



Tomah Middle School



November 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As our seasons seem to have quickly changed, our staff and students are looking ahead to wrapping up the first quarter with your children.

TMS Building Goal

Every year the teachers and staff at TMS choose a building goal to focus our attention and time on. This year is no different. After looking over data from multiple sources, it became very apparent that our students need to build their proficiency in the areas of informational text comprehension (ELA) and number and operations (math). This year's goal is to ensure that **ALL** TMS students will meet or exceed their typical growth score in both ELA and math using our iReady screener. The typical growth score is the amount of growth in learning a student should have in a typical school year. While this is our overall goal, for many of our students we are also focusing on their stretch goal which shows the amount of growth a student should do within a year if they are significantly behind their grade level peers.

How can you help us reach our goal? The amount of time our children spend reading and talking about what they have read is a significant indicator of their academic and future success. Please continue to do all you can to encourage, provide, and model how important it is to read. A book, magazine, online blog, it doesn't matter. Find their interest and let them explore! It's the same for math. Math can be scary for students and parents alike. Number and operations are the basic mathematical skills that are foundational for all other areas of math. This includes basic math facts, place value of numbers, rounding numbers, decimals, multiplication, and division, and using mental math. Any time you can encourage your student to practice these skills will help ensure their overall success in math.

We ask for your ongoing support when it comes to how we can assist you and your children. When your child needs to miss school for an appointment, vacation, or other reasons, the earlier you can provide us with this information the better prepared you and your child will be.

Don't forget our Veterans Day celebration is on November 10th beginning at 8:45 am. If you plan to attend and have not yet RSVP'd, please contact me at 374-7883 or amylangner@tomah.education for our planning. This is always a great event, and it's our guests who always make it special. Also, if you would like to honor a family member who is a veteran, please send the following information to Vickie Horman (vickiehorman@tomah.education) by Monday, November 6th:

- Name of the veteran(s)
- Rank (if currently serving or if retired from military)
- Branch of service (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard)
- Relationship of the veteran to your child (parent, sibling, grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc.)
- A digital photo of the veteran.

Thank you for all the support you have provided your child thus far this school year. We hope the school year is a great experience for them. If you ever have a question regarding your child's success at TMS, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or our offices so we can assist.

Sincerely,

Amy Langner, Principal 608-374-7883

Amy King, Assistant Principal 608-374-7884

Jared Sasada, Dean of Students 608-374-7927

Veterans Day Celebration
TMS Gymnasium
Friday, November 10, 2023
8:45-9:45 a.m.

We would like to invite all parents and community members, especially those who have served or are serving in the military to join us. We encourage you to attend in uniform if possible. We will have a short program followed by refreshments in the cafeteria. In order for us to plan, please RSVP to Amy Langner by emailing amylangner@tomah.education or phone 608-374-7883.



If you have digital pictures of military family members you still have time to send them to Vickie Horman at vickiehorman@tomah.education. She will also need to know the name of the veteran, branch of service (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard), and the relationship to your child (parent, sibling, grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc.). She can also take picture prints. Please be sure to have your child's name and grade on the envelopes of any pictures you send. Please send them to Vickie no later than Monday, November 6th.

Counselors' Corner

We were recently in the 7th and 8th grade classes for our ACP and skill building lessons. We had a great time playing career jeopardy, exploring our career matches on Xello, and learning “soft skills” that help us find success in all aspects of life.

October ended strong with a visit from Rebecca Janiszewski with the 88th Readiness Division at Fort McCoy. Rebecca joined us for our Red Ribbon week activities, sharing an important message of living drug-free and being kind to our minds. A special recognition for our 18 Red Ribbon Week essay participants. You all did a phenomenal job.

November 13th-17th is National Anti-Bullying Week. At TMS we have a no tolerance stance on bullying. When we see bullying happening, it's important to remember to:

Speak-Up against bullying – when you see someone bullying another student, it's okay to tell them to stop.

Speak-Out and tell a trusted adult if you or someone you know is experiencing bullying. You can always make anonymous SUSO reports using the Speak Up, Speak Out Wisconsin form [Tip Form \(p3campus.com\)](http://p3campus.com)

We want to recognize students who have a “*glimmer*” of hope. When students meet a personal goal, or experience something good in their life, we would like them to let us know. We will post their “*glimmer*” on our new glimmer recognition board and celebrate.

We're going into quarter two strong and confident; let's make it successful. Mrs. King and Mrs. Broughton are always here to help you. Don't hesitate to stop on by the Counseling Office.

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Mrs. King – lisaking@tomah.education 608-347-7887

Mrs. Broughton- briennabroughton@tomah.education 608-347-7943

Attendance Procedures

State law limits the number of days a student can be absent from school. Please be sure to contact school staff when your child will not be attending:

Phone: 608-374-7881 (Any time of day you can leave a message.)

Vacations: Pre-excused absences need to be set up in advance

Appointments: Medical notes are requested from providers.



Health/Wellness/Covid-19 Updates

The state of Wisconsin DHS has made the following change to the Covid-19 reporting requirements. Starting November 1, 2023, reporting of Covid-19 cases to public health is no longer required in Wisconsin, unless a confirmed or probable case is associated with a hospitalization or pediatric death.

With this change, students and staff will not be asked to report any positive Covid-19 cases to the district nurse. Any school days missed will be treated the same as if calling in for any other illness. Any student who provides a medical provider note for dates missed will continue to be medically excused.

We will resume our regular health and wellness messaging which includes the following when determining whether a child should stay home.

CHILD SHOULD STAY HOME if he/she:

- Has a FEVER greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Has been VOMITTING within the last 24 hours. May return to school 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting.
- Has had DIARRHEA within the last 24 hours. May return to school 24 hours after the last episode of diarrhea.
- Has a RASH with a FEVER greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Has a RASH without a fever that is open and draining.
- Has STREP THROAT or IMPETIGO and has NOT been on medication for 24 hours. May return to school after being on medication for 24 hours.
- Has PINK EYE and is NOT capable of keeping hands away from eyes or too young to execute good hygiene to prevent the spread. May come to school if able to avoid touching the eyes and uses good hand washing while at school.

Anyone who has questions about whether their child should come to school is always welcome to reach out to one of our district nurses.

Kara Lorenz RN – 608-374-7015, karalorenz@tomah.education

Jennifer Koebler RN – 608-374-5024, jenniferkoebler@tomah.education

NOVEMBER 2023 EVENTS

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

Wednesday, November 1	Student Council Meeting 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 2	Trumpet Sectional Jazz Band Rehearsal 7:00-7:35 a.m.
Friday, November 3	End of 1 st quarter – End of 4 ½ week classes
Sunday, November 5	Daylight Savings Time Ends – Set clock back one hour 
Monday, November 6	Begin 4 ½ week classes Art Club 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 7	Full Jazz Band Rehearsal 7:00-7:35 a.m.
Wednesday, November 8	Art Club 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 9	Low Brass Sectional Jazz Band Rehearsal 7:00-7:35 a.m. 8 th grade Boys' Basketball vs. Onalaska – TMS 4:15 p.m. 7 th grade Boys' Basketball vs. Onalaska – La Grange 4:15 p.m.
Friday, November 10	We honor our Veterans -  Veterans' Day Program – TMS 8:45-9:45 a.m.
Saturday, November 11	Wrestling Invitational @Jack Young Middle School 9:15 a.m.
Monday, November 13	Lego Club 3:30-4:30 p.m. Fundraiser Pick Up – Drive thru event at Winnebago Park 3:00-5:00 p.m. Gymnastics Player/Parent Meeting Recreation Park Exhibit Building 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 14	Full Jazz Band Rehearsal 7:00-7:35 a.m. Wrestling Quad – TMS 4:30 p.m. 8 th grade Boys' Basketball @Winona Middle School 4:45 p.m. 7 th grade Boys' Basketball @Winona Middle School 4:45 p.m.
Wednesday, November 15	Lego Club 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 16	Saxophone Sectional Jazz Band Rehearsal 7:00-7:35 a.m.
Friday, November 17	
Monday, November 20	

Tuesday, November 21

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

8th grade Boys' Basketball @Longfellow Middle School 4:30 p.m.

7th grade Boys' Basketball @Longfellow Middle School 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling Triangular – West Salem Middle School 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 22 –
Friday, November 24

**No School – HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Holiday Parade – 7:00 p.m.**



Monday, November 27

Art Club and Lego Club 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Gymnastics Begins – Recreation Park Exhibit Building 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 28

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

Wrestling Quad – TMS 4:30 p.m.

8th grade Boys' Basketball @G-E-T Middle School 4:45 p.m.

7th grade Boys' Basketball @G-E-T Middle School 4:45 p.m.

Wednesday, November 29

Thursday, November 30

Trumpet Sectional Jazz Band Rehearsal 7:00-7:35 a.m.

8th grade Boys' Basketball vs. West Salem – TMS 4:30 p.m.

7th grade Boys' Basketball vs. West Salem – La Grange 4:30 p.m.

