



Tomah Middle School



May 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Spring is here, and this is already our final newsletter as the 2022-2023 school year is quickly coming to a close.

Your children will be experiencing some amazing and unique learning opportunities and end-of-the-year experiences. Our 6th grade just wrapped up their Eagle Bluff experience and are looking forward to one final trip. Team 7-1 will venture to a Brewers game as well as a field trip to the Strike Zone. Team 7-2 went to a Brewers game in April and will also be going to the Strike Zone for a field trip. Lastly, our 8th grade will close the year with their cardboard boat launch at Winnebago and a trip to the Kalahari as they wrap up their middle school experience. So many great experiences to look forward to yet this year.

While our regular school year is coming to a close, I urge you and your child to review the many opportunities being offered in our Summer PACK program. I would venture a guess there is something there for everyone from core academics to enrichment and other exciting opportunities. We have paper copies of course description booklets here at the middle school, but all of this information can be found on our district website for your convenience. Lastly, don't forget the importance of your child reading over the summer.

Please mark your calendars for our **Fall Rally on August 10th from 11:00am-5:00pm as we prepare for the 2023-2024 school year.** We look forward to seeing how your children have grown over the summer and will be excited for another school year.

On behalf of everyone here at TMS, thank you for all you have done to help make this school year memorable. We hope you have seen as much growth in your child as we have. Even more important, we hope the summer is enjoyable for you and your child, and that everyone in your family finds time to relax, rejuvenate, and enjoy all that the summer has to offer. This tends to be a great time for reflection. I urge you and your child to reflect on their successes and challenges throughout the year as we learn from both of these experiences, not just the successes.

As always, if you have questions about your child's progress this year or any questions about next year, please first ask your child about your concerns. In addition, please contact your child's teacher whenever you have a concern so they can assist you as soon as possible. Enjoy the rest of this school year and have a great summer!

Sincerely,

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NEWS FROM THE TEAMS

Northstars (Team 6-1) Mrs. Harkner

With the beginning of the last month of school, it is easy for kids to begin thinking about summer break and not keeping up with their work at school. Please help your child finish the year strong. Infinite campus can give you answers about assignments that are missing and as always, please reach out to any one of us if you have concerns. Students will have their Chromebooks to complete work until Tuesday, May 30th. After that point, if your child has late work that can still be turned in, it will need to be completed using a non-school device.

Sky-High Learners (Team 6-2) Mrs. Rabe

The end of another successful school year is in sight. Your child will explore these topics in the months of May.

- *Social Studies—World War 2/Holocaust
- *Language Arts— Social Issues Book Club
- *Math—Ratios
- *Science—Plate Tectonics, Weathering and Erosion

We are in the process of planning end-of-the-year activities. Please look for information to come home later in May.

Encourage your child to continue to work hard and put forth a good effort. Thank you for all of your support throughout the year.

Leading the Pack (Team 7-1) Mr. Rushlow

Social Studies: We will be examining early American Government and the influence of our final Constitution.

Math: Students will be starting our second book for math. We will be looking at angles, percentages, surface area, and volume. We will also be diagnostic testing for the final time this year.

Science: We will be learning about ecosystems and how to keep them healthy and investigating biosphere 2 and growing our own ecosystems.

ELA: We have been reading historical fiction books. Next, we will be looking at different types of poetry and figurative language within those.

The 72'ers (Team 7-2) Mr. Ewers

Hello and Happy Spring!

The school year is flying by. We have a great end-of-the school year planned with projects, activities, and field trips. The month of May will be a busy one as the Science classes will be learning about plants and ecology, Social Studies will be investigating the government, Math classes will be diving into geometry, probability and statistics and Language Arts will be concluding the year with an introduction to poetry and figurative language.

Thank you for working with us to create a great end-of-the-school year

Mr. Steve Ewers (Team Leader), Mr. Andy Bloom, Mrs. Carrie Holmquist and Mrs. Stephanie Hove

The Rockin'Roosters (Team 8-1) Mrs. Hruska

Important Upcoming Dates:

May 11-19 - Half-price bookfair in the LMC

May 22-23 - 8th grade camping trip opportunity

May 25th - 8-1 boat launch

June 2nd - 8th grade Kalahari Trip for eligible students

Mrs. Juliot: We are finishing up our work in Math 8 with scatter plots and two-Way tables. Algebra I is finishing up quadratic equations. We will then take our final diagnostic to see how much we've learned. We will study how to find volume and then finish up the year by designing our own zoo and a project of their choice. We have learned SO much this year.

Mr. Bloom: Students are studying the region of Asia's geography and history in social studies class. We will have an end of the year project where students will be creating their very own island country.

Students will also be creating a movie poster based upon research they'll be doing about a geographic problem occurring in Asia (ex. pollution, trash on Mt. Everest).

Mrs. Hruska: We are looking forward to the half-price book fair on May 11th. This is a regular LMC day for us, so please plan accordingly. This is a great way to stock up on books for the summer months and avoid the dreaded 'summer slide'. In class, we will be ending the year performing Reader's Theater.

We've had quite the year, and I'd like to wish everyone good luck as they venture to the high school.

Mr. Tracey: Students are looking at pre-historic periods such as the Mesozoic era where dinosaurs lived millions of years ago. We will be looking at three different periods of time throughout the Mesozoic era and investigating the interactions of different species throughout this time.

The Survivors (Team 8-2) Mr. Rick

Science: Students are wrapping up their study of chemistry. We are excited for our upcoming **boat launch** on **May 19th**.

ELA: Students are finishing up their unit of poetry.

Math: Students are working on Pythagorean theorem and are working on exponents. Math and ELA iReady tests are upcoming.

Social-Studies: Students are exploring ancient civilizations in the Middle East and will be doing their final argumentative essay in the next few weeks.

Parents of TMS Students,

If you brought in over the counter medication (Ibuprofen, acetaminophen, etc.) for your child that does not need to be taken on a regular basis, it can be picked up any time between now and Thursday, June 8th. Prescription medication that must remain at school until the end of the school year can be picked up on Thursday, June 1st thru Thursday, June 8th. The counseling office will be open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. during this time. Any medication that is not picked up will be disposed. If you need to make other arrangements for getting medications home, please call 374-7881.

Thank you

Counselors' Corner

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. With the school year winding down, it is important to take care of our mind and bodies for the stretch run.

7th and 8th Grade Registration:

Information about registration has been sent out to families. As a reminder, please have registration forms completed by Monday, May 8th at 3pm as the form will no longer be accessible after this time. Reach out to the counseling office at 374-7881 or 374-7882 if there are any questions about registration.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL):

Lessons continue to be focused on managing relationships and social conflict. Students have learned to use respectful language and be nonjudgmental during conflict, to take responsibility for their own actions, identifying and evaluating solutions to resolve conflict and distinguish between healthy and unhealthy relationships. Parents, please continue to ask and talk with your students about the importance of managing relationships and social conflict.

Self-Care Reminders:

- Get adequate amounts of sleep
- Eat food and drink water
- Be active (exercise, go for a walk, bike, play sports)
- Take time for yourself
- Take a break from electronic devices
- Do something for someone else



Tomah Middle School is hosting its annual Spring Book Fair **Thursday, May 11 through Friday, May 19** in the library. We will only be selling books and bookmarks. **All books will be half price, and the library is paying the sales tax.** This is a great way to have incredibly-prices books for your child to read all summer. Here is the schedule for ELA class visits:

- May 11 - Mrs. Hruska
- May 12 - Mr. Balz
- May 15 - Mrs. Cramer
- May 16 - Mrs. Holmquist
- May 17 - Mrs. Shattuck
- May 18 - Mrs. Bell
- May 19 - Compass/Callinicos/Siler Classes

MAY 2023 EVENTS

Note: Please verify dates and times for sporting events on the web site as they are subject to change.

Monday, May 1

End of 4 ½ week classes
Chess & Gaming Club 3:30-4:30 p.m.
FFA Meeting - THS 6:30 p.m.
Boys' Tennis vs. Logan @Copeland Park 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 2

Begin 4 ½ week classes
Advanced Jazz Full Band Rehearsal 7:00-7:30 a.m.
8th grade Softball vs. Aquinas @ La Crosse Weigent 5:30 p.m.
7th grade Softball vs. Aquinas @La Crosse Weigent 4:30 p.m.
Boys' Tennis vs. Longfellow – THS 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 3

Beginning Jazz Full Band Rehearsal 7:00-7:35 a.m.

Thursday, May 4

Science Club 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Track & Field @Sparta 4:00 p.m.
Boys' Tennis vs. Aquinas – THS 4:30 p.m.
8th grade Softball vs. G-E-T Schroeder Field 4:45 p.m.
7th grade Softball vs. G-E-T Winnebago Field 4:45 p.m.
Spring Choir Concert - THS 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 5

Team 7-1 to Kickapoo Valley
8th grade Softball vs. Sparta Schroeder Field 4:00 p.m.
7th grade Softball vs. Sparta Winnebago Field 4:00 p.m.
Boys' Tennis vs. Aquinas - Green Island Tennis Courts 4:30 p.m.

Monday, May 8

Art Club 3:30-4:30 p.m.
8th grade Softball @Westby 4:30 p.m.
7th grade Softball @Westby 4:30 p.m.
Boys' Tennis @Forest Hills Tennis Courts 4:30 p.m.
Track & Field Meet – Mc Kean Field 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 9

Jazz Band Concert - THS 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 10

Team 7-1 to Miller Park for Brewer Baseball
Art Club 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 11

Science Club 3:30-4:30 p.m.
8th grade Softball vs. Holmen – Schroeder 4:30 p.m.
7th grade Softball vs. Holmen - Winnebago 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 12

8th grade WEB Leaders meet in LMC during TWT

Monday, May 15	Spring Band Concert – THS 7:00 p.m. 8 th grade Softball @West Salem High School 4:15 p.m. 7 th grade Softball @West Salem High School 4:15 p.m. Track & Field @West Salem High School 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 16	Boys' Tennis Conference Tournament @Green Island Tennis Courts 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 17	8 th grade WEB Leaders meet with 6 th grade groups during TWT
Thursday, May 18	RAIN DATE: Boys' Tennis Conference Tournament @Green Island Tennis Courts 12:00 p.m. 8 th grade Softball vs. Aquinas – Schroeder Field 4:30 p.m. 7 th grade Softball vs. Aquinas – Winnebago Field 4:30 p.m. Science Club 3:30-4:30 p.m. Student Council Meeting 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 19	Team 7-2 to McMullen Park Track & Field Conference Meet @Central High School 4:30 p.m.
Monday, May 22	Art Club 3:30-4:30 p.m. 8 th grade Wyalusing State Park Camping Trip – Science Club 8 th grade Softball vs. Cashton - Schroeder Field 5:30 p.m. 7 th grade Softball vs. Cashton – Schroeder Field 4:15 p.m.
Tuesday, May 23	8 th grade Wyalusing State Park Camping Trip – Science Club 8 th grade Softball @Sparta Meadowview 5:00 p.m. 7 th grade Softball @Sparta Meadowview 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 24	Art Club 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 25	Science Club 3:30-4:30 p.m. 8 th grade Softball vs. Westby - Schroeder Field 4:30 p.m. 7 th grade softball vs. Westby – Winnebago Field 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 26	Kalahari Band Festival
Monday, May 29	NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 30	Team 7-2 Science to W.O.L.F. Den
Wednesday, May 31	Team 7-2 Science to W.O.L.F. Den
Thursday, June 1	Compass Field Trip to Lake Wazee in Black River Falls
Friday, June 2	Last Day of School for Students ☺ ☺ ☺ End of 4 th Quarter – End of 2 nd Semester 7 th grade to Strike Zone 8 th grade to Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells