

**LEADING IN A TECH WORLD**  
HOW DO YOU EXPRESS YOURSELF IN TSA CLUB?



**GILLIAN STEINHART, 06**

"I bring new ideas and build new things, while translating things into my everyday life."

*photo by a. dines*



**BRYCE GOLDINGER, 07**

"My sister used to be in TSA Club so I wanted to follow in her footsteps and try it out. The activities seemed really interesting."

*photo by L. Wilson*



**4. IN COLLABORATION**, Bryce Alackness and Mason Mitchell, 06, decide to work together to engineer the perfect robot. The two students built and programed a robot in Exploratory Tech. "I knew I could trust Mason, and I already knew him from outside of school," Alackness said. *photo by L. Mitchell* **5. PLANNING LIKE AN ARCHITECT**, Lincoln Tran and Benjamin Pangborn, 08, collaborate on a computerized 3D drawing. Architecture teacher, David Muldoon, taught students how to use different programs such as SketchUp to create virtual masterpieces. "Using SketchUp is super fun and it's a modern program that I might use when I'm an adult," Tran said. *photo by n. gergely* **6. FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE**, Dylan Davis, 08, perfects his project. Davis plans to enter the world of engineering when he grows up. Wood Tech allowed him to master valuable skills. "I want to get a job similar to Wood Tech some day, so I work hard and practice my skills as much as I can," Davis said. *photo by p. prince*

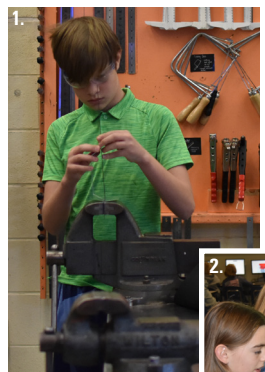


**1. FOLLOWING HIS PASSION**, Oliver Scelza, 08, puts his artistic skills to the test while making a clock in Wood Tech. For the project, clocks could be any shape. Most students chose something that spoke to their heart. Scelza chose a guitar because he is a music fanatic. "The skills we learn in Wood Tech translate into life because one day you may be stuck in a situation where critical thinking is the only way out," Scelza said. *photo by n. gergely* **2. GETTING CREATIVE**, Sarah Drilling, 07, adds a unique design to her project during Wood Tech. "Wood Tech allows me to take a break from the real world and think outside the box," Drilling said. *photo by L. Wilson* **3. FOCUSING ON INNOVATION**, Diego Reyes, 08, uses his time in Mrs. Diane Gastori's Metals Tech class as a break from his busy school day. For Reyes, this elective was a chance to relax, while doing something he enjoyed. "It's a really fun class and it gives me a chance to do something rather than sitting at a desk all day," Reyes said. *photo by n. gergely*



DESIGNING ORIGINAL PROJECTS HELPS TO ESTABLISH LIFE-LONG SKILLS

**BLOSSOMING IN A WORLD OF INGENUITY**



**1. USING A VARIETY OF TOOLS AND MACHINES**, Justin Reisacher, 07, creates a sentimental keepsake in Metals Tech. "My favorite project was the tool box because we got to use a lot of cool machines and tools," Reisacher said. *photo by r. fisher* **2. CREATING A VIRTUAL WORLD LIKE NO OTHER**, Grace Visscher and Sasha Tomeo, 07, build handcrafted virtual reality goggles. Then, they downloaded games to their phones and put their creation to the test. "It was a unique opportunity that not a lot of people get," Visscher said. *photo by L. Wilson* **3. EXHIBITING THE WORLD'S NATURAL WONDERS IN EDUCATION**, Derek Sprague, 07, crafts a nature inspired work of art. Students created personalized metal bracelets. "Making this bracelet gave me a chance to be hands on. I incorporated a river design in my project," Sprague said. *photo by r. fisher*



**MR. DONALD MEERSMAN**  
*photo by a. dines*

**EDUCATING STUDENTS FOR 35 YEARS**, Donald Meersman, Wood Tech, has helped students find their passion through engineering and self expression. Meersman studied industrial technology at Colorado State University.

"I enjoyed the creativity and problem-solving in the shop," Meersman said.

Meersman got his first teaching job at Powell as the Wood Tech and Metals Tech teacher. Besides Wood Tech and Metals Tech, he has taught a variety of classes including Drafting and STEM. The impact Meersman has had on his students is truly one-of-a-kind. His students leave his classroom with more

than just Wood Tech skills. Meersman instilled hard-work, discipline and dedication in his students. For example, Cadence Freehling, 08, has been inspired by Meersman.

"Mr. Meersman has taught me how to persevere in the woodshop when things get hard. He has showed me how to fix my mistakes," Freehling said.

Not only has Meersman touched the lives of many students, but he has influenced some of his own children to follow in his footsteps and become teachers.

"I think teaching is an admirable profession. I'm extremely proud of my children," Meersman said.

**WE'RE GOING 21ST CENTURY ELECTIVES**

**WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE CLASS & WHY?**

"Wood Tech because I get to hang out with my friends and do unique things with wood."  
**THOMAS ADAMOWSKI, 06**

"Spanish because Ms. Zastrow is a really good teacher and it's a fun class."  
**OLIVIA BECKER, 07**

"Art because it gives me a chance to express myself in something other than words."  
**SHANNON HEBBERT, 08**

"Language arts because I love different languages and literature."  
**MRS. SANDRA BEN AMI, LANGUAGE ARTS**

"Choir because I love to sing and Mrs. Stephens teaches me a lot."  
**ELIZABETH ANTHONY, 06**

"Band because it is really fun and I learned how to play the trombone."  
**JACKSON BEEMAN, 07**

"Spanish because I enjoy learning about a different culture and language."  
**KATHERINE HENNESSY, 08**

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