

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. We are so much better than a "D" school! Any support we can get from home will be greatly appreciated.

Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey: *Tooele High School* and *Tooele County School District* are committed to improving our services and making school environments the best possible for students, staff, and stakeholders. To this end, we have been surveying parents and students since **November 2017** to gather meaningful feedback on various aspects of school climate, as well as teacher and administrator performance. We value our family partnerships and appreciate your willingness to complete this short (2:00-3:00" minute) survey to let us know how we are doing. Your responses will help guide and inform ongoing improvement planning focused on student learning and school effectiveness. Please use the link below to access the Stakeholder Survey webpage.

<http://bit.ly/2ztmbZ8>

Thanks to all those who have taken the survey thus far. Hopefully, everyone can help us out--the more feedback we get from parents, the more it can help us serve you--and your student(s)--better.

Yet another busy year is rapidly slipping away!! As our Winter sports programs wind down, we wish to congratulate ALL our athletes, coaches, musicians, and teachers on yet another productive and rewarding year. To this end, we had several post-season honors bestowed upon our student-athletes, as follows:

Academic All-State for Winter Sports:

- Dawson Banks (Basketball)
- Mitchell Bunn (Basketball)
- Kelsey Stephens (Drill Team)

Swimming State Championships:

- Collin McEachern (5th-Place, 100 Breaststroke)
- Hunter Sherwood (6th-Place, 100 Backstroke)

Wrestling State Championships:

- Carter Grgich (6th-Place, 170 Pounds)

Best of luck to ALL our students and staff involved with each of our extracurricular programs as they compete in the remainder of their respective post-season competitions and tournaments!!

In addition to athletics, we also had eight of our Sterling Scholars advance to the Semi-Final Round of State Competition, as follows:

- ❖ Owen Ferguson
- ❖ Karina Kenison
- ❖ Katharine Krippner

- ❖ Collin McEachern
- ❖ Cassie Palmer
- ❖ Mariana Sablan
- ❖ Sam Thompson
- ❖ Judd Tolbert

Moreover, we had two Art Award Winners at their respective State Competition, as follows:

- **David Blanchard** was the 2nd-Congressional District Award Winner from Representative Christ Stewart's office, and will have his award-winning submission on display at the Utah State Capitol for the next year.
- **Eli Shovan** earned a Juror's Honorable Mention Award for his Photography submission at the State Show.

Finally, we wish to congratulate and recognize our honorees from Tooele High School at this year's *Tooele County School Board Meeting on March 13*, as follows:

- ✓ Leah Lorton: Teacher of the Year
- ✓ Emily Spendlove: Classified Employee of the Year
- ✓ Stacy Smart: Volunteer Honoree
- ✓ Paden Jolley: Student Honoree

To this end, you may also have noticed our recently installed student and staff recognition boards now hanging in our foyer. Specifically these boards recognize one staff member and one outstanding student from each department each month, beginning in January 2018. Please stop by and check them out as you visit our school in the weeks ahead and congratulate our Honorees.

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: **FEBRUARY 2018~**

- ✚ Mid-Terms Go Home (*via email only*): **Friday February 16**
- ✚ Girls Day Dance: **Saturday, February 17**
- ✚ President's Day (*No School*): **Monday, February 19**
- ✚ DECA State: **Thursday-Friday, February 22-23**
- ✚ *Shrek the Musical*: **Monday, February 26-Monday, March 5**
- ✚ ACT for ALL Juniors **Tuesday, February 27**
(*No School for Grades 9-10-12*)

*Looking Ahead to **MARCH** . . .

- o Junior CCR's: **March 2018**
- o "Meet the Herd" Night (6:00-8:00 p.m.): **Thursday, March 1**
- o FBLA State: **Monday-Thursday, March 5-8**
- o Corridor Days (*9th-Grade only*): **Thursday, March 8**

- o Daylight Savings Time BEGINS: **Sunday, March 11**
- o Makeup Monday #6 (3:00-4:00 p.m.): **Monday, March 12**
- o Staff Appreciation Week: **Monday-Friday, March 12-16**
- o TCSD Board Employee Recognition: **Tuesday, March 13**
- o 3rd-Term ENDS (44 Days): **Thursday, March 15**
- o TCSD Data Day (No School for Students): **Friday, March 16**
- o 4th-Term BEGINS: **Monday, March 19**
- o Utah Symphony in THS Auditorium: **Tuesday, March 20**
- o Tooele County Summit @ THS (6:00-8:00 p.m.): **Wednesday, March 21**
- o Community Council: **Thursday, March 22**
- o Final Grades DUE Posted: **Thursday, March 22**
- o Region IT Fair:
- o Spring Dance Concert: **Thursday-Friday, March 22-23**
- o Report Cards Go Home: **Friday, March 23**
- o Spring Break (NO School): **Monday-Friday, March 26-30**

In conclusion, as we reflect upon the national tragedy this past week with the school shootings in Florida, we are humbled and heartbroken for the victims and their families, who are in our thoughts and prayers. Especially at times like this, we would want everyone to know that school safety is our top priority at *Tooele High School*, and that we are working vigilantly to keep your student(s) safe. Like everyone else, we have Safety Committees, *Safe UT* apps, and many other protocols and procedures in place to follow in the event of an actual emergency--all in conjunction with the *Tooele City Police Department* and *Tooele County Sheriff's Office*. Having said that, we would like to remind our parents and students that the best deterrent is still communication at home, and communication between home and school. The mantra of "if you hear or see something, say something," is still the best way to keep ALL our kids safe from these types of disasters.

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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