

September/October 2009 Newsletter

Mighty Miner News

Trinidad High School 2009/10 BB Attendance Incentive Program

At the end of each semester, 5 students from each grade level will be awarded a \$50 gift card. Eligible students' names will be randomly drawn. In order to be eligible for the program, students will:

- Have no more than 5 absences from any one class period (school sanctioned activities will not go towards the absences) during each semester.
- Have no truancies, unexcused absences, or unverified absences during each semester.
- Have no D's or F's on their semester report cards.

This program has been set up by a generous community member who chooses to remain anonymous, but who would like to help encourage students to stay in school.

Mrs. Jennifer Mason, Principal
Mr. Joe DeAngelis, Asst. Principal
Mrs. Paula Maldonado, Counselor
Mrs. Lynette Simpson, Counselor
Trinidad High School
719-846-2971

Thank you Candis Ruscetti
for newsletter design!



Parents – Please join us
for our

THS Advisory Meeting

Wed., October 14, 2009
at 6:00pm

in the THS Library.

Meet the School
Board Candidates



Library News

T.H.S. will be celebrating Teen Read Week Oct. 13th-
Oct. 18th. Teen Read Week (TRW)'s theme is "Read
Beyond Reality @ Your Library" which encourages teens
to read something out of this world or just for the fun
of it. We believe teens need 3 main opportunities to
develop a love of lifelong reading and learning: 1 Give
teens time to read for the fun of it. 2. Allow teens to
select their own reading material. 3. Help teens get in
the habit of reading regularly and often.
Please encourage your teen to take time to read and/or
read with your teen. Also, please take time to share with
them what you are currently reading.

Attendance

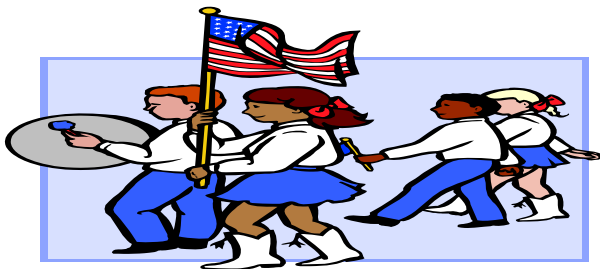
We would like to thank all parents who have been calling first thing in the morning to notify Mrs. Gonzales of their students' absence.

An Attendance Reminder

Students are allowed 8 absences per semester, per class. After 8 absences, an Attendance Hearing may be scheduled. Saturday School or After School Detention will be required for the 9th and 10th absences. On the 11th absence, students will lose class credit. Hours may be made up with administration approval. Excessive tardies will also be considered a reason for disciplinary actions. Excessive absences will result in court filing according to the Compulsory Attendance Law.

(With the unusual flu season, we will work with parents who communicate with the school).

**GOOD LUCK
MIGHTY MINER BAND AT
REGIONALS ON OCTOBER 14th**



**Junior & Senior
October Fest At TSJC**

Friday, October 23, from 8:30-12:00. Besides representatives from various colleges, this year there will also be the College Advantage Presentation by Monster.com, which is a dynamic, interactive presentation that will help your students on their college experience to create the best possible result – a degree and a great career. TSJC will once again present information on both Career & Tech Education Options, as well as, Arts & Sciences Transfer Programs. All participating seniors will be eligible for the Red Carpet Scholarship of \$500.

cell phone policy reminder

Due to distractions and disruptions in the classroom, cell phones are prohibited from being used anytime during the school day. Students may keep them in their backpacks/purses turned off. Students may use cell phones after school only! Students who choose not to follow this policy will have their cellphones taken away.

FIRST VIOLATION~ warning / the student may pick up the phone in the front office after school.

SECOND VIOLATION~ the parent/guardian must pick up the phone & a contract is signed.

THIRD VIOLATION~ will result in SATURDAY SCHOOL and possible suspension.

We do have a school phone that students may use before school, during lunch, passing periods, and after school.

ASVAB FACT OR MYTH?

The ASVAB test is only for students who are going to the military.

MYTH

The ASVAB is a great assessment for all students whether they are going to the military, college, or the workplace. The ASVAB Career Exploration Guide will help students develop the necessary skills for learning about themselves. The ASVAB can help students identify their interest, clarify what is important to them, and better understand their abilities.

The ASVAB will be given on Nov. 11th. If you would like your 10th 11th or 12th grade student to take the assessment, please contact Lynette Simpson by November 4th.

NWEA TESTING

Freshmen & Sophomores will be testing in Math, Reading, & Language starting Sept 28th- Oct 9th. This is a computerized test that is aligned to the CSAP test.

Next Individual ACT

Oct 24, 2009

Dec 12, 2009

Feb 6, 2010

Apr 10, 2010

June 12, 2010

Visit www.actstudent.org

There are still open spots for ACT online preparation, contact Mrs. Simpson ASAP

Reminder Weekly Progress Reports

Every Tuesday your child is given his/her grades for you to sign. If they are returned extra credit will be given at the end of each quarter, to be used in the class of your student's choice.

Senior Information

*Seniors, the deadline for turning in senior pictures for the yearbook, composite, and newspaper is November 1st. If you are getting your picture taken by a professional photographer, they must sign a release form in order for us to be able to use their picture. *Seniors were given information regarding college applications and scholarships on September 8th. Please review the information given to your student. Mrs. Maldonado will be meeting with seniors individually. This semester is a focus on seniors applying to the school of their choice. Getting accepted to a school is a key part of the scholarship process. Once students are accepted to a school, **this opens the doors to the scholarships available through that particular school.** The internet is also a source of scholarship information, but please be cautious and never send money. In addition to the above resources, THS has a list of scholarships which will be made available to students. Seniors need to check the updated College Bulletin Board and Mrs. Maldonado's office.

*Graduation is Sunday, May 16th at 1:00 p.m.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday Evening:
October 29, 2009
4:00 – 7:00 pm



Friday:
October 30, 2009
8:00 – 11:30 am
1:00 – 3:00 pm

ATTENTION JUNIORS & SENIORS

If you are interested in taking college classes next semester, please make an appointment to speak with your counselor or parents may call Mrs. Maldonado.



JUNIORS – PSAT test
October 14, 2009
8:00 – 11:30 am

Please have your student read the student guide & do the practice test which will be given out October 5th.

THS TUTORING

Hours: 3:45 – 5:00 pm

Tuesday – Mr. Williamson Rm 114

Thursday – Mrs. Feinman Rm 209

Math Tutoring – During Both Lunches

With Mr. Lochard Rm 180

Please see a counselor for more info.

If you have made a difference by volunteering in your community, you could win \$1,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C. Apply online at <http://spirit.prudential.com>, click on the "How to Apply" link. The access key is *spirit*. Deadline is November 2, 2009.

**Prudential Spirit of
Community Award**



There will be NO School for students on
October 23rd – Teacher Work Day
October 12th – Columbus Day
Early Releases – October 9th & November 6th

Homecoming

Congratulations to Trinidad High School's
2009-2010 Homecoming Royalty

Queen Deidra Montoya / King Quade Lusk/Escort Josh Valdez
Attendants Celeste Abeyta & Brandon Espinoza/ Escort Shawn Barrett
Attendants Ashley LaFon & Tyler Holland/ Escort Gabe Garduno
Attendants Savannah Velasquez & BJ VanSlyke / Escort Angelo Gitano

Royalty

Trinidad School District #1
215 Maple St.
Trinidad, CO 81082

Non- Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
Permit No. 205
Trinidad, CO 81082

CURRENT RESIDENT or

Support the Miners!

~October 2nd --Football vs.
Dolores Huerta @ HOME 7pm
~October 6th--Volleyball
vs. LaJunta @ HOME
4pm/5pm/6pm
~October 8th - Volleyball
@ James Irwin 4pm/5pm/6pm
~October 10th - Football
@ Ellicott 7pm
~October 12th - JV Football
vs. Ellicott @ HOME 4pm
~October 13th—Volleyball
@ Dolores Huerta 4pm/5pm/6pm

~October 15th—Volleyball
vs. Rye @ HOME
4pm/5pm/6pm
~October 16th—Football
@ LaJunta 7pm
~October 17th - JV
Football vs. LaJunta @HOME 10
~October 20th- Volleyball
@ Hoehne @ 4pm/5pm/6pm
~October 22nd—Volleyball
@Ellicott 4pm/5pm/6pm

~October 23rd—Football vs. St.
Mary's @ HOME 7 pm
~October 24th—Volleyball
Western Division / JV Football @
St. Mary's 11am
~October 30th -Football vs.
Lamar @ HOME 7pm
~October 31st—JV Football @
Lamar 11am