



COUNSELING DEPARTMENT



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MARCH CALENDAR

- Mar. 8–11 CSAP Testing (Grades 9 & 10)
- Mar. 11 Practice ACT (Juniors)
- Mar. 11 3rd Quarter Ends
- Mar. 12 Teacher Workday (No School)
- Mar. 13 National SAT

APRIL CALENDAR

- Apr. 10 ACT National Test Date
- Apr. 28 Colorado ACT (No school for 9th , 10th and 12th grade)

MAY CALENDAR

- May 1 National SAT
- May 12 Make Up Colorado ACT
- May 20 Senior Awards
- May 21 Baccalaureate
- May 21 Last day of school
- May 23 Graduation

INFINITE CAMPUS- PARENT PORTAL

TVHS is able to provide you the opportunity to view your student’s academic information via the web. Student’s attendance, grades, homework assignments can be accessed. *Parent Portal* can facilitate communication with parents in an attempt to make the parent an ongoing participant in their child’s academic process. You will need your unique Person GUID, which serves as the activation key when you first go to the Parent Portal website. Please contact Shelly Robitaille at robitailles@thompson.k12.co.us or 613-7917 for more information on how to register.

TO REGISTER FOR PARENT PORTAL:

<https://campus.thompson.k12.co.us/campus/portal/thompson.jsp>

ADVANCE PLACEMENT TEST SCHEDULE

- May 3 United States Govt. & Politics (AM)
 Comparative Govt. & Politics (PM)
- May 4 Statistics (PM)
- May 5 Calculus AB (AM)
 Calculus BC (AM)
- May 6 English Lit and Composition (AM)
- May 7 United States History (AM)
 Studio Art (PM)
- May 10 Biology (AM)
 Music Theory (AM)
 Physics B (PM)
- May 11 Chemistry (AM)
 Psychology (PM)
- May 12 English Language and Composition (AM)
- May 13 Macroeconomics (AM)
 Microeconomics (PM)
- May 14 Human Geography (AM)

Please contact Bernadine Knittel, AP Coordinator with questions and/or concerns at 613-7910. Students with schedule conflicts must see Mrs. Knittel immediately in order to schedule an alternative test. In order to schedule an alternative test, a fee of \$40 will be assessed in addition to the exam fee of \$86 per test.

SEARCHING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Seniors should be checking www.tvhseagles.org **OFTEN**. New scholarships are added to this website **WEEKLY**. Once logged in to our website, click on Counseling / Academics then scroll down until you see the link for our Scholarship Bulletin. There are many local, national, and college specific scholarships available to TVHS students listed on the Scholarship Bulletin. There are even some scholarships available for students in 9th-11th grade.

Go to www.tuitionfundingsources.com . This enormous scholarship search engine is full of scholarship opportunities for TVHS students. This site is hosted and updated by Pepsi-Cola and is free of pop ups and advertisements. This website is free for TVHS students because of the partnership TVHS has with Pepsi-Cola.

Search for scholarship on your own. Many major companies / corporations offer scholarship opportunities on their websites, such as Target, Microsoft, Walmart, Kohls, etc. Often times, your place of employment will offer scholarships for employees or children of employees. Check with your manager or HR department for more info.

- Avoid scholarship scams. Don't hesitate to ask your school counselor if a scholarship opportunity is legitimate. Please be wary of scholarship opportunities, letters and advertisements that include any of the following:
 - Processing Fees - No scholarship should ask you to pay ANYTHING. For example: A \$500 scholarship requires a \$1 processing fee. If 10,000 students apply for this scholarship, then this questionable company just made \$9,500.
 - Rewards without Entries - If you receive notification of an award that you never applied for... that should raise a red flag.
 - Guaranteed Scholarships - There is never any guarantee. Guaranteed scholarships never materialize.
 - Free Seminar - This on the spot scam lures parents and students by sending letters that ask you to attend a seminar in which the organization will present attractive materials that guarantee students will qualify for a scholarship.

PROSPECTIVE COLLEGE ATHLETES

For your future planning, please be aware of the current guidelines for college freshmen that wish to participate in NCAA sports. All juniors interested in playing collegiate athletics at the Division I or II level must register the NCAA Clearinghouse after their junior year is complete. Check with your counselor or go to www.eligibilitycenter.org

FRONT RANGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Sophomores and juniors will soon be notified if they've been accepted into the FRCC High School Program. Once selected, students will meet with their counselor to adjust their schedule to coincide with their Front Range schedule. Students will have the option of enrolling in the FRCC HS Program for dual credit, which means they would receive both high school and college credit for the classes they take at FRCC. Additionally, the Thompson School District will grant .5 credit (HS) of science and .5 credit (HS) of English for students enrolled in Animal Technology, Medical Careers Exploration and Wildlife Forestry and Natural Resources. Bus transportation is provided to and from TVHS for all students participating in the FRCC HS Programs. Buses will depart at 7:05am for the AM sessions at FRCC and return to TVHS at 10:52am. Buses will depart at 11:25am for the PM sessions at FRCC and return to TVHS at 3:15pm. Please contact your student's counselor if you have any questions.

USEFUL WEBSITES

- www.tuitionfundingsources.com
- www.fastweb.com
- www.meritaid.com
- www.collegeincolorado.org
- www.finaid.org
- www.fafsa.ed.gov
- www.eligibilitycenter.org
- www.collegeinvest.org
- www.act.org
- www.collegeboard.com
- www.number2.com
- www.wue.wiche.edu/
- www.studentaid.ed.gov
- www.students.gov
- www.boettcherscholarships.org
- www.danielsfund.org
- www.commonapp.org