



Alumni e-Newsletter

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Welcome back to “The Hill”, alumni!

Message from Our Principal

Mountaineer Alumni,

We hope that you will take the time to visit and browse our new Tuscola High School website. With the additions and links associated with this site, I am sure that you will be pleased. We continue to encourage our students to be involved in as many aspects of the school day and high school experience as possible. Our unique scheduling offers students many opportunities throughout their high school years. Our excellence in state, SAT, and AP test scores and the increase in scholarship money that our students receive continue to exceed the state’s expectations. I thank you for being a part of our Tuscola family. We hope that you will contact us if you have questions or concerns.

Respectfully,
Dale McDonald

To Our New Alumni

Class of 2009,

The time is drawing near for us to branch out of our close-knit community in Haywood County into a new niche of our choice. Although it is our time to exit a place where we have left our mark, we will prove just how determined we truly are as we make a difference in our new environment. I have faith that all of you will continue to make a difference through your strong morality no matter where your life leads. Throughout our school years together, I have witnessed you give support and help to the people of our community and school. Together we have accomplished many kind acts such as helping the elderly, assisting the financially needy, and becoming mentors for younger students, and these are only a few examples of our classmates’ efforts to serve our community. I could not have asked for a more caring, humble class to graduate with in 2009. We each have our own unique personalities, but I know for a fact that each one of us has molded one another into the persons we are today. As we will be graduating on June 10, I have been reflecting on the school events we have attended, the challenges we have all faced, and, most importantly, the relationships we have formed. Tuscola has given us a place to gain knowledge and develop different passions together while building the fundamental skills we will need in the future.

Without the faculty and administrators of Tuscola, we would not be the young adults we have become. Whether we realize it or not, they have instilled important values, such as integrity and compassion while ameliorating our gifts and talents. Our teachers have sparked a flame of a desire to

Our mission is to achieve student success through focusing on the whole child as a lifelong learner! 1

learn, and it is up to us to ignite the fire and utilize our knowledge. The gifts we possess, whether it be the hands of a mechanic, the proficiency of a surgeon, or the knowledge of a teacher, have been enhanced through the nurturing of our faculty at Tuscola. We have an enriched education that has prepared us for the next level in our lives to achieve our goals. I extend my best wishes to each one of you in your future; I can not wait to celebrate all of the future accomplishments of our Class and the contributions they will give to improve our world. We will cross paths in the future, or may stay in close contact, but, however far we part, never forget where you came from and the strong values we have learned from our mountain heritage.

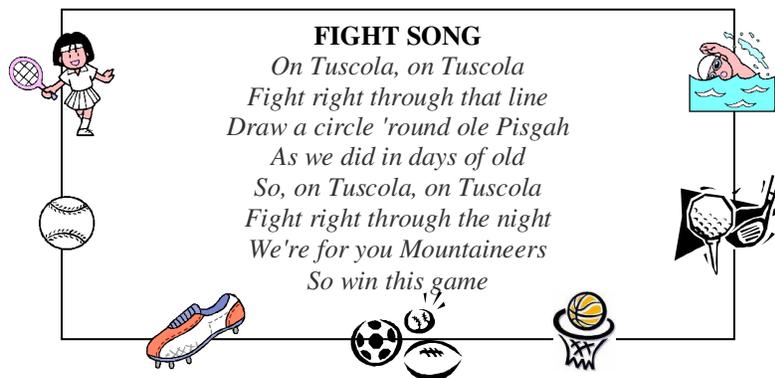
As the final curtain closes on the Class of 2009 and we exit the Tuscola High School stage to embrace new endeavors, I hope we will always continue to serve others through our gifts and talents as we may find that helping others is truly the greatest measure of success after all!

Best of luck,
Grace Williamson
SGA President 2008-2009

Message from the 2009-2010 Student Government Association President

I would like to introduce myself as the SGA President for the school year 2009-2010 and invite you all to our SGA meetings every 2nd and 4th Thursday after school in room D-2. Your attendance and input would be greatly appreciated. Our student government is very excited and striving to make a big impact this year, and any advice, ideas, or help would be absolutely wonderful to have. We want to create a strong bond between our school and community, and that can start with you. If you would like to contact me, my email address is soccerkat727@yahoo.com.

I hope to hear from you soon,
Kathryn Ray



1st Alumni Event

Join us Friday, October 16th, at the Tuscola/Pisgah football game. Sign-in at an alumni table, located at each entrance, and place an order for some alumni apparel. Then, beginning at 5:30 p.m., near the back gate, Doug and Wanda McCracken will be hosting a wild meat potluck. Bring a dish, make a donation, and tailgate a while. (Remember that parking is reserved behind the home side.) Kick-off is at 7:30 p.m.

If you have not been to C. E. Weatherby stadium in a couple of years, you will see a few changes. First of all, artificial turf was installed last year. Secondly, take a stroll along the *Path of Pride* (more information follows). Finally, we moved into a new conference this year – the Appalachian Athletic Conference. Currently, the football team has two wins, one loss, and one tie.

As always, if you cannot attend, you can listen to the game on 1400 AM or stream it online at <http://www.am1400thepeak.com>. For post-game information, go to <http://tuscolafootball.com/> or follow Tuscola Football on Twitter.

The Path of Pride

The *Path of Pride* at C. E. Weatherby stadium is a fundraising project initiated by the Activities Booster Club. This brick walkway recognizes alumni of Waynesville Township High School and Tuscola High School. To purchase a personalized brick for \$100, visit <http://pathofpride.com>. The first completed project funded by the bricks is the 10-foot mountaineer carving located between the concession stand and home side.



Donations

You are aware, no doubt, of our nation’s financial crisis and its impact on public schools. Our faith-based community coordinated a Volunteer Workday in August, and the Haywood County Schools Foundation raised \$47,000 through their Save-A-Teacher campaign. How can you help? Make a donation payable to Tuscola High School with how you want the money designated in the subject line of your check. Address the envelope to the attention of Pat Wyatt, who will send you a receipt for tax purposes. All gifts, large and small, will be appreciated.

2008-09 Retirees

We want to wish the following persons much happiness as they begin a new chapter in their lives. Each of them has impacted us in ways that they will never know. Although they are gone from “The Hill”, their legacy will forever remain.

Charles Howard
Math Teacher

Jim McClure
Custodian

Susan Kingshill
English Teacher

Tinga Medford
Math Teacher

Email hallen@haywood.k12.nc.us if you have any memories or appreciative words for these folks, and I will make sure that they get them. Please include your maiden name and the year(s) you were in her/his class.

Home, Again Alumni on Staff at THS

1969	Karen Nichols Sutton	1983	Pat Simons Wyatt
1970	Pat Edwards Mills	1984	Sherry Henson Banks
1971	Gay Askins Phillips	1985	Dawn Rathbone Jones
1971	Paula Gaddis Sheets-Price	1986	Becky Edwards Revis
1972	Mary Ann Miller Smith	1987	Jason Heinz
1973	JoAnn Hickman Grasty	1988	Julia Plott Rich
1973	Rena Wyatt	1988	Troy Rich
1974	Sharon Wyatt Rathbone	1990	Wendy Davis Rogers
1975	Lt. Col. Robert Brown	1995	Barron Rogers
1976	Darlene Birchfield Lowe	1996	Heather Allen
1976	Sandy Pruet Myers	1996	Cecilia Ruth Lance Marcus
1977	Betsy Farrow Gunter	1996	Courtenay Roberson McElroy
1977	Debbie Garrett Hill	1996	Adam Perry
1977	Deborah Donaldson Mills	1996	Eric Sollie
1978	Mike Sutton	1997	Maggie Boone Melville
1979	Robin West Rogers	1997	Joy Wadsworth Sollie
1980	Diana Clark Chambers	1998	Aaron Owenby
1980	Jim Davis	1998	Beth Sanderson
1980	Missy Ray Gentry	1999	Cameron Kingshill
1980	Barbara Teague Fowler	2001	Beth Dixson Ross
1981	Cindy Cogdill Early	2002	Melanie Galliers
1981	Vicky Evans Messer	2005	Brian Franklin
1982	Lisa Birchfield Burgin		

New Website

By receiving this e-newsletter, you probably have visited our new website already and shared your contact information with us. If not, click on the Alumni tab to be added to our mailing list. Check back often to stay informed.

<http://www.ths.haywood.k12.nc.us/>

THE LATEST NEWS FROM THS

- Announcements 09.18.09
- Announcements 09.17.09
- Announcements 09.16.09
- Announcements 09.15.09
- Announcements 09.14.09
- PSAT Information
- Tuscola Open House Sept. 29th at 6:30pm in Auditorium

THS CALENDAR

September 2009						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				
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MOUNTAINEER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Varsity sports only included.

Final scores can be found at <http://www.highschoolsports.net> and <http://www.tuscolafootball.com>.

Non-sporting events are highlighted in gray.

SEPTEMBER 2009

Monday, September 21

3:00 p.m. - Golf versus Mountain Heritage (Away)

4:00 p.m. - Tennis versus Smoky Mountain (Away)

7:00 p.m. - Soccer versus North Henderson (Home)

Tuesday, September 22

4:00 p.m. - Tennis versus West Henderson (Away)

6:30 p.m. - Volleyball versus East Henderson (Away)

Wednesday, September 23

4:00 p.m. - Tennis versus Brevard (Home)

8:00 p.m. - Soccer versus Pisgah (Home)

Thursday, September 24

TBA - Cross Country versus Brevard (Away)

3:00 p.m. - Golf versus Charles D. Owen (Away)

6:30 p.m. - Volleyball versus Franklin (Home)

Friday, September 25

7:30 p.m. - Football versus Smoky Mountain (Home)

Monday, September 28

3:00 p.m. - Golf versus North Henderson (Away)

4:00 p.m. - Tennis versus North Henderson (Away)

6:30 p.m. - Volleyball versus North Buncombe (Home)

7:00 p.m. - Soccer versus West Henderson (Away)

Tuesday, September 29

6:30 p.m. - Volleyball versus Smoky Mountain (Away)

Wednesday, September 30

4:00 p.m. - Tennis versus Pisgah (Away)

7:00 p.m. - Soccer versus East Henderson (Away)

OCTOBER 2009

Thursday, October 1

TBA - Cross Country versus Franklin (Away)

3:00 p.m. - Golf versus Enka (Home)

6:30 p.m. - Volleyball versus Brevard (Home)

Friday, October 2

7:30 p.m. - Football versus Brevard (Away)

Monday, October 5

4:00 p.m. - Tennis versus West Henderson (Home)

7:00 p.m. - Soccer versus Franklin (Home)

Tuesday, October 6

6:30 p.m. - Volleyball versus North Henderson (Away)

Wednesday, October 7

4:00 p.m. - Tennis versus East Henderson (Home)

7:00 p.m. - Soccer versus Smoky Mountain (Away)

Thursday, October 8

TBA - Cross Country v Clyde A. Erwin (Away)

3:00 p.m. - Golf versus TC Roberson (Away)

6:30 p.m. - Volleyball versus Pisgah (Away)

Friday, October 9

7:30 p.m. - Football versus North Henderson (Home)

Homecoming

Monday, October 12

4:00 p.m. - Tennis versus Franklin (Away)

8:00 p.m. - Soccer versus Brevard (Home)

Tuesday, October 13

6:30 p.m. - Volleyball versus West Henderson (Home)

Wednesday, October 14

7:00 p.m. - Soccer versus North Henderson (Away)

Thursday, October 15

TBA - Cross Country versus Enka (Away)

6:30 p.m. - Volleyball versus East Henderson (Home)

Friday, October 16

7:30 p.m. - Football versus Pisgah (Home)

1st Alumni Event

Monday, October 19

7:00 p.m. - Soccer versus Pisgah (Away)

Tuesday, October 20

6:30 p.m. - Volleyball versus Franklin (Away)

Wednesday, October 21

7:00 p.m. - Soccer versus West Henderson (Home)

Friday, October 23

7:30 p.m. - Football versus West Henderson (Away)

Saturday, October 24

TBA - Cross Country versus Asheville (Away)

Monday, October 26

7:00 p.m. - Soccer versus East Henderson (Home)

Wednesday, October 28

7:00 p.m. - Soccer versus Franklin (Away)

Friday, October 30

7:30 p.m. - Football versus East Henderson (Away)

NOVEMBER 2009

Friday, November 6

7:30 p.m. - Football versus Franklin (Home)

Wednesday, November 18

5:30 p.m. - Swimming versus Franklin (Home)

Thursday, November 19

6:30 p.m. - Basketball versus Clyde A. Erwin (Home)

Friday, November 20

6:00 p.m. - Wrestling versus Mitchell (Home)

Saturday, November 21

9:30 a.m. - Swimming at Murphy

Saturday, November 21 – Sunday, November 22

Chamber Choir's Broadway Show at THS

Tuesday, November 24

5:00 p.m. - Wrestling at West Henderson

6:30 p.m. - Basketball versus Cherokee (Away)

Saturday, November 28

6:30 p.m. - Basketball versus North Buncombe (Home)

DECEMBER 2009

Wednesday, December 2

3:30 p.m. - Swimming at Asheville School

6:30 p.m. - Basketball versus North Buncombe (Away)

Friday, December 4

5:00 p.m. - Wrestling at West Henderson

6:30 p.m. - Basketball versus Clyde A. Erwin (Away)

Saturday, December 5

5:00 p.m. - Wrestling at West Henderson

Monday, December 7

Holiday Chorus Concert at First United Methodist Church

Tuesday, December 8

6:00 p.m. - Wrestling at Franklin

6:30 p.m. - Basketball versus Enka (Away)

Wednesday, December 9

5:30 p.m. - Swimming versus North Henderson (Home)

Thursday, December 10 – Monday, December 14

Marching Band, Chamber Choir, and Summit perform at Walt Disney World

Friday, December 11

6:30 p.m. - Basketball versus Smoky Mountain (Home)

Saturday, December 12

9:30 a.m. - Wrestling (Home)

Tuesday, December 15

6:30 p.m. - Basketball versus Brevard (Away)

Wednesday, December 16

6:30 p.m. - Basketball versus Rabun Gap (Home)

Friday, December 18

5:00 p.m. - Swimming at Hendersonville YMCA

6:30 p.m. - Basketball versus North Henderson (Home)

Saturday, December 19

TBA - Swimming at Ironman Zeugner Center

9:30 a.m. - Wrestling at West Lincoln

Tuesday, December 22

1:00 p.m. - Wrestling at Charles D. Owen

6:30 p.m. - Basketball versus Enka (Home)

Wednesday, December 23

1:00 p.m. - Wrestling at Charles D. Owen



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