



# TMS E-News 9/29/17

*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

Oct. 5 - Homecoming Parade

Oct. 6 - Interims will be sent home with students

Oct. 12 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - **call the office for an appointment**

Oct. 13 - 6th Grade Scoliosis screening

Oct. 17 - Fall Make-up Pictures

**Glen Helen Parent Informational Meetings will be held Tuesday, November 14 and Thursday, November 16 from 6:00-7:00 PM**

***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.***

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

# Next week - October 2-6 - is SPIRIT WEEK!!

**Monday - Tie Dye** (wear your favorite tie dye shirt)

**Tuesday - Twin Day** (dress the same as your friend or teacher)

**Wednesday - Hat Day** (wear your favorite cap, beanie, fedora, etc.)

**Thursday - Jersey Day** (wear your favorite jersey)

**Friday - Red, White, and Blue** (wear your

Talawanda colors!)

## **TMS PTG Donation Drive Results**

The 2017-18 TMS PTG Donation drive was a big success. We almost doubled the number of donations from last year, and raised just over \$625.00. The money raised/donated will be used towards supplies for teacher conference meals/snacks, and to support after school clubs and groups with snacks, supplies, etc.

This will be the only fundraiser TMS PTG will hold this year. Other clubs, groups, and sports teams at TMS also hold sales to benefit their club, group, or team. The next big school wide sale is the **Thanksgiving PIE Sale**. Forms go home on October 16th, and all sales benefit each grade level trip.

6th grade = Glen Helen

7th grade = Columbus Zoo & COSI

8th grade = Washington, D.C.

50% of your sale will be placed into an account that your child can access to help pay for various class trips. Their account stays active until the end of their 8th grade year. Unused money (did not travel on a class trip) will be forfeited into the Washington, D.C. scholarship fund.

Again, I want to say thanks for supporting TMS PTG. If you have any questions or concerns please contact John Brinck email - [brinckj@talawanda.org](mailto:brinckj@talawanda.org) or by cell [513-477-9503](tel:513-477-9503).

**NEXT PTG MEETING is November 15 at 6:45pm at the Oxford LaRosa's.**

Come for some pizza and stay for the fun

Special Congrats to the door prize winners;

Hunter Cuadill

Katrina Dudley

Makenzie Steed

Morgan Sly

Jack Lahrmann

**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.

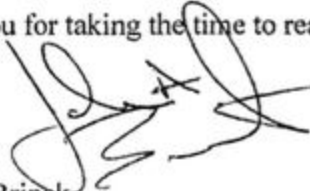
**2 Ways to placed on the TMS PTG LIST**

 1- Send me an email to: [brinckj@talawanda.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](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

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



Entry Fee	\$5 for kids' run (1K) with no t-shirt/\$10 for kids' run with t-shirt by 10-26-17 \$20 for 5K pre-registration (postmarked by 10-26-17) with shirt \$30 late registration and walk-up registration (no shirt guaranteed)
Location	Oxford Community Park, 6801 Fairfield Rd., Oxford, OH 45056 Packet pick-up and registration will start at 7:30 a.m. near the concession stand Race will begin and end in the park.
Awards	Top 3 overall male and female Age-group awards will be based on pre-registration Special awards to the top Talawanda graduate and Talawanda employee
Shirts	All pre-registered participants will receive a shirt. A limited number of shirts will be available on race day. Only pre-registered participants are guaranteed a shirt.
Checks payable to:	Talawanda Athletic Boosters. Entry fee is non-refundable and non-transferable. Mail to Paul Stiver, 4030 Oxford Reilly Rd., Oxford, OH 45056.
More Information	Contact Paul Stiver at (937) 266-8646 or <a href="mailto:stiverp@talawanda.org">stiverp@talawanda.org</a>

Registration, post-race refreshments, awards, and door prizes will be at the concession stand on the northeast end of the park. To register, cut and return the form below with payment. Race-day registration and packet pick-up will start at 7:30 a.m. More information at [www.abrave5k.com](http://www.abrave5k.com)

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### A BRAVE 5K RUN/WALK Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: (circle) M F Age (on 11-11-17) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size (circle) Adult S M L XL 2XL Youth M L Email \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Talawanda employee? Yes No Are you a Talawanda graduate? Yes No

In consideration of my acceptance of this entry, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, I do hereby waive liability, release and forever discharge the Talawanda Track and Field/Cross Country Program, Talawanda Schools, The Oxford Knolls, and the municipality of Oxford, Ohio, their employees, agents, officials, volunteers, and all related parties, their demands, rights and causes of action of whatever kind or nature, arising out of all known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen, bodily and personal injuries, damages to property, and the consequences thereof, including death resulting from my voluntary participation in, or in any way connected with, such recreational programs and athletic activities.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ (parent or guardian if under 18)      Date \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **Talawanda Athletic Boosters**  
Mail by 10-26-17 to guarantee a t-shirt. Mail to: Paul Stiver, 4030 Oxford Reily Rd., Oxford, OH 45056

All proceeds benefit the Talawanda Track & Field and Cross Country programs.



## **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](http://www.destinationimagination.org) and explore, or call:

Shana Rosenberg  
Destination Imagination Coordinator  
513-280-0365  
[shanarosenberg@gmail.com](mailto: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 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](mailto:numats@ctd.northwestern.edu)  
**Phone**      847/491-3782 ext. 2

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Central

**Fax**      847/467-4283

**Website**      [www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats](http://www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats)

**Register Now**      <https://my.ctd.northwestern.edu>

For registration questions, please e-mail [ctd-admissions@northwestern.edu](mailto: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](http://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
<b>PSAT 8/9</b> (Gr 3-6 <sup>1</sup> )	December 11, 2017 January 8, 2018	Not Available	January 20, 2018 February 10, 2018 February 11, 2018	\$42	\$38	\$80
<b>SAT</b> (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)
<b>ACT</b> (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

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

## **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](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)

**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**

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**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)

[koontzs@talawanda.org](mailto: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](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**

[schladee@talawanda.org](mailto: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](mailto:ziepfele@talawanda.org)

[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**

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