

Future Torrance High Tartars, we'd like to share about our programs before you complete your schedule requests for the Fall of 2020 at Torrance High School. For specific questions, please contact the teacher/coach listed below via email. Thank you and we look forward to you joining our Tartar family.

<u>Torrance High School Programs</u>	
<p>Academic Decathlon Robert Zuliani Zuliani.Robert@tUSD.org</p>	<p>Academic Decathlon wants you! Why should you join Academic Decathlon? Here are a few reasons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Earn honors credits. ● You'll learn test taking strategies that will make tests like the ACT and SAT seem easy. ● The skills you develop in AcaDec will last you through college and throughout life. ● Be a part of a close knit team ● It'll look good on a college resume. ● Of course you have the chance to win shiny medals! <p><u>You don't need to have an extra high GPA to join.</u> <u>2.0 GPA and above is required.</u></p>
<p>Band Carlos Anwandter Anwandter.Carlos@tUSD.org</p>	<p>Want to start high school with a built-in support system for your academic and social life? Do you want to have fun while learning and building a unique and impressive resume for work and college? Band can give you all of that! The band program at THS is open to anyone who wants to join - no experience is necessary. We offer all kinds of performance opportunities, including Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Drumline and Colorguard. All of our groups travel, compete and perform throughout Southern California. Contact Mr. A with questions - anwandter.carlos@tUSD.org.</p>
<p>Choir Kelly Nash Nash.Kelly@tUSD.org</p>	<p>Do you like to sing? Then choir is the place for you! There are three different choirs at THS.</p> <p>*Beginning choir is open to students in all grades, and all singing abilities.</p> <p>*Advanced choir is an auditioned ensemble open to students in all grades. This ensemble will perform music at a more advanced level. Both groups will perform a wide variety of music from classical to pop, and everything in between.</p> <p>* New for this coming school year is Vocal Jazz Ensemble. This group will meet during zero period, and they will sing vocal jazz music. Students in Vocal Jazz should also be enrolled in Beginning or Advanced choir. You must have teacher permission to enroll in this ensemble. Vocal Jazz will travel to various jazz festivals.</p> <p>*If you would like to learn to play piano or guitar, you can sign up for Intermediate Instruments. Students in this class will work out of method books, and test weekly. There are also opportunities to work on songs of students choosing as well.</p> <p>*If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Nash - nash.kelly@tUSD.org</p>

<p>Fashion Jennifer Phoonphiphatana Phoonphiphatana.Jennifer@tusd.org</p>	<p>Have you ever wanted to sew your own clothing? Do you love sketching designs? Do you like showing your personality with your fashion choices? If so, the Fashion Design & Merchandising Pathway might be a great option for you. Costume & Wearable Art is the introductory course (counts as Fine Arts credit) that will give you the foundation needed to succeed in this pathway. We will have fun learning to sew on new machines, creating digital illustration on tablets, going on study trips, and presenting our annual fashion show. This class will get your creative juices flowing! Contact Mrs. P for more info: phoonphiphatana.jennifer@tusd.org</p>
<p>Foods Christina Martin Martin.Christina@tusd.org</p>	<p>A hands on class that will prepare you for home cooking AND a career in the foods, nutrition, and dietetics industry. Foods 1 and 2 both have weekly hands on labs, field trip, and industry experiences through lots of projects as well as opportunities to compete in a co-curricular student organization called FCCLA. Students will also receive their food handlers permit that can be used to get a real job in the food industry right now! If you like food or health or food based science -this is the class for you!</p>
<p>AP Human Geography Lori Spradlin Spradlin.Loralee@tusd.org</p>	<p>This is the best class you've never heard of! AP Human Geo is a fantastic entry course for the AP program, as students will learn many academic strategies that will be useful in other AP courses. Units include: Population and Migration, Culture (Religions, languages, etc.), political geography, economic geography, how cities are organized and spread, to name a few. AP Human Geo is also a great course for any student considering taking AP World History sophomore year. Content follows the College Board curriculum and students may earn college credit for this class.</p>
<p>ILead Jackie Mendoza Mendoza.Jacqueline@tusd.org</p>	<p>ILead is a 4 year program that helps students stay on track with grades with weekly grade checks, involved with clubs, volunteer hours, SAT / ACT prep, along with college, scholarships, and FAFSA applications. Throughout the 4 years, students are taught studying and reviewing strategies in classes they are struggling in as well as participate in study groups. If you are interested please email me at Mendoza.Jacqueline@tusd.org for more information.</p>
<p>Japanese Stuart Jones Jones.Stuart@tusd.org</p>	<p>Our Japanese program is a four-year program meant for students that do not speak Japanese. We start from the very beginning of language acquisition and build over four years to a point where students have a chance to pass the AP Japanese Language and Culture examination. Jones Sensei was chosen by CollegeBoard, the organization that issues AP exams, to host YouTube Live sessions for AP Japanese over this current break that can be found on the advancedplacement YouTube channel.</p>

<p>Korean - Hye Yang Song Song.HyeYang@tusd.org</p>	<p>The Korean program offers five levels of language study including three levels of honors courses. Students will focus on authentic materials to enhance their receptive and productive competency in Korean. Students will also participate in cultural activities such as field trips, creative projects, K-Pop and K-Drama, art and crafts which enable them to learn about Korean culture and customs, and to practice outside of the classroom to further their knowledge. Extra scholarship opportunities are available for students in Korean programs. Placement tests can be given to students who have background knowledge and credit for introductory level will be awarded. Please email Mrs.Song if a placement test is needed.</p>
<p>Spanish for Spanish Speakers Maribel Torres Torres.Maribel@tusd.org</p>	<p>¡Hola! ¡Bienvenidas/os! Spanish for Spanish Speakers is a great opportunity for fluent Spanish speakers to develop advanced skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students communicate in the target language using academic Spanish while also validating the varied personal dialects and regional colloquialisms. The courses explore the various cultures of Hispanics/Latinas/os around the world including a study of geography, history, cultural traditions, art, music, and daily life. Upon completion of this two-year program, students will be prepared to move on to Advanced Placement Spanish.</p>
<p>Speech & Debate Lesley Sluyter Sluyter.Lesley@tusd.org</p>	<p>THS Speech & Debate is a competitive program in which students in grades 9-12 participate in both speech and debate tournaments as part of the Western Bay Forensics League. Each year students can try for a spot at the CA state championship tournament. Students will be enrolled in zero period Forensics Workshop and will earn elective credit. If you want to make lifelong friends, speak with confidence and passion, formulate arguments, learn to research, read, and write better, THS Speech & Debate is for you! Click on the link to read our FAQ sheet and for access to an application. THS Speech & Debate FAQs and App</p>
<p>Theater Darryl Hovis Hovis.Darryl@tusd.org</p>	<p>Looking for a sense of connection and a safe place to grow? Then join Theater Arts at Torrance High. The theater program at THS is open to anyone who wants to join - no experience is necessary. Theater at THS is a community that supports one another in growing artists, on stage and off. Whether you are interested in acting, designing (sets, lights, sound, costumes), or writing, there is a place for everyone! Students learn to create performance art in its many facets. Through projects, field trips, and work with mentors, students learn to bring their own artistic vision to life in front of an audience. Theater at THS is a four year program where students can earn their CTE Certificate in Arts, Media, and Entertainment as well as earn credit doing something they love. Opportunities include <i>Mainstage Productions</i>, <i>Java Drama</i>, <i>Night of the Arts</i>, <i>ONE (1-Act Festival)</i>, <i>Theaterfest</i>, and <i>Comedysportz</i>. Courses and Opportunities include:</p>

- **Theater 1 (Introduction to Theater):** Learn the basics of theater including acting, directing, playwriting, and design. Students learn collaboration through scene work, improvisation, exercises and projects
- **Theater 2 (Intermediate Theater):** Students continue to build on above skills with a concentration on acting techniques. Students collaborate through scene study, improvisation, and ensemble productions.
- **Theater 3 (Play Production):** Students learn the craft of directing through working with fellow actors through scene work, various projects, and ensemble productions.
- **Theater 4 (Advanced Play Production):** Students serve as leaders in the major projects and all play productions - Write, direct, and choreograph ensemble productions
- **SCROC (Stage Management):** Students earn credit while having fun putting on major productions. Students act, direct, design and build major theater productions. Students work with professional artists (directors, designers) in building and mounting productions
- **Comedysportz:** Students learn the art of improv comedy and compete against other schools in official Comedysportz matches.

For more information, contact Mr. Hovis at hovis.darryl@tUSD.org and check us out on the web at www.torrancehightheater.org.