



# TMS E-News - 4/5/19

**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!**

***If your child has been diagnosed positive for the flu by a healthcare provider, please let the office know when calling in your student's absence. Please call Terri Horvath RN with any questions.***

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## 2019 TMS Testing Schedule

Subject	Grade(s)	Date(s)	TIME
ELA	6, 7, 8	APRIL 8-9	7:50-9:35
SCIENCE	8 only	APRIL 10-11	7:40-8:55
MATH	6, 7, 8	APRIL 16-17	7:50-9:20

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**Apr. 11 - Cookie Dough Pick-Up 2:45-7:00 pm (see flyer below)**  
**Apr. 12 - Hypnosis Show @ THS - 7:00 pm (see flyer below)**  
**Apr. 15 & 29 - Washington D.C. parent meeting @ 7:00 pm - TMS Cafe**  
**Apr. 19 - Apr. 26 - Talawanda Spring Break!**  
**May 10 - 8th Grade Dance - 7:00-9:30pm**

**Parents: Primary Health Solutions Mobile Dental Program will be starting up again this month. If interested, please contact Terri Horvath RN at #273-3314 for additional information. This is a great program!**

**-Any student that carries an inhaler or epipen at school must have a medication permit on file in the clinic.**

**-Parents of 7th Graders - If you have not already done so, please send in proof of your child having received the tdap and meningitis immunization.**

**Please call Terri Horvath RN at 273-3314 with any questions. Thank you.**

# **COOKIE DOUGH**

## **PICK - UP DATE**

**Thursday, April 11, 2019**

**Time 2:45 - 7pm**

The cookie dough will be delivered boxed up and ready for pick-up on Thursday, April 11. There is no packing needed, but please make plans to stop by and take home your order, because freezer space is limited.

A financial statement/balance sheet will be sent home with every current 6th and 7th grader after Spring Break to let you know how much is in your child's account heading into next year's travels.

Any questions or concerns please contact  
John Brinck at [brinckj@talawanda.org](mailto:brinckj@talawanda.org)  
Cell 513-477-9503

**TICKETS to the  
HYPNOSIS/COMEDY SHOW  
are on SALE NOW!  
\$8 pre-sale or \$10 at the door  
FRIDAY, APRIL 12, at 7pm  
TALAWANDA HIGH SCHOOL  
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

Jason Christopher is an experienced hypnotist, who has entertained 1000's of Middle and High School students.

He will be performing live at the THS PAC on Friday, April 12th. His subjects/victims could be YOU sitting in the audience. 20 - 25 students will be chosen at random, called up on stage and placed under hypnosis. What happens after that will keep you laughing throughout the show.

Stop by the office at the High School or Middle School to buy a ticket(s) to the show. We have **550 seats to sell** and once they are gone, well . . .  
**YOU WILL BE OUTTA LUCK!**

**SEE YOU ON THE 12th of APRIL!!**

The show is a fundraiser for TMS PTG.

Thanks for your support,

Brinck

# TALAWANDA CHEERLEADING

## 2019 – 2020



**\*\*Parent Meetings April 4<sup>th</sup>\*\***

**Middle School Parents 6:00pm TMS Cafeteria**

**High School Parents 7:00pm TMS Cafeteria**

### **CLINIC DATES:**

#### **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

##### **TMS GYM**

April 8<sup>th</sup> 3-4:30pm

April 9<sup>th</sup> 3-4:30

April 11<sup>th</sup> 3-4:30

April 12<sup>th</sup> TRYOUT DAY 3-?

#### **HIGH SCHOOL**

##### **THS GYM**

April 15<sup>th</sup> 2:30-4pm

April 16<sup>th</sup> 2:30-4pm

April 17<sup>th</sup> 2:30-4pm

April 18<sup>th</sup> TRYOUT DAY 3-?

If you have questions please contact Janna Eason, [easonj@talawanda.org](mailto:easonj@talawanda.org).

**\* All MIDDLE School paperwork must be turned in by April 8, 2019\***

**\*All HIGH School paperwork must be turned in by April 15, 2019\***



HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY  
HEALTHY & SAFE



# MEDICATION DISPOSAL DAY



**Saturday, April 13th**  
**9:00 am to 12:00 pm**  
**Talawanda High School**

Bring your expired, unused prescriptions  
or over-the-counter medications. Law  
enforcement officials will dispose of the  
contents in a safe, legal, and  
environmentally conscious manner.

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# 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!**

# THE SHARKS BASKETBALL

The Sharks Basketball program is ready to start this spring. The program is open to all girls who are interested in playing basketball. Using a variety of high school drills and an all-encompassing approach, the coaches will concentrate on teaching the fundamentals of the game.

Our goal is to give each girl as much instruction and "game experience" as possible. We do NOT make cuts; our program is for everyone who wants to play basketball. We are looking for current 3rd through 8<sup>th</sup> graders at all skill levels. You can continue playing on an AAU or school team and still be able to attend as many sessions as possible.

**START DATE –APRIL 8, 2019**

**5:30 -7:00 Current 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Graders**

**7:00 - 8:30 Current 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders**

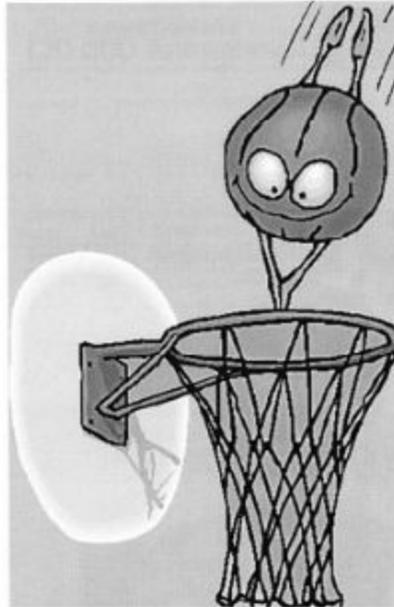
There will be a fee of \$50.00 with checks made out to Talawanda Boosters. League fees will cover a variety of expenses: coach's fees, referee fees, and June game.

We will start the sessions at Kramer Elementary on April 8. Some of the later sessions will be at the high school. If you are unsure as to if you want to dive right in, come to the first few sessions and experience playing basketball at this level. Fees can be paid after the first or second sessions. No pre-registration needed. Hope to see you there!

The tentative schedule is: April 8-11-15-18-25-29, May 2-6-9-13-16-20-23-30. June games TBA.

Questions – email Coach Mary Jo Huisman at [mjhuisman@gmail.com](mailto:mjhuisman@gmail.com)

**All area coached are invited to come to any of the sessions. Hopefully we can show you some new drills and expectations for the girls. All the high school coaches will be present at most sessions.**



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COMMUNITY!

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LET'S  
GET  
MOVING!



JOIN US FOR OUR  
COMMUNITY WALKING  
CHALLENGE!

**Begins on Wed, April 3rd  
goes through Tue, April  
9th!**

Steps will be entered into this website:  
[www.healthyoxfordarea.org/steps](http://www.healthyoxfordarea.org/steps)  
beginning on April 10th through the  
12th. Enter your steps and you will be  
eligible to win prizes!

**Stop by our kickoff  
community walk at  
Leonard Park!**

5:30 on April 3rd  
All ages welcome.  
The first 100 people will  
receive a free T-shirt!



FOR YOUTH OF ALL AGES!

# F.R.E.S.H Air Fair

**Family Resources in Education  
for Safety and Health**

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

(RAIN OR SHINE)

TALAWANDA HIGH SCHOOL

Rain location inside the high school



## ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- CHILD IDENTIFICATION KIT • CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES •
- TOUR A FIRE ENGINE OR HELICOPTER •
- FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION •
- VISION CHECKS •
- ARTS AND CRAFTS AND MORE! •

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## DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY

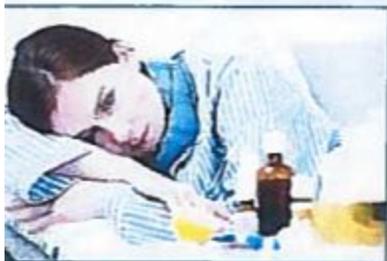
Bring your expired and unused prescriptions and over the counter medications. Law enforcement officers will dispose of them in a safe, legal and environmentally conscious manner and destroy the original bottle.



## BIKE SAFETY COURSE AND FREE HELMETS

Oxford Police will provide a bike safety course. FREE bike helmets will be given. Child must be present and fitted to receive helmet (while supplies last)

# How to Help Control the Spread of Flu



*This information originally from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).*

**Get A Flu Shot:** Getting a flu shot each year is the best way to slow the spread of flu. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend that everyone age 6 months and older get a flu shot each year.

**Stay Home When Sick:** Because flu spreads easily from person to person, stay home when you are sick. Studies show you are most contagious and likely to spread flu virus to others for at least 5 days after your first symptoms start AND at least 48 hours after your last fever.

**Wash Your Hands:** Clean your hands before and after caring for a sick person, and after coughing or sneezing. Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer. Sick people should clean their hands too!

**Cover Your Coughs And Sneezes:** Use clean tissues and discard after use. Coughing or sneezing into your sleeve is OK when you don't have a tissue. Always wash your hands after coughing or sneezing.

**Keep Surfaces Clean:** Flu virus can live on surfaces for up to 48 hours. Use household cleaners to clean surfaces that are touched often such as phones, faucets, light switches, countertops, handles on doors and cabinets, keyboard and mouse, and TV remotes.

**Wash All Eating Utensils And Drinking Glasses Well:** No need to separate a sick person's utensils or drinking glasses or do any special washing or sterilizing.

**Change Bedding And Towels:** Wash your hands after touching soiled laundry. No need to clean a sick person's laundry separately.

**Avoid Touching Your Eyes, Nose, And Mouth:** Germs often spread this way.

**Wear A Mask:** Consider wearing a mask when giving care to a sick person.

**Avoid Getting Too Close:** Keep at least six feet away from the sick person whenever possible. Separate a sick person from other people in the home. Have only one person provide care for a sick person.

**Know The Symptoms Of Flu:**

(See next page)

**Know When To Seek Medical Care:**

(See next page)

## Stop the Spread of Flu

- Get a flu shot
- Clean your hands
- Stay home when sick
- Cover your coughs and sneezes

## Common Flu Symptoms

- Fever (100°F or higher)
- Body or muscle aches
- Headache
- Feeling tired or weak
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Stomach symptoms (mostly in children)



## If You Have Flu Symptoms

- Stay home
- Rest
- Drink fluids
- Take medicines for fever such as acetaminophen (e.g. Tylenol®) or ibuprofen (e.g. Advil® or Motrin®)
- Call your healthcare team within 48 hours for advice about what to do next
  - ▶ Antiviral medicines may reduce flu symptoms if started within 48 hours of your first symptoms

## WARNING!

Moderate or Severe flu symptoms are signs of complications from flu!

## Call your health care provider if:

- You have moderate flu symptoms such as:
  - ▶ Not able to drink enough fluids  
(Dark urine or feeling dizzy when standing are signs that you are not drinking enough fluids)
  - ▶ Fever 100° F or higher for 3 or more days
  - ▶ Feel better, and then get a fever or sore throat again

## Go right away for medical care if:

- If you have severe flu symptoms:
  - ▶ Shortness of breath or wheezing
  - ▶ Coughing up blood
  - ▶ Pain or pressure in your chest when breathing
  - ▶ Chest pain, especially if you have heart disease like angina or congestive heart failure
  - ▶ Trouble with balance, walking or sitting up, or becoming confused

## WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

[www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)  
[www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov)



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

**Butler County**  
General Health District

[health.bcoho.us](http://health.bcoho.us)



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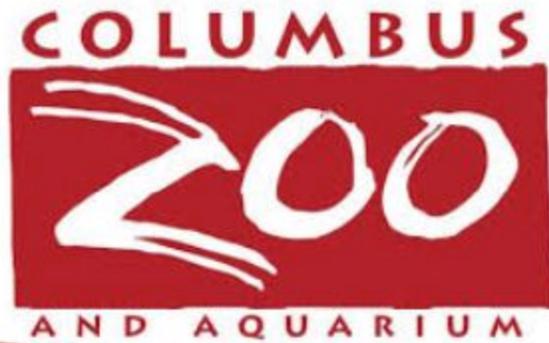
[www.publichealth.va.gov/infectionDontPassItOn](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/infectionDontPassItOn)



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Health Administration  
Office of Public Health



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SCIENCE.  
DISCOVER  
FUN!



# 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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WE HAVE A  
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PAGE !**



**CLICK BELOW TO HELP FUND OUR  
TRIP.**

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## OXFORD KINSHIP

# Lunch & Learns

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**FREE CHILDCARE  
& FREE LUNCH**  
will be provided

**Are you taking care of a  
child that's not your own?**

**You are NOT ALONE  
in Kinship.**



**Where:**

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

**When:**

**SECOND TUESDAY  
OF THE MONTH**

**Time:**

**12:00 - 1:30 PM**

**Call to confirm  
& reserve spot!**

**513-869-2388**

**January 8, 2019** Financial planning for your toolbox, tips to empower Caregivers at Tax time. *(RSVP deadline: 1/4)*

**February 12, 2019** Financial tips on cooking healthy meals on a budget. *(RSVP deadline: 2/8)*

**March 12, 2019** Kinship care... a journey through sorrow, how to find peace and joy as the most important tool that you need on your journey. *(RSVP deadline: 3/8)*

**April 9, 2019** Lets talk about snacks for children. Easy to prepare snacks for summer days! *(RSVP deadline: 4/5)*

**May 14, 2019** Seven tips for new kinship caregivers. A traumatized child hierarchy of needs. *(RSVP deadline: 5/10)*

**June 5, 2019** Planning summer camps / respite ideas. *(RSVP deadline: 5/31)*



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 build-

ing, 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.



## Attention Talawanda Middle School Families! Save your Plastic Caps and Lids!

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

Here is how you can help us:

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

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

### ACCEPTABLE CAPS

medicine bottle caps	drink bottle caps
milk jug caps	flip-top caps (ketchup, mustard)
detergent caps	spout caps (mustard)
hair spray caps	spray paint caps
toothpaste 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 <b>under 8"</b>	Prescription bottles labels removed

# **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.**

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

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

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

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### **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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