

## **You Will Make a Difference**

Studies have shown that help and encouragement from a caring, trusted adult can be a prime factor in determining whether a student will pursue postsecondary education. As an ASPIRE mentor, you will fill a unique role in the life of a student; an adult who is there solely to help guide and assist them in pursuing education beyond high school whether that be training, apprenticeship, vocational school or college.

### **Triangle Lake Charter School is in need of volunteer mentors for our ASPIRE program.**

Training is simple and easy, time commitment is extremely flexible, and the experience is rewarding for both you and our students. We will be providing several short training opportunities, please come and see what the program is all about and apply to become a mentor. Call Lisa Wagner at (541) 925-3262 ext. 126 with questions. We can't wait to see you here!

Our goal is to help students research colleges and careers, how to apply to a school, how to compose scholarship essays, and how to focus on a goal. The work you do **is** significant and you **will** make a difference. Here at TLCS **We Care!**

See the Volunteer Section of the ASPIRE website for tips and resource materials.

[www.OregonStudentAid.gov](http://www.OregonStudentAid.gov) .

## TLCS NOVEMBER 2014 NEWS

**November at TLCS** means that the 'start of school' is officially behind us. Trimester I concludes as do fall sports. Winter sports and Robotics get underway and a new Board Game Club is being introduced for high school students. Though it is a lengthy read, there is information below on a variety of topics may be found helpful.

**Days to note** this month include:

Monday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Photo retakes and Fall Sports Pics
Monday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Middle School Girls Basketball practice, 3:30
Monday, November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parenting Support Discussion, TLCS Library, 7 pm
Tuesday, November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Veteran's Day, NO SCHOOL
Friday, November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Students are in school
Monday/Tuesday, November 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>	Final Exams--Middle and High School End of Trimester I (see below)
Wednesday, November 26 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher work Day, No school
Thursday November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Day, No school
Friday, November 28 <sup>th</sup>	Vacation day, No school
Tuesday, December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Concert, 7 pm, TLCS Gym

**NOTE:** This does mean that there will be school on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> and only a two day school week the last week of November.

**Parenting Support Discussion:** Hollie Schultze and Anni Thiessen will be hosting a Parent Night on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the TLCS Library. The topic of discussion will be Your Parenting Toolkit. Parents are asked to consider what topics would build confidence in their own parenting skills. This will not be informational, but the beginning of a conversation aimed at building confident parents and healthy, interactive family skills.

**End of Trimester I:** Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> is the last day of Trimester I. Middle and High School students will have final exams on **Monday and Tuesday** of that week. Please encourage your students to finish strong—complete classwork and turn it in, look at Home Access Center (HAC) to get information on assignments, study for final exams and get plenty of rest. For high school students it is especially important to consider what grade they want on their high school transcript as this document follows them throughout high school and is looked at by colleges.

**Board Game Club:** High schoolers have a new club opportunity. Mr. Sisko has organized a Board Game Club which meets every other week in his classroom on Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30. They have conducted elections for club officers.

**Chromebooks:** High school students have been issued Chromebooks—web based laptops—for use at school.

**Weather Closures:** With winter weather on the way, unexpected school closures become a possibility. When TLCS has an unplanned closure we notify parents in these ways: 1) News stations—both television and radio—publicize school closures on the air and on their websites. 2) The district website, [www.blachly.k12.or.us](http://www.blachly.k12.or.us)--'Parent' tab--will have notice of any closure.

**Staying After School:** TLCS provides no after school programs for students. Yes, there are athletics practices and some coaches chose to manage team study times; Robotics Team also conducts business after school. However, any student staying after the final bell (3:25 p.m.) must have prearranged with a staff member to supervise them.

**Illness:** Though we strongly advocate for consistent student attendance, we recognize that illness is easily spread at school. If your child is running a fever, vomiting, or has other severe symptoms of illness, please notify the office and keep him/her home to recuperate. Preventing the spread of germs can help all of our children remain well. Please utilize the recommendations below when someone in your household is ill:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or cough/sneeze into your elbow (affectionately known as the "vampire cough").
- Wash your hands often.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Stay home if you are sick (see symptoms above).
- While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible.

**Immunizations:** The annual state-wide immunization review occurs in January, when any student whose immunizations are not up to date are exempted from school attendance. *Please review your student's immunizations*, checking with your health care practitioner as needed, to be sure your child is up to date. Kindergarten and seventh grade are times when boosters and new immunizations may be required/recommended.

**Head Lice** is another communicable problem we may experience at school. If your student is scratching his/her scalp, if you notice small bugs moving on the scalp or small white bumps on the base of the hair shaft (nits—louse eggs), please contact the school office or your health care practitioner for input on managing the infestation. TLCS is a lice/nit free school; parents will be contacted to pick up any student with lice or nits.

**Winter Sports Practices:** High school basketball and wrestling practices start November 17<sup>th</sup>. Times TBA.

**Middle school girls** begin basketball practice November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

**Winter Sports Awards:** Information will be published after all playoff activity is complete.

**Athletic Eligibility Process:** Beginning last school year TLCS moved from a weekly eligibility check to a monthly eligibility check for middle and high school athletes. Under this system, students who have an "F" or two or more "D"s are placed on academic probation. During that probationary time, in an attempt to support their academic needs, students are required to attend 90 minutes per week of a "study table". This can be done before school, during lunch break, or after school - in segments of 30 minutes or continuous. A staff member signs off on attendance and the form is turned in to the AD weekly. Students are allowed to participate in athletics during probation. At the next monthly check, students who have brought those low grades up, are off probation and fully eligible to play. Students who continue to earn unsatisfactory grades are ineligible to play for the month and need to continue the study table support. Our hope is that all students will be eligible and more importantly succeeding in their courses. For reporting purposes, no news is good news. If a student is placed on academic probation for athletics, a notice will be sent home.