



# Technical High School

Pride, Respect, Responsibility

## **WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL CLASSES OF 2010, 2011, 2012 AND 2013**

FROM PRINCIPAL ZIEMANN:

When I was a kid, I remember watching the first rocket launches of American astronauts into space. You may know that the big three (only three) television networks at the time carried the launches live. I remember the launch of John Glenn, the first American astronaut to orbit Earth.

If you have watched other space launches, you can see how that rocket seems to hang next to the ground for such a long time after the engines start. It takes so much energy to lift the rocket and escape Earth's gravity.

So many events in life could be compared to the metaphor of John Glenn's ride around the Earth—certainly; the beginning of a school year. We anticipate the beginning of the school year all summer. Sometime after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July the retailers begin to push the need to buy school clothes and supplies. School supply lists are posted for the elementary schools on websites. Teens begin to worry, or at least think about, seeing old acquaintances again and making new ones. And then, there is the concern about what teacher "I got" for Algebra, English or whatever.

And then, it's the morning of September 8. For the first time in months, the 16 year old gets him/herself up at 7:00 and is ready to go. And then, it's 8:30 at Tech and it starts. . . .

And then, there is the first week with all of the routine things to get out of the way. And, everybody is here, but we are still finding our way and hugging the ground like John's rocket waiting to really get off the ground and get moving. Beginnings are always so difficult.

But now, after the first week of school, we are beginning to see movement. Students and staff are into the routine and everything is in place. The rockets have been fired and we are moving and picking up speed.

I also remember something else about that flight of John Glenn. I remember the words of one of the NASA scientists live on the air, just as the rockets were fired: "God Speed, John Glenn." Because, there was a very good chance that John Glenn would not be coming back and the world knew how important this mission into space would be for the future.

As we continue our mission of educating students for their futures: Best wishes to us.



## TECH ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Fall sports are well under way and Tech is looking to have a great year!

### Team Results

- \*Girls' Tennis is unbeaten at 5-0 and is looking for a state tournament bid.
- \*Volleyball is 3-1 overall and is off to a great start.
- \*Boys' soccer is 2-1-4
- \*Girls' Swimming is 0-2
- \*The boys' and girls' cross country teams are off to a good start and are competing in every meet.
- \*The football team is 0-1 and is hosting Sartell on September 11<sup>th</sup> in its home opener.

### Upcoming Events:

- \*Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> – The volleyball team is hosting Apollo and it is “Dig Pink” night. If you wear pink that night, the volleyball team will donate \$1 to the breast cancer awareness fund.
- \*Homecoming week is September 28-October 2. The football team will play Little Falls on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- \*National Honor Society Induction will be on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

If you want to keep up-to-date on Tech activities there is a great website you can visit. It is at [www.centrallakesconference.org](http://www.centrallakesconference.org). This website will give you schedules, maps, results and standings. Please use this website, it is a wonderful resource.

## TECH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 22 – 2 Hour early dismissal
- September 25 – Homecoming Kick Off Assembly period 1
- September 28 – Coronation in Tech Gym 3:45 p.m.
- October 2 – Pep-fest Clark Field period 10
  - 6:30 pm Pre-game show @ Clark Field
  - 7:00 pm Homecoming Football Game vs. Little Falls @ Clark Field
- October 3 - – 8:00 – 11:30 pm Homecoming Dance @ Tech
- October 5 – National Honor Society Induction at 7:00 p.m.
- October 13 – Picture Retake Day

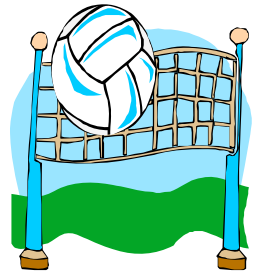
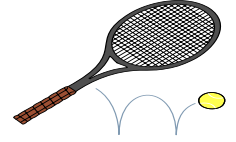


### New Staff to Tech

Marie Bauerly – Business  
 Andrew Craig – Behavior Interventionist  
 Dustin Hausmann – Special Education  
 Marcy Kickhafer – Math Joe Osgood – ELL  
 Linda Koltes – Social Worker  
 Amy Luxa – Language Arts  
 Andrew Marincic – Special Education  
 Kara Mather – Orchestra  
 Trude Sowada – Family and Consumer Science  
 Mackenzie Trick – Special Education  
 Trista Wochnick – School Psychologist  
 Jackie Wollschlager – Mental Health Facilitator



Pictures were taken today  
 Friday September 11, 2009.  
 Picture retake day will be  
 Tuesday, October 13, 2009.



### Greetings from the Guidance Office

Welcome back students to another great school year. Our office has been busy with schedule changes and welcoming all new students to Tech High school. The month of September is always a transition time for all students regardless if you are a 9th grade student or a senior.

Counselors will be meeting with senior students on September 17th to share information with them regarding post high school planning. Topics covered will include the process for completing college applications, financial aid, required testing deadlines, admissions deadlines and graduation requirements. Please discuss this information with your senior and review the handouts with them next Thursday! Counselors will also be starting their individual senior meetings to review credits and post high plans.

Counselor assignments are the following:

	<u>Last Names</u>
Erin Bloch	A-F
Gretchen VanHauen	G-K
Bridget Hamak	L-Po
Krisi Lain	Pr-Z

Again, welcome back to the school year.  
 The Tech Counselors





The Tech Homecoming Dance will be on Saturday, October 3, 2009 from 8:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. in the Tech Gym! Please dress appropriately. No hard sole shoes allowed on the gym floor, please wear socks. Tickets will go on sale on September 28 for \$5.00 from Ray Skelly in Room 111. No Tickets are sold at the dance. Students are not allowed to enter the dance after 10:00pm.



The office of Equity Services, St. Cloud Area School District, I.S.D. #742 and the Minnesota Parent Center are hosting our first Annual F.U.T.U.R.E. Families Understanding Their Ultimate Role in Education Parent Conference. To be held: Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Apollo High School, 1000 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, St. Cloud, MN 56303. The “free” conference will include a keynote address and breakout sessions.

For more information contact: Luis Saenz, Office of Equity Services, 320-202-6897 ext, 5708.

We need community input regarding budget reductions for District 742. Please join us for the budget reduction meeting at Apollo High School at 5:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

Tech High School held its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Link Crew Program to welcome the class of 2013. Link Crew is a program that helps 9th grade students transition smoothly into the high school setting. It consists of 90 juniors and seniors who serve as leaders to the freshmen. Each leader is assigned to 8-12 freshmen that they will continue to monitor and interact with throughout the year. The day was filled with fun activities. A huge welcome to the class of 2013.

The Link Crew Coordinators:  
 Krisi Lain, Jodee Blair, Stacie Vos, Becky Blissenbach, Greg Border and Lisa Hines



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