



# TMS E-News

## 8/29/19

**TMS Office will be closed for training Friday morning, August 30.**

*Please be aware that there is a new pedestrian crosswalk on 732 at Dana Drive. Students have been spotted darting across the road without looking for cars.*

*Please watch for students as the mornings are getting darker.*

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**CLINIC:**

Friday, Sept. 6th - 6th grade scoliosis screenings.

**Reminder:**

-All medication must be kept in the clinic with the required medication permit on file. This includes over the counter medication.

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

Please contact Terri Horvath RN with any questions.

Terri Horvath RN

TMS Clinic

Phone: 513-273-3314

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**Aug. 29 - 6th Grade Dance - 2:45-4:00pm**

**Aug. 30 - No School for Students - Staff Professional Development**

**Sept. 2 - No School/Labor Day**

**Sept. 4 - Fall Sports Pictures**

**Sept. 5 - DC Parent Meeting @ 7:00 pm - TMS Cafeteria**

**Sept. 6 - 6th Grade Scoliosis Screenings**

**Sept. 13 - Fall Picture Day**

**Sept. 20 - Author Visit @ TMS**

**Sept. 21 - Arts & Crafts Show - See Flyer Below**

**See flyers below for Brave Rewards, TMS Tidbits, PTG Sign-Ups, Arts & Crafts Show, Brave Initiative Team, List of Clubs TMS Offers Lots to see and do at TMS!**

## **TMS BRAVE REWARDS**

This year TMS has a new reward system to reward positive behavior - TMS Brave Rewards. The TMS Brave Reward program is replacing the TMS Braves Bucks Program that was previously used as our school's positive behavior reward system.

Students earn positive points through Live School. Students may earn positive points for respect, responsibility, accountability, academic achievement, etc. Teachers also use positive points to reward students for their kindness to others, working together, showing motivation, and for many other successes at TMS.

Students will receive multiple positive points for each of the following achievements:

Daily: Every student will earn 2 positive points daily for attendance. *(added by office staff)*

Weekly: Every student can earn an additional 2 positive points each week for having perfect attendance that week.

At the end of a trimester:

- 10 positive points for Great Grades: 3.5 GPA or higher
- 10 positive points for perfect attendance
- 5 positive points for TMS Hero

Live School allows students to save and view the positive points they earn throughout the school year. Students will have the opportunity to exchange their positive points for Brave Rewards throughout the school year. Past rewards have been activities such as a movie at TMS, a pizza party, bowling at Oxford Lanes, an afternoon at the Oxford Community Park, hiking at Miami's Natural areas, pottery painting at You're Fired, and even a Red's game at Great American Ballpark at the end of the year.

In previous years the Braves Bucks program was sponsored by various grants and donations from local businesses. We would like to thank the following organizations and businesses for helping support the program:

**You're Fired**  
**Butler Rural Electric**  
**Oxford Lanes**  
**LaRosa's**

We are currently looking for people or businesses to sponsor the Brave Reward program for the 2019-2020 school year. If you would like to be a sponsor this year or know a business owner who might help the program monetarily or by donating raffle prizes, please contact:

Stephanie Aerni, Assistant Principal (513) 273-3307 or [aernis@talawanda.org](mailto:aernis@talawanda.org)

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## **PARENTS: NEED HELP LOGGING INTO LIVESCHOOL?**

<https://parent.liveschoolinc.com/#/login>

**Please Email/Call:** Stephanie Aerni, Assistant Principal  
(513) 273-3307 or [aernis@talawanda.org](mailto:aernis@talawanda.org)

# TMS TID BITS.....

1- Lincoln Kuhn (6th grade) won the “Hero” shirt design contest. Students can earn a t-shirt by doing something “heroic” at TMS. Students nominate someone that has been a hero to them and we will recognize a few students each week (at lunch) for being a “HERO” at TMS.

2- Registration for the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. is under way. We currently have 83 students registered. Our last informational meeting is scheduled for September 5th at 7pm. Any questions should be directed to John Brinck at [brinckj@talawanda.org](mailto:brinckj@talawanda.org) or 513-477-9503.

3- Peer Mediation is up and running at TMS again this year, and it continues to grow. Mrs. Jewett has resurrected a program where students can help other students solve/understand conflict with other students and hopefully reach some common ground or a solution. We are looking for 7th and 8th graders to help train future mediators.

4- Many after- school clubs are beginning to meet at TMS. The Craft Club, Art Club, Guitar Club, and the Garden Club are all currently planning meetings. If your child(ren) want to join, they will need to contact the teacher in charge. Students may join at anytime as long as there is room in the group or project. Make sure they contact the teacher ASAP if they are interested.

5- TMS PTG is looking for parents to join the email list for potential volunteers. We are looking for parents that would be willing (if free) to donate food items once a month for an after school snack for teachers, and to provide side dishes and desserts during parent-teacher conference nights. If you would like to be placed on the list -- no commitment required -- send an email to John Brinck at [brinckj@talawanda.org](mailto:brinckj@talawanda.org)

6- The TMS PTG is currently selling “TMS Spirit Bracelets”. They are made by Pura Vida and come in a string style (\$6) or a braided style (\$8). The colors are red, white, and blue. See Mr. Brinck or Mrs. Gloeckner if you wish to purchase 1 or 2 or ???

7- If you have the chance, check out “GOOGLE NEWS 2019-20” on your child’s Chromebook. Teacher’s post announcements almost everyday and it would be a great way to talk with your child about what is going on at TMS and if they want to be involved in something at TMS. It only takes a few minutes and you will have a better idea about what is happening at TMS!

# **SIGN UP FOR EMAILS FROM TMS PTG!**

- NO COMMITMENT
- NO PARTY PLANNING
- NO COMMITTEE WORK

If EASIER...

JUST SEND ME  
AN E-MAIL!



**ALL WE ASK IS FOR PARENTS TO DONATE FOOD ITEMS  
FOR TEACHER TREATS AND CONFERENCE MEALS.**

We meet 4 to 5 times a year at LaRosa's (free food) to discuss. . .

- school events, ideas for change, etc.
- Ideas for get togethers (ie. Trivia Night)
- Fundraising ideas (ie. hypnotist, kids night at TMS, etc.)

Please fill out the information below and return to TMS or contact  
Mr. Brinck by email at [brinckj@talawanda.org](mailto:brinckj@talawanda.org) or by cell 513-477-9503.

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Parent(s) name - \_\_\_\_\_

Student's name(s) + Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Best email(s) - \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**WRITE CAREFULLY!! WRITE NEATLY !!**

# Craft Show! Silent Auction!

**Sat. Sept. 21st**

Large Craft Show and Silent Auction to support the 7th-Grade class field trip. Please Support!



**Location**

**Talawanda  
Middle School  
9-3:00**

4030 Oxford Reily Rd, Oxford, Ohio



# COME JOIN BIT!

**BRAVE INITIATIVE TEAM**

**WANT TO BUILD YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS**

**PLAN FUN EVENTS FOR TMS STUDENTS**

**AND HELP OUT THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY?**



**ALL TMS STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

**BRING A FRIEND!**

**THURSDAY  
SEPT 5TH  
AFTER SCHOOL  
CAFETERIA**

**PROMOTE HEALTHY CHOICES WHILE HAVING FUN!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT MRS. MACECHKO AT [MACECHKO@TALAWANDA.ORG](mailto:MACECHKO@TALAWANDA.ORG)



### Talawanda School District

We have implemented QuikApps, an online free and reduced meal application system, for the families in our district. QuikApps makes it easy for parents to apply for free or reduced meal status for their children using a simple, secure, step-by-step online form. Applications can be signed electronically, and eligibility for meal benefits is automatically determined once the application is complete.

If you need help along the way, please contact us: [support@payschools.com](mailto:support@payschools.com)

1. Visit our portal using your Internet browser: [talawanda.payschools.com](https://talawanda.payschools.com)
2. Set up an account via the Parents and Students portal – after entering the required information, your account is active and you can log in to get started.
3. Add each student that needs to be included on the application by clicking the “Add Student” button, and entering their Student ID and name.
4. Click the “Free and Reduced Meal Application” button, and confirm contact information.
5. Start a new application and select the students you want to include in the application.
6. Fill out the required information using the intuitive, step-by-step wizard.
7. Complete the application, and review your submitted information. Edit any incorrect information, or add/remove students if needed.
8. Determine whether to disclose application information to other benefit programs within the district that students may be eligible for.
9. Confirm application information and household details, and sign the application digitally using your account password.
10. Once the application is signed, all information is automatically processed within the system.
11. Disclosure information and application determination can be downloaded immediately from the portal, letting you know right away when your benefits will go into effect.

Need help? Contact us to learn more.

800-669-0792 | [support@payschools.com](mailto:support@payschools.com)

# TMS EXPRESS MENU



## Sandwich Station

Served on Whole Grain Buns  
Breaded Chicken, Spicy Chicken, Grilled Chicken  
Cheeseburgers and Hamburgers  
Soft Pretzels w/ cheese sauce  
Nacho Chips w/ cheese sauce

### Pizza Wheel

Cheese and Pepperoni Pizza choices daily  
Fresh Crispy French Fries  
include fruits, veggies\* and milk

## Fresh Options Cooler

Fresh Veggie Cup  
Fruit Cup \*(12-28)  
Premade Assorted Salads\*  
Jammer Slammer\*  
w/ Cheese Stick and goldfish crackers  
Yogo W/ cheese stick and gold fish crackers  
Cheese crackers and grapes\*  
Yogurt and Jammer meal include fruits and  
veggies\* and milk



## Hot and Cold Salad Bar

Fresh and crisp salad spring and romaine  
blends,  
top with a variety of fresh vegetables including  
shredded carrots, diced cucumbers, radishes, celery  
diced tomatoes and many others  
Fresh seasonal fruits available  
Many hot vegetables offered everyday  
Fresh Sandwich topping bar:  
Sliced tomatoes, lettuce, onions and pickles

## SNACK SHACK

Smart Snack (USDA regulated Snacks) are offered daily to our Middle School students. The drinks, chips, ice cream and cookies are offered after all students go through the lunch lines. All purchases are applied to lunch accounts unless paid by cash. Funds must be available to purchase snacks!

### What makes a lunch:

All entrée choices include 1/2 cup fruit and 1/2 cup vegetable choice, offered in 1/2 cup servings,

Milk is also included.

Entrées often contain 2 items, protein and grain

Only 3 items need to be selected to get the value lunch price.

TAKE ALL 5 FOR THE BEST DEAL IN TOWN!

## Hot Breakfast:

Mon: French Toast Sticks  
Tues: Pancake on a Stick  
Wed: Breakfast Pizza  
Thurs: Apple or Cherry  
Frudel  
Fri: Sausage egg and  
cheese Bagel



Sara Chandley: Cafeteria manager  
513-273-3385

Lunch Prices: \$2.55

Entrée price: \$2.25

Sides \$.50

Deal of day is lunch with  
up to 5 items including milk

Check out our new interactive  
web site for detailed nutrition up-  
dates.

ALLERGENS LISTED



## Beverage Bank

Milk 1% white and chocolate  
Fat Free Strawberry Milk  
Water  
Flavored Water  
Assorted 100% Juice Drinks



**Mondays, Sept 9 - Nov 4**

**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Race Day: Saturday, Nov 9**

Track at former high school on Chestnut Street

Join Coach Mike Stahr to train for the Brave 5k in November. Coach Stahr, founder and developer of [running2win.com](http://running2win.com), is a two time world record holder, current American record holder in the 4 x 800 relay, sub four minute miler and has years of coaching experience. All ability levels are welcome to join us on Mondays with additional training days scheduled. Workouts will be provided and participants are encouraged to train on their own. Area gym passes available for rainy days (supplies limited). Waiver required.

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**Registration required.**  
Ages 18 - up



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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.

**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.



## 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.

- LIKE.** Web: [www.talawanda.org](http://www.talawanda.org)
- FOLLOW.** Twitter: @Talawanda
- SHARE.** Facebook: [facebook.com/Talawanda School District](https://facebook.com/TalawandaSchoolDistrict)



## 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 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

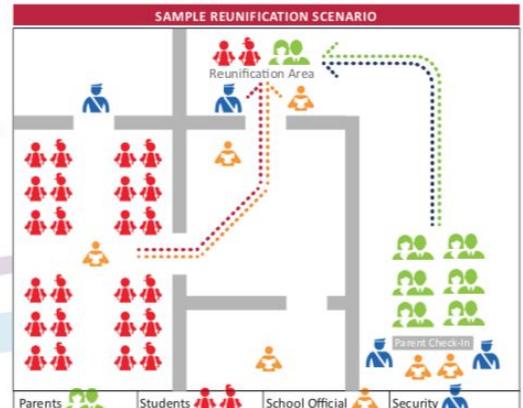
Students may only be released to a parent or emergency contact designated for student release. Photo identification is required.

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.



# **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**

**[derringerm@talawanda.org](mailto:derringerm@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!**

**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)**