

November 3, 2017

TO: ALL Parents and Students at *Tooele High School*, 2017-2018

FROM: Jeffrey D. Hamm, Principal, *Tooele High School*

Dear Parents and Students:

First quarter has come and gone! It's been a busy year thus far, to say the least!! Your student's final grades for first quarter will be mailed home next **Monday, November 6** attached to a hard copy of this letter. Please review this report card with your student--including accessing the fuller, more detailed report on the *SIS (Aspire)* grading system--and then contact your child's teacher(s) if you have any additional questions or concerns regarding their grades. We would also ask you to review your student's attendance periodically--and consistently--with them so that there are not any surprises at the end of each quarter (or year) with "U's" and/or any other truancy issues.

We would like to share a couple other items of information from *THS*, as follows . . .

- ✚ BEST Effort, Perseverance, and Fostering Resiliency: Parents--we need your help! One of the things we have been emphasizing with your students at our school this year is giving their BEST effort in everything they do here, which applies not only to athletic and extracurricular activities, but also to their attention to detail in the classroom and with their academic goals. We would ask ALL parents to encourage their students at home to do their best, for example, on the **District Benchmark Assessments**, which were recently administered at our school, and to persevere through seemingly difficult challenges, to problem solve, and to come up with alternative solutions. We call this "fostering resiliency" and we believe it is how we can effect positive change at *THS*--not only in the moment--but for future generations.
- ✚ "U's Are Now "UA's:" You may notice a minor change on your student's report card beginning with this 1st-quarter, 2017. Specifically, "U's" will now be encoded as "UA's" to indicate "Unsatisfactory Attendance," which references 3 or more unexcused absences and/or 5 or more tardies in any given class during the quarter, per the *Tooele County School District's* Citizenship Policy. While the coding has changed, however, the makeup for the "UA's" remains the same--2 hours of service per "UA"--as outlined in our Student Handbook.
- ✚ Sterling Scholars: Congratulations to ALL our Sterling Scholar winners this year--
 - Ryan Callister, Vocal Performance
 - Owen Ferguson, Social Science
 - Scott Howsden, Mathematics
 - Karina Kenison, Family and Consumer Science
 - Katharine Krippner, Dance
 - Collin McEachern, Science
 - Hunter Nelson, World Languages
 - Cassandra Palmer, Business and Marketing
 - Mariana Sablan, Theatre Arts and Debate
 - Elijah Shovan, Visual Arts
 - Reagan Thomas, Instrumental Music
 - Samuel Thompson, English
 - Judd Tolbert, Skilled and Technical Science
 - London Walker, Computer Technology

✚ We also had four Academic All-Staters in Fall Sports this year, as follows:

- Spencer Fairbanks, Cross-Country
- Karina Kenison, Cross-Country
- Mariana Sablan, Girls Tennis
- Madelyn Tate, Soccer

Congratulations to ALL and thank you for representing *Tooele High School* with GREAT Buffalo Pride!

*Looking Ahead to NOVEMBER . . .

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| ▪ Daylight Savings Time ENDS: | Sunday, November 5 |
| ▪ Report Cards GO HOME via Snail Mail: | Monday, November 6 |
| ▪ Freedom Week: | Monday-Friday, November 6-10 |
| ▪ Election Day: | Tuesday, November 7 |
| ▪ 7 Brides for 7 Brothers: | Thursday, November 9-Monday November 20 |
| ▪ Freedom Assembly (Dual Schedule): | Friday, November 10 |
| ▪ Veteran's Day: | Saturday, November 11 |
| ▪ Community Council (@ 5:00 p.m.): | Wednesday, November 15 |
| ▪ Parent-Teacher Conferences (4:00-7:00 p.m.): | Monday, November 20 |
| ▪ Early Release (@ 11:30 a.m.): | Wednesday, November 22 |
| ▪ Happy Thanksgiving! | Thursday, November 23 |
| ▪ FALL Recess (NO School): | Thursday-Friday, November 23-24 |
| ▪ Fall Dance Concert (@ 7:00 p.m.): | Thursday, November 30 |

As always, we would like to thank you for your ongoing patience, understanding, and support as we have gotten everything up and running this year and, hopefully, gotten everyone working together on behalf of ALL our students. Again, we appreciate the opportunity we have to work with you on behalf of your students each and every day. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns; I can be reached at the enclosed (email) address and/or telephone number(s) during school hours at your convenience. Thanks again for your interest in and continued support of *Tooele High School*--we look forward to continue working with you!

Sincerely,

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