

Jefferson Times

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A note from the Principal ~

Dear Jefferson Families,

Our annual state testing is right around the corner. We will be measuring our progress by participating in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). These tests are for grades 3-8 and test the areas of English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics. In addition to the CAASPP assessments, students in Grades 5 and 8 will also be taking a paper-pencil Science assessment during the same testing window. Our 7th & 8th grade students will be testing April 12 – April 22 and the 5th & 6th grade students will be testing April 25 – May 6.

It is extremely important that our students attend school every day of test, get plenty of sleep every night, and have a healthy breakfast each morning. We will be providing snacks and activities for our students during the testing weeks to keep them motivated.

Our teachers have been challenging students to provide reasoning, support arguments with evidence, and persevere in solving problems. These are all of the skills that our students need to develop over the course of their education to succeed in the long run.

Some highlights of the CAASPP assessments are:

- Computer Based: Some questions are interactive, and a greater variety of supporting tools can be provided to eligible students, such as magnification of text, and text-to-speech read-aloud of questions.
- Computer Adaptive: Students receive test questions that help pinpoint what they know and can do. A correct answer is followed by a more difficult question, and an incorrect answer is followed by an easier question. This provides a more precise estimate of student understanding.
- Realistic Context for Tasks: Knowledge is assessed in context—for example, students are asked to select a word of the same meaning to replace a word in a paragraph, rather than to choose a synonym for a word standing alone. In addition, students will need to provide open-ended answers for some questions, rather than selecting from multiple options, and will be asked to write short essays that will need to be scored by hand.
- No Time Limits: Students can take the time they need to do their best.

If you are interested in an even closer look, you can take a practice test to sample the new problems and experience the tools that are available to support students. Take a look at this link: <http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/>

Also, don't forget that we have a short week with Spring Break starting this Friday, March 25. School will resume on Monday, April 4. I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Alyssa Wooten

Principal

Jefferson School District Writing Camp

Incoming 4th through 9th grade students

June 13th – 24th 8:30am to 11:30am

Optional Publication week

June 13th – July 1st 8:30am to 11:30am

\$175: 2 weeks / \$225: 3 weeks

Registration link:

<https://jsdcamp.eventbrite.com>

Held at Traina Elementary School

4256 Windsong Drive

~ Weekly Information ~

Monday: 3/21 ~ MINIMUM DAY

Tuesday: 3/22 ~

Wednesday: 3/23 ~ HOOPS & JUMP for HEART @ 1:50. ASB meeting

Thursday: 3/24 ~ 5th grade field trip to Haggin Museum

Friday: 3/25 ~ NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK

**7/8th grade basketball – TOURNEY
@ HAWKINS SCHOOL**

March 21st – March 24th

~ WORD OF THE WEEK ~ “EVALUATE”

e·val·u·ate

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verb

Form an idea of the amount, number, or value of; assess.

“when you evaluate any hammer, look for precision machining”

Synonyms: assess, judge, gauge, rate, estimate, appraise, analyze, examine, get the measure of; More

Make the
Grade
with SCHOOL BREAKFAST

**Start your morning with a delicious breakfast
at school!**

Breakfast is served daily from 7:30 to 8:00

Cost is \$1.50 Reduced \$0.30

Spring Break 2016

Volleyball Camp!



@ Xplosion Training Facility
7505 11th St, Tracy, CA

3 Day Camp **Monday-Wednesday** **March 28th-30th**



BOYS and GIRLS grades 4th-8th

SESSION I (4th,5th,6th graders)

TIME: 8:30a.m.- 11:30a.m.

SESSION II (7th and 8th graders)

TIME: 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

COST: \$90.00

REGISTER ONLINE: www.XplosionVolleyball.net

(FREE T-Shirt if registered before March 19th)

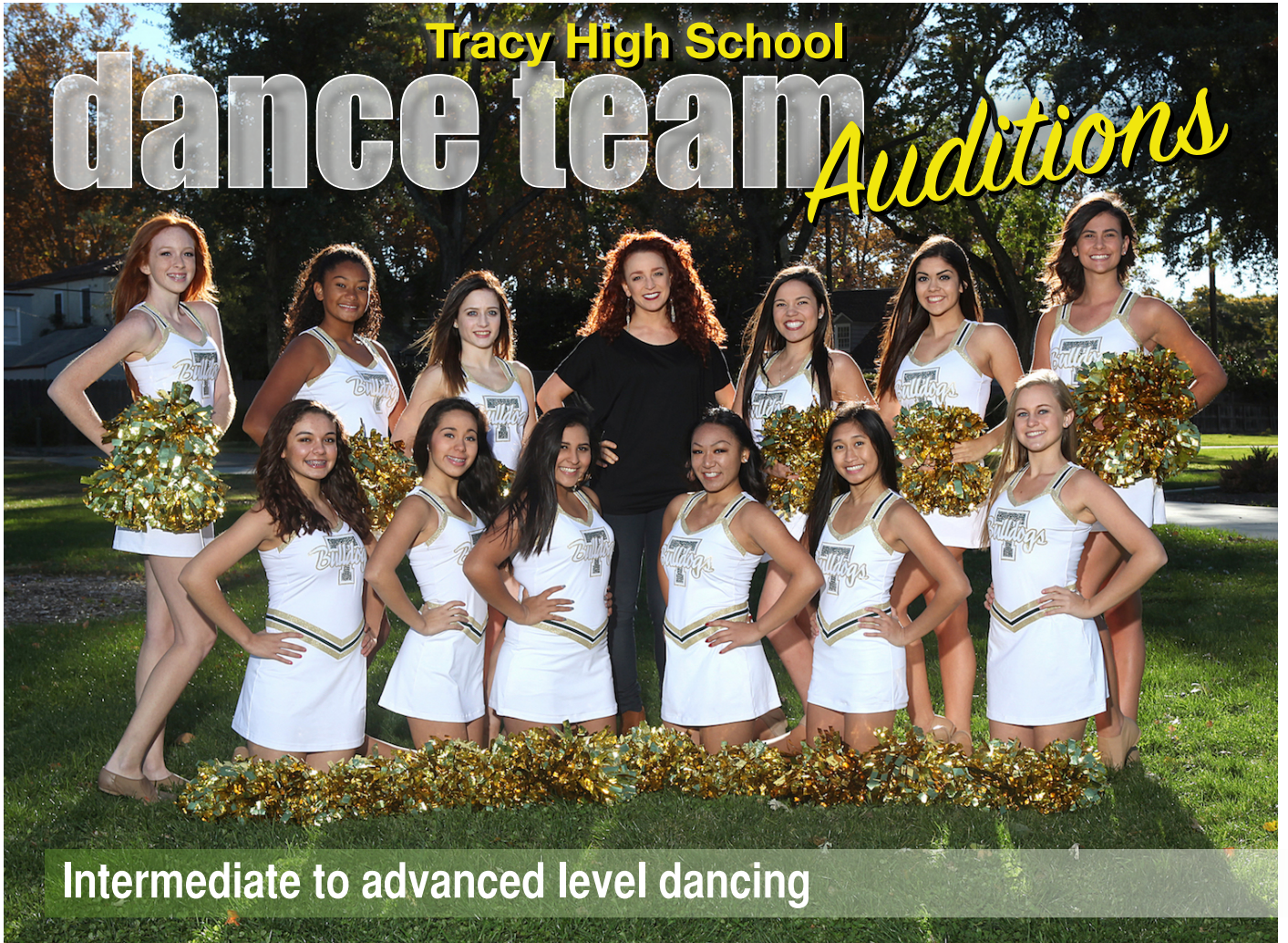
Campers will learn the basic fundamentals of volleyball

and practice skill techniques such as

PASSING, SETTING, HITTING and SERVING!

For more information call 209-640-1442





Intermediate to advanced level dancing

Please come prepared in dance clothes and jazz shoes. We will be doing a warm-up, across the floor and learning a dance.

Bring water.



**Must have splits,
at least a double
turn, leg hold
and basic leaps
to audition.**

AUDITIONS

Monday,

May 2nd, 2016 2:30pm – 4:30pm

Wednesday,

May 4th, 2016 3:30pm – 5:00pm

CALLBACKS

Friday,

May 6th, 2016
3:30pm – 5:00pm

LOCATION

Tracy High School

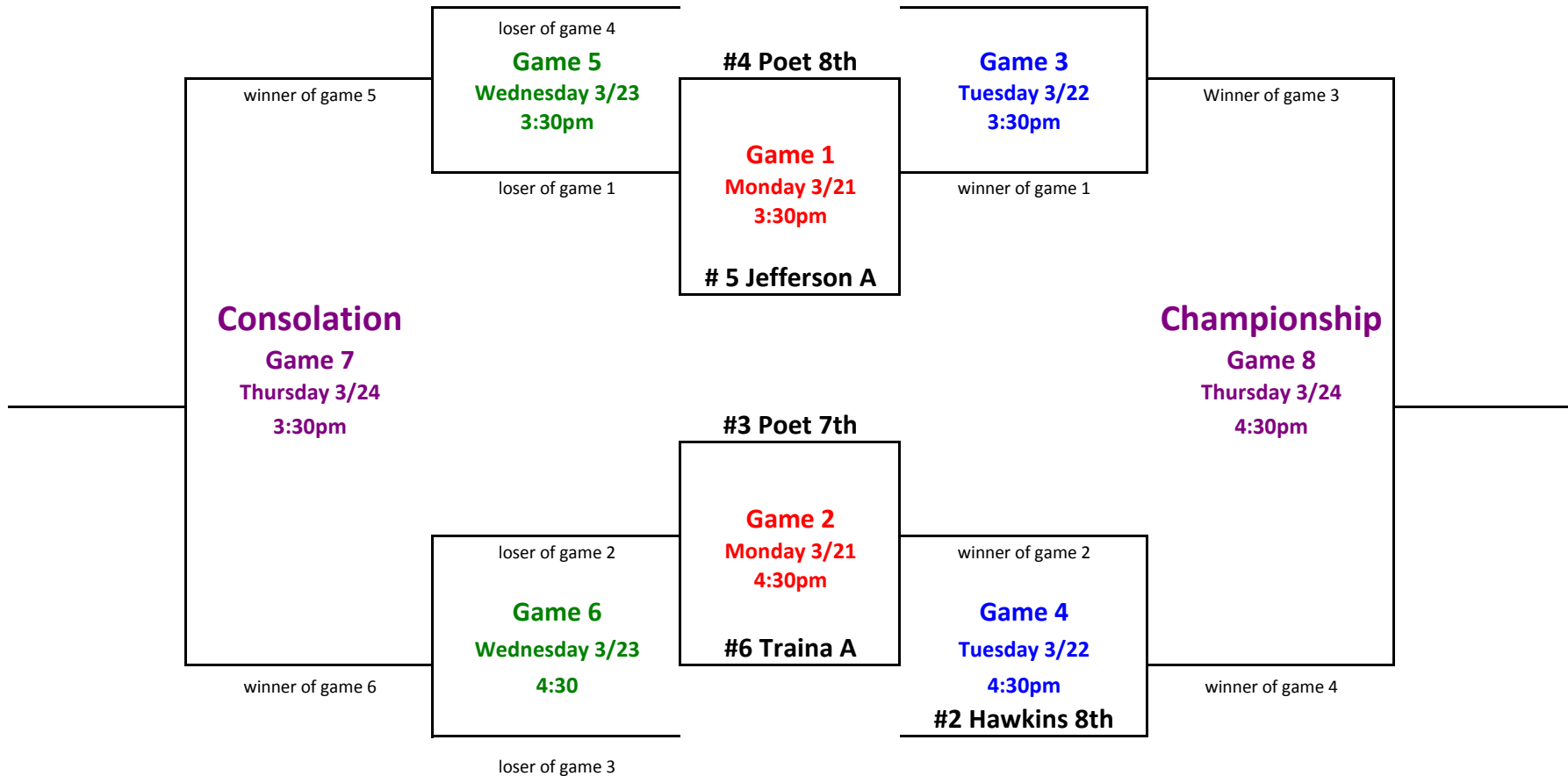
Main Gym

Contact Coach Morgan with questions at:
mmulholand89@gmail.com

Girls' A Basketball Tournmanet Tom Hawkins School

March 21-24, 2016

#1 Hawkins 7th



Teams:
#1 Hawkins 7th #4 Poet 8th
#2 Hawkins 8th #5 Jefferson A
#3 Poet 7th #6 Traina A

Tournament Fee \$25/team
 Admission Fee \$2 General/\$1 Students
 Players and Coaches (2 max) FREE
Rural League Rules apply
Please be there 20 minutes before your scheduled time.
Games will begin 5-10 minutes after the conclusion of the previous game.