



TMS E-News 9/1/17

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

Sept. 4 - Labor Day - No School

Sept. 6 - First Aggies' meeting - 2:00-4:00 pm (see flyer below)

Sept. 6 - Fall Sports Pictures after school

Sept. 8 - 6th Grade Dance - 2:45-4:00 pm

Sept. 12 & 13 - DC Parent Mtg. - 7:00 pm in cafeteria

Sept. 15 - Author's Daughter Visit

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

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

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



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

T Young Aggies Program



Time: 2:00pm-4:00pm (Pickup time is 4:00pm)*

Description:

- Learn Leadership Skills
- Intro to the FFA Organization
- Pizza at the end of meeting!
- Learn about Careers in Agriculture
- What we do in the FFA Organization



Dates:

- September 6th
- October 4th
- November 1st
- December 6th
- February 7th
- March 7th
- April 4th
- May 2nd



Above: Former FFA member Josh Tussey and Current member Michael Schwab explaining how engines work.

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

We work with the tutors from Miami University every Tuesday 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

The purpose of the club is to put on an annual school musical.

Advisor: Kelly Wilson (assisted by Beth Fryer)

wilsonk@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