



TMS E-News 9/8/17

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. 11 - Drama Club - 2:45-4:00pm*

Sept. 12 - Diversity Club - 2:45-3:45pm

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)

Sept. 28 & Oct. 5 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - call the office for an appointment

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 Drama Club will hold an informational meeting this Monday after school from 2:45 - 4:00 pm. If you are interested in the TMS Drama club, please plan to attend this meeting. You must have a ride able to pick you up at 4 pm.

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

Coming this year (hopefully) _____ Bowling. Art.

**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

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)

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.*

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

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