

What's news in Tahoma schools?

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School District highlights

Community invited to watershed event

The annual community screening of the Watershed Report will be held on Friday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Tahoma Middle School Theatre, 24425 SE 216th Way.

The community screening is presented by Tahoma School District, the City of Maple Valley, and the Friends of the Cedar River Watershed. The presentation is centered on a video that is researched and assembled by students in school districts throughout the Cedar River watershed. Updated every year, these professionally produced, student narrated short movies report on positive sustainability trends in the 13 school districts and 28 cities of the greater Cedar River - Lake Washington Watershed.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the public is invited.

Cool jazz, yummy desserts

Tahoma High School's jazz band and choir are hosting a fund-raising concert on Friday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. in the high school's commons area.

Tickets are available at the door or from jazz program students and include dessert. Tickets cost \$10 per person or \$15 per family. Tickets are available from jazz students or at the door.

All proceeds will support enrichment programs and/or field trips for both groups.

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Tahoma students having sum fun

'Math is Amazing' event attracts 60

About 60 students got together on a chilly Friday night in December to have some fun -- doing math.

Tahoma High School hosted the second-annual Math is Amazing competition for students grades six through nine. The students, from three Tahoma schools, challenged themselves by racing against the clock to show their math skills.

Students competed in several math activities that were designed by Kyla Maczewski and Elizabeth Burianek, both seniors at Tahoma High School. Their work is part of their senior project activities and includes advertising the competition, designing shirts, organizing volunteers, providing concessions and awarding prizes.

The Tahoma High School math team and National Honor Society provided volunteers.

One of the contests asked students to estimate the number of pieces of candy in each of the 10 jars. Students had a chance to eat pizza and visit while waiting for the "Countdown Round." Top scoring students participated by quickly solving math problems until the top three students were determined.

Malinda Shirley, THS math club advisor, praised the students for their efforts.

"The best part of the competition was hearing the students cheer for each other while awards were being presented," she said. "It was good to see the students applauding each other's excellence in mathematics!"

In first place overall was Alex Link, from Tahoma Junior High (TJH) who was awarded a graphing calculator. Second and third place overall



Students in grades 6-9 discovered math is a fun thing to do on a Friday evening in December.

went to Miranda Craig (TJH) and Carissa Hibbert, from Cedar River Middle School, respectively.

Medals were awarded to the top three students at each skill level. For Math 1 and Math 2 the winners were: Austin Baker (1st), Kira Schwander (2nd), and Trinity Aguliar (3rd). For Math 3 and Algebra 1 the winners were: Kcee Landon (1st), MacKenzie Soiseth (2nd), and Carissa Hibbert (3rd). For Geometry and Algebra 2, the winners were: Josh Pennington (1st), Miranda Craig (2nd),

and Alex Link (3rd).

Awards were also given to the top three students in each grade. The 6th grade winners were: Kira Schwander (1st), Trinity Aguliar (2nd), and Jeremy Waler (3rd). The 7th grade winners were: Kcee Landon (1st), Taylor Craig (2nd), and Carissa Hibbert (3rd). The 8th grade winners were: Josh Pennington (1st), Andrew Baker (2nd), and MacKenzie Soiseth (3rd). The 9th grade winners were: Alex Link (1st), Miranda Craig (2nd), and Lauren Baek (3rd).

Free event aims to help parents, students with college student-aid forms

College Goal Sunday

(CGS), a national event designed to assist students and parents in how to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is com-

ing to Tahoma High School.

But even though it is called College Goal Sunday it will be offered on Thursday, Jan. 12 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at THS.

Financial aid experts from

around the region will be on-hand to assist students and their parents. In addition, attendees are eligible to win one of several \$500 scholarships.

Families can register on-

line at www.collegegoalsundaywa.org. Please contact THS Counseling at 425-413-6204 for questions or to learn more about this free event.