

TAYLOR MIDDLE SCHOOL



PREPARING FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

IMPORTANT SUMMER DATES!

August 1: Parents/Students pick up schedules & locker combinations.

August 7th: Open House 6:30 pm

August 13: First Day Back!

August 14: Social Media Night (see flyer below)

For important dates throughout the year, add our Google calendar at:

<https://www.threeriversschools.org/calendars/taylor-middle-school-google-calendar-3/>

School Hours:
8:08 am – 2:51 pm



Welcome to Taylor Middle School!

A Message from Principal Simms

We are looking forward to the 2019-2020 school year at Taylor Middle School! We will again be kicking off the school year with Adventure Leadership, which helps students to work in teams, learn together, grow as a family and, ultimately, have fun. Adventure Leadership allows us to kick the school year off on a positive note that supports all three of our Core Values: Cultivate Excellence, Inspire Innovation, and Nurture Inclusion.

Additionally, on August 14th, we are hosting a social media night (flyer shown to right). We believe that there is power (some positive and some negative) in social media and we want to ensure that students and parents are equipped with up-to-date information about how to utilize social media effectively while avoiding the dangers it can cause to users.

As always, if you have any questions prior to, or throughout, the school year please do not hesitate to ask!

Social Media:

Your Child's Digital Tattoo

This powerful program has been presented to over **325,000 students**. It covers the basics concerning the evolution of the mobile and broadband world as it relates to student communication, including: inappropriate on-line behavior, bullying and its impact on mental health. We'll cover the causes, the technology and how students can help control these trends.



Stephen Smith, President,

A WIRED FAMILY LLC, is a former high school coach and teacher who also has over 25 years experience in the world of film, video and interactive media development. For the past 17 years he has worked exclusively in the telecommunications industry. He will provide an overview for parents and others on the consequences of student sexting, cyberbullying and online privacy — while examining the technologies that enable but can also reduce these practices.

Steve's book, **SOCIAL MEDIA: YOUR CHILD'S DIGITAL TATTOO** is now available on Amazon. Steve also writes a blog for parents entitled:

A Wired Family

www.awiredfamily.org

SOCIAL MEDIA

YOUR CHILD'S DIGITAL TATTOO



STEPHEN J. SMITH

Name of Event
TMS Digital Media Night
Date
8/14/2019
Time
6:30
Facility
TRLSD Auditorium
Contact Name
Holly Simms
Phone Number
(513)276-0430
email: hsimms@trlsd.org

Welcoming New TMS Yellowjackets!

My name is Eric Fangman and I have recently completed my 7th year of teaching math with the past 5 years being at Beechwood Elementary in Kentucky. I have taught 6th, 7th, and 8th grade math and have been a basketball and football coach. I was also our middle school athletic director the past three years. I love anything with sports, traveling, going to concerts, and spending time with family and friends. My wife and I are expecting our first child in late August. I'm thrilled to join the Three Rivers team!



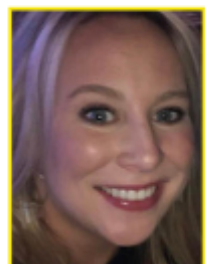
Eric Fangman
Assistant Principal



Amy Holland
Intervention Specialist

Hey Taylor Community, my name is Amy Holland! I have been a special education teacher in Cincinnati Public Schools for the past 11 years. My experience stretches from PK to High School and mild disabilities to severe. Teaching is something that I am passionate about. I attended NKU on a full-ride soccer scholarship and had many academic accolades when I completed college. After college I started teaching in CPS as an inclusion intervention specialist with 7th & 8th graders. After a few years I found my passion with working with students that have Autism. I have been on staff with Taylor High School with the Women's Basketball Team at the varsity level for the last 3 years and now I am honored and blessed to be working with the students in Taylor Middle School.

My name is Cayleigh Stadler and I am a west sider at heart and graduated from Oak Hills High School. I completed my undergrad degree in Communication Disorders at Ohio University. After graduation, I moved to central Kentucky and received my Masters degree in Speech-Language Pathology at Eastern Kentucky University. I accepted a job in Columbus, Ohio working in the schools and in an outpatient clinic. I greatly enjoyed my time in Columbus and learned so much working in a variety of setting. However, I am thrilled to be moving back to the west side, closer to family and friends. In my personal time I enjoy being outside, spending time with my fiancé and trying new restaurants!



Cayleigh Stadler
Speech Language



Suzanne Ferree
Art Teacher

Hi, My name is Suzanne Ferree. I have taught art the last four years at Batavia Middle School. I graduated from Mount St. Joseph University in 2014. For fun I like to take road trips, watch Reds games, spend time with my two cats, and sing karaoke (I'm not good at it, but it's fun)!

My name is Kelsey Von Hertsenberg and I am excited to begin my journey in Three Rivers. This may be my first year at TMS, but I have taught for 6 years. I graduated from Mount St. Joseph University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in middle childhood education. I also have earned a reading endorsement. For the last four years, I taught seventh grade language arts and eighth grade mathematics. I have been married to my husband Steven for six years, and we have a one year old named Grace. We enjoy exploring new places and trips to the zoo.



Kelsey Von Hertsenberg
Language Arts Teacher

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Amanda Studer
Science Teacher

My name is Amanda Studer, and I'll be teaching seventh grade Science! I'm from Liberty Township, Ohio, and I graduated in May from the University of Dayton (go Flyers)! Fun fact: during the summer, I work as a summer camp instructor at the Cincinnati Zoo.

Hi, my name is Hannah Hedrick and I am thrilled to be joining the team at TMS! I received my degree in Communications from Niagara University in 2012, but my passion for education led me to Xavier University a few years later where I received my license in SS. Outside of school I love spending time with my rescue dog Ernie, traveling, and playing volleyball.



Hannah Hedrick
Social Studies Teacher



Melanie Adams
ELA Teacher

My name is Melanie Adams, and I'm so excited to teach 5th grade language arts this year! I graduated from Otterbein University in 2016 and started teaching 4th grade in Troy, Ohio. Cincinnati recently became my home because I gained a new last name over the summer. I'm thrilled to be part of the Three Rivers community!

My name is Zach Wazny and I was born and raised in Michigan, and moved to Ohio in middle school. I graduated from the University of Toledo and am in the process of completing my Master's Degree from Xavier. I've been married for almost 2 years. We enjoy spending time with family & friends, traveling, playing sports, and being outdoors. Last year, I spent my first year teaching at THS. I am looking forward to teaching 8th-grade at TMS and getting to know the students.



Zach Wazny
Social Studies Teacher



Brea Lange
Secretary

Hi, my name is Brea Lange. I hold a bachelor degree in English Literature from UC. Previously, I was the Prior Learning Assessment Coordinator and Summer Employment Program Coordinator at Mount St. Joseph University. I have also worked for Oak Hills as the Business Manager/Student Activities for the High School and secretary for Rapid Run Middle School. I have always been passionate about education. I and am so excited to be joining the TMS team, where I hope to offer support, problem-solve, and act as a resource to those around me.

My name is Brian Faust. I am a Miami graduate and have been teaching at Edgewood Middle School for the past four years. I love math and Kentucky basketball and I'm so excited to be a Yellowjacket!



Brian Faust
Teacher

Adventure Leadership

SCHOOL: TAYLOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

DATE: AUGUST 15 & 16

PARTICIPATION FEE: \$10

Our students will be participating in an exciting adventure program. The goal of these challenges is to create a unique learning environment for building character and teamwork skills through trial and error in a safe environment where making a mistake leads to opportunities to work together to accomplish goals and to grow as individuals.

Activities include: High Ropes Course, Rock Climbing Wall, Gaga Challenge, 9-Square-in-the-Air and a series of Teambuilding Games (nuclear waste, island crossing, spider web & mine field). These activities will take place on school grounds.

This will be a very active day. Make sure to dress comfortably. Kids will need tennis shoes (enclosed shoes) for the climbing activities.

Cost: There is a \$10 participation fee.

Please make checks payable to: Taylor Middle School

-OR- Pay Online at www.vehicle4change.org (and select your school)

If you have any questions about this program, you can learn more about the activities and the organization by visiting the website listed below.

www.vehicle4change.org

Questions: 614.348.8869

Activity Permission Slip

Release of Liability - Informed Consent Form (For a Minor)

I, the undersigned, as parent/legal guardian of the below named child, consent to his/her participation in the adventure programs operated by Vehicle For Change. I further agree that in consideration of the acceptance of my child's participation, I, the undersigned, on behalf of myself and as parent or legal guardian of the minor participant, for themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assignees, do hereby release and discharge Vehicle For Change, the school or organization listed herein, and all volunteers, support staff, sponsors and employees from any and all claims, damages, demands and causes of action arising from or out of my child's participation in this program.

I do attest and verify that my child is physically fit to participate in strenuous physical exercise. My child and I are aware that participation in activities such as the high ropes course, team building challenges, climbing wall, and/or other adventure activities are potentially hazardous. Potential risks include, but are not limited to falls, contact with wall. Such risks to my child are known and understood by me. I agree that my child will abide by the direction and instruction of the Vehicle For Change staff during his/her participation on the high ropes course, team building challenges, climbing wall, and/or other adventure activities. I agree that any film or photographs of me/us, as participants, become your property and may be used for promotional purposes.

Does the participating child have any limiting disabilities or special needs?

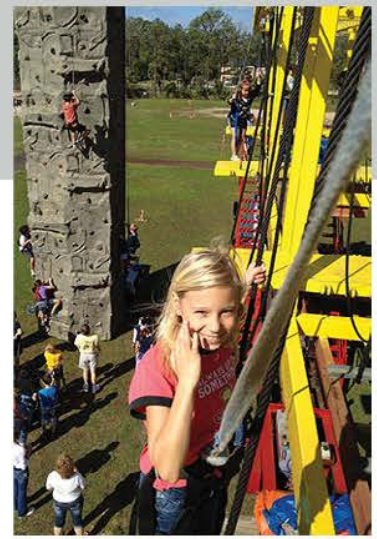
No Yes If Yes, please explain on reverse side.

Sign below to confirm you understand this consent form and agree to its conditions on behalf of the undersigned child.

Student Name:	GRADE OR TEAM:
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Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date ____/____/____



To download the document, visit:

<https://www.threeriversschools.org/taylor-middle-school/adventure-leadership-39/>

Three Rivers Local School District 2019-2020 Calendar

August

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

8, 9 & 12 District / Building PD
13 – First Student Day

February

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

14 – No School, Parent Teacher Conferences
17 – No School, Presidents' Day

September

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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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2 – No School, Labor Day

March

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

6 – End 3rd Quarter (42 days)
9 – No School/PD Day

October

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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

9 – 1st Quarter Ends (41 days)
10 – No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences
11 – No School/PD Day

April

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

10 through 17 – No School Spring Break

November

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

5 – No School, Election Day / District PD
25 through 29 – No School, Thanksgiving Break

May

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

1 – No School, District PD
22 – Last Student Day / Last Teacher Day
End 4th Quarter (47 days)

December

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

19 – 2nd Quarter Ends (43 days)
20 – No School/PD Day
December 23 through January 3 – No School / Winter Break

June

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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27 through 30 Athletic "Dead Period" No Practices

January

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

December 23 through January 3 – No School / Winter Break
20 – No School, MLK Jr. Day

July

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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1 through 5 Athletic "Dead Period" No Practices

Total Student Days: 173

Total Teacher Days: 184

K-8 Teachers = 183 Days + 2 additional evening conference nights (October & February)

9-12 Teachers = 183 Days + College & Career fair (fall) & Scheduling night (February)