

# UTHS



## Counseling Quarterly

Volume 27,  
Issue 1

September 2017

### UT Welcomes new Teachers.

-Brenda Corley  
IJAG Instructor

-Kerry Garvey  
Social Studies

-Betsy Maertens  
ECHO

-Molissa Sutton  
Business Education

-Maggie Williams  
English

-Doug Williams  
UTEC Instructor

UT Counseling  
Department 752 1640

**Abby Demory** 752-  
A—El 1670

**Jon-Mychel Nelson** 752-  
Em-Lo 1644

**Stacey Drish** 752-  
Lu-Rod 1673

**Patrick Green** 752-  
Roe-Z 1643

**Marcy Johnson** 752-  
Registrar 1650

**Holly Schneider** 752-  
Secretary 1640

UTHS General 752-  
Office 1600

### UT Attendance Policy

- All Students are encouraged to take finals
- You must have 3 or fewer absences per semester from a given class
- No tardy referral from a given class
- No discipline referral from a given class
- Must achieve at least a C (69.5%) in each quarter for a given class
- Students earning an exemption may still take a final at “Zero Risk”
- Parameters are always on a “per class basis”
- Please call if you have any questions concerning the new attendance policy.

### SAT Testing

- The SAT is an IL state mandated test and must be taken in order to graduate. UTHS will be giving the SAT to all juniors on April 10th.
- All Illinois universities and colleges accept the SAT as a college entrance exam.
- Students interested in getting practice on the SAT can go to [kahnacade-my.org/sat](http://kahnacade-my.org/sat)....Free of Charge.
- UTHS Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors took practice SAT exams on September 1st. Results will be discussed in classes in the coming weeks.

### UTHS Homecoming 2017

Monday....Black and White Dress Day. Volleyball tournament 7-9pm in the gym.

Tuesday....Twin Tie Day. Movie Night “Great Gatsby” 7-9pm at the Bus Barn.

Wednesday...Class T-Shirt Day. Powder Puff game 7-9pm at the soccer field.

Thursday...Throw Back Day. Fun Night 7-9pm at the soccer field.

Friday....Spirit Day. Assemble at 11:15 & Parade at 2pm.

Saturday....Homecoming Dance 7-10pm UTHS Cafeteria.



### UTHS Welcomes New Principal

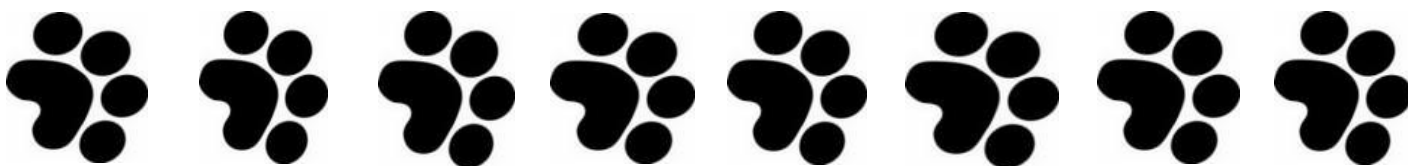
UT would like to welcome Mr. Matt Wright as our new Principal. Matt comes to UT from East Peoria where he was a Dean of Students. Matt looks forward to meeting all our students and supporting their academic and extra curricular endeavors.

## Counselors in the Classroom

The counselors have met or will meet with UTHS students in their classrooms during the first few months of the new school year. Here is a quick summary of what was covered in these meetings.

August 16...Counselors met with their own freshmen in groups to talk about why they might meet with a counselor (personal, academic, career concerns) and how they would get in to see us. We also gathered some personal information from them so that we could better familiarize ourselves with their interests, activities, and families. Information was also distributed on study skills.

-September 27...Counselors will meet with seniors in their English classes. We encouraged the seniors to begin thinking about what they will be doing after graduation and the necessary steps to get there. Information will be given on schools, apprenticeships, scholarships, financial aid, and resources available to them. They will receive a planning calendar indicating important dates such as College & Parent nights, testing, and financial aid night. The FAFSA can now be filled out on October 1st. If you are interested in any type of financial aid, for college, this must be filled out.



### UT School Report Card

The school report card is available at the UT web site [uths.net](http://uths.net). You may request a printed copy of the report card by calling 752-1611. Please feel free to call with any questions you may have.

### Attention Parents

To all parents of Junior and Senior students. We are required, by law, to provide the military with class lists. These list the students phone number and home address. If you do not want your student included on this list please call Marcy Johnson at 752-1650.

### UTHS Budget

You may view the 2017-2018 UTHS budget on our website [uths.net](http://uths.net). Please take a minute to review the document on the UTHS web site. Just click finance information dashboard on the administration tab.



### Quotes of the Month

Education is the most powerful weapon for changing the world.

Nelson Mandela

You don't have to be great to get started but you have to get started to be great.

Les Brown

### No Child Left Behind

Federal legislation requires us to notify our community, parents and students of the qualifications of our teaching and paraprofessional staff. The legislation requires that we have only "highly qualified" staff in place by 2006. The legislation clearly sets forth the standards that define "highly qualified". In short, it means that teachers are certified in the specific areas they are teaching and that paraprofessionals have at least sixty (60) credit hours of college work. A list of our current staff is available for review in our administration center.

### ASVAB

UTHS will offer the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) exam on Nov. 15th in the UT Library. See Mr. Nelson in the counseling office if you are interested in taking this exam.

### Parent/Teacher Conferences

Just a reminder that UTHS will have Parent/Teacher conferences on October 26th from 5:30 to 8:30.

**UT Panthers UT Panthers UT Panthers UT Panthers**