

TMS Weekly Update

Dear Yellowjacket Families,

What a great 1st week we had in Taylor Middle School! Students participated in activities last week that transitioned them back to school. They included: Getting to Know You Activities, TMS Values, Digital Citizenship, Team Building, TMS expectations, and Non-Negotiables. Thanks to all of our staff, parents, and volunteers who made it all possible.



What a great first week- we look forward to a great year ahead!

Sincerely,

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THE BASICS



Final Forms

Final Forms is still open and ready for parents to update. Please visit <https://threerivers-oh.finalforms.com/> to complete your student's forms online. Usernames and passwords carry forward from the previous year.

Communication

TMS uses technology frequently to communicate with our community. Please be sure we have your address on file to receive our weekly update.

ProgressBook

Parents and students can access schedules, grades, and assignments through ProgressBook at <https://pbaccess.hccanet.org/>

Chromebooks

Students received their chromebooks this week in class. Optional insurance is offered for these devices through Final Forms. The cost is \$25. Payment information will be communicated soon.

The School Day

School hours are 8:08 am - 2:51 pm. At 7:30 am, students are able to enter through the middle school entrance. 5th & 6th graders should proceed to the elementary cafeteria, 7th graders to the elementary gym, and 8th graders to the high school cafeteria. At 8:00 am students are dismissed to class.

Pick Up & Drop Off

Students are picked up and dropped off at the middle school/high school entrance, located to the right of the event entrance.

New Office Entrance

The middle school office has a brand new location! Mrs. Mink and Mrs. Lange are located directly behind the high school secretaries, which can be accessed through the high school office.

Lunch

Lunches are served a la carte, meaning students only purchase items they want to eat or drink. Parents can add money to student accounts via Pay Pams at <https://paypams.com/HomePage.aspx>.



Important Dates

Grade Level Map Dates are as follows

5th grade & 6th Grade: 8/19 (ELA), 8/20 (Math), and 8/22 (Science)

7th grade: 8/19 (Math) , 8/20 (Reading), 8/2 (Science), and 8/22 (Language Arts)

8th grade: 8/20 (ELA), 8/21 (Math), and 8/22 (Science)

Labor Day is Monday, Sept 2. School is closed.

School pictures are scheduled for Wednesday, September 11. We will send home pricing information prior to this day.

5th/6th Grade night will be held on Friday, September 13. The evening will begin at 7:00 pm in the elementary cafeteria and gym.

THS/TMS Pep Rally will be held on Friday, September 27 during the school day.

Follow Us!

Follow the Taylor Middle School Calendar:

The TMS calendar can be found at <https://www.threeriversschools.org/calendars/taylor-middle-school-google-calendar-3/>

To add the TMS calendar to your own device or to your desktop, just click the "plus" sign in the bottom right corner and link it!

Health Room News!



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Nurses:

Amanda Witterstaetter- awitterstaetter@trlsd.org

Shannon VanHook-Durham- sdurham@trlsd.org

Health Clinic Support:

Robin Booth and Jenny Fox

REMINDERS FROM THE HEALTH ROOM:

- For all medication: An authorization form filled out by an attending physician and signed by her/him shall accompany the medication to school.
- Parents shall sign a permission slip giving school personnel the authorization to administer the medication to their child.
- All medication must be properly labeled with the name and address of the child, the name of the medication, the dosage, the time of administration and the prescribing physician. All medication must be brought to school in the original container by an adult.
- Medication forms can be found online at <https://www.threeriversschools.org/resources/forms-%28-handbooks-3/health-forms-34/>
- Contact information is important to keep updated in Final Forms so we are able to reach you as needed.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF INCOMING 7TH GRADERS!

Ohio law states that parents must provide proof the Booster Tdap and meningococcal vaccination was given between the ages of 11-13 years of age. Forms are to be turned into school by the 14th day after school starts. Please find additional information at

<https://www.threeriversschools.org/departments/health-services-10/immunization-71/>

Contact Us:

Important THS Phone Numbers

Attendance Line (513)824-7446

Main Office Line (513) 467-3500

Athletic Department (513) 824-7421

District Office (513) 941-6400

All Call System (513) 824-7348*

**you will receive calls from this number for delays, important information, school cancellations, and emergencies. If you do not answer the call, the system will leave a message with the recording, which will also be emailed to you.*

STUDENT FEES

Each middle school student in Taylor Middle School has been assessed an instructional fee for the 2019-2020 school year.

*5th grade students: \$73

*6th grade students: \$75

*7th grade students: \$61

*8th grade students: \$61

Choir Fees are \$15 for participating students. Additionally, participation fees are required for certain extracurricular activities.

Fees can be paid by cash or check in the middle school office. Checks should be made payable to Taylor Middle School. You can also pay fees online via EZ PAY at

<https://www.spseipay.com/ThreeRivers/ezpay/Login.aspx>.

TMS Office Extensions

Principal, Holly Simms 1100

Assistant Principal, Eric Fangman: 1101

Secretary, Kim Mink: 1106

Secretary, Brea Lange: 1105

Counselor, Dave Henderson (7-8): 1120

Counselor, Pam Wray (5-6): 1136

Psychologist, Shannon McCormack: 1118

Athletic Director, Larry Herges: 6109

[Link to our Staff Directory](#)

PARENT'S GUIDE TO DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

Taylor Middle School
2019-2020



TMS Digital Citizenship Pledge

As Digital Citizens at Taylor Middle School, we pledge to...

PROTECT OURSELVES

PROTECT OTHERS

CREATE & CONSUME CONTENT RESPONSIBLY

Check Your Tech!

With so many new apps, movies, tv shows, and games it can leave you feeling "in the dark" about what is safe and appropriate when it comes to your child's technology use. Common Sense Media provides parents with full safety and age recommendations, as well as parent reviews, for the media your child wants to engage with. Check it out here!

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org>

Curriculum:

(See learning objectives on reverse side.)

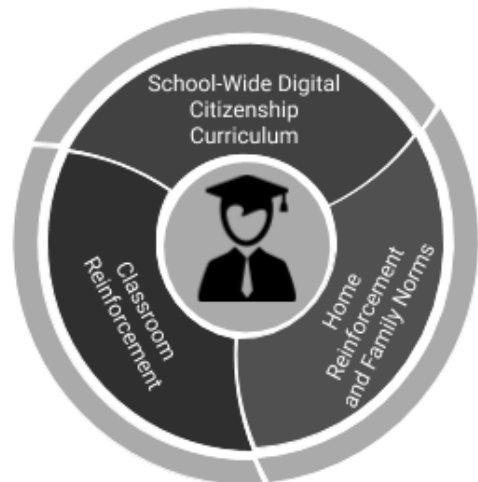
Be Internet Awesome, by Google

https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_us

Common Sense Education, by Common Sense Media

<https://www.commonsense.org/education/digital-citizenship>

Digital Citizenship
Education is a
Team Effort.



Follow Up at Home:

This Family Guide extends the Be Internet Awesome curriculum by offering conversation starters and activities to reinforce good Digital Citizenship practices at home.

http://bit.ly/DigCit_FamilyGuide

Additional Resources:

Parent's Guide to Cyber Bullying: <https://www.connectsafely.org/cyberbullying>

Family Online Safety Institute (Tips and tools for good digital parenting and policy and research reports about online safety issues, laws, and regulations.):
<https://www.fosi.org/>

5 Steps for Your Family's Digital Wellbeing: <https://wellbeing.google/for-families/>

Digital Citizenship Learning Goals

Grades 5-8

Protect Ourselves

- ✓ Learn techniques people use to steal identities.
- ✓ Review ways to prevent identity theft.
- ✓ Know to talk to a trusted adult if they think they're a victim of identity theft.
- ✓ Recognize the signs of phishing attempts.
- ✓ Be careful about how and with whom they share personal info.
- ✓ Understand that people online may not be who they say they are.
- ✓ Be sure the person is who they say they are before replying.
- ✓ Ask questions or get help from an adult if it's hard to tell who the person is.
- ✓ Recognize the importance of never sharing passwords, except with parents or guardians.
- ✓ Understand the importance of screen locks that protect devices.
- ✓ Know how to create passwords that are hard to guess, yet easy to remember.
- ✓ Choose the right security for their login settings, including two-factor verification.
- ✓ Understand what kinds of personal information should be kept private.
- ✓ Remember that everyone deserves to have their privacy decisions respected.
- ✓ Identify ways information can be found online about people.
- ✓ Consider how judgments are made about a person when they post things online.
- ✓ Determine accuracy of information and identify the difference between assumption, opinion, and fact.

Protect Others

- ✓ Identify situations of harassment or bullying online.
- ✓ Evaluate what it means to be a bystander or upstander online.
- ✓ Learn specific ways to respond to bullying when you see it.
- ✓ Know how to behave if you experience harassment.
- ✓ See that being an upstander is a choice.
- ✓ Learn there are different ways to intervene and be an upstander in a specific situation.
- ✓ Choose how to respond from various options that feel safe and appropriate to you.
- ✓ Recognize that seeking help for oneself or others is a sign of strength.
- ✓ Think out loud together about situations where talking it out can really help.
- ✓ Be aware of online tools for reporting abuse.
- ✓ Consider when to use them.
- ✓ Talk about why and when to report the abuse.

Create & Consume Content Responsibly

- ✓ Define "copyright" and explain how it applies to creative work.
- ✓ Describe their rights and responsibilities as creators.
- ✓ Apply copyright principles to real-life scenarios.



ANSWER THE CALL

We realize a vision,
collaborate with others, and
consistently exhibit integrity.

We persevere through struggle,
bounce back from defeat, and
demonstrate the courage to take risks.

MORE GRIT

OTHERS FIRST

We empathize with others by valuing
individuals, honoring their stories, and
working for the greater good.

We are accountable for our
actions, failures, and successes.
We own who we are and who we
are becoming.

OWN IT

NO LIMITS

We consistently strive to do better today
than we did yesterday, to stretch the
boundaries of our thinking, and to reach
beyond understanding.

TMS Values

TMS NON-NEGOTIABLES

CELL PHONES

Cell phones may not be seen or heard unless directed by a teacher.

PROFANITY

Both direct and indirect profanity will not be tolerated.

DISRESPECT

Students will demonstrate respect toward others, staff and the school.

BACK AND FORTH

Students will accept the response of the teacher without negotiation.

STANDARD SCHOOL ATTIRE

Students will be dressed appropriately for school at all times.



BEDROOM : Phones can disrupt sleep. Bedrooms should be a phone free zone. Decide what time at night all electronic devices come out of the bedrooms and are placed in a central location - or if electronic devices should be allowed in the bedrooms at all. Best recommendation is to power down at least two hours before bedtime.

KITCHEN : Make meal time a family connection time. To help your family stay connected it is important to unplug and connect. Decide as a family when should be electronic free time. I recommend using such items as table talk cards to help create family conversations and/or reading short essay together which can be talked about during meal times. It is also a great way to catch up on how everyone's day was with a 3 things that went well today and 1 thing that didn't - a great tool for keeping communication open through the teenage years. Dinnertime is an ideal time for teaching social communication skills and eye contact.

What locations or situations should be screen free? EX: bedrooms, kitchen table, game rooms, the family car, dining out, family hikes, etc

Set digital safety rules : today perpetrators use social media to

groom victims. Teach your children the importance of being digitally safe and what is appropriate to share online and what is not appropriate (last name, school, photos, address, etc).

Recreational screen time : kids and adults can enjoy recreational screen time which is mentally uplifting. Decide as a family how recreational screen time should be spent. EX: family movie, PBS series, History channel, online learning, or reading a book on your phone or playing a brain testing game or creating puzzles. For recreational screen time, set limits based on age and maturity levels. As parents you have the right to decide at what age and how much access your child should have to a smart phone.

Increase non-screen family time : once you have completed the Media Plan, set goals as a family to engage in activities which increase physical movement and are hand to hand interactive. EX: play games outside, do a puzzle together, engage in board games, go camping, take a hike, go to the park, etc. Have each

member of the family contribute by sharing their fun non-screen time activity.

Exercise : Current research indicates that less than 5% of the youth today get the exercise they need. Educate your children on the importance of exercise.

ACTION ITEMS

How many hours you and/or your family spend on electronic devices (phones, TV, video games, etc)?

_____ TARGET _____

At what age should your child(ren) have a smart phone?

Are they limited in any way (making calls after 10pm, using certain social apps)?

I have talked with my children about being safe online. Y / N

Are electronic devices taken into bedrooms? Y / N

When do electronic devices get shut off at night?

What time(s) and situations are electronics allowed?

What time(s) and situations are electronics not allowed? _____

Non-screen family time ideas: _____

Hours of sleep each night target _____

Exercise days _____ for how long _____

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
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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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29	30					

2 – No School, Labor Day

March

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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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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		

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

April

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		

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

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
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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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)

Board Approved 5/22/2018

Three Rivers Elementary and Taylor Middle School PTO Membership

PTO Membership Your membership dues go directly towards enriching our educational programs and facilities for your child throughout all grade levels. For as little as \$10 per adult, you can become a PTO member. A membership gives you voting rights at the meetings. Join today!

\$10 to join one PTO either Elementary/Middle or High School

\$15 to join both PTO's Elementary/Middle and High School

Join Three Rivers Elementary and Taylor Middle School PTO!

WHY JOIN?

**MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**

1. IT'S FOR EVERY PARENT!

You can improve the quality of your child's education.

2. IT'S FLEXIBLE!

Be as involved as you want to be.

3. STAY CONNECTED!

Members receive email updates and monthly meeting newsletters.

4. YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS A PRIMARY FUNDRAISER!

100% of the membership fee goes to fund programs for your children!

5. IT'S IMPORTANT TO OUR SCHOOL!

The PTO funds field trip transportation, enrichment programs, dances, literacy programs, and family events plus provides volunteers as needed.



MEETINGS ARE THE 2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH
6:30 PM IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

ATTENDANCE IS NOT REQUIRED AS A MEMBER.....
BUT ALL ARE INVITED!



President, Irene Marsh

Co-President, Shannon Stewart

Vice President, Tiffiney Myers

Treasurer, Rebecca McMakin

Membership, Deborah Hageman

Secretary, Nicole Click



Three Rivers Elementary/Taylor Middle PTO

Questions? Email us at: threeriverselementarypto@gmail.com



Yes, I want to join the PTO!

_____ \$10 Basic One Adult Membership (Grades PK-8)

_____ \$15 Basic Couple Membership (Grades PK-8)

\$_____ Additional donation

Full Name (s) _____

Email _____

Cell phone _____

Email _____

Cell phone _____