



## **TMS E-News - 2/15/18**

*In the afternoon, please use the parking spots to wait for your student.  
DO NOT park along the curb as this blocks the flow of traffic.  
PLEASE DO NOT use the entrance as an exit!*

**Feb. 16 & 19 - No School/Winter Break & President's Day**

**Feb. 20 - 7th & 8th Grade Choir Concert**

**Feb. 23 - 8th Grade Job Shadow Day**

**Mar. 2 - End of 2nd Trimester**

**Attention 7th and 8th grade choir students and families.**

**Our 2nd trimester concert is Tuesday, February 20 at Talawanda High School.**

**Attendance for all pop choir students and boys choir will be taken at 6:30.**

**Students should wear concert attire: black on bottom, white on top - no bling.  
This is a graded performance and serves as a final "exam" for the 2nd trimester.**

**Superintendent Search/Community Forum/Q&A**

**Monday February 19, 2018**

**THS Performing Arts Center**

**4-7pm**

# Yearbook News

The deadline to pre order your students yearbook is quickly approaching. You have until March 16th to pre order a yearbook. Yearbook orders forms were sent home last month for those of you who still needed one. If you have already placed an order please just disregard these order forms. If you would like to place your order online please visit [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com) and the ID code is 10975618. If for some reason you are not sure if you have placed an order or if you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Burch at [burchs@talawanda.org](mailto:burchs@talawanda.org).



## **TALAWANDA ALUMNI HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT TRIVIA EVENT:**

March 10, 2018

Oxford Country Club  
6200 Contreras Rd  
7:30pm-10pm

\$35 per person/and up to 6 per team!

\*FREE drink ticket with each ticket purchase

### **BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE...**

Cash Bar, with heavy appetizers, a silent auction, opportunities to contribute to a worthwhile event/scholarship fund, and a great evening with Talawanda community members and alumni.

**DON'T MISS IT! LIMITED SEATING!**



January 25, 2018

Cold and flu season is upon us. According to the CDC we are in the peak of the flu season and still have about 8 weeks to go! Below we have listed a few of our school exclusion guidelines as well as some preventative tips. Please adhere to these guidelines and make note of the suggested habits. Let's work together to keep our school community and our homes as healthy as possible.

1. **Fever**- 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, the student will be sent home and should remain home 24 hours fever free without fever reducing medications.
2. **Diarrhea**- occurrence of more than one episode at school and/or with additional symptoms. The student can return to school after 24 hours symptom free.
3. **Vomiting**-occurrence of more than one episode of vomiting and associated with other symptoms. May return to school after 24 hours symptom free. Every attempt will be made to distinguish between regurgitating food and vomiting due to illness.
4. **Runny Nose**- Students who cannot control their secretions and /or have green/yellowish-brown secretions need to remain home until symptoms improve.
5. **Coughing**- Excessive coughing contributing to the inability of the student to participate in class work or is disruptive to other students.
6. If symptoms worsen or persist, see your healthcare provider to be evaluated. The flu can be serious for children.

Helpful tips for Staying Healthy:

1. Frequent hand washing is the **BEST** way to prevent and combat the spread of Germs. Wash hands with soap and water.
2. Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth.
3. If your child has any signs and symptoms of illness, please keep them home.
4. Cover coughs and sneezes with a disposable tissue or use elbow or arm if no tissue is available.
5. Do not share drinks, foods, or unwashed utensils.
6. Get plenty of rest, eat healthy foods, and drink lots of water and healthy drinks.
7. Avoid people that are sick and stay home when you are sick.
8. Disinfect surfaces that are prone to germs (ex. Phones, keyboards, door knobs, toothbrushes).

NOTE: It is not too late to get the flu vaccine!

Please inform the school of any contagious illness. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Stephanie Johnson RN, BSN, LSN

Terri Horvath RN, TMS Clinic phone# 513-273-3314

To: 7th and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Students and Families  
From: Mr. Marston and Mr. Gonzales  
Regarding: Music in the Parks  
Date Distributed: 2-6-2018

We are looking forward to performing and competing at Kings Island in the Music in the Parks adjudicated event on May 5. After the performance we will spend time enjoying the park and then attend our awards ceremony at the end of the day. The Talawanda Music Programs always do very well at this event, and we expect the same this year.

The total cost is **\$64** per student which includes the competition fees and a ticket for entrance to the park. However, this year the Talawanda Band Boosters are able to assist each student with a \$14.00 credit, bringing the cost down to \$50.00. The 1<sup>st</sup> payment is due at or before our concert on March 1, and the second payment is due on or before March 29. Please pay by check made out to the Talawanda Band Boosters and write the Student's Name on the memo line.

**If your student has earned an account credit through their fundraising sales, any credit will be applied toward their Music in the Park fee and they will receive an updated statement listing their adjusted payment amount. If you do not wish to use your fundraising credit for this event, please inform the directors in writing or via email prior to March 1.**

**\*\*Students who will perform but who have a season pass, or who will not be go to the park must inform the directors in writing or via email prior to the final payment date (March 29). These students will be given an adjusted payment balance. Students who have not informed the directors of special circumstances prior to the final payment date will be charged for their Kings Island entrance ticket.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Payment: Thursday March 1      \$30 Payment Due**  
(payments can be made at the concert this evening)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Payment: Thursday March 29      \$20 Payment Due**

**Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>      Performance at Music in the Parks**

Please feel free to contact us with any questions at:  
Mr. Marston at [marstonm@talawanda.org](mailto:marstonm@talawanda.org) or Mr. Gonzalez at [gonzalesr@talawanda.org](mailto:gonzalesr@talawanda.org)  
or Talawanda High School 513-273-3166  
Please do not leave messages at the Middle School.

Thank you,  
Mike Marston and Richard Gonzales



To Parents/Guardians of 7th Grade TMS Students:

We have worked throughout the year to organize and fundraise for a small, but significant end of the year field trip. Our trip will be Friday, May 11, 2018, and is bullet-pointed below. Please review and sign permission on the attached page to be returned to your student's Social Studies teacher by Wednesday, February 7th.

- *Pick up by buses from Queen City Transportation at the middle school on the morning of Friday, May 11*
- *Travel to Columbus*
- *Go to the Columbus Zoo*
- *Eat pre-packed lunch (by you) at first location*
- *Leave 1st stop at about 12:30*
- *Travel to COSI, until 4:00*
- *Walk to Dinner at Spaghetti Warehouse 4:15-5:45 (sidewalk connects)*
- *Travel home, making it back to TMS at approx 8 pm Friday night*

As of now, the cost of this trip is \$20 per student. This cost will cover busing to and from TMS, admission to COSI and to the zoo, and for dinner at the Spaghetti Warehouse. Funds raised during the fall Antique and Craft Show, and during the Silent Auction, in September have been set aside for this trip, to bring us to this minimal student cost.

Those students who already have a savings for D.C. with Mr. Brinck may dip into that account to use for this trip if you so desire. If this is the avenue that you would like to take please check accordingly on the sheet below.

We will share behavior expectations, that will need to be reviewed and signed, in the near future. Thank you for your continued support!

TMS 7th Grade Teachers

(Please Sign and Return the attached permission slip)

## **7th Grade May 11th Field Trip to Columbus**

**My student \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) has my permission to go on the 7th grade field trip to Columbus, Ohio, on May 11th, 2018.**

**I understand that I will need to make arrangements to pick up my child at TMS at 8 p.m. on that date.**

**I understand the cost of the field trip is currently \$20. I do not need to send money in at this time but will do so when notified of the final cost. When we have the final cost, we will share with you and expect payment by May 1st, 2018.**

*I understand that this trip is part of the District's educational program and provides a learning experience of educational value to my child.*

*I further understand that the staff member(s) who will accompany the students on this field trip, will exercise the necessary and appropriate duty of care for them pursuant to Board Policy 3213, including, but not limited to: administering medication, if required, or seeking emergency medical attention, if need be.*

\_\_\_\_\_ **(parent signature)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **(date)**

**(Return this sheet to your Social Studies teacher by Feb. 7th)**





Empowering Parents To Raise Their Children To Be Substance-Free

Talk early and often about alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Even when it gets tough.



Click here to print a PDF of this article so you can start a conversation with your child

Talking regularly with youth about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs reduces their risk of using in the first place.

Know! encourages you to share this Parent Tip with friends and family.

Learn more at:  
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**Start Talking!**  
*Building a Drug-Free Future*

## Know! What's Trending – the Tide Pod Challenge



If you are raising teenagers, you have no doubt heard of some of the ridiculous internet challenges that exist among this age group. While some of these new-age “dares” are silly and harmless, many more are dangerous and even deadly, like the one currently trending – the ‘Tide Pod Challenge.’

It has nothing to do with laundry and everything to do with getting internet “famous.” The videos that have spread like wildfire across social media look something like this – laughing, joking teens sink their teeth into one of the colorful, dessert-like looking laundry pods, then cough and gag while toxic, stain-fighting chemicals ooze from their mouths. The purpose? A few laughs from their friends and as many social media “views” as possible.

The American Association of Poison Control Centers, however, says the ‘Tide Pod Challenge’ is no joke. These pods have caused children to be hospitalized with difficulty breathing, loss of consciousness, and temporary vision loss due to chemical burns to the eye. Additionally, Consumer Reports say the ingredients in these pods can burn the mouth, digestive system, and stomach, cause gastrointestinal distress and respiratory arrest, and if they make their way into the bloodstream or organs, they can be fatal.

While concerns surrounding these types of detergent pods are not new, we used to worry that children under the age of five would unintentionally ingest them. Who would have guessed that our 13 to 19-year-olds would be intentionally biting into them?

What is a parent to do? By reading this tip, you are already taking a step in the right direction by becoming AWARE. But you must also be aware that as this Internet challenge fades out, another is sure to follow, which is why it is so important to talk with our teens about the health and safety dangers of this and other online challenges.

**Here are some points to keep in mind as you do:**





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- **Don't assume your child won't try it:** Remember, a teen's brain is not fully developed – impulsivity along with peer pressure and the competitive desire to one-up a peer are all powerful influencers.
- **Set clear boundaries:** Share your expectations and what you consider to be acceptable and unacceptable behavior. What your child thinks is okay, may not be okay with you.
- **State (and restate) the obvious:** While biting into a laundry detergent pod seems quite obviously NOT okay, make no assumptions when it comes to your child's safety.
- **Prompt critical thinking:** Ask your child, "What do you think could happen if you do this?" In the face of such a challenge, help your child learn to step back for a moment and apply basic logic and reason before making a decision that could impact his/her health and safety, as well as your trust.
- **Keep it positive:** Though you may be tempted to tell your teen about all the possible consequences, remember that youth are hard-wired to defend against negative messages or scare tactics. Take a step back and emphasize what your child should do, like resisting peer pressure and making healthy decisions.

It would be naive to think we will ever keep up with all the latest internet trends, dangerous or not. What we can do is talk to our children, set clear boundaries, and teach them to think critically before the next risky challenge presents itself.

*\* If you or someone you know ingests a laundry pod, or other toxic substance, call the National Poison Help Hotline at 1-800-222-1222.*

Sources: [Michael nedelman, CNN: Poison control calls 'spike' due to online laundry pod challenge, January 17, 2018](#), [TIME: Here's How Common the Tide Pod Challenge Really Is, January 17, 2018](#), [McAfee Blog Central: Digital Dares: Dumb Kids with Smart Phones, September 23, 2014](#).

Visit [starttalking.ohio.gov](http://starttalking.ohio.gov) to get the conversation going !!!

**"Every parent should attend this class - starting early is better. It's said there is not a manual on how to raise children. In my opinion, this program and book are the closest I have seen." Former Parent Participant**

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# **DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW TO RAISE A CHILD IN TODAY'S WORLD?**

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**Join us this Spring for a life changing opportunity for your family!**



An opportunity for parents of school-aged children who would you like concrete ideas on how to deal with some of the most difficult parenting questions.



An opportunity for middle and high school students that promotes increasing school performance, reducing disruptive behaviors and improving self-concept and emotional health.

**Talawanda sessions begin on Tuesday,  
March 6th and run for 10-weeks. FREE  
dinner and childcare are available.**

**Call 513.273.3390 to register!**



***Interested in working on your physical fitness?***



## **Join the Braves Fitness Club**

- The Braves Fitness Club will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school until 4:00 beginning October 26 and continuing through the end of February.
- We will meet in the new TMS Fitness Room.
- Exercises will include cardio, free weights, and fitness bands
- Any student planning to attend must arrange their own ride home from TMS at 4:00.
- Students do NOT have to commit to all dates. Come as your schedule allows.

### **Meeting Dates:**

Thurs., Oct. 26	Tues., Oct. 31	Thurs. Nov. 2
Thurs., Nov. 9	Tues., Nov. 14	Thurs. Nov. 16
Tues., Nov. 21	Tues., Nov. 28	Tues., Dec. 5
Tues., Dec. 12	Tues., Dec. 19	Thurs., Jan. 4
Tues., Jan. 9	Thurs., Jan. 11	Tues., Jan. 23
Thurs., Jan. 25	Tues., Jan. 30	Thurs., Feb. 1
Tues., Feb. 6	Thurs., Feb 8	Tues., Feb. 13
Tues., Feb. 20	Thurs., Feb. 22	

**★ Students *MUST RETURN* the attached permission slip to participate. Contact Mrs. Klenk with any questions - [klenke@talawanda.org](mailto:klenke@talawanda.org).**



## Attention Talawanda Middle School Families!

### Save your Plastic Caps and Lids!

**Please start saving your plastic caps and lids!** The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is leading a bottle cap and plastic lid recycling initiative at TMS. The recycled bottle caps and lids will be collected until we have enough to **make a bench for TMS made completely of recycled lid and cap plastic** material we have collected!

Here is how you can help us:

- **Collect plastic bottle caps and plastic lids** (see list of acceptable caps and lids below)
- Feel free to collect large amounts at home and bring to school in grocery bags or ziploc bags - the whole bag can be placed in the collection bin
- **Please rinse** all lids and caps before bringing them to school
- Place lids and caps in a **collection bin** - there is one located in each grade level hallway and one in the cafeteria
- Collection will continue until we have enough to build a bench for TMS (Kramer and Marshall already have benches and Bogan is collecting this year for a bench!)
- Spread the word! Tell your friends, family, and neighbors and ask them to collect too!
- This benefits our community (recycling!), the school (we get a bench!), and you (you help make TMS a better place!)
- Questions? Contact NJHS Advisor Mrs. Murray [murraym@talawanda.org](mailto:murraym@talawanda.org)

NJHS students will be responsible for collecting, cleaning, and sorting lids and caps here at school. This project is possible through the ABC Promise Partnership program at Green Tree Plastics, LLC. We appreciate your help in this project that promotes recycling and will benefit our school with a new bench!

#### ACCEPTABLE CAPS

medicine bottle caps	drink bottle caps
milk jug caps	flip-top caps (ketchup, mustard)
detergent caps	spout caps (mustard)
hair spray caps	spray paint caps
toothpaste tube caps	ointment tube caps
deodorant caps	caps w/ RECYCLE NUMBERS of (2) (4) (5)

#### ACCEPTABLE LIDS

cottage cheese container lids	cool whip container lids
mayonnaise jar lids	coffee can lids
yogurt lids	cream cheese container lids
peanut butter jar lids	butter container lids
ice cream bucket lids <b>under 8"</b>	Prescription bottles labels removed

# TMS Makerspace

All students will be given the opportunity to visit the Makerspace this year during their GYM TUTORIAL TIME. Team A students will be able to create, invent & learn during the first trimester and Team B will be able to do so during second trimester. Our supplies in the Makerspace are limited at this time, so we are asking for donations. If you have questions, please email Mrs. Greene : [greenem@talawanda.org](mailto:greenem@talawanda.org). Thank you!!!!

## Suggested Donations

STORAGE Containers	Circuits	Play-doh
Expo Markers	Batteries (all sizes)	Copper Foil Tape
Paint/Paint Brushes	LEGOS/K'NEX	littleBits
Colored Duct Tape	Card Stock	Chibitronics
Wood Scraps	Wood Glue	Sphero
Jewelry-making supplies	Glue guns/Glue Sticks	Qubits
Makey Makey	Craft Sticks	Yarn
Nails (Various Sizes)	Construction Paper	Aluminum Foil
Screws (Various Sizes)	TOOLS	Marbles
Science Kits	Ziploc Storage Bags	Foam Balls
Glue Sticks	Old Electronics	Tissue Paper
Broken Toys	Cups and plates	Wood Blocks
Rubber Stamps	Sizzix Machine	Q-tips
Cricut Machine	Small LED lights	Straws
Microphones	Small Motors	Pipe Cleaners
Fabric Scraps	Wires	Beads
Origami Paper	Cleaning Supplies	Clips
Rulers	Erector Sets	Clothes Pins
Stayflo	Sewing Machine	Dowel Rods
Buttons	Needles/Thread	Safety Pins
Magnets	Modge Podge	Any Craft Supply

# **TMS Clubs!!!**

Please also visit our TMS web page to view clubs.

## **Yearbook Club**

Plan, design yearbook

Advisors: Sharon Oberschlake and Suzanne Burch

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[burchs@talawanda.org](mailto:burchs@talawanda.org)

## **TMS Garden Club**

We are building a new TMS garden to learn about where our food comes from, how to grow it in the most environmentally responsible way possible, and eventually share what we grow with the cafeteria salad bar or the Oxford Food Pantry. We will have our science classes test our soil, the STEAM club is helping build what we need, and we will research what grows best in our seasonal climate. We will have guest speakers in the winter including botanists, members of Miami's Slow Food Initiative, and various others.

Advisors: Amy Clay and Lindsay Krause

[claya@talawanda.org](mailto:claya@talawanda.org)

[krausel@talawanda.org](mailto:krausel@talawanda.org)

## **Math Club**

6th graders

Miami University tutors every Thursday after school to help students with the math content, common misconceptions and preparation. We currently have 46 students and about 14 Miami students participating.

Advisors: Don Gloeckner and Tammi Waite

[gloecknerd@talawanda.org](mailto:gloecknerd@talawanda.org)

[waitet@talawanda.org](mailto:waitet@talawanda.org)



## **TMS Little Aggies**

**Open to 6-8th grades**

**Middle School Agricultural Program!**

**Leadership, agriculture, & fun to be had by all!**

**Advisor: Mike Derringer, THS FFA teacher**

[derringer@talawanda.org](mailto:derringer@talawanda.org)

**Middle School Contact: Steven Hricko**

[hrickos@talawanda.org](mailto:hrickos@talawanda.org)

## **Drama Club**

**The purpose of the club is to put on an annual school musical.**

**Advisor: Kelly Case (assisted by Beth Fryer)**

[casek@talawanda.org](mailto:casek@talawanda.org)

[fryerb@talawanda.org](mailto:fryerb@talawanda.org)

## **Peer Mediators**

**We meet Wednesdays during 7th and 8th grade tutorial**

**Students are being trained in conflict resolution and once they are fully trained, students will be able to help peers who are in conflict to resolve their issues peacefully using compromises and win/win solutions.**

**Advisor: Laura Jewett**

[jewettl@talawanda.org](mailto:jewettl@talawanda.org)

## **Student Council (elected students)**

**Scheduled Meetings - Friday's after school**

**Gather student input hosts events, raise money, etc... to benefit TMS**

**Advisors: Steven Hricko and Samantha Koontz**

[hrickos@talawanda.org](mailto:hrickos@talawanda.org)

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### **Mathcounts Competition Team**

A national middle school coaching and competitive mathematics program that promotes mathematics achievement through a series of fun and engaging "bee" style contests. The program provides engaging math programs to U.S. middle school students of all ability levels in order to build confidence and improve attitudes towards math and problem solving.

Advisor: Lori Gloeckner [gloecknerl@talawanda.org](mailto:gloecknerl@talawanda.org)

### **STEAM Club (Engineering)**

Meetings as scheduled - generally about 2 times per month after school until 4/4:30.

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math are considered the core subject areas of invention and innovation. STEAM club will look to provide students with opportunities to explore and create through multi-discipline (civil, electrical, chemical, mechanical, etc.) discussions and activities.

Advisor: Eric Schlade

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### **National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)**

NJHS is a group for 8th graders that are selected to become members at the end of 7th grade. Members are selected based on academics (3.75 or above cumulative GPA for all of 6th grade and the first two trimesters of 7th grade), community service involvement, leadership, and character. The chapter has meetings during the regular school day and participates in many school and community initiatives.

For 6th and 7th graders interested in becoming members as 8th graders: keep your grades up, take on leadership roles at school and in other activities, keep your behavior and actions in good conduct, and perform community service!

Megan Murray, Advisor

[murraym@talawanda.org](mailto:murraym@talawanda.org)

### **Guitar Club (The Shredi Knights)**

We learn how to practice, maintain and improve musical theory understanding and guitar upkeep. We also just do some jamming together to get used to playing with other musicians live!

Advisor: Raj Sundram

[sundramr@talawanda.org](mailto:sundramr@talawanda.org)

## **Writer's Club**

**Advisor: Cheri Day**

[dayc@talawanda.org](mailto:dayc@talawanda.org)

## **Talawanda Diversity Club**

**Introducing the new Talawanda Middle School Diversity Club! We are interested in spreading appreciation of the differences that every student brings to TMS, and celebrating what makes each one of us unique. We will explore what we can do at school and in our greater community to help our place be safe and inclusive for all students.**

**Advisor: Amy Clay**

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