

January 19, 2018

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

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

Dear Parents and Students:

Second quarter--and the entire first semester--has already come and gone! It's been a busy year thus far (as always!)? Your student's final grades for second quarter will be mailed home next **Monday, January 22** 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.

ACT Day? The Junior class will take the *ACT* on **Tuesday, February 27, 2018**, as scheduled. Only 11th-Grade students will be on campus that day. But new this year is the State requirement that our remaining students (Grades 9-10-12) will be asked to participate in a College and Career Exploration Day off-campus. In order to receive credit for being at school on that day, they will need to turn in a form--signed by their parents--indicating that they have participated in one of the following suggested activities:

- *On-site visit to a college. *Job shadow with a business.
- *Work on college application(s). *Work on scholarship application(s).
- *Virtual college tour. *Fill out job application(s).
- *Career exploration or career interest inventory (*Utah Futures*).
- *Other student college and career exploration activities.

More information--including the required form--will be forthcoming as it is made available; but just wanted to give everyone advanced notice.

We Need Your Help! As you may or may not know, *Tooele High School* received a letter grade of "D" on their report card from the State this past year. One of the contributing factors to this grade was that our number of opt-out letters for *SAGE* testing nearly quadrupled last year--from less than 30 to over 140--and this was only in our Freshman and Sophomore classes!

That's why we are asking for everyone's help this year to get ALL our students tested. The truth is that some of our best and brightest students consciously opted-out of the SAGE test(s) last year for a lot of different reasons--and while we recognize that everyone has the right to do so--we are hopeful that we can get everyone to the testing table this year to showcase our academia. We are so much better than a "D" school! Any support we can get from home will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Finally, please reference the attached dates of importance to keep up with what's going on with upcoming events at our school, as follows

~Dates of Importance: **JANUARY 2018~**

- ✚ Sophomore CCRs (*in Groups*): **January 2018**
- ✚ 3rd-Term BEGINS: **Tuesday, January 16**
- ✚ Final Grades DUE Posted: **Friday, January 19**
- ✚ Report Cards Go Home (*via Snail Mail*): **Monday January 22**
- ✚ Spirit Week: **Monday-Friday,
January 22-26**
 - Mr. Tooele Pageant: **Tuesday, January 23**
 - Dodge Ball: **Thursday, January 25**
 - Pep Assembly (P.M.): **Friday, January 26**
 - Spirit Stomp:
- ✚ HOPE Week: **Monday, January 29-
Friday, February 2**

*Looking Ahead to **FEBRUARY** . . .

- 4-A Divisional Wrestling Tournament in St. George: **Friday, February 2**
- State Drill Team @ UVU: **Friday-Saturday, February 2-3**
- Parent-Teacher Conferences #3 (4:00-7:00 p.m.): **Wednesday, February 7**
- 4-A State Swimming Championships @ BYU: **Friday-Saturday, February 9-10**
- 4-A State Wrestling Tournament @ UVU:
- Makeup Monday #5 (3:00-4:00 p.m.): **Monday, February 12**
- Instrumental Solo & Ensemble @ THS: **Tuesday, February 13**
- Happy Valentine's Day! **Wednesday, February 14**
- Vocal Solo & Ensemble @ THS: **Thursday, February 15**
- College Day for Juniors (P.M.):
- Region Health Fair:
- Mid-Terms Go Home (*via email only*): **Friday February 16**
- Girls Day Dance: **Saturday, February 17**
- President's Day (*No School*): **Monday, February 19**
- ACT for ALL Juniors **Tuesday, February 27**
(*NO School for Grades 9-10-12*)

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.

Thank you for your interest in and continued support of *Tooele High School*--we look forward to continue working with you!

Sincerely,

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