



TMS E-News

1/29/2021

***** If you travel outside of the state, please follow the Covid travel guidelines Ohio Covid Travel Advisory**

Talawanda School District will close school so that the staff can be vaccinated. Thursday, February 4, 2021 will be an asynchronous day. Teachers will assign work for this day.

Talawanda HS will be holding a Scheduling Session for all incoming freshmen (Class of 2025) on Wednesday, February 3rd at 6 PM. This 45-minute live webinar will cover all of the steps and procedures that your student will need to schedule their courses for the 2021-22 school year. Anyone interested in Honors courses at THS will remain online after the main presentation to learn more about these courses and the required forms/application process. Please mark your calendars and plan to be at a computer or phone so that you can access this year's live scheduling webinar on Wednesday, February 3rd starting promptly at 6 PM. A link and password to access the webinar will be shared with families the week of 2/1.

IMPORTANT FLYER INFORMATION - PLEASE READ BELOW

***** IMPORTANT MORNING DROP-OFF INFORMATION *****
(Morning drop-off procedures apply to the afternoon pick-up as well)

***** Did You Know?!? *****

***** Call Ahead or Send a Note *****

- Conference dates have been rescheduled for Thursday, March 4, and March 11, from 3:30 - 7:00 p.m.

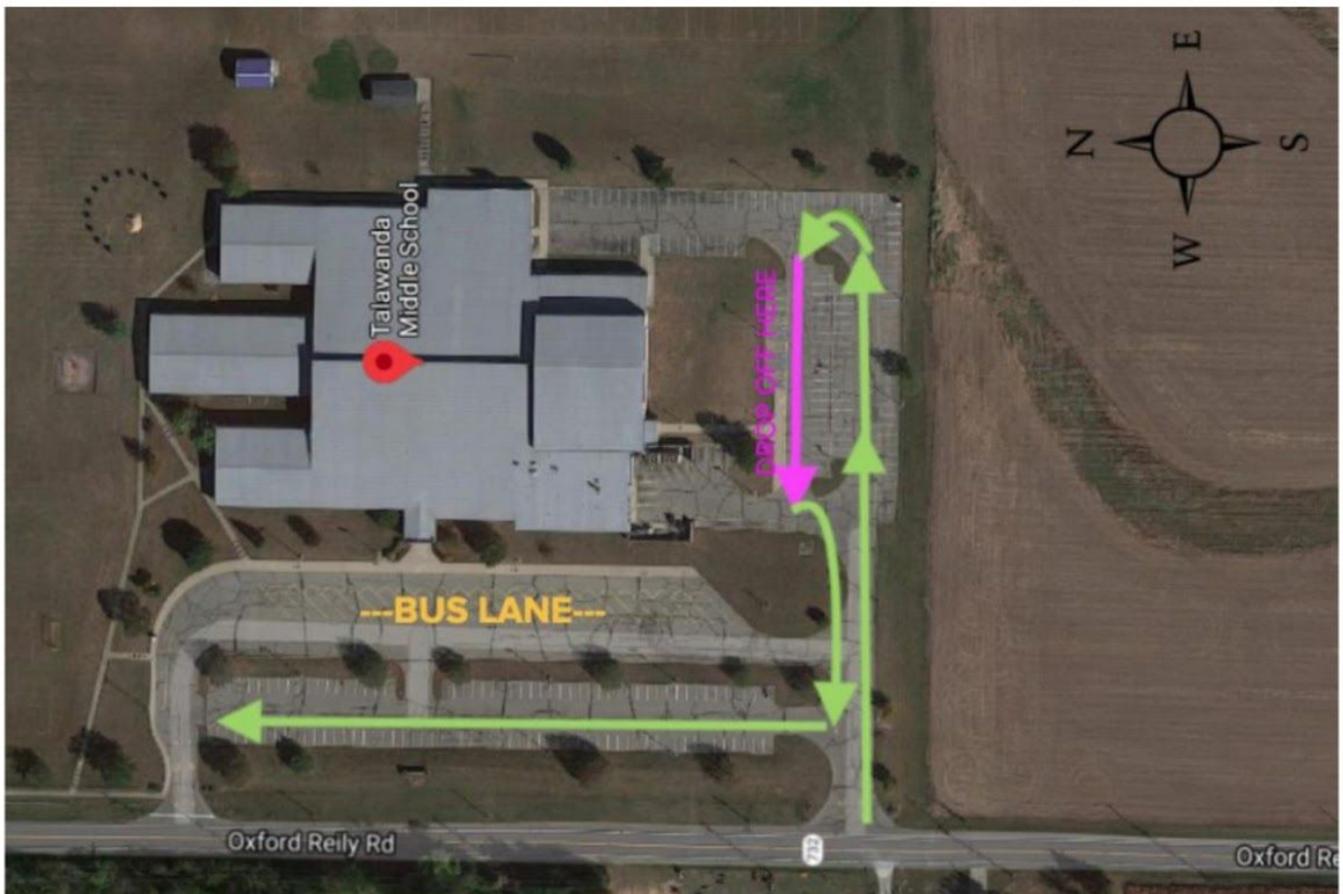
TMS Morning Drop Off Procedures

Talawanda Middle School will open the doors for students at 7:40am. Students can enter the building, take their coats to lockers if needed, and report to the cafeteria for breakfast or first period.

When you enter the parking lot, the line of cars should be continuously moving (see image below). If you arrive earlier than 7:30am and need to wait for your student to exit the car, please park in a spot between the basketball hoops. There is plenty of space outside for students to safely keep distant from others while waiting just a few minutes for the doors to open. Please have your student exit the vehicle as soon as you pull alongside/parallel the building (the pink section of the image below). This allows 5-8 cars to drop off at the same time and the line moves significantly faster.

Be careful to note that the busses will also be entering the parking lot and will need to have the right of way as they attempt to enter the bus drop off lanes in the front of the building.

Thank you for your assistance with this. If everyone follows these procedures morning drop off will move much faster.





DID YOU KNOW?!?

Every **WEDNESDAY**
we offer extra help for all of our
students! If you are in
need of extra help

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!!

Please call the Guidance Office to schedule a time,
513.273.3310.

Times are available from 8am - 3pm. Space is limited so
do not delay! Transportation is **NOT** provided. All students
must come with a charged chromebook, mask, and a
positive attitude.

**When you need to pick your student
up for an appointment.....**

CALL AHEAD

OR

SEND A NOTE!

If you let us know what time you will be here to pick up your student we can have them in the office waiting for you. With the new process of picking up students we are trying to make it easier for you. All of the steps we are taking to try and keep our students healthy and safe it takes a little longer to get them out of class and to the office. Let us help you stay on time! Send a note into the office or call to let us know what time you will be picking up.





Talawanda School District Health Coordinating Council

We are excited to introduce a wonderful resource to our families! Beginning next week, we will share one section of this Parent Guide each week with the Talawanda community.



Building Resilient Families

As educators, we do our best to help students. But, we have limited tools to impact the challenges they face at home. That's why we developed our guide for parents... **to help them build resilient families.**

Engaging Tools for Parents

The parent guide is based on the same concepts that make The WhyTry Program and Resilience for Youth so effective.

Now, you can empower parents to teach their children where resilience comes from, and how to access it. They can use simple strategies and fun activities to engage the whole family in the learning process.

To help you implement the parent guide in your community, we also offer training for your team. This training will give you tools to support parents directly, taking a more collaborative approach to developing resilience in your students.

Using the parent guide as a curriculum, you will be able to deliver engaging, activity-driven community events to teach resilience.



To learn more, visit:
ParentGuide.WhyTry.org

The Parent Guide Includes:

- Resilience-building concepts anyone can use
- Simple strategies for developing resilient families
- Engaging activities that make it fun and easy to learn together
- Audio recordings so busy parents can listen 'on the go'

We hope you find this to be helpful. To preview the guide, visit ParentGuide.WhyTry.org.

For more information, please contact Amy Macechko, Health & Wellness Coordinator, at 513.273.3390 or macechkoa@talawanda.org.

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QPR GATEKEEPER TRAININGS

Free virtual trainings

QPR, or Question. Persuade. Refer. is an effective training that will prepare the participant to get someone in a mental health crisis to help. This training is intended for adults. Please register in advance for these trainings.

DATES

Tuesday, January 12th, 2021
@ 11:30 AM- 1:30PM

REGISTER

Monday, January 25th, 2021
@ 6:30PM- 8:30PM

REGISTER

Wednesday, February 3rd, 2021
@ 9:00 AM- 11:00AM

REGISTER

Thursday, February 18th, 2021
@ 12:00PM-2:00PM

REGISTER

Find more trainings on our website at
www.envisionpartnerships.org/news-events/

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Kidz-n-Character VIRTUAL Creative & Performing Arts Program



The Kidz-n-Character Program provides opportunities for youth to participate in drama activities, creative movement and other creative and performing arts skills in a virtual setting while developing character and life skills. Participants will even have an opportunity to participate in a virtual performance! The program is open to 3rd-6th grades. Registration capacity will be capped at 15 students.

Camp Activities include:

- Participating in creative drama activities that build acting, auditioning, and performance skills
- Creative movement activities
- Involvement in character/asset development activities
- Building positive relationships and friendships
- Acting in a virtual performance for families and friends
- Participants will receive a "Care Package" with scripts and others supplies for the program

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Where: Virtual Zoom Sessions (all sessions including the performance will be virtual)

When: Tuesdays, Jan. 12- March 2 (8 weeks) from 5:00-6:00pm
& Saturday dress rehearsal and performance on March 6, 2021

- Dress Rehearsal (Sat. March 6): 10:00am-12:00pm
- Performance (Sat. March 6): 3:00pm

Participants should plan to attend all rehearsal days, dress rehearsal and performance

Cost: Free!

Registration: Please fill out the electronic registration form using this link:

<https://forms.gle/reXfz9PbToixRiEx6>

Registration is due by: **Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2020**

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Questions? Kim Lytle, Program Director @ KLytte@EnvisionPartnerships.com or (513) 379-8481.

About us: Envision Partnerships is a Certified Prevention Provider and provides no-cost prevention-based services to youth, families and the community for over 55 years. The Kidz-n-Character program director, Kim Lytle, has coordinated the Kidz-n-Character program for 15 years and has been involved with theater, dance, puppetry and music for most of her life. She has directed dozens of plays and written plays and musicals for young people. She will be working with Miami University students that have extensive experience in theater and dance.

Free Workshop!



pax tools
for School@Home™

Simple, easy-to-use strategies!

Struggling to facilitate “school at home” with your children? Do you want to reduce conflict? Have better relationships? Help your children manage their own behavior? You need PAX Tools!



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Join us for a **FREE** virtual PAX Tools for School@Home Workshop!

Click [here](#) to register for one of the upcoming workshop dates.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Parents and caregivers who are facilitating a child’s schoolwork at home and who are interested in learning about these simple, easy-to-use strategies for maximizing productivity during this time!

What is PAX Tools?

PAX Tools is a collection of evidence-based, trauma-informed strategies to improve cooperation and self-regulation with youth. PAX Tools strategies draw on decades of science to support parents, youth workers, and other caring adults to create a nurturing environment and help kids thrive!

Why PAX Tools for School@Home?

PAX Tools for School@Home was developed to support families facilitating school at home in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The PAX Tools strategies help parents and caregivers address real-world challenges and develop skills that specifically help children **improve study habits** and **learning outcomes** with school at home.

These workshops guide caregivers to apply PAX Tools strategies to increase **focus**, **motivation**, and **stamina**. Participants in this workshop will attain practical skills to maximize the Peace, Productivity, Health and Happiness for families during this uncertain time.

To learn more about PAX Tools or to inquire about additional programs offered by **PAXIS Institute**, an international prevention science company, visit www.paxis.org.

Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Know the symptoms of COVID-19, which can include the following:



Symptoms can range from mild to severe illness, and appear 2–14 days after you are exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.

Seek medical care immediately if someone has
Emergency Warning Signs of COVID-19

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your healthcare provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.



Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention
National Center for Emerging and
Zoonotic Infectious Diseases

cdc.gov/coronavirus



Stay Safe Speak UP!

(Remain Anonymous)

Call or go online today to report harassment, threats, suspicious behavior or other concerns which may jeopardize the safety of students, employees or school facilities.

Your message is very important in helping us maintain a safe school environment.

It's easy!

Phone

1.866.listen2me (toll free)

Online

1. Go to www.talawanda.net
2. Click on Health & Safety
3. Click on Safe School Help Online

Report these safety concerns:

- Weapons
- Drugs / Alcohol Abuse
- Suspicious Behavior
- Suicide / Self Abuse
- Problem Relationships
- Sexual Assault
- Fights / Violence / Abuse
- Harassment / Threats
- Theft / Vandalism
- Health Concerns / HIV / AIDS



24/7/365

Available all day, every day,
from anywhere.

online or
1.866.listen2me