

TMS E-News - 4/27/18

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!

April 27 - Dance for Destination Imagination - 2:45-4:00 pm (See Attached Flyer)
April 30 - 5th Grade Family Night - 6:00-8:00 pm
April 30 & May 3 - DC Parent Meeting - 7:00 pm
May 1 & 3 - Air Math Testing
May 4 - 8th Grade Visits THS
May 8 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS/Election Day
May 11 - 8th Grade Dance (NOT A FORMAL)

Please take a moment and go to this link to take the Talawanda Parent Satisfaction Survey 2017-18. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V88L3LP

NO SCHOOL for Students- Election Day May 8, 2018 - (See Attached Flyer)

Attention all 6th grade TMS parents:

The Ohio Department of Health requires that all students receive a Tdap and meningitis immunization BEFORE entering the 7th grade. Please send in proof of your student having received these immunizations as soon as possible. Students not in compliance with this law will be excluded from school in the fall. Please contact Terri Horvath RN at #273-3314 with any questions.



Important TSD Information:

COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OFFICE · (513) 273-3209

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - April 17, 2018

Contact:Holli Morrish- Director morrishh@talawanda.org

NO SCHOOL for Students- Election Day May 8, 2018

To TSD Parents:

Keeping Talawanda students safe and secure is our highest priority. The Butler County Board of Elections utilizes multiple government facilities in the area on election days, and often this includes school facilities. The Talawanda Board of Education has opted to cancel school for Talawanda students on Tuesday May 8, 2018 due to election day.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, and hope that by informing you as early as possible, that parents will have the time to make appropriate arrangements for childcare on that day.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding!

Kelly Spivey Superintendent

JUST DANCE!

When - Friday, May 11, 2018.

Where - Talawanda Middle School - Cafe.

Time - 7:00 - 9:30 pm.

It is time to celebrate the end of your middle school career. Join your fellow classmates for an evening of fun as we begin to wrap up your time spent here at Talawanda Middle School.

Information you need. . . .

- Tickets are \$8 presale & \$10 at the door. To cover the cost of the dance we must pre-sell at least 100 tickets.
- Refreshments Cookies and Punch will be served at the dance.
- We have a Professional DJ (he has worked the last 3 dances).
- Photo Booth Room will be provided. Props and a background to use for funny photos.
- DRESS CODE?? It is an 8th grade dance. The dress code is very simple. You
 may dress up, OR you may dress casual BUT...
 your outfit must be school appropriate.
 - Nothing revealing low cut dresses, or short dresses
 - Nothing ripped or torn ie. jeans or shirts
 - o Appropriate messages on shirts nothing political or suggestive.

If you are questioning your outfit choice, it is probably not a good choice. Show up dressed inappropriately and you will be sent home to change. No refund on your ticket if you choose to not attend the dance.

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD DURING LUNCH OR IN MR. BRINCK'S ROOM STARTING ... MONDAY, APRIL 30

McCullough-Hyde Hospital/TriHealth & Talawanda High School are once again teaming up to provide sports physicals for the upcoming school year.

Date: Tuesday May 22, 2:30pm-4:30pm

Dr. Matthew Daggy of TriHealth Orthopedics/Sports Institute and Medical Director of McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital. Along with physical therapists and athletic trainers from McCullough-Hyde Hospital/TriHealth will be offering sports physicals at Talawanda High School. Physicals will be done in the gym.

The charge for this service will be \$15.00 per student. Checks payable to: Talawanda Athletic Boosters

Students are expected to bring the completed physical form signed by parent/guardian with payment. Without parent/guardian signature you will not be permitted to get your physical on this day. Physical forms can be found on the athletic website and in the athletic office.

Any questions, please call the high school athletic department at 273-3201.

2018 Fall Sports Information

Physicals:

Every athlete *must have a valid physical* turned in to the TMS athletic office prior to tryouts and practices. Physicals will be offered at the high school on Tuesday, May 22 from 2:30-4:30 pm. Cost is \$15. Forms are available on the TMS Athletics website.

Academic Eligibility:

All incoming 7th graders start the year academically eligible for the fall. All incoming 8th graders must have a GPA of 2.0 or better and pass 5 classes in the 3rd trimester of the 2017/2018 school year to be eligible to compete in fall athletics. These requirements must be maintained throughout the season.

Grades will be checked every 3 weeks for all athletes - 7th and 8th grade - during the season.

Final Forms: (www.talawanda.finalforms.com)

All paperwork (Emergency Medical, Athletic Handbook, Eligibility, Pay-to-Participate, etc.) is now done through Final Forms. These must be completed before your child can participate.

- Please log in (after July 1) to add the sports your child will be participating in and sign the necessary athletic forms for the upcoming season.
- Your athlete will also need to log in and sign.

Spirit Wear:

Each athlete (and family) will have the opportunity to order team specific spirit wear at the beginning of the season. Order forms will go home during the first week of practice. These items are not required, but proceeds go to supporting TMS Athletics.

Summer Camp Information:

Visit the TMS Athletics website for summer camp information and summer skills workouts at the high school. Information will be added as the high school head coaches share it.

https://www.talawanda.org/talawanda-middle-school/athletics-17/

For Summer Announcements -Follow us on Facebook & Twitter:

Facebook: Talawanda Middle School Athletics

Twitter: tms_athletics

Sport Specific Information:

Football (7th and 8th grade) - http://talawandamiddlefootball.weebly.com/

Summer Workouts - See the football website above for more info

1st Day of Practice - July 30th

Coaches - Scott Dennis (8th) - denniss@talawanda.org OR Chris Huelsman (7th) - huelsmanc@talawanda.org

7th and 8th Grade Volleyball

Tryouts - August 1st & 2nd

Head Coach - Bill Zehler - bzehler@fuse.net

Cross Country

Summer Workouts - Follow Talawanda Cross Country on Facebook for summer workouts

Summer Camp - June 18-22, 6-7:30pm @ THS - Conditioning starts June 26, 8:00 a.m. @ OCP

1st Day of Practice - August 1st, 8:00-10:00 a.m. @ THS

Head Coach - Paul Stiver - stiverp@talawanda.org

Cheer

Head Coach - Janna Eason - easonj@talawanda.org

Band Itinerary Music In The Parks Competition Saturday, May 5

The TMS 7th Grade Band and 8th Grade Band will be performing in the Music in the Parks competition at Princeton High School on Saturday, May 5

6:15 AM - Meet in Talawanda Middle School Cafeteria to go over instructions for the day again.

6:45 AM load buses and travel to Princeton High School.

7:45 AM - Arrive at Princeton High School and unload equipment.

8:00 AM - Head inside and prepare for warm-up and focus time.

Orchestra and 8th Grade Band- Warm-up time 8:25 am - performance time: 8:50 am

7th Grade Band- Warm-up time 8:50 am - performance time: 9:15 am

8th Grade Band- Warm-up time: 9:40 am - performance time: 10:05 am

All students will quickly change clothes following the 8th Grade Band performance. We will then load the buses and travel to King's Island.

4:30 PM – All choir, band, and orchestra members will meet at the designated point in the park and walk to the awards ceremony together.

5:00 PM - Awards ceremony @ The Timberwolf Amphitheatre (this is in Kings Island).

6:00 Load the busses and head back to TMS.

7:15-7:30ish PM - Arrive back at TMS

**This is first and foremost a competition for the TMS ensembles. Each group will perform for two adjudicators who will give written constructive comments as well as a score. We will also receive an audio recording of the adjudicators comments made while we perform. Awards will be given to the top ensembles in each classification.

**Performances are free open to anyone who would like to attend. Please no audio or video recording, or flash photography.

**Performance attire is all black, ladies: no short skirts. Students should arrive at TMS in performance attire. Bring a change of clothes for after the performance. The TMS code of conduct, including the dress code, applies at all times.

**All students will ride the bus to and from the competition. Parents wishing to sign their students out may do so at the busses following the performance or at the end of the day. A note needs to be given to the directors by Friday May 4th. Parents will sign their students out with the director and students will only be released to their own parents or guardian.

** Staff members who accompany students will take appropriate care of students pursuant to Board Policy 3213. This includes, but is not limited to, administering medication. Please inform the directors by May 4° of any medical concerns not listed on the TMS Emergency Medical Form.

** Staff members cannot directly supervise students during the Kings Island portion of the trip. Students should be in groups of two or more at all times.

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Please return this portion to your directors.	
Student	
Parent or Guardian	

I understand that my child will be performing the Music in the Parks Competition at Princeton High School and that they will travel to Kings Island after their performance to enjoy the park and attend the awards ceremony. This trip is part of the District's educational program and staff members will accompany students on this trip.

Dear 7th Grade Students and Parents,

Our 7th Grade Field Trip to the Columbus Zoo and COSI, is set for May 11, 2018. We will leave TMS at 7:45am and return to TMS at approximately 8:00pm. Students will need to be picked up from school upon our return.

The final cost of the trip is \$20. This money is due no later than April 13th, 2018 in order for your student to attend the trip to Columbus. Money collection will begin this week. Please send it in as soon as possible. Collections will be done during first period. Cash should be in an envelope with your student's name on it. Checks should be made payable to TMS PTG. Please write your student's name on the memo line.

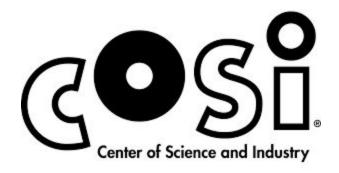
Reminders:

All students should pack a lunch or buy a sack lunch from the cafeteria.

Students should wear comfortable walking shoes. (Closed toe shoes are required for riding the unicycle at COSI)

Donations of bottled water would be much appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the TMS office.

Thank you, 7th Grade Teachers





TALAWANDA ATHLETIC BOOSTERS 5th Annual Golf Outing



Sunday, May 6, 2018 - Shotgun start at 1:00 pm Indian Ridge Golf Club 2600 Oxford-Millville Rd. Oxford, OH 45056

ONLINE Registration - talawandaboosters.org

Entries must be received by April 27th, 2018

Cost: \$75 per golfer. Includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, range balls, lunch and dinner, and 2 drink tickets

Prizes presented for 1st and 2nd place teams, contests (closest to the pin, longest drive and longest putt). Mulligans, putting strings, skins, and split the pot will also be available.

Team Name:	
Golfer Name:	Cell:
Please che	ck one of the following below: cramble \$75/Person or \$300/Team.
I would like to be a Golf Hole Sponsor f	or \$100.
	ole, cost is \$100. Your business or family name will be on one tee box on the course.
Name you would like on sponsor sign:	
	ntry form/sponsor hole request and full payment to: Boosters, PO BOX 618, Oxford, OH 45056

Checks payable to: Talawanda Athletic Boosters

Any questions please contact: Wes Cole – <u>colew@talawanda.org</u> Dave Kraushar – <u>docside91@aol.com</u>



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Empowering Parents To Raise Their Children To Be Substance-Free



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Know! To Stand Firm Against Underage Drinking

In the previous tip, Know! April is Alcohol Awareness Month, we discussed the negative health and safety risks of adolescents consuming alcohol. In this tip, we will talk about the prevalence of alcohol among adolescents and the steps we can take to protect our children by helping to prevent underage drinking and promote well-being.

Did you know? By the age of 15, about one in three teens will have had at least one alcoholic drink. By 18, more than half of all teens will have experimented with alcohol.

It's a fact. Underage youth between 12 to 20-years-old are responsible for drinking 11% of all the alcohol consumed in our country. Though this age group drinks less often than adults overall, they tend to drink in much higher quantities, known as binge drinking. In fact, 90% of their alcohol is consumed in this manner.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that alcohol contributes to 4,358 deaths of young people each year and more than 189,000 emergency room visits. The time to take action is now!

Preventing underage drinking is no easy task, as there are many factors unique to each individual to consider, including genetics, personality, rate of maturation and development, level of risk, and social and environmental factors.

There are key pieces to prevention overall however, which include:

- Young people need to feel loved, valued and appreciated through words and actions – at home, at school, and within their community. At home, it is our job to hug our kids (no matter how big they are), and tell them we love them every day.
- Communication is KEY Open, honest communication. Children whose parents talk with them early and often about the dangers of substance use - including alcohol and underage drinking - are up to 50% less likely to use in the first place. Talk about the big stuff, talk about the small stuff - talk about the negative consequences of alcohol



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Link to the article on the Prevention Action Alliance Facebook page

Prevention Action Alliance 6171 Humfley Road, Suite G Columbus, Ohio 43229 PH: (614) 540-9985 (refer to the previous Know! Tip for info), and just talk about what is happening in their everyday lives.

- 3. Expectations Our children have to know what is expected of them. We have to set clear boundaries when it comes to alcohol. Our children need to hear us say that underage drinking is unacceptable. In surveys where youth reported NOT drinking underage – they cited not wanting to disappoint their parents. But they have to know where we stand. And we have to stand against it, or they are much more likely to partake.
- 4. Trust They have to be able to trust us and know that no matter what's happening, we are there for them and will help them through whatever situation they find themselves in. This can be tricky because if they do find themselves in a sticky situation and they do come to us, we must remain calm or that trust is broken, and they will not come to us next time. Does it mean that there aren't consequences? Of course not. Trust also includes them knowing the consequences for breaking the rules and trusting that we will follow through and hold them accountable for the choices they have made.
- 5. Positive Role Models are vital Parents are a child's first and most important role model. Believe it or not, our teens pay close attention to what we say and do and how we handle ourselves in different situations. On the other hand, research shows that parents who binge drink are much more likely to have children who binge drink. Be careful of the example you're setting for your child.
- Friends Matter. We must know with whom our children are spending their time. We must also get to know our children's friends and their parents – which becomes trickier the older they become.
- 7. Activity Connections Be it a sport, band, theater, chess club, whatever we should be encouraging our kids to find their passion and get connected. For the times when a simple "no," doesn't feel like enough, their connections give them an ideal way to turn down a drink when offered: "No thanks coach would kill me," or "No thanks I've got my play coming up and I can't risk it."

Alcohol remains our nation's number one health problem, for youth and adults. The time to take action to protect our children from underage drinking and set them up to succeed in life is now. By following the steps above, you'll start to take action to improve outcomes for the children in your life.

April is Alcohol Awareness Month. For more information and guidance on prevention, please visit https://www.ncadd.org/about-ncadd/events-awards/alcohol-awareness-month

Sources: Centers for Disease Control: Alcohol and Public Health — Underage Drinking, Oct. 20, 2016. National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCAAD): Alcohol Awareness Month 2018. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA): Alcohol Facts and Statistics 2017.

Visit starttalking.ohio.gov to get the conversation going !!!



TALAWANDA STEM Summer Camp 2018 June 4 - 8, 2018 Talawanda Middle School



Open to Talawanda students *currently* in grades 5, 6, 7 Three great options this year!

Dates	June 4 - 8, 2018		
Location	Talawanda Middle School	Option 1:	Morning - Lego Robotics, Afternoon - STEM Activities
Time	9:00am - 3:00pm	Option 2:	Morning - STEM Activities, Afternoon - STEM Activities
Cost	\$125.00 (Option 1 or 2) \$60.00 (Option 3)	Option 3:	Morning ONLY - Lego Robotics (Cost - \$60.00)

Student Name: Shirt Size (indicate Youth or Adult): Select Morning Option Option 1 (STEM All Day) Option 2 (Lego / STEM) Option 3 (Morning Lego) School: Current Grade: Home Address: Phone: Email: Parent / Guardian Name: **Emergency Contact** Phone: Name: Please complete and return the application form with payment to the office by May 18. (Limited Space Available) Please note any special developmental or medical needs of this student: Parent Signature:

Talawanda Middle School Annual Craft & Antique Show

Saturday, September 29

entry

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 4030 Oxford-Reily Road Oxford, Ohio

Crafts • Jewelry • Clothing Furniture • Homemade Decor Holiday Gifts • Direct Sellers

For Vendor Information go to: tmscraftantiqueshow.weebly.com or join our Facebook group *Indoor/Outdoor spaces available

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

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 cube 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 under 8"	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. Thank you!!!!

Suggested Donations

STORAGE Containers

Expo Markers

Paint/Paint Brushes

Colored Duct Tape

Wood Scraps

Jewelry-making supplies

Makey Makey

Nails (Various Sizes)

Screws (Various Sizes)

Science Kits

Glue Sticks

Broken Toys

Rubber Stamps

Cricut Machine

Microphones

Fabric Scraps

Origami Paper

Rulers

Stayflo

Buttons

Magnets

Circuits

Batteries (all sizes)

LEGOS/K'NEX

Card Stock

Wood Glue

Glue guns/Glue Sticks

Craft Sticks

Construction Paper

TOOLS

Ziploc Storage Bags

Old Electronics

Cups and plates

Sizzix Machine Small LED lights

Small Motors

Wires

Cleaning Supplies

Erector Sets

Sewing Machine

Needles/Thread

Modge Podge

Play-doh

Copper Foil Tape

littleBits

Chibitronics

Sphero

Oubits

Yarn

Aluminum Foil

Marbles

Foam Balls

Tissue Paper

Wood Blocks

Q-tips

Straws

Pipe Cleaners

Beads

Clips

Clothes Pins

Dowel Rods

Safety Pins

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

oberschlakes@talawanda.org

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 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

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

derringerm@talawanda.org

Middle School Contact: Steven Hricko

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

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

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 koontzs@talawanda.org

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

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 schladee@talawanda.org

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

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

Writer's Club

Advisor: Cheri Day

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 claya@talawanda.org