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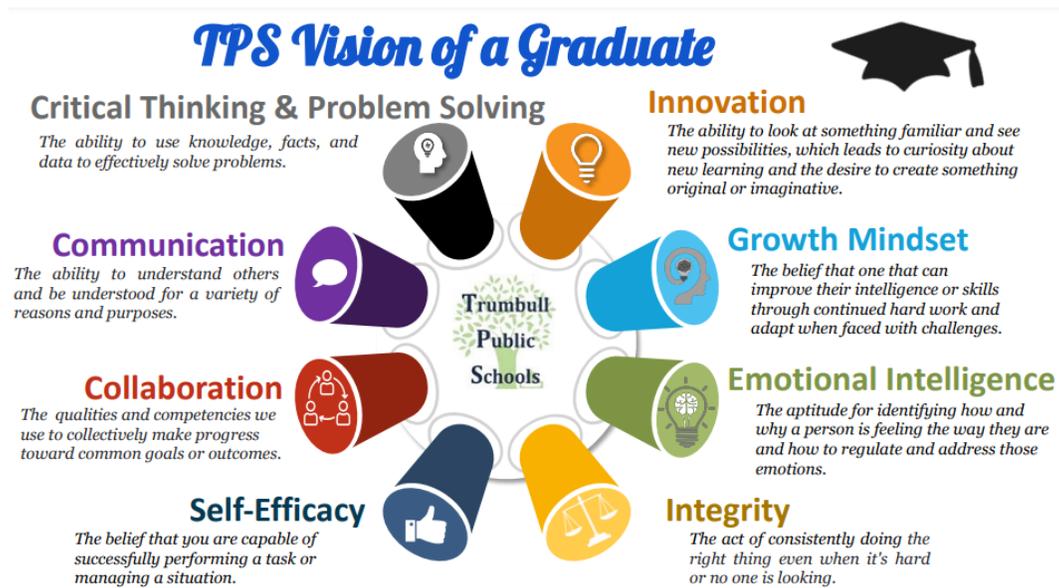
May 27, 2022

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

I want to start by sharing my appreciation for this wonderful community. I have seen first-hand how the tragedy in Texas has only strengthened the relationships throughout the Trumbull community. Although too many to mention, the words of support and concentration of resources has been inspiring. I wish you all a wonderful Memorial Day Weekend. Below are a number of important updates for the Trumbull Public Schools.

Trumbull Public Schools Vision of the Graduate

On May 24, 2022 the BOE unanimously adopted the *Vision of the Graduate* for the Trumbull Public Schools. This was a major goal from the 2021-2022 District Improvement Plan. I am so thankful for the engagement we received from the community through our ThoughtExchange process and the 25 members of our District Vision of the Graduate Committee. You can find our full presentation of the Vision of the Graduate work on our [website](#). There you will find links to additional information. Below is a simple graphic of the skills and dispositions that the community believes are important for all Trumbull High School students to master by the time they graduate. Identifying the skills and dispositions is only the first important step. We will now begin the important process that delivers on this vision as our students progress through the Trumbull Public Schools.



Late School Start Committee (LSSC)

At the May 24 BOE meeting, recent findings from the Late School Start Committee were provided to the Board of Education. The BOE requested that the Late School Start Committee collect additional information as it relates to an 8:00 am start at Trumbull High School and bring it back to the BOE for further discussion. As a reminder, there are no changes to the schedule for the 2022-2023 school year. You can find the full presentation from the BOE meeting on our [website](#).

Next Chapter Books – 2 Daniels Farm Road

We are excited to announce that *Next Chapter Books* (2 Daniels Farm Road) will continue to maintain our regular hours of Monday through Friday, from 10 to 5, from the last day of school throughout the summer. This has been made possible through the support of Friends of Elite, and the organization of a steady support of student and community volunteers.

Introducing Story Hour!

Story hour at NCB is now up and running, every Monday at 10:15, and will continue throughout the summer.

Students' Summer Reading Books and Bookclubs

Special shelves will be designated with books from each grade level's summer reading list.

Additionally, book clubs to support students' summer reading comprehension will be led by TPS teachers, Robin Luther and Johanna Fitzpatrick, in July and August.

Book club sign up and updates on events and summer happenings can be found by following NCB on social media:

Instagram: [nextchapterbooksct](#)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Next-Chapter-Books-108042161861744>

Store website (coming soon): [nextchapterbooksct.com](#)

Interesting in Volunteering?

There are so many ways to support NCB! Contact Friends of ELITE to learn more:

<https://foe.nuland.site/membership/>

School Breakfast and Lunch Prices for 2022-2023

The Trumbull Public schools have been serving all students free meals since the COVID-19 pandemic first disrupted K-12 education. This Federal Waiver expires on **June 30, 2022**.

The cost for school meals for the 2022-2023 school year are as follows:

Elementary School Breakfast = \$2.35	Elementary School Lunch = \$3.15
Middle School Breakfast = \$2.35	Middle School Lunch = \$3.35
High School Breakfast = \$2.50	High School Lunch = \$3.50

Grades 6-12 offer tiered meals at different pricing, check with your school kitchen manager
As usual there is a charge for all a la carte items.

PLEASE NOTE: If you were approved either by application or Direct Certification for free and reduced price school meals for the 2021-2022 school year, your status will remain in effect until 30 days after the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year, at which time your benefits will be terminated, unless you have applied for and have been approved for the 2022-2023 school year benefits. Applications for the 2022-2023 school year are available the 3rd week in August 2022 on the TPS website, <https://www.trumbullps.org/departments/food-service/free-and-reduced-lunch.html>, and at your child's school throughout the year. All are encouraged to apply unless you have been Directly Certified for the 2022-2023 school year.

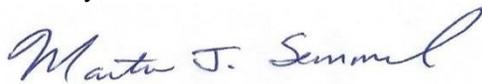
Summer Explorations Seats Still Available

There are still seats available in our Summer Explorations courses for the summer. Please see our Continuing Education [website](#) to sign up.

New Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services

We are proud to announce that we have hired a new Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Education. Dean Catalano has been supporting students with special needs and their families as a Supervisor of Special Education with the Capitol Region Education Center (CREC). Mr. Calatano impressed our many interview teams with his commitment to students and families, his knowledge of special services, and his analytical skills. Mr. Catalano will be an excellent addition to our district and to the many students, families, and staff he will support. We formally introduced Dean Catalano at our May 24th BOE meeting. You can email Mr. Catalano at DCatalan@trumbullps.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martin J. Semmel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "M".

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