



The Woodlands High School
 Highlander Happenings
 December 11, 2017 – January 13, 2018

WINTER BREAK & THE HOLIDAY SEASON: We want to wish everyone a very happy holiday season. Enjoy the break. During the hustle and bustle of a very fast paced semester and the holiday season, it is easy to lose touch with our children. Our hope is that over the next two weeks that students will have the opportunity to get away from the academic rigors of the semester, have a chance for some quality relaxation and family time before we start all over again on January 9, 2018.

TWHS MID-TERM EXAM SCHEDULE – The Woodlands High School will have midterm exams beginning Friday, December 15, through Wednesday, December 20, 2017. Friday, December 15, will be a full day of instruction with the school day ending at 2:35 pm. Monday, December 18, through Wednesday, December 20, will be half days with school ending at 11:20 am each day. The Woodlands High School has a policy of no early mid-term or final exams. Students who are absent during the scheduled exam time can make up their mid-term exam when they return to school in January. See below for the midterm exam schedule:

Friday, December 15 Red Day Midterms

Period 1 Review	7:20-8:15
Period 2 Midterm	8:22-10:21
Period 3 Review	10:28-12:29
A Lunch	10:28-10:53
B Lunch	10:58-11:25
C Lunch	11:30-11:57
D Lunch	12:02-12:29
Period 4 Midterm	12:36-2:35

9th Grade Campus, Friday, December 15 Red Day

Period 1	Review	7:20-8:15
Period 2	Midterm	8:22-10:21
Period 3	Review	10:28-12:29
	A Lunch	10:28-10:53
	B Lunch	11:16-11:43
	C Lunch	12:02-12:29
Period 4	Midterm	12:36-2:35

Monday, December 18 Green Day Midterms

Period 5	7:20-9:17
Class Change	9:17-9:24
Period 6	9:24-11:20

Tuesday, December 19 Red Day Midterms

Period 1	7:20-9:17
Class Change	9:17-9:24
Period 3	9:24-11:20

Wednesday, December 20 Green Day Midterms

Period 7	7:20-9:17
Class Change	9:17-9:24
Period 8	9:24-11:20

THE WOODLANDS HIGH SCHOOL FINAL EXAM EXEMPTION POLICY 2017-2018: Students are only eligible for exemption from final exams, not midterm exams. Seniors are the only students in the *Fall semester that may be exempt from final exams for half-credit courses which have a final exam, not a midterm, in the Fall semester.* Students must maintain a 90-100 class average for the semester (18-weeks) and have no more than 3 absences for the semester or have an 85-89 class average for the semester (18-weeks) with no more than 2 absences for the semester. In addition, the following criteria apply as well:

1. Seniors must meet the criteria listed above and the discipline requirement listed below. Seniors may be exempt from all their final exams both in the Fall and Spring semesters. Seniors may not be exempt from midterm exams in the Fall semester.
2. Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors may be exempt from all their spring final exams. Students must meet the criteria listed above and the discipline requirement listed below. Underclassmen are not eligible for exemptions from final exams or midterms in the Fall semester.
3. Absences include all days missed: Excused and Unexcused. Pre-approved absences, funerals, DOC's, and hospital stays count against exemptions.
4. School field trips, athletic events, UIL events, HCPs (health care provider - student attended school part of the day), PREs (present), GLOs (grade level office), ECLs (election clerk), CTZs (citizenship), NATs (naturalization), CVs (up to two College Visits) and religious holidays are not considered absences.
5. A student granted a final exam exemption must still attend that class during the final exam period. Failure to attend will result in a zero or an incomplete for that course.
6. Any student that has served SAC, DAEP, or OSS while enrolled in a course during the semester of the final exam is not eligible for a final exam exemption for that particular course.

FROM COUNSELOR'S CORNER:

PSAT Results Meeting: On Monday, December 11th, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium on the senior campus, the counseling staff will have a meeting for parents and students who took the PSAT in October. During the meeting, the counselors will go over the test, the results and how to interpret the scores. PSAT scores may not be in before this meeting. However, we will provide sample reports for parents and students as a reference. After this meeting, the counselors will go over some basic College 101 information for anyone who would like to stay and listen. This part of the presentation will mainly be geared to juniors and the junior handbook.

Angel Holiday Program: The counseling department would like to ask families in need to contact their child's counselor. We would like to be your point of contact so that we can aide in distributing donations from the community to our families. Donations will be disbursed from December 18th to December 20th. If you would like to donate to families within our feeder zone in need, please contact Stacey Moseley, Lead Counselor, at smoseley@conroeisd.net. Our campus PTO will be emailing everyone about the procedures for collecting donations this holiday season. The times for collection will be from November 27th through December 14th. The counseling department hopes everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday!

College and Career Center: The CCC would like to encourage seniors and their parents to actively look for scholarships. As local scholarships come in, they will be posted on the front page of Family Connection and under the Colleges Tab, they will be posted under the Scholarship List at the bottom of the page. Some additional websites for scholarships are: <https://myscholly.com/#scholly>, <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search> and www.fastweb.com. The CCC is also posting scholarships on the CCC Facebook page (www.facebook.com/twhsccc) and Twitter (@twhsccc).

One final note for senior parents: Please encourage your students to go into Family Connection and update their college applications. The first step is to indicate that the student has submitted the college application. Then, as the student begins to hear from colleges, please have them mark each college as accepted, denied, waitlisted, etc. This process will aid the counselors in determining where their students are in the college application process. Thanks so much for your help!

COUNSELOR NEWSLETTER: The counseling center has started to publish a monthly newsletter on the TWHs counseling webpage. For this month, please click on the following link to learn more about the Dual credit and EMT programs.

http://twhs.conroeisd.net/wp-content/uploads/sites/61/2016/07/2.2017.DEC_.pdf

WALK-BY ADVISORY: All students will stop by their Advisory classes on Tuesday, January 9, prior to attending first period (Red Day) to pick up their new Spring semester schedules. Ninth Grade students who have first period at the Senior Campus will pick up their schedules when they arrive at the Ninth Grade Campus between first and second period. Seniors with late arrival will pick up their spring semester schedule prior to going to 2nd period.

REPORT CARDS: On Friday, January 12, 2018 report cards will be passed out to all students during their 6th period class.

HIGHLIGHTED HIGHLANDERS: Several times a year The Woodlands High School and the PTO honor students for outstanding citizenship, achievement, or service. Students are nominated by faculty and staff based on Good Citizenship, High or Unique Achievements, Improved Performance, A Random Act of Kindness, Leadership, Excellent Attitude, etc. The honored students were invited to attend a reception in their honor hosted by Mr. Colschen at the Senior Campus and Mrs. Houser at the Ninth Grade Campus and additional faculty and staff. The “Highlighted Highlanders” received a certificate and a highlighter recognizing their accomplishment. Senior campus honorees were Michelle Ahrens, Ryan Allen, Zach Ansley, Tyler Beard, Domenica Bedon, Gracie Bolender, Dylan Calvetti, Andrew Campbell, Faith Campbell, Hannah Clayton, Evan De Ford, Andrew Dolphin, Caroline Frenzel, FrancoGonzalez-Alvarez, Amir Guzman, Miranda Hake, Tennille Hart, Benjamin Herbert, Alexis Horne, James Hunter, Palmer Jacobs, Cierra Jungwirth, Mason Kay, Connor Kennedy, Cross Lawn, Brayden Libby, Teague Little, Annmarie MacNiven, Ethan Mais, Laylah Mitchell, Allyson Novak, Frida Padilla, Fatima Pelez Zertuche, Paige Petross, Steele Petty, Ananya Potu, Hebert Quintero, Joseph Ray, Henry Register, Daniela Rodriguez, Abigayle Schroder, Colton Stanley, Jonathon Stewart, Emma Thomas, Karincia Tonge, Jack Trageser, Per Tresp, Abigail Walker, Natalie Wasko, Sara Whittemore, Grayson Williams, Colten Windsor, and Victoria Yarbrough.

Students honored at the Ninth Grade Campus were Carolina Alonso, Blaine Bittner, Payce Brault, Morgan Brown, Sebastian Carranza, Emily Christian, Emilio Coutino, Cade Cymbala, Cree Dalton, Timothy Dziena, Elliott Eash, Richard Grau, Sara Himelstein, JaKyla Holmes, Christian Keller, Mackenzie Kulick, Stepan Kuvshinov, Oliver Mason, David Omokwale, Emma Paff, Isabel Pimienta, Brooke Raper, Gabby Reese, Mariana Rodriguez, Aarav Sharma, Madeline Smith, Aubrey Strehphans, Devon Suess, Cat Sullivan, Kaleb Tamayo, Mackenzie Thomas, and Eudo Valbuena.

HIGHLANDER SWIM & DIVE: The Highlander swim and dive team continue to do well this season. The team dominated the Gulf TISCA championship winning every single relay along with many individual events. Both girls and boys won in team scoring. Congratulations to Lucie Nordmann for setting two new school records in the 200 Free and 100 butterfly!

Congratulations to our TISCA DROP THE HAMMER AWARD Recipients:

Cameron Cash
Lauren Burch
Lucie Nordmann
Madeline Kruchten
Tyler Hulet
Matt Tannenberger

*So many had outstanding performances!

The Highlanders also beat Kingwood in a JV competition taking first place in every single race.

Congratulations to our Kingwood JV DROP THE HAMMER AWARD Recipients:

Laura Pennanen
Alex Kang

Next the Highlanders will compete in the JV District Championship at the CISD Natatorium. Diving is on Friday December 15th @4:00pm. Swimming is on Saturday December 16th @10:00am.

IMPROV: The Woodlands High School Improv Troupe is excited to be hosting our 5th Annual Teacher vs. Student Improv Show on December 16 at 7 pm in the TWHS Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 and all proceeds go towards The Will Herndon Fund to find a cure for Juvenile Batten's Disease. Our theme for this show is to dress up as your favorite holiday for a chance to perform with the Improv Troupe!

At Improv Shows the troupe members will play games that you might see on shows such as *Who's Line is it Anyway's*, or *SNL*. All the games are improvised on the spot using suggestions from the audience. For this special show we are joined on stage by teachers Mr. Muehsler, Ms. Pullin, Mr. Davies, Mr. Eckhardt, Ms. Bretch, Mr. Humeniuk, Ms. Landsbaum, Mr. Murrin, Ms. Reynolds, Ms. Simmons, Ms. Rock, Ms. Dunn, Ms. Hollie, Ms. Davison!

NINTH GRADE LIBRARY: 9th Grade English required reading may be purchased via the TWHS Webstore. The books will be delivered to your child's English teacher.

Level = *Animal Farm*

PAP = *Animal Farm & To Kill a Mockingbird*

The sale of these novels is the library's fundraiser. Thank you for supporting the library.

SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY: Science National Honor Society adopted 5 senior citizens for the holidays. They brought in gifts to wrap and they also had a blanket making party where they made soft blankets for the senior citizens.

HIGHLANDER BASKETBALL: Boys basketball is already done with a 3rd of our season. We are currently 5-5 and go to Corpus Christi for a tournament this weekend. Please follow us on our website at www.highlanderbasketball.org All levels are working really hard to improve and we looking forward to continually getting better as the season moves on. We now become road warriors as our next home game isn't until January 2, 2018.

PROJECT PURPLE: We are extending the Toy Drive! Project Purple and the CISD Police Department are collecting "NEW" unwrapped gifts for boys and girls of all ages. A donation bin will be located in the front office on both campuses until Tuesday, December 19th.

Thank you for your generosity.

INTERACT: Hey Highlanders! Great news: the TWHS Harvey school supply drive (a joint effort with Student Council) was a huge success! Prior to Thanksgiving break, Mrs. Gartner and James McDowell delivered 36 boxes to two schools that were in need of school supplies. They were very thankful for our donations and generosity. Please continue to support the communities that were effected during Hurricane Harvey because there is always more to be done.

Our next meeting will be the Interact Winter Party and it will be on Monday, December 11th in the Senior Campus Cafeteria [at 7:00 pm](#). It could last around 30-45 minutes. If you were wondering, you can still join Interact! If you couldn't make it to one of our previous meetings come join us at the next. Don't forget to pay your dues on the web store and fill out the online form (found at twhsinteract.org). If you have any questions, please feel free to email InteractTWHS@gmail.com.

MEET IN THE MIDDLE: Join your friends and make some new ones at our upcoming club meeting on Monday, **December 11th** from 2:45-3:30pm. Jump in and start something new; we would love to have you! Our focus is fostering friendships between students with differing intellectual abilities through fun activities. It's always a good time! This month we will have holiday activities like "Pin the Nose on Rudolph". Mark your calendar for our January meeting date also: **January 22nd**.

REMINDER: Pay your \$10 club dues on the high school webpage webstore and have your name entered into a drawing for a gift card:) at this month's meeting!

TEXAS ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE REPORT: The 2016-2017 Campus Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) has been posted on The Woodlands High School's campus website. To access this information, please follow the steps below.

From the CISD website:

- Go to "Our Schools"
- Select The Woodlands High School
- Click "School Profile"
- Select "Accountability Reports"
- Click "2016-2017"
- Texas Academic Performance Report

LADY HIGHLANDER BASKETBALL: The Lady Highlander Basketball program had its first all level sweep Tuesday night. Everyone was able to walk away with a win. It was a great night! We were also able to celebrate our Teachers at Teacher Appreciation night and celebrate a big milestone by one of our Senior Captains, Emma Warnsman. She recently scored her 1,000th career point. She is only the 9th Lady Highlander in school history to accomplish this scoring milestone. The Varsity team is off to a good start on the season, now sitting at 10-6 on the year. They were able to come away with some great wins in the Katy Tournament last weekend and continue on their win streak Tuesday night against Clear Brook. Leading the way for the Lady Highlanders in the game was Kate Frank. She went 5 for 7 from behind the 3-point line to help her lead all scorers with 17. Madison Morton also had a great night with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Joanne Gabriel contributed 9 points and 5 rebounds. The Lady Highlanders have 3 more games before the Christmas break and will be home on Monday, Dec. 11th and Friday, Dec. 15th! Go Highlanders!

The Lady Highlanders JV team has had a busy few weeks. The team won against Memorial before falling to Spring. The Lady Highlanders then traveled to participate in the Magnolia JV Tournament. Victories on Thursday afternoon against Aldine Davis and Friday afternoon against Magnolia West allowed the team to advance in the winner's bracket for an early Saturday morning matchup against district rival Oak Ridge. The Lady Highlanders lost to Oak Ridge and then lost a close game in the final seconds to Cy Park, ending the tournament with a 4th place finish. On Teacher Appreciation night, the JV team was victorious against Clear Brook.

The Lady Highlander Freshman Red team currently holds an overall record of 8-5. After struggling through games due to so many injuries, the team is finally healthy now with a full roster. The team was able to snap a four game losing streak versus Clear Brook Lady Wolverines with a 58-39 victory! We plan to build off of this win as we move closer to District competition!

The Lady Highlander Green Team is on a two game win streak after a nail biting victory against Aldine Davis last Tuesday night. Within the last two minutes of the game, the lead changed three times, beginning with a deep three pointer by Sammy Soto. After Aldine scored in transition, Laura Amaro made a clutch free throw with under a minute left to make the score even again. On the next possession, Nikki Coffel sunk a short jump shot with only seconds remaining to win the game. The green team looks to continue their win streak as they continue to play with confidence and outwork their opponents.

BOWLING CLUB: The Bowling Club played its first match on Friday November 17 against Caney Creek. Despite some great high scores by our boys' team, the team lost the match. High scores from the match were: Cameron Quilici (160, 162), Adam Hoffman (222), and Trevor Hoffman (202).

The girls team lost their match, due to them being two players short. Despite playing shorthanded, the girls still managed to score a few points against Caney Creek. High scores from the girls' match were: Brianna Strayve (129), Miranda Freshwater (139), and Leslie Kroon (108).

On December 1, the teams competed against Oakridge. The boys' team had a great match winning against Oakridge. High scores were: Trevor Hoffman (264, 211), Adam Hoffman (209). The boys' team managed a high scoring baker match of 222!

The girls team managed some high scores during their match play also: Leslie Kroon (104, 103), Miranda Freshwater (128), and Brianna Strayve (142).

The next bowling matches will be played Friday, December 8 against Conroe, and Monday, December 11 against College Park. There will be no practices on December 12, or 19, and our last match of 2017 will be a bye match on Friday December 15 at 300 Bowl in Conroe. Bowling will resume in 2018 with practices starting on January 9. If any student wants to join TWHS Bowling Club in 2018, then please contact Ms. Jacobsen at mjacobsen@conroeisd.net. All are welcome to join, but we need more girls. All skill levels are welcomed too.

THE WOODLANDS HIGH SCHOOL ART TRUST: Have you ever noticed the 34 works of art by established Texas artists that are permanently displayed in the hallways at school? This is The Woodlands High School Art Collection and the works have been selected and purchased by our students. Each year we add new works to the collection and our next selection process has begun. Our student committee has narrowed down the works submitted by Texas artists to 13 that will be voted on by the entire student body on February 1st. Posters of the artworks will be on view in all classrooms by mid-January and the original pieces will be displayed in the cafeteria just prior to voting. The students will purchase as many as possible of the pieces that receive the most votes.

Thank you to all the artists that submitted their work for consideration. This year's nominated artists are: Kelsey Baker, Lydia Bodnar-Balahutrak, JooYoung Choi, Daniel Elliott, Rod Flower, Raul Gonzalez, Trenton Hancock, DeeJon, Tyler Kay, Lynet McDonald, Vivian Quevedo, Doerte Weber and Nancy Wood. Visit our website to see the winning entries: www.twhsat.org

Although the artworks are purchased through funds set aside by Student Council from the Homecoming Dance, the framing, lighting and conservation of these pieces need funding. Consider helping with that funding and **show your support for The Woodlands High School Art Trust by joining our "One Hundred Friends of Art."** Our goal is to have 100 arts supporters make an annual donation to support our cause. Donations are tax deductible and start as low as \$10!! Visit our website to make a contribution: www.twhsat.org

The Woodlands High School Art Trust (TWHSAT) a 501(c)3 organization, was established in 2011 to help maintain, conserve and display the student-selected, student-purchased collection of established artists at The Woodlands High School. The vision for the TWHS Art Trust is to see the art collection grow each year and to have it extend through the hallways of the high school. Students use funds from their Homecoming Dance to purchase the art works. TWHSAT fundraises for the preservation and permanent display of the art works.

For more information on The Woodlands High School Art Trust please visit our website www.twhsat.org or contact Susan Cosculluela at twhsat@gmail.com

GERMAN CLUB NEWS:

Saturday, December 9: Our folk dancers will be performing 3 times at the Tomball German Christmas Festival.

Tuesday, December 12: German Quiz Bowl practice in room 229

Tuesday, December 12 and Wednesday, December 13: German Polka Band practice in room 227

Frohe Weihnachten!

TWHS BIOTECH CLUB: Biotech Club will have our next meeting on Tuesday, January 16 at 3:00 pm in room 316 at the Senior Campus. All grade levels are invited to participate. Below is a list of upcoming important dates. The goal of the club is to educate its members on the biotechnological field and how biotechnology is important for the advancement of our world today. We welcome anyone curious or interested in biotechnology and who may want to explore this exciting field of study. The club members will gain exposure to the vast applications of biotechnology and learn biotech lab skills. The lab skills will prepare them for participation in the Education for Tomorrow Alliance Biotechnology Competition on February 10, 2018. Participation in the competition is not mandatory to participate in the club. Campus contact is club sponsor Ms. Hamel.

Important dates:

1. Friday, January 12 – Deadline to register for competition
2. Tuesday, January 16 – Club Meeting
3. Monday, January 29 – Club Meeting & Lab
4. Wednesday, February 7 – Last lab before competition
5. Saturday, February 10 – EfTA SciTech Biotechnology Competition at Lone Star College

HIGHLANDER BASKETBALL: The JV team beat Klein Collins Monday night to run their record to 5-2 on the year. The boys will be playing in the highly competitive Spring ISD tournament this weekend and you can next catch them at home on Fri Dec 15th when they play host to the Foster falcons.

The Freshmen Red Boys Basketball has started the year off strong. They have an overall record of 8-1. Recently in the C.E. King tournament, they went 2-1. They lost to Dickinson and then beat Goose Creek and Channelview. Next week the Red team will play Cy-Creek and Foster. Come out and support the Highlanders.

NEHS: The National English Honor Society had its regular meeting on Tuesday, 12-05, at Torchy's. Those who attended agreed that Reading Buddies, our required community service, and attending meeting must be mandatory. Those Wilkerson students need our members to help them become successful readers. Please get the Reading Buddies application (in the folder on the wall between rooms 212 and 214), fill it out, and give it to Dr. Emmons or Miss Cress ASAP. Dr. Carroll, at Wilkerson, will notify members about time then. Remember to always be the best that you can be.

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS TAKING A DUAL CREDIT COURSE IN THE SPRING. Students have officially been enrolled in the spring semester of their dual credit class. This includes: English 3, English 4, College Algebra, US History, and electives taken at Lone Star College. The window to pay for the spring semester of all dual credit classes is from now through December 15th. All payments can be made by logging into student's MYLONESTAR PORTAL. There have been some questions about retrieving the username and password for the mylonestar portal. We do not have this information. It was created by students once they submitted the Lone Star College application last spring. If you need assistance, please contact the Help Desk at Lone Star College at (832) 813-6600. If you need to reset your password, I recommend using Stu and the last 5 of your social security number. This will be easier for you to remember since that is your canvas and family connection password. If you are unable to pay online, you can visit the Bursar's Office at Lone Star College in Building E-Room 102. For any questions regarding payment, please contact Lone Star directly at (936) 273-7214. **ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE BY DECEMBER 15TH, 2017** or you will be dropped from the spring 2018 semester of your dual credit classes.

ART DEPARTMENT NEWS: Congratulations, Marin Markel! Marin's artwork, *Keeper*, was chosen to be one eight artworks to represent CISD in Austin for the Youth Art Month exhibit.

BAND: Congratulations to our TWHs Band members who auditioned and earned chairs in the Region IX District, Region & Area Band and/or Orchestra this fall!

All-Region Orchestra auditions were held in October and we had 9 members earn chairs in the orchestras and one make Area! **Maddie Flake** - oboe, **Sheridan Sturm** - bassoon, **Nick Bastardo** - trumpet, **Alex Konz** - trumpet, **Tim Brantley** - trombone, **Travis Carlson** - trombone, **Nathan Stanfield** - bass trombone, **Jedaiah Mickan** - percussion, **Tim Batchelor** - percussion. **Nathan Stanfield (bass trombone)** also advanced to Area.

All-Region Band auditions were held December 1&2 and TWHs Band had *19 District members, 50 Region members and 13 Area members!*

DISTRICT BAND - **Rachael Marglous** - flute, **Hannah Hextell** - flute, **Abby Frederickson** - bassoon, **Kyle Roth** - bassoon, **Rey Ylagan** - clarinet, **Ashley Newton** - clarinet, **Kayleigh Mann** - clarinet, **Annie Mullins** - bass clarinet, **Makala Vasquez** - bass clarinet, **Owen Velkoff** - alto saxophone, **Tygerlilly Loebach** - horn, **Madison Finster** - horn, **Hayven Stein** - horn, **Conor Sullivan** - trombone, **Michael DeCuir** - bass trombone, **Ryan Harding** - euphonium, **Ben Soileau** - tuba, **Dominique O'Neill** - percussion, **John Wolff** - percussion.

REGION BAND - **Rachel Hutto** - flute, **Blakeley Estes** - flute, **Emily Hodge** - flute, **Sarah McMartin** - flute, **Maddie Flake** - oboe, **Daniel Sierra** - English horn, **Brandon Wiley** - Eb clarinet, **Sydney Flake** - clarinet, **Emma Cade** - clarinet, **Matthew Belmares** - clarinet, **Claudia Fuenmayor** - clarinet, **Liz Lussier** - clarinet, **Kate Wadsworth** - clarinet, **Kayleigh Cordier** - clarinet, **Sheridan Sturm** - bassoon, **Wyatt Cade** - alto saxophone, **Will Carsten** - alto saxophone, **Joey Skapteson** - alto saxophone, **Autumn Haase**, tenor saxophone, **Adelaide Danna**, tenor saxophone, **Joel Stoner** - bari saxophone, **Alex Konz** - trumpet, **Jake Teall** - trumpet, **Spencer Ricks** - trumpet, **Nick Bastardo** - trumpet, **Seth Seneca** - trumpet, **Aaron Drew** - trumpet, **Batten Bonds** - trumpet, **Madison Brantley** - horn, **Kelly Portis** - horn, **Joseph Templet** - horn, **Mikylah Cryer** - horn, **Tim Brantley** - trombone, **Travis Carlson** - trombone, **Trevor Lease** - trombone, **Ben Frederickson** - trombone, **Jack Perkins** - trombone, **Josh Honnekari** - trombone, **Nathan Stanfield** - bass trombone, **Nathan Keene** - euphonium, **Kyle Hansen** - tuba, **Travis Harville** - tuba, **Jedaiah Mickan** - percussion, **Tim Batchelor** - percussion, **Drew Rainbolt** - percussion, **Josh Wilkinson** - percussion, **Jessica Tate** - percussion, **Conor Zuspan** - percussion, **Alejandro Nunez** - percussion, **Nathan Simcox** - percussion.

AREA ADVANCERS - **Brandon Wiley** - Eb clarinet, **Sydney Flake** - clarinet, **Sheridan Sturm** - bassoon, **Joel Stoner** - bari saxophone, **Alex Konz** - trumpet, **Jake Teall** - trumpet, **Spencer Ricks** - trumpet, **Tim Brantley** - trombone, **Travis Carlson** - trombone, **Nathan Keene** - euphonium, **Kyle Hansen** - tuba, **Conor Zuspan** - percussion.

Congratulations, Woodlands HS Band members!

BASEBALL: Congratulations to Coach Ron Eastman who was recently inducted into the National High School Baseball Coaches Association's Hall of Fame. This a tremendous and well deserved honor!

FRENCH CLUB: Our Christmas "Minute to Win It" competition will be Tuesday at 2:45 in the LGI, come be a contestant or enjoy cookies and hot chocolate as part of the audience. We will also be presenting a check to the Crisis Assistance Center from our *Keep the Lights on for Christmas* campaign, so we'd like all club members to be there!

CHOIR NEWS: We have 12 Area candidates and 3 alternates moving on to the final round of All-State auditions which will be hosted here at TWHS on January 13th. Congratulations to:

Aidan Adcock – Tenor 1
Chloe Bruns – Soprano 1 (alt)
Derrick Eugenio – Tenor 2
Zachary Fishman – Bass 1
Hunter Higginson – Bass 1 (alt)
Elise Incavo – Soprano 1
John Ipek – Bass 2
Varsha Iyer – Soprano 2
Maya Krishnan – Soprano 1
Magnus Kroken – Tenor 1
Shelby Steele – Alto 1
Katie Stobbe – Soprano 2
Paul Tesh – Bass 1
Michelle Vandamme – Soprano 2 (alt)
Ryan Christopher Walsh – Bass 2
We wish you the best of luck at this final audition!

Holiday Concert & Rehearsal:

Monday 12/11 Rehearsal at Christ Church United Methodist.

* ALL 9th choir members ride shuttles from 9th campus after 4th block to TWHS. Go straight across the street to the church. All 9th grade treble choir members dismissed by 4:15

* JV Choir members report to the church by 2:45 p.m. Please be on time.

* Varsity Choir members be at the church by 3:00 p.m. Please be on time.

JV Dismissed by 4:15 p.m. Varsity Guys (9th -12th) & Varsity Girls dismissed by 5:30 p.m. Chamber Choir Dismissed by 6:00pm

****Tuesday 12/12 Concert*** begins at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Church United Methodist, 6363 Research Forest Drive (NEXT to TWHS)

*Doors will open to audience members at 6:40 p.m.

ALL Choir members:

* **Arrive at CCUM by 5:30**, fully uniformed.

Officers and Section Leaders arrive by 5:15

Ladies: Hair half up, no jewelry, no fragrances, Black dress and Character Shoes, Black Hose or socks

Gentlemen: Full Tuxedo, White undershirt, Black Dress socks, Black Dress Shoes, no jewelry, no fragrances. All Choir members will assist with cleanup following the concert.

We will continue our tradition of **Caroling for the Cure** on Friday, December 15th. This is an event that was started to honor our very own Mrs. Lynn Bull (retired TWHS choir director) who is a cancer survivor. All students from TWHS choirs are invited to meet in the choir room at TWHS Senior Campus at 6pm, get into caroling groups and go to different neighborhoods to carol. All donations received will go to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Upperclassmen will drive some of the caroling groups, but we could use a few parent drivers as well.

Solo & Ensemble is Friday & Saturday, February 9th & 10th.

Students will be able to sign up in class through next week. More information to follow.

Thank You: Thank you to the countless volunteers who have given their time to help us host the Saturday of Region Choir, the Pre-Area audition this past Tuesday and for the awesome parents who helped to outfit our students for the choir uniforms. They're going to look great at the Holiday Concert! We could not do it without you. Thank you all so much!

JROTC NEWS: JROTC is finishing a wonderful semester. We are proud of all of our cadets for their effort and participation. We thank all the cadets and parents involved in organizing our annual Military Ball last weekend. Our cadets had a great time, making new friends and celebrating an amazing semester together. Congratulations to our Airmen of the Quarter winners, Leilani Beard for the freshmen and Grace Baldwin for the upperclassmen--well done! When we return from break, we will conduct our Paintball event on January 15th. It's a fun opportunity for cadets to exercise leadership and teamwork. January and February will be busy months, with plenty of opportunities for cadets to participate in and improve our program, including Orienteering and Drill meets, and an R/C and drone expo. In the meantime, we hope everyone has a safe and amazing holiday!

**The Woodlands High School Calendar
December 11, 2017 – January 13, 2018**

Monday, December 11

Math/Spanish Tutorials 5:30-7:30 room 201
Meet in The Middle Club Meeting 2:45 room 105
Highlanders for the Environment Meeting 2:45 room 312
Scuba Club Meeting 2:45 LGI
Bagpipe Lessons 4:00 room 138
Student Council Meeting 6:00 Cafeteria
Interact Meeting 7:00 Cafeteria
PSAT Parent Meeting 6:30 LGI
Girls Basketball vs. Seven Lakes @ TWHS 4:00/5:30/7:00

Tuesday, December 12

Math/Science Tutorials 5:30-7:30 room 201
French Club Meeting 2:45 LGI
JROTC Booster Club Meeting 6:00 JROTC Room
Boys Basketball @ CyCreek 4:00/5:30/7:00
Choir Holiday Concert 7:00 Christ Church United Methodist

Wednesday, December 13

Chess Club Meeting 2:45 room 119
Skills USA Audio/Visual Meeting 2:45 room 130

Thursday, December 14

Math/Science Tutorials 5:30-7:30 room 201
DECA Meeting 2:45 LGI
Sculpture Club Meeting 2:45 room 122
Theatre Production Showcase 6:30 Auditorium

Friday, December 15

Mid-term Exams Periods 2 & 4 (2:35 dismissal)
Science NHS Meeting 6:45am/2:45pm LGI
Orchestra Banquet TBA
Girls Basketball vs. Westside @ TWHS 4:00/5:30/7:00
Boys Basketball @ Foster 4:00/5:30/7:00
Wrestling @ Coppell TBA
Mid-Year Graduation 7:00 Conroe High School

Saturday, December 16

JV Swim/Dive @ District Meet TBA CISD Natatorium
FCA Christmas Program 6:00 LGI
Improv Show 7:00 Auditorium
Wrestling @ Coppell TBA

Monday, December 18

Mid-term Exams Periods 5 & 6 (11:20 dismissal)
Math/Spanish Tutorials 5:30-7:30 room 201

Tuesday, December 19

Mid-term Exams Periods 1 & 3 (11:20 dismissal)
Math/Science Tutorials 5:30-7:30 room 201
Boys Basketball @ Klein Forest 4:00/5:30/7:00

Wednesday, December 20

Mid-term Exams Periods 7 & 8 (11:20 dismissal)

Thursday, December 21

Winter Break

Friday, December 22

Winter Break

Saturday, December 23

Winter Break

Monday, December 25

Winter Break

Tuesday, December 26

Winter Break

Wednesday, December 27

Winter Break
Boys Varsity Basketball @ Insperity Classic TBA

Thursday, December 28

Winter Break
Boys Varsity Basketball @ Insperity Classic TBA
Boys Sub-Varsity Basketball @ College Park Tournament TBA
Girls Varsity Basketball @ Magnolia Tournament TBA

Friday, December 29

Winter Break
Boys Sub-Varsity Basketball @ College Park Tournament TBA
Girls Varsity Basketball @ Magnolia Tournament TBA
Girls Sub-Varsity Basketball vs. CyPark @ TWHS 10:30/12:00
Wrestling @ Texas Outlaw Tournament @ Allen TBA

Saturday, December 30

Winter Break

Boys Sub-Varsity Basketball @ College Park Tournament TBA

Girls Varsity Basketball @ Magnolia Tournament TBA

Wrestling @ Texas Outlaw Tournament @ Allen TBA

Girls Soccer Scrimmage @ Pearland TBA

Monday, January 1

Winter Break

Tuesday, January 2

Winter Break

Girls Soccer Scrimmage @ Gosling Sports Fields TBA

Boys Soccer Scrimmage @ Episcopal TBA

Boys Basketball vs. Silsbee @ TWHS 4:30/6:00/7:30

Wednesday, January 3

Winter Break

9th Boys Soccer Scrimmage @ A&M Consolidated TBA

Thursday, January 4

Winter Break

Boys & Girls Soccer @ TWHS Invitational TBA

Swim/Dive @ Kingwood 4:30

Friday, January 5

Winter Break

Boys & Girls Soccer @ TWHS Invitational TBA

Wrestling @ CyFair Tournament TBA

Girls Basketball vs. College Park @ TWHS 4:00/5:30/7:00

Boys Basketball @ Navasota 4:00/5:30/7:00

Boys 9th Soccer vs. Seven Lakes @ TWHS 5:30

Saturday, January 6

Winter Break

Boys & Girls Soccer @ TWHS Invitational TBA

Wrestling @ CyFair Tournament TBA

9th/Sophomore Boys Basketball vs. CyPark @ TWHS 10:30/12:00

Monday, January 8

Winter Break

Boys Soccer Booster Potluck Dinner 7:00 Cafeteria

Tuesday, January 9

Math/Science Tutorials 5:30-7:30 room 201

Girls JV Soccer vs. Willis/Clements @ TWHS 5:00

Girls Basketball @ Lufkin 4:30/5:30/6:00

Boys 9th Soccer @ Bridgeland 6:30

Girls JV Green Soccer @ Kingwood 7:30

Wednesday, January 10

Chess Club Meeting 2:45 room 119
Project Purple Meeting 2:45 LGI
Skills USA Audio/Visual Meeting 2:45 room 130
Wrestling @ College Park 5:00

Thursday, January 11

Math/Science Tutorials 5:30-7:30 room 201
PTO Board Meeting 9:30 Conference Room 2
DECA Meeting 2:45 LGI
Sculpture Club Meeting 2:45 room 122
Swim/Dive vs. Klein Oak & Montgomery @ Natatorium 5:00
Girls Varsity Soccer @ Georgetown Tournament TBA
Boys Varsity Soccer @ Keller Tournament TBA
Girls JV Soccer @ I-10 Tournament TBA

Friday, January 12

Boys Basketball vs. Montgomery @ TWHS 4:00/5:30/7:00
Girls Basketball @ Montgomery 4:00/5:30/7:00
Girls Varsity Soccer @ Georgetown Tournament TBA
Boys Varsity Soccer @ Keller Tournament TBA
Girls JV Soccer @ I-10 Tournament TBA
Wrestling @ Westside Tournament TBA

Saturday, January 13

Girls Varsity Soccer @ Georgetown Tournament TBA
Boys Varsity Soccer @ Keller Tournament TBA
Girls JV Soccer @ I-10 Tournament TBA
Wrestling @ Westside Tournament TBA
Choir Area Auditions @ TWHS – Entire Building All Day

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