



# TMS E-News - 5/3/19

## Annual Parent Satisfaction Survey-

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TSN88HC>

The TMS Builders Club is writing a TMS Family Cookbook and Activity Planner. To help make this project a success, the TMS Builders Club is collecting recipes from Talawanda employees, students, families, and community members! If you have a great recipe to share, please use this form to submit it to the TMS Builders Club! **All recipe submissions due by Monday, May 6, 2019.**

<https://forms.gle/mEh4DqZH4HDam43SA>

## **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. If you have not already done so, 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. Thank you.**

**May 6 - 7th Grade Columbus Trip**

**May 7 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS/Election Day**

**May 9 - 8th Grade You're Fired**

**May 10 - 8th Grade Dance - 7:00-9:30pm**

**May 13 - Football Parent/Player mtg. @ 6:00 pm - TMS Cafeteria**

**May 14 - 7th Grade You're Fired**

**May 14 - 5th Grade Tours TMS**

**May 14 - 17 - Media Center Book Sale**

**May 14 - Washington D.C. trip departs - 10:00 pm**

**SEE FLYERS BELOW !!!!**

**Summer School Registration Form - see below!**

For any 8th grade boy interested in playing on the TMS Mens Golf Team next fall:

There is a parent meeting on Sunday, May 19th at 4:30pm at Hueston Woods Golf Course. The first team workout will directly follow the parent meeting and last about an hour. Golfers are welcome to stay and play some holes on the course after the workout. If players or parents have any questions or are unable to attend this meeting, it is important that you contact Don Gloeckner at

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

# TMS PTG Fundraiser

We are selling PuraVida bracelets in our school colors. **Red, white and blue**

We will begin selling them to students during lunch on Friday, April 12



They make great Easter basket gifts, if you would like to purchase them as a surprise, please email Lori Gloeckner [gloecknerl@talawanda.org](mailto:gloecknerl@talawanda.org)

**Bracelets are \$6 each. Checks can be made out to TMS PTG**  
Proceeds go to funding after school clubs and other student events.

# VEGAS, BABY!

**When - Friday, May 10, 2019.**

**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 8th graders for an evening of fun as we begin to wrap up your time spent here at Talawanda Middle School.

Information you need. . . .

- **Tickets** are \$10. To cover the cost of the dance we must pre-sell 90 tickets.
- **Refreshments** - cookies and punch will be served at the dance.
- We have a **Professional DJ** (he has worked the last 3 dances).
- **Photo Display** -- will be provided for pictures. You supply the camera.
- **Keepsake** -- a commemorative sticker(s) will be given to those that attend.
- **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 - **NO** low cut, strapless, or short dresses.
  - Nothing ripped or torn - ie. jeans or shirts
  - 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 29!**

# **Summer Book Sale**

**May 14th-17th  
in the Media Center**



**Hundreds of NEW books all  
\$5 and under!  
Many are signed by the  
authors!**

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# **INFORMATION SESSION: YOUTH E-CIGARETTE USE/VAPING**

**MONDAY, MAY 13TH**

**7:00 P.M.**

**THS MEDIA CENTER**

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THE U.S. SURGEON GENERAL HAS DECLARED  
YOUTH USE OF E-CIGARETTES AN EPIDEMIC.  
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TREND AND WHAT WE CAN ALL DO TO HELP  
KEEP OUR YOUTH HEALTHY AND SAFE.

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**Track & Field CAMP**  
ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL  
**BOYS AND GIRLS**  
Entering GRADES 1-8  
**June 17 – June 21, 2019**  
**7:30 – 9:00 p.m.**



**The Talawanda Track & Field Team Proudly Offers**  
**A Brave Track & Field Camp**

*I would like to personally invite your son/daughter to A Brave Track & Field Camp. The purpose of the camp is to raise an awareness of the sport of track & field for elementary and middle school students. We will teach basic event techniques and allow the athlete to try different events in a positive and rewarding environment. ~ Coach Paul Stiver*

**CAMP DATES: June 17<sup>th</sup> – June 20<sup>th</sup> with Camp Track Meet on June 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**COST: \$35 (registration received on or before June 1st) \$45 (registration received after June 1st)**  
**Each additional child per family is only \$25! MAX PER FAMILY OF \$100. Please arrive 15 minutes early on Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.**  
**In case of inclement weather, decisions on camp will be emailed to parents and posted at [www.TalawandaTrackandField.com](http://www.TalawandaTrackandField.com).**

**Camp will be held at Talawanda High School. More Info at [www.TalawandaTrackandField.com](http://www.TalawandaTrackandField.com)**

Talawanda Track & Field Camp  
(entering 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
7:30 - 9:00 PM

Campers will receive...

- ✓ instructions on how to warm-up and cool down properly
- ✓ instruction for the shorter running events
- ✓ instruction for field events
- ✓ fun and games
- ✓ a camp t-shirt

**\*\*Each camper is invited to participate in the camp track meet on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 PM\*\***

**2019 Talawanda Boys and Girls Track & Field Camp Registration Form**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size Youth S M L or Adult S M L XL  
First Last (circle one)  
Gender M F Grade (entering) \_\_\_\_\_ Age (at time of camp) \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (emergency/work/cell) \_\_\_\_\_

I release Talawanda Schools and its administrators, the Talawanda Track & Field Camp, its Director, and its Staff from any and all liability in the event of injury and accident. I acknowledge that liability for such injury lies solely with the participant.

**Take \$10 off per child if you sign them up for A Brave Cross Country Camp also!!**

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN TO: Paul Stiver 5301 University Park Blvd. Oxford, OH 45056

Make checks payable to: Talawanda Athletic Boosters

CONTACT: Head Coach – Paul Stiver @ 937-266-8646 or [stiverp@talawanda.org](mailto:stiverp@talawanda.org)

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**CROSS COUNTRY CAMP**  
ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL  
**BOYS AND GIRLS**  
Entering GRADES 1-8  
**June 17 – June 21, 2019**  
**6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

**The Talawanda Cross Country Team Proudly Offers  
A Brave Cross Country Camp**

*I would like to personally invite your son/daughter to A Brave Cross Country Camp. The purpose of the camp is to raise an awareness of the sport of cross country for elementary and middle school students by teaching basic training routines, and allowing the athlete to enjoy the benefits of running through a positive and rewarding experience. Last year we had 60 participants! ~ Coach Paul Stiver*

**CAMP DATES: June 17<sup>th</sup> – June 20<sup>th</sup> with Camp Race on June 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**COST: \$35 (registration received on or before June 1st) \$45 (registration received after June 1st)**  
**Each additional child per family is only \$25! MAX PER FAMILY OF \$100 Please arrive 15 minutes early on Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.**  
**In case of inclement weather, decisions on camp will be emailed to parents and posted at [www.TalawandaCrossCountry.com](http://www.TalawandaCrossCountry.com).**

**Camp will be held at Talawanda High School. More Info at [www.TalawandaCrossCountry.com](http://www.TalawandaCrossCountry.com)**

Talawanda Cross Country Camp  
(entering 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
6:00 – 7:30 PM

Campers will receive...

- ✂ instructions on how to warm-up and cool down properly
- ✂ lessons on correct running form
- ✂ instructions on how to train for distance races
- ✂ fun and games
- ✂ a camp t-shirt

**\*\*Each camper is invited to participate in the camp race on  
Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM\*\***

**2019 Talawanda Boys and Girls XC Camp Registration Form**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size Youth S M L or Adult S M L XL  
First Last (circle one)  
Gender M F Grade (entering) \_\_\_\_\_ Age (at time of camp) \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (emergency/work/cell) \_\_\_\_\_

I release Talawanda Schools and its administrators, the Talawanda XC Camp, its Director, and its Staff from any and all liability in the event of injury and accident. I acknowledge that liability for such injury lies solely with the participant.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN TO: Paul Stiver 5301 University Park Blvd. Oxford, OH 45056

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TO REGISTER:  
[bit.ly/THSSumSch19](http://bit.ly/THSSumSch19)

If you are unable to register online, please fill out the form below and return to the office.

REGISTRATION FORM  
THE BEST WAY TO REGISTER IS ONLINE.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attended and Grade Level This Year \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Free/Reduced Lunch Classification: Free Reduced

CLASSES REQUESTED

Course: \_\_\_\_\_ Fee \$: \_\_\_\_\_

Course: \_\_\_\_\_ Fee \$: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment can be made in person with a check or cash at Talawanda High School to Chris Rhoton, checks payable to Talawanda School District.

Please scan this QR code  
to register or online at:  
[bit.ly/THSSumSch19](http://bit.ly/THSSumSch19)



COURSE REQUIREMENTS for TALAWANDA ONLINE:

•All students must attend an orientation session on May 28, 2019 at THS in the cafeteria at 9:00 AM.

•ALL STUDENTS REPEATING CLASSES WILL HAVE MANDATORY CLASS SESSIONS THEY MUST ATTEND. Class sessions will be from 8-10:00 a.m. Monday thru Friday.

•Students taking courses for advancement can work at home or at THS, but middle school students and incoming freshmen who are repeating classes MUST WORK AT THS.

•THS students will keep their Chromebooks through the completion of summer school. Middle school students, or students from other districts will report to get their Chromebook at 8:00 on May 28.

•Students will be given weekly goals for each class. Attendance will be taken daily based on time logged-on and material completed.

•Students must take final exams at THS upon completion of course. Final exams must be completed by June 14th at 10:00 AM, but may be taken any time a student has completed required coursework. All courses and final exams must be completed by the last day of summer school.

•Complete the required course work in the allotted time - 3 weeks for a semester credit.

•Failure to meet any of the requirements listed above will result in the student failing the course. No refund of registration fees will be made for failure to complete a course. Students can complete course work (other than final exam) on a computer at home, their Chromebook, or can use a computer in the designated computer lab from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. on Monday through Friday.

•A math teacher will be in the lab everyday during summer school for help with courses

TRANSPORTATION: Please note that the district will not provide transportation for summer school.

ATTENDANCE: A single day in summer school is the equivalent to one full week of regular school. Only personal illness accompanied by a doctor's note will count as an excused absence, and all work must be made up if credit is to be received. AFTER 2 DAYS UNEXCUSED ABSENCE AND NO DOCTOR'S NOTE THERE WILL BE NO REFUND ISSUED.

Talawanda High School Summer Session 2019



Talawanda School District  
Oxford, OHIO  
May 28 - June 14

All summer school classes will be held at  
Talawanda High School



May 28 - June 14

Lab Open From - 8:00am to 10:00am

The following courses are available through  
TALAWANDA ONLINE

**Courses (9-12) .5 Credits**

English I, II, III, IV

Modern World History

American History

Gov. and Politics

Physical Science

Biology

Algebra I, II

Geometry

Health

**Courses(6-8)**

English 6, 7, 8

Math 6, 7, 8

Science 6, 7, 8

Social Studies 6, 7, 8

Courses	Grades	Credit
Personal Finance*	10 - 12	.5
Health	9 - 12	.5
CCR*	11 - 12	.5

\* Additional Assignments must be completed  
with Career and College Readiness and Personal  
Finance

The following is the fee for each half (.5) credit class  
taken.

For Talawanda residents:	\$150.00
For Nonresidents:	\$175.00

Make checks payable to the Talawanda School District.

Those in need of financial assistance should  
submit a letter describing your need to the board  
office or the high school office. Students on  
free/reduced lunch automatically qualify for a  
scholarship.

**REFUND POLICY:** Refunds will be issued only after  
meeting with summer school principal. Refunds  
may be prorated.

**REGISTRATION:** Registration will be taken in the Main  
Office at Talawanda High School and Talawanda Middle  
School, however the best way to register is by going to  
[bit.ly/THSSumSch19](https://bit.ly/THSSumSch19) or scanning this QR code:



Chris Rhoton  
Summer School Principal  
Talawanda High School  
5301 University Park Boulevard  
Oxford, Ohio 45056  
513.273.3200

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#### WHERE

Oxford United  
Methodist Church  
14 N. Poplar St.  
Oxford, OH 45056

#### WHEN

Second Tuesday of the Month

#### TIME

12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM

Call to Confirm and  
reserve your spot!

**(513) 785-6881**

For more information, contact  
Melissa at [ruffnerm@bcesc.org](mailto:ruffnerm@bcesc.org)

## OXFORD KINSHIP

**JANUARY 8, 2019**

***Great Meeting!***

Join us for upcoming dates:

**FEBRUARY 12, 2019**

***Meals on a Budget.***

**MARCH 12, 2019**

***How to find Peace and Joy!***

**APRIL 9, 2019**

***Snacks for Summer Days.***

**MAY 14, 2019**

***7 Tips for New Kinship Caregivers.***

**JUNE 11, 2019**

***Summer Camps and Respite Ideas.***

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# 7TH-GRADE TRIP

## PERMISSION SLIP AND DETAILED PARENT LETTER IN FEBRUARY!

- Save the date, 5-6-19
- Charter bus up/back
- Students Return by 8 p.m.
- Awesome Zoo Experience
- Pack lunch
- STEM Learning at Cosi
- Dinner after Cosi
- Spaghetti Warehouse
- Big Screen Theater/ Cosi

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Talawanda School District  
131 W. Chestnut St.  
Oxford, Ohio 45056

TALAWANDA SCHOOL DISTRICT



# EMERGENCY GUIDE

Talawanda School District  
Ed Theroux, Superintendent



In the Talawanda School District, safe and secure learning environments are the first priority:  
**Students must first feel safe in order to grow academically, socially, and emotionally.**

It is important to communicate actions that ensure safe school environments. Every emergency situation is unique in initiation and response so the information in this material is not all inclusive. However, it is intended to provide a better understanding of responses in the event of a crisis or emergency.



## TALAWANDA SCHOOL DISTRICT EMERGENCY GUIDE

**TIP LINE:**  
**844-SAFEROH**

Through partnerships with the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Public Safety, every school in Ohio has been registered for SaferOH, a tip line that proactively helps to ensure the safety and well-being of its students.

By calling **1 (844) SAFEROH**, students and adults can share information with district and law enforcement officials regarding threats to school or student safety, such as bullying, suicides, or violence.

Callers may remain anonymous or share their contact information for possible follow-up. The line will accept both calls and texts 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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**An emergency is any unexpected incident that could affect the health or safety of students or employees**

... such as a disruption in utilities or a national emergency. Emergencies can affect one child, one school, or the entire school district.

When an emergency occurs, school officials evaluate the seriousness of the situation and determine the best plan of action to respond quickly, safely, and appropriately. Emergency responders such as police, fire, and medical teams are notified and assist as needed.

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Each Ohio school district has an emergency preparedness plan outlining possible scenarios and responses that vary based on conditions and situations.

The crisis management team, a team in each school that has emergency training, determines the best crisis response. In the event that the response includes an emergency student dismissal, it is important for parents to understand that students will be dismissed to parents once danger has passed.

In any emergency situation it is critically important that school leaders and safety personnel respond quickly. According to law enforcement and safety officials, it is important that parents wait for a call to pick up their children rather than rush to a site. Parents of students in the affected building will receive detailed information as soon as possible.

### FOUR COMMON RESPONSE OPTIONS

#### LOCKDOWN

**1** A lockdown may be used in response to an event inside or outside of a building. During a lockdown, students are restricted to their classroom and are not released from the classroom until lockdown procedures have concluded.

#### SHELTER-IN-PLACE

**2** This protective action is enacted when an event takes place outside of the building and officials determine that the safest course of action is to keep students and staff inside the building until the external event is resolved. During shelter-in-place, there could be student movement within the building, but students will not be released from the building until the shelter-in-place procedures have concluded.

#### EVACUATION

**3** If it is unsafe for students and staff to remain inside the building, the building will be evacuated. Students and staff may remain on school grounds until the building is safe to re-enter or may be relocated to a safe location off of school property, depending on a variety of circumstances.

#### EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

**4** This procedure will take place if your school officials determine students are safer at home than at school or trying to get to school. This most often occurs due to loss of utilities or a weather emergency.

If your school or school district intends to send students home or evacuate from a risky location to safe location, specific information will be communicated to the parents of affected students through a phone call.

### RESPONSE TO ACTIVE AGGRESSOR

In Ohio school districts, students and staff in all buildings are trained three times each year in an emergency response process known as ALICE. Most often used in the event of an active aggressor, ALICE empowers students and teachers to ensure their personal safety.

It is important to remember that ALICE is not a linear progression and response action, but is dependent on the individual situation. Decisions are made by teachers and students to ensure their personal safety.

**A** **ALERT:** Alert students and staff of an active aggressor.

**L** **LOCKDOWN:** Barricade a locked door with large objects, such as desks, chairs, shelves, etc.

**I** **INFORM:** Listen for communication, make informed decisions as to what action should be taken.

**C** **COUNTER:** If confronted by an aggressor, attempt to distract or confuse in order to get away.

**E** **EVACUATE:** Leave the area if it is unsafe based on all available information and observations.

### Student Release Student-Parent Reunification

In the event of an emergency situation during which a parent chooses to remove his/her child from school, or one that requires students to go home, your school district will care for each student until a parent arrives or until it is safe to transport the student home using district school transportation. Be assured that no child will be left alone.

In a **situational student release**, school officials determine that students and staff members need to evacuate a building temporarily but DO NOT need to close school

or dismiss students. Parents who elect to remove students during the time of an evacuation will need to report to a designated area with photo ID to sign out students. Emergency contacts designated for student release by parents may also remove specific students from school with a photo ID. For safety reasons, no other individuals are permitted to take students from a school.

**Reunification** occurs when school officials determine that students and staff members need to evacuate a building, close school, and dismiss students. The closing of school may require that the students be relocated to a secondary location. If students are relocated to an off-campus reunification site, a "gated reunification system" will be in place. Parents of emergency contacts will be required to pick up students either on campus or from the secondary reunification location.

In the event of an **evacuation to another location**, Parents of students in the affected building will receive a phone call with detailed information. Evacuation locations are not made public in advance so as not to jeopardize the efficiency or safety of the plan.

### Gated Reunification System

Students may only be released to a parent or emergency contact designated for student release. Photo identification is required.

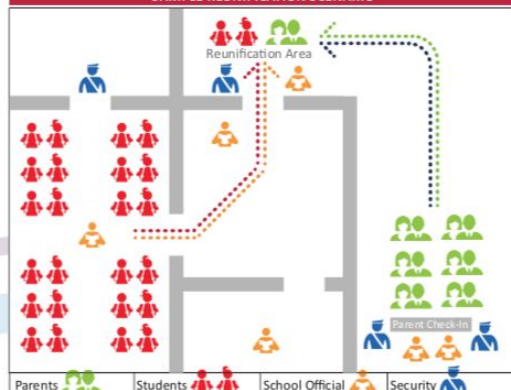
Upon arrival at the reunification site, parents will:

1. Report to the parent check-in area;
2. Complete a reunification card;
3. Be escorted by a staff member to his/her child; and
4. Sign the reunification card to ensure all students are accounted for and safe.

### Crisis Response Team

Your district personnel are trained using the **Traumatic Event Crisis Intervention Plan**. TECIP is a school-based framework designed to meet the emotional and psychological needs of students and staff in the aftermath of a traumatic event.

### SAMPLE REUNIFICATION SCENARIO





# **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](mailto:oberschlakes@talawanda.org)

[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)

## **Outdoor Adventure Club**

**The Outdoor Adventure Club is a series of field trips on the 3rd Wed. of each month in cooperation with Miami University's Outdoor Pursuit Center. Students learn outdoor skills while participating in unique activities at outdoor sites around Oxford. Registration for trips is done directly through Miami University.**

**More info, including specific trip destinations, costs, dates, and registration, can be found by accessing the Google Classroom for the club with the course code: rvw303o**

**Or, by contacting Mr. Hricko at [hrickos@talawanda.org](mailto:hrickos@talawanda.org)"**

### **Craft Club**

**Open to All TMS Students**

**Advisors: Cherie Day and Carolyn Ratliff**

**Meeting Time: Most meetings are held the second Thursday of the month and are announced on the morning and afternoon school announcements.**

**We plan and complete craft projects according to student interests. Join us for fun and creativity.**

### **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**

**Advisor: John Brinck**

**[brinckj@talawanda.org](mailto:brinckj@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](mailto:gloecknerl@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](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!**

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#### **Writer's Club**

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#### **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.**

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