necessary graduation requirements will be allowed to participate in the ceremony.

School Picture Day



Grade 9, 10, 11 photos were taken and the prepay period has ended. Photo packages and ID cards will be distributed when they arrive. Any student who missed their photo, or would like a retake, 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 can be booked here: [Senior Portraits at Robert Taylor Studios](#). We will also be having “Last Chance Seniors” day here at THS on **October 26**. There are two choices: [multiple poses including cap & gown \(\\$35 sitting fee\)](#) or [single pose \(\\$10 sitting fee\)](#). Each of these links takes you to different tabs on the signup page. Pictures will be happening from 8:00am-1:30pm in the auditorium. 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! Visit the [Yearbook Order Center](#) (use job number 14201) to reserve your copy of history. This year the yearbook will feature Creative Minds, the THS art and literary magazine. *Families of seniors experiencing financial hardship should contact their school counselor about our need-based yearbook scholarship program.*

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.

Please Read: 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 Trumbull 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. Please 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](#).

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 Shelly Alvarado at thspts1234@gmail.com

