

Safety in The Student Parking Lot

So many times in the parking lot, we feel safe and untouchable. But the parking lot can be a very dangerous place if you're not careful. I want to discuss several ways that parents and students can stay safe in the student parking lot.



1. Use the sidewalks when walking through the parking lot. Many students walking down the middle of the aisles in the parking lot do not pay attention to the cars pulling out or exiting the lot. This can lead to an accident where the student is injured. Using the sidewalks would lessen the chances of a student being hurt as they leave the school.
2. Do not loiter in the parking lot. Situations that may arise from loitering include, "stranger-danger", accidents, and mis-understandings. Students who drive to school are required to exit their vehicles as soon as they arrive. If you are picking up another student to take to the career center, arrange a pick up time. Monitors in the parking lot will write referrals and warnings for students who violate their driving privileges.
3. Use the drop-off loop. This is especially true for parents and students who are picking up or dropping off someone at school. The potential for accidents to happen is increased when parents drive through the student parking lot. Many times, students are not paying attention to the moving vehicles and may walk in front of one. If strategy #1 is used and also if parents would adhere to the designated location for drop-offs, accidents can be prevented.
4. Attend "Alive at 25". Due to the high rate of teen-age traffic fatalities, Travelers Rest High School, in cooperation with the National Safety Council, requires every student that obtains a parking pass go through the Alive at 25 course. This is a 4.5 hours class that strives to teach students how to make smart decisions and act wisely behind the wheel. Once the student completes the course, he/she will receive a parking pass which serves to let administration know that the student's vehicle is allowed on campus and that the student is aware of consequences for unsafe behavior.
5. Drive the posted speed limit. Speeding through the parking lot presents a dangerous situation. Students who are caught speeding will have their parking privileges suspended for a week for the first infraction. The second infraction will result in parking privileges being revoked for the rest of the year. - Officer Larry Pruitt

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UP AND COMING EVENTS AT TRHS!



January 25	Wrestling at Razor Rumble	February 18	Pasta for Pennies begins NWMS Pageant
January 27	PSAT Night in the Media Center PTSA Open House 7:00 p.m.	February 20	Progress Reports Issued NWMS Pageant
January 28	JV Basketball vs. Greer Varsity Basketball at Greer	February 21	Blood Drive
January 29	Wrestling at Berea	February 27	Black History Program
January 30	Miss Blue and Gold Pageant	February 28	Pasta for Pennies Ends
January 31	Varsity Basketball vs. Southside JV Basketball at Southside	March 4	National Honor Society Meeting
February 4	JV Basketball vs. Blue Ridge Varsity Basketball at BlueRidge National Honor Society Meeting	March 7	Make-up Day # 1
February 6	Beta Club Meeting Junior Ring Delivery Financial Aid Night	March 10	Make-up Day #2
February 7	JV Basketball vs. Greenville Varsity Basketball at Greenville	March 13	Middle/High School Band Concert
February 10	Curriculum Night	March 20	Senior Supply Delivery
February 11	JV Basketball at Eastside Varsity Basketball vs. Eastside	March 22	Registration Conferences
February 13	JV Basketball at Berea Varsity Basket vs. Berea (Senior Night) One Act Play	March 26	End of Third Quarter
February 17	President's Day (Students not in Attendance)	March 27	Spring Choral Concert
		April 1	Exit Exam Report Cards Issued
		April 2	Exit Exam
		April 4	Spirit Week Begins
		April 14	Spring Break
		April 23	IB/AP informational Meeting
		May 2	Blood Drive
		May 5	Progress Reports Issued IB English Testing
		May 6	IB English Testing
		May 7	AP Calculus Test

The Bands of Travelers Rest High School

*"Let the drums roll out
Let the trumpet call
While the people shout
Strike up the band"*

- Ella Fitzgerald

What does it take to develop a cohesive, fighting, winning machine such as the bands of Travelers Rest High School? If you answered, "a dedicated, unselfish, music connoisseur," you would be right! The Travelers Rest High School band has been in the winning category as defined by state and national contests for the past seven years, and although their success could be contributed to many other factors, the number one element is the director in the person of Carl Wylie.

Carl Wylie, the spark that keeps the band on the go, is a non-assuming man who has made his way to Travelers Rest High School via a seven year stint in the Army as a musician in the performing band and time spent as band director in two low country high schools, Buford High School and Camden High School. When asked what prompted him to come to Travelers Rest, he stated that it was the "seven period day, and the strong band program under Bocook and Alexander. After his arrival, he noted the positive parents and students willing to accept his teaching style which involved teaching fundamentals.

Mr. Wylie stated that teaching the basics is important to building a program. He also spent time assessing where the students were in their skills and performance. Not only does he feel that the band must understand the fundamentals, but they have to be a family outside the regular family with big brothers and sisters who watch over each other and provide leadership. At the end of every class and rehearsal, Mr. Wylie dismisses by saying, "I Love You, go home, practice and stay out of trouble."

The Travelers Rest High School band consists of six distinct groups, which are made up of middle and high school students. The Symphonic Winds, the Golden Regiment (marching band), the Jazz group, the Percussion Ensemble, The Chamber group and the Pit orchestra. Through vertical teaming, Mr. Wylie was able to work with the middle school program on skills and in guiding them to continue their growth in the high school. Enrollment increased for several years, and doubled from 2007-2010.

The band has won at least one competition every year for five years. In 2009-2011, the Golden Regiment won the Silver Division at the Third Division Grand Championships in Mauldin.

The marching band has not placed lower than third in local competitions in the past four years. For the last six years, the Ensemble group has earned ten superior ratings for solo/ensemble competitions. From the State Association, the band has earned the "Outstanding Performance Award", which is based on participation in marching, and concert, from 2008 – 2012. The band has earned a trip to the State Finals for the past three years, 2011-2013.

The band is supported through volunteers and fund raisers. Money raised is used to help students enter competitions, maintain uniforms, and transportation. To offer your support or a donation, contact Carl Wylie at Travelers Rest High School. - Mary Sloan



What is Seat Time Recovery?



The School District of Greenville County in accordance with the South Carolina compulsory School Attendance Law has established uniform rules of attendance. All students from age 5 years to 17 years must attend school regularly. The school year consists of 180 school days and for students to receive credit, they must attend 85 days of a 90 day semester course. Absences above five days will place the student in jeopardy of not receiving credit for the course, even though the student may be passing.

The goal of Seat Time Recovery is to allow students who are passing a course but in danger of failing because of more than the allowed absences for a semester course, to

recover class hours by attending STR (seat time recovery.)

Students may recover a maximum of 6 hours of seat time per week. Application of seat time hours should be discussed with the school's guidance counselors. Teachers will notify students that they are in danger of losing credit due to absences.

There are four locations in the district that offers STR at the same time. Greenville, Woodmont, and Greer High schools. The time is from 5:00pm. To 8:00 p.m. Travelers Rest High School offers seat time on designated Saturdays at a cost of \$10.00 for three hours and \$20.00 for six hours. The time and dates for STR at Travelers Rest High is from 8:30 – 2:00 on March 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 26, and May 3. 10. 24. Students must pay for STR by noon on the Friday before the scheduled STR. - Atiba Jackson

Principal's Corner

It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the school year. This winter has already proven to be a cold one, but it cannot slow down what we have going on at TRHS.

As we move into the second semester, we are already looking into the next school year. Planning is well underway for course registration for the 2014-15 school year. Please be on the lookout for class registration information on the web page, in printed form, or in a School Messenger telephone announcement. We will be holding our yearly parent meetings in March so that you can review and change your student's classes for next year and will be sending home a tentative list of courses that your student registered for in April. Please take these opportunities to look over and make any necessary changes to your student's classes for next year. Early finalization of student scheduled benefits everyone, by allowing us to build a master schedule that meets as many needs as is possible and allows students to know what classes they have before they leave for the summer.

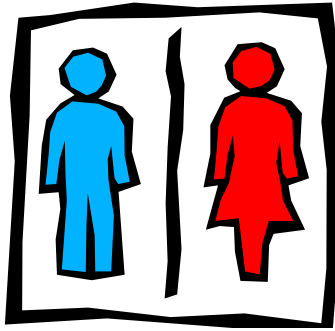
Once we get to April, we will be into our "testing season". Sophomores, juniors, and seniors will be taking the HSAP, AP and IB students will be taking their college assessments, and students in Algebra 1, English 1, Biology 1, and US History will be taking the state mandated End of Course exams. This means that the large majority of our students will be taking some form of standardized test this spring. Please encourage your students to take these exams seriously and to do their best on the tests. Each one has a different level of importance, with passing the HSAP a must for graduation to college credit on AP and IB exams.

Lastly, as we move through winter and into spring, our athletics and extra-curricular activities begin to become increasingly active. We will have some event at the school almost every day. I certainly encourage you to come to the school to watch a game, take in a play performance, or observe an awards ceremony. Our students do an outstanding job of representing our school and I hope you can cheer them on as they carry on our Devildog traditions.

As always, we greatly appreciate the support of our parents and community. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if we can be of any assistance. - Lou Lavelly



Who are **TMC** and **TLC**?



Travelers Rest High School recently implemented two new programs for our young men and ladies. Through the sponsorships of Chuck Winney, 10th and 12th grade Assistant Principal, and Atiba Jackson, Consumer and Homemaking Education teacher and Shelley Smith, Global Studies teacher, the Travelers Rest Men's Club (TMC) and the Travelers Rest Ladies Club (TLC) are now available for all students to become members.

Topics of discussion in Travelers Rest Ladies Club (TLC) are appropriate dress, leadership, nutrition and wellness, positive relationships, and etiquette. The Travelers Rest Men's Club (TMC), promotes reading in areas that promote every aspect of being a man in today's world. Topics such as courage, responsibility and determination will be read about, discussed and analyzed.

If you are interested in participating in or helping with the sponsorship of TMC and TLC, please note the meeting dates below.

TMC meets at 8:00 a.m. in the Travelers Rest High School Auditorium. The next meeting dates will be February 13 and April 24.

TLC also meets at 8:00 a.m. in the Travelers Rest High Auditorium. The next meeting dates are January 28, February 13, March 18, April 22.

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