

## Tappan Zee High School – Grades 9 - 12

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**In response to the results of the ACT scores for TZHS the administrators collectively stated they are very happy to be able to report that overall our students continue to outperform state average scores on the ACT which is a test that measures college readiness. The number of our students taking the ACT continues to grow significantly each year.**

New challenges and visions will include the following:

- addressing our students needs to meet the challenges of higher education and the changing demands in the field of employment in the 21<sup>st</sup> century by **expanding course offerings to include:**
  - \* **Environmental science**
  - \* **Project Lead The Way – principles of engineering**
  - \* **TV production which will include live broadcasting**
- As a result of meeting with our Honors Committee and Curriculum Council, we will be instituting a **9<sup>th</sup> grade honors program in English, and Social Studies, and an Advanced Studies class in biology.**
- TZHS and SOMS will maintain their departmental articulation throughout the school year with the focus on continually evaluating and improving curriculum in an ongoing effort to enhance and ease the transition from middle school to high school.
- To meet the needs of our diverse learners, **Smartboard technology has been amplified through professional development opportunities for our staff** in our solid efforts to deliver student centered, interactive instruction utilized in addition to our already successful teacher websites, blogs, wikis, and Skype capabilities.

We look forward to working with students, parents, and the community at large in a constant focus on engaging our students and arming them with the tools necessary to face the ground-breaking challenges awaiting them in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.