



TMS E-News 9/15/17

Thank you for helping to make our parking lot safe for students and staff!

*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!*

What's Happening at TMS

Week of Sept. 18 - PTG Donation Drive (see flyer below)

Sept. 23 - TMS 2nd Annual Craft & Antique Show (see flyer below)

Sept. 28 & Oct. 12 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - call the office for an appointment

*If you received free/reduced lunch benefits last school year,
September 25th is the last day to submit free/reduced lunch forms
for the current school year.*

*After that date, students will revert to paying for their lunch and breakfast.
If you need this year's form, please contact the office.*

You can subscribe to our TMS calendar using the link below. The Talawanda Middle school calendar has school information and dates to assist in keeping families informed about what is going on with our students.

<https://www.talawanda.org/calendar/month?tid%5B%5D=86>

Any student that carries an inhaler or epipen at school must have a medication permit on file in the clinic. Please call Terri Horvath RN at 273-3314 with any questions. Thank you.

If you use Facebook or Twitter, please follow our pages for information coming out about TMS. You can find us on Facebook. Search Talawanda Middle School, and on Twitter at Talawanda MS.

TMS PTG 2017-2018

Parents,

The Talawanda Middle School Parent Teacher Group (TMS PTG) would like to welcome everyone to another year at Talawanda Middle School. We have some exciting things planned this year at TMS and we would like to make sure that everyone has a chance to volunteer or at least have the access to school information.

TMS PTG is more or less a support organization for the teachers and students at TMS. Below is a list of functions that we organize at TMS;

1- Conference Teacher Meals - On Parent-Teacher Conference nights. Volunteers donate food, drinks, or money to provide our teachers with a quality meal on those long days.

2- Field Trip Fundraisers - Each student has the opportunity to participate in 2 yearly fundraisers to earn money to help pay for class trips. 6th graders = Glen Helen Experience, 7th graders = Columbus Zoo + COSI (subject to change), and 8th graders = Washington, D.C. We sell pies before Thanksgiving and cookie dough in February. All profits belong to the seller and is held in their account all three years at TMS. The money raised may only be used for school trips and all unused money is donated to the PTG general fund. More information about each sale will be passed out when the sale starts.

3- PTG Donation Drive - The week of September 18th will kick off our donation drive. We ask all the students/families to make a \$1.00 dollar donation to the PTG General fund used to purchase supplies throughout the year (paper plates, utensils, etc.) You are welcome to donate 5, 10, or more and all who donate are entered into a drawing for prizes.

4- Teacher Snack/Treat Day - Once a month we try to organize a little treat for teachers on a Wednesday. One parent usually steps up and organizes the event. It starts in October with a Pumpkin treat day. Cookies, bread, cider, etc.

5- After School Groups - PTG is making a strong effort to organize, support, and create after school groups here at TMS. Several groups have a very strong tradition here at TMS and over the last 2 years we have added new clubs with more to come this year. Some examples are;

Garden Club	Builders Club	Math Counts
Guitar Club	Little Aggies	Engineering Club
Fishing Club	Peer Mediation Club	Drama Club
Tabletop Gaming	<u>Coming this year (hopefully)</u>	<u>Bowling. Art.</u>

**PLEASE SEE INFORMATION ON THE REVERSE SIDE ABOUT
HOW TO BE PLACED ON AN EMAIL LIST FOR THE
UPCOMING YEAR.**

PTG is looking to create a list of parents that would like to be considered as a potential volunteer to assist TMS PTG.


1- There is no commitment to volunteer if you sign up.

2- An email will be sent out once or twice a month to . . .


a- Update/ Inform about happenings at TMS


b- Ask for volunteers to help with various functions

- donate food, snack, etc.
- Organize a treat day
- Organize or assist an after school group

 Honestly most sign up just to receive the emails about what is going on at TMS. If you have a chance to volunteer great, if not, please still consider to be placed on an email list in order to stay better informed of things happening here at TMS.

2 Ways to placed on the TMS PTG LIST

-  1- Send me an email to: brinckj@talawanda.org with your contact information.
- > Name
 - > Child(ren)'s name and grade(s)
 - > email(s) try to send the one you look at and read the most

-  2- Write the same information on a piece of paper and have your child turn it into the TMS office. Please make sure I can read it.

Thank you for taking the time to read and act on this letter,


John A. Brinck
brinckj@talawanda.org
513-477-9503



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	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

Talawanda Middle School

Craft & Antique Show

Supports educational opportunities for students

Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017

• Food Trucks •
• Silent Auction •

entry
free

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

Dear TMS Families,

Talawanda Middle School is holding its second Annual Antique and Craft Show on Saturday, September 23rd from 9:00 to 3:00. During the show, we are having a Silent Auction that will feature baskets of items for individuals to bid on.



We are asking our TMS families to donate a new item for one of the themed baskets listed below, based on their ELA teacher. Donations can be given directly to your child's ELA teacher.

Mrs. Evans: Baby Basket - diapers, lotions, onesies, burp cloths, board books, stuffed animals, rattles, teething rings, baby socks, bibs, infant toys, gift cards, etc.

Mrs. Jackson: Spa Day at Home Basket - lotions, candles, soaps, shower gels, towels, bath sponge, fingernail polish and remover, nail files, tea, coffee, gift cards, etc.

Ms. Fryer: Chef's Delight Basket - cookbooks, muffin pans, kitchen gadgets, cutting board, spices, spatulas, potholders/oven mitts, measuring cups/spoons, cookie cutters, packaged mixes, apron, whisk, gift cards, etc.

Mrs. Day: Tailgate/Camping Basket - folding chairs, cooler, jerseys and t-shirts, game tickets, blankets, cards, drink cozies, Nerf football, candies and snacks, skewers for roasting, marshmallows, graham crackers, chocolate, gift cards, serving dishes, etc.

Mrs. Garver: Pet basket - pet bed, treats, gift cards, food, toys, collars, leash, food bowls, litter, lint roller, shampoo, pooper scooper, pet sweater, gift cards, etc.

Mr. Sundram and Mrs. Blinagar: Gift Card Basket - Starbucks, local restaurants, fast food restaurants, Barnes & Noble, Amazon, movie theaters, Graeters, Spring Street Treats, etc.

Mrs. Klenk and Mrs. Ziepfel: Car Kit Basket - bucket, hose sprayer, tire/wheel brush, wheel whitener, air freshener, car wash detergent, car wipes, window cleaner, upholstery cleaner, sponges, car mitt, car wash gift certificates, oil change gift certificates, gas cards, etc.

New items only, please! If you prefer to make a cash donation, we will use the money to purchase an item for the baskets. **No contribution is too small; we appreciate any and all donations.** Please send in basket items or cash by Tuesday, Sept. 19. Thank you for helping us support students and we hope to see you at the show on September 23rd!!!

Craft show website: <http://tmscraftantiqueshow.weebly.com/>

Facebook page: [Talawanda Middle School Craft and Antique Show](#) (please like, join, and/or share to spread the word)

Parents,

Labor Day is over and school feels like it is getting into a groove. Clubs are forming and getting under way.

TMS E-News is out there and almost everyone at TMS should be receiving an Email @ once a week. IF YOU ARE NOT PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

A list of clubs and leaders are posted. Teachers have been asked to create a Google Classroom page for dates and announcements.

Here is the link to sign up genius page that Mrs. Tomoko Brown created for TMS Fall 2017 Conference Meals.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4aa5ab2aaaf49-tms2017>

It is an easy way to donate food or money to the meal. The PTG will purchase drinks, plates, utensil, main dish, etc. We love trying your sides, salads and desserts. PLEASE CLICK ON LINK AND SEE IF YOU CAN HELP OUT.

Sept. 20 is our first PTG Meeting at 6:45. WE WILL MEET AT LA ROSA'S to discuss the year. I will post more info about the meeting next week

AGAIN, feel free to forward this message to anyone, but I can not add them to our mailing list unless they request it form me.

Thanks

Brinck

Student and Parent Volunteers Needed! My name is Jen Green and I am teaching a course in psychological assessment at Miami. My students are graduate students in clinical psychology. The course involves learning about different assessment techniques, such as interviewing, observations and tests. The students need to practice these assessment methods with children and adolescents of all different ages and with parents. We are looking for child/adolescent and parent volunteers to help the students practice and learn. If you child does participate, he or she will most likely have fun and will earn a small reward/prize. The tests are interesting and challenging and most children really enjoy the contact with the graduate students. Please contact me at greenjh@miamioh.edu or 529-2448 to learn more about helping our graduate students in their training to become psychologists.

Talawanda Middle School is in search of soldiers' addresses!

Talawanda Middle School is starting a year long program of correspondence with active duty soldiers stationed overseas and inside the U.S. Each tutorial class will send a care package of items and letters to a soldier in hopes of establishing a "pen pal" relationship with the soldier. Only the TMS address will be sent to the soldier.

We were hoping to receive some addresses of local soldiers (or relatives of Oxford residents) stationed overseas or at a base in the U.S. If anyone knows of a soldier with ties to the Oxford area who would enjoy a care package and letters please contact John Brinck at Talawanda Middle School.

All names and addresses should be sent to

John Brinck

Talawanda Middle School

4030 Oxford-Reily Rd

Oxford, OH 45056

E-Mail - brinckj@talawanda.org

Destination ImagiNatiOn Anyone?

Destination ImagiNatiOn is an innovative creative problem-solving program for participants from kindergarten through high school. Teams of 5 to 7 participants are challenged to solve one of five unique Team Challenges and an Instant Challenge with no adult assistance. Each of the five Challenges offers participants an opportunity to explore art, literature, drama, engineering, architecture, and improvisation.

Interest Forms for students are available in the main office and should be returned by October 13th!

Our regional tournament will be held in March at Miami University. Teams forming will require a parent or other adult that is willing to volunteer their time to be a team manager. Free Manager/Coach training sessions are available in the fall.

It is time to begin forming and registering teams for this year. Please contact me in the near future if you are interested in helping to coach/manage a Destination Imagination team this year. Without managers, we cannot have teams. *We will be hosting an information meeting about Destination Imagination on Wednesday, September 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the PDC at the Nelson Morrow Building located at 909 S. Main Street (directly behind SDS pizza).* Parents and students are welcome to attend. We will explain the program, how teams are formed, and how to become a team manager. Sign ups will also be available for children interested in participating.

For more information about this program, go to www.destinationimagination.org and explore, or call:

Shana Rosenberg
Destination Imagination Coordinator
513-280-0365
shanarosenberg@gmail.com

Your NUMATS Timeline

Register online at <https://my.ctd.northwestern.edu>.

- Please read all statements before agreeing and proceeding to the next step.
- In Step 4, identify a school if you want the school to have access to your child's scores.
- Look for the e-mail we send when you submit your registration.

Before testing, visit MyCTD Toolbox, your password-protected online account.

- View registration details.
- Access test prep materials (NUMATS Info Tab, section 2).
- Download required student identification form (SAT/ACT Only – NUMATS Info Tab, section 3).

After testing, visit MyCTD Toolbox.

- Access test scores and NUMATS percentiles.
- Review course sequence suggestions.
- Read articles on working with your school.

Throughout upcoming year, visit CTD Backpack, our interactive online community for students and their families.

- Access the latest research on gifted education.
- Participate in live podcasts and webinars with experts in the field.
- Communicate with other parents of advanced students.

Important

A week prior to test date: Call the testing agency if you have not received a test center admission ticket.

PSAT 8/9: 866/433-7728 SAT: 866/756-7346 ACT: 319/337-1270

On test day: Ensure your child takes the test center admission ticket (all tests) and student identification form (SAT/ACT only) to the test center.

Several weeks after test date: You will receive an e-mail indicating scores are available in MyCTD Toolbox. The testing agency will send you a hard copy of the score report.

August-October: NUMATS and state award ceremonies are held.

E-mail numats@ctd.northwestern.edu
Phone 847/491-3782 ext. 2

Fax 847/467-4283
Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Central

Website www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats
Register Now <https://my.ctd.northwestern.edu>

For registration questions, please e-mail ctd-admissions@northwestern.edu.

NUMATS Family Guide 2018



Center for Talent Development Northwestern University's Midwest Academic Talent Search (NUMATS)

Advanced assessment that will identify
your child's talents and provide the resources
you need to develop them.

Northwestern | CTD



You know your child is curious and smart. But do you know . . .

- the full extent of your child's ability?
- your child's specific academic strengths?
- the level of instruction your child needs to be challenged and ensure academic growth?
- the range of programs and services available to your family?

Through NUMATS, students and families . . .

- receive valuable information to help you plan your child's academic journey through high school graduation
- gain insight into academic strengths and benchmarks for measuring growth
- get practice on the high-stakes test(s) used for high school placement, scholarships, and college admissions
- learn about gifted programs for which your child might qualify
- get connected to an active, online community of gifted learners and their families (CTD Backpack)

Your child may be doing well in school and participating in enrichment programs on weekends or in the summer. Still, you may not know the full extent of your child's abilities and academic needs. NUMATS can help!

Understanding your child's level of achievement is an important first step. Grade-level state exams do not measure knowledge and skills beyond the

current grade. And, computer-adaptive tests do not have the highest-level questions needed to identify what advanced students are ready to learn.

NUMATS solves the problem by using assessments designed for older students that measure college and career readiness. Students in grades 3-6 take the PSAT™/8/9, typically administered in grades 8-9. Students in grades 6-9 take the SAT™ and/or ACT™. These challenging tests provide a more accurate measure of your advanced learner's knowledge and skills and can provide insight into what level of instruction is appropriate.

Assessment dates are available throughout the year. See the chart below for registration deadlines, test dates, and fees. Fees cover the cost of assessment and online access to valuable resources and interpretive materials. A program timeline can be found on the back page of this brochure. Additional information, including a short video about the NUMATS experience, is available on our website.

Test Centers: Find local test centers by date at www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats-test-centers.
Registration Deadlines, Test Dates, and Fees

TEST	REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION PERIOD (ADDITIONAL \$29.50 FEE APPLIES)	TEST DATES	REGULAR FEES		
				NUMATS	TEST	TOTAL
PSAT 8/9 (Gr 3-6 ¹)	December 11, 2017 January 8, 2018	Not Available	January 20, 2018 February 10, 2018 February 11, 2018	\$42	\$38	\$80
SAT (Gr 6-9)	July 25, 2017 September 6, 2017 October 2, 2017 October 30, 2017 February 6, 2018 April 3, 2018 April 30, 2018	Not Available	August 26, 2017 October 7, 2017 November 4, 2017 December 2, 2017 March 10, 2018 May 5, 2018 June 2, 2018	\$42	Without Essay \$46 With Essay \$60	\$88 (without essay) or \$102 (with essay)
ACT (Gr 6-9)	August 2, 2017 September 20, 2017 November 1, 2017 January 10, 2018 March 7, 2018 May 2, 2018 June 13, 2018	August 3-15, 2017 September 21-October 3, 2017 November 2-14, 2017 January 11-16, 2018 March 8-20, 2018 May 3-15, 2018 June 14-19, 2018	September 9, 2017 October 28, 2017 December 9, 2017 February 10, 2018 April 14, 2018 June 9, 2018 July 14, 2018	\$42	\$46	\$88

¹Test recommendations for first-time and repeat participants in grade 6 are available on our website.

Saturday Art at Miami University

Fall 2017 – Sign up now!

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DESCRIPTION

Students age 4 to high-school can sign up. Each student will experience a range of creative projects in a variety of mediums. Classes are designed to challenge students at their own level and new lessons are presented each week based on the class theme. Previous experience in art is not required!

Classes are taught by junior and senior art education students as part of their practicum in art education.

CLASS DATES

Session 1: **September 23**

Session 2: **September 30**

Session 3: **October 7**

October 14 (No class)

Session 4: **October 21**

Session 5: **October 28**

Session 6: **November 4**

November 11 (weather make-up day if needed)

November 18: Final Showcase & Celebration



FEES

\$50 per student, \$45 for each additional student in family. **Mail fees to:** Saturday Art, 124 Art Building, Oxford, OH 45056 (Checks made out to Miami University).

MEETING TIME

Classes meet from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. in the Art Building (400 S. Patterson Ave., Oxford)

PARKING

Parking: permits are required. Contact MU Parking Services (513-523-8535)

REGISTRATION

All registration is online this year. You will need to fill out a registration form as well as an enrollment and authorization form. **Registration due September 9.** After this date, contact us for availability. All information and links to registration can be found at:

miamisaturdayart.weebly.com

For questions or availability, contact: Dr. Stephanie Baer, Saturday Art Director, baersa@miamioh.edu



OFFICE OF GIFTED SERVICES

909 Collins Run Road, Oxford, Ohio 45056 | (513) 273-3124

Empowering Every Learner Every Day!

Gifted Identification Test Schedule Information

General Test Information: Every student has the opportunity to be assessed for gifted identification twice during the school year. We are now taking referrals for fall testing which is the first opportunity for the 2017-2018 year. The tests determine gifted identification in accordance with state law & district policy. Results from the tests determine possible gifted service for this school year. Please review the information below for test dates and how to register.

Names and Type of Tests: The CogAT is a cognitive test. This test produces a school ability score, which is similar to, but not the same as, an IQ test. In essence, they measure a child's reasoning ability and are predictors of a child's ability to perform in an academic setting. The Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) Form 7 has 3 batteries of tests: Verbal, Quantitative, and Nonverbal.

The IOWA is an achievement test. These tests produce a percentile rank, a 95% or higher is needed to be identified as gifted. A National Percentile Rank (NPR) indicates your student's rank with other students in the nation. Percentile ranks range from 1 to 99. We offer testing in the areas of mathematics, reading, science and social studies.

Students with Previous Gifted Identifications: If your student has already been identified as gifted in any area, he/she remains identified as gifted in that area K-12 and does NOT need to test again.

Students may be identified as gifted in one or more of the following areas: Superior Cognitive Ability, specific academic achievement (mathematics, reading, science, social studies), Creative Thinking Ability, and Visual & Performing Arts.

- All 2nd and 5th graders will be screened in the areas of superior cognitive ability, mathematics, reading and creative thinking. 2nd grade will be screened in the spring and 5th graders will be screened this fall.
- Please note - Formal gifted services do not begin until 3rd grade
- Visual & Performing Arts courses are only offered at the high school and screening for these courses takes place at the high school level.
- There are currently no scheduled services for Creative Thinking
- All testing that is done in the spring 2018 is for service in the 2018-2019 school year.

The Talawanda School District assessment schedule is beginning its 1st round of testing. All referrals for the fall testing round are due to the office of gifted services no later than September 30th. We ask that parents understand that we schedule rooms, proctors, materials, etc. and that the earlier a parent/guardian registers the better it is for everyone. Referrals after September 30th are placed on a list for the next testing round in the spring. Testing will be completed in October and score reports will be mailed home within 30 days after testing.

If you are uncertain that your child should be tested or have any questions or concerns, please send an e-mail to the Coordinator of Gifted Services, Jessica Moore, at moorej@talawanda.org. If your child is on an IEP or 504 Plan requiring accommodations during testing, please notify the Department of Gifted Services through e-mail at moorej@talawanda.org at the time of referral.

To Register: Send an email to moorej@talawanda.org and provide the following information: *Student name, student identification number, grade, school, and homeroom teacher, if applicable.*

Updates on Clubs to follow:

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

derringer@talawanda.org

Middle School Contact: Steven Hricko

hrickos@talawanda.org

Drama Club

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

NJHS

Select group of students that meet during the regular school day. Those students who are in NJHS are 8th graders and are inducted at the end of 7th grade.

Beth Ziepfel and Megan Murray

ziepfele@talawanda.org

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