

The MidPoint

2022-2023

School Year

Change has been the word of year at TMS. The new year has brought a new schedule, new mission days, and a new Catalyst program. TMS welcomed several new staff members this fall. Mrs. Gabrielle Keebler joined the middle school as an art teacher and Mrs. Rena Winger as our new language arts teacher and family and consumer science teacher. Both teachers have been wonderful additions to the staff and we look forward to them being valued members of our team for years to come. Ryan Guerra, a name familiar to many in the area, has come home and joined TMS as the assistant principal and athletic director. He has been a great fit and is already doing wonderful things in the building and community.

The new block schedule was designed to give students more consistency during their school day and to put a focus on hands-on, project-based learning experiences. As we look to transition from the pandemic and online education we know that we must provide authentic and engaging opportunities for our students and we believe that this schedule allows us to best do that. Our teacher and students have taken this major change in stride and we will continue to grow together as we work toward creating an educational environment that works for every student.

The highlight of the first quarter was our mission day to Splash Lagoon. Students who earned their boarding pass through achievement in the classroom and good behavior got to travel to Erie during a day of school and enjoy a wonderful day with friends and teachers. We are so excited to have been able to offer this opportunity to students and received a great deal of positive feedback. The Titusville School district has been fully supportive of this initiative and we are grateful for the district's continued commitment to our initiatives. The next Mission day will be to Carnegie Science Center. The requirements to earn a boarding pass to this trip have been raised and we know that our students will meet those expectations and have another wonderful experience in January.

One consistent event that has been part of the TMS experience for generations is Wilderness Quest. For the forty-ninth year our 6th-graders ventured off to camp and had the experience of a lifetime. Our team of teachers that makes Wilderness Quest possible did an outstanding job of ensuring that all of our students learned and had an amazing time.

We are proud of the effort that our students and staff have put into this school year to this point and look forward to the rest of the year with excitement and high expectations. We are working together to make TMS the absolute best school that it can be for our community. We will work every day to ensure that our families, students, and staff are able to come together to learn and grow in a supportive and comfortable environment.

Sincerely,

Miles O'Shea TMS Principal



2022

Fall Student of the Month



6th Grade: Mallory Beers, Sam Snyder, MyKenzie Jackson, Nettie Lamey, Ella Donaldson, Isaiah Prather, Taylor Tang, Ryan Kight, Zach Boemmel, Mahala Whitman, Grayson Steinbuler, Chad Roddy

8th Grade: Nicholas Baum, Andrew Matteson, Peyton Gricks, Parker Davenport, Gaige Huffman, Gage Valetta, Jessica Vargas, Josie Peden, Jordan Tucker, Addison Robishaw, Carson Ongley, Cash Lavery, Tyler Gallant, Mary Herps, Hannah Edwards, Isabelle Whaley, Anslee Ralston, Alaina Mott, Tyler Grimsley

Wilderness Quest

Sixth-grade camp is not a new initiative but has been around for forty-nine years. In the fall of 1973, TASD educators Mr. Wells Stockwell, Mr. Bob Morris, Mr. Jerry Knickerbocker, and Mr. Dennis Ledebur, set about creating an outdoor education program focused on providing hunter's safety training. Over the years, these men worked with countless individuals to develop a program that has reached over 9000 students. TASD faculty and community members have volunteered thousands of hours instructing and training students about the uniquely beautiful environment of Northwestern Pennsylvania.

This year was no different as the legacy of those educators still thrives. This past September, sixth-grade students from Titusville Middle School spent three days at Seneca Hill Camp, rotating through outdoor learning centers that focus on content areas such as environmental education, swim-boating safety, and hunter's safety training. Camp might not look exactly like it did in 1973 but kids are still learning about our environment and our connection to the land.

As the 50th year of Camp approaches, Miss Anneliese Ledebur, social studies teacher and current Wilderness Quest director, asks people to send her stories of their camp memories. The goal is to create a camp memory book of articles and anecdotes about people's experiences. If you are interested, please send your thoughts to aledebur@gorockets.org. And as we plan for the future, we never want to forget the past and thank those who have created the shared experiences that help bind our community together. May Wilderness Quest continue on for a new generation of Titusville students.



Brown & Gold



Pep Assembly

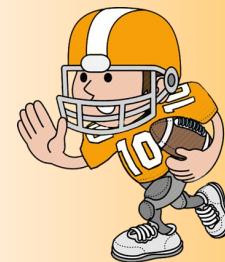
Spirit Week



Homecoming 2022



Cheerleaders



Football

Marching Band



TMS Mission Day #1



Students Earn First TMS Mission Day Trip to Splash Lagoon

The first TMS mission of the year was to Splash Lagoon on Monday, October 24th. Our mission days are new this year. They are part of our school-wide positive behavior program and incentivize student academic achievement and proper behavior. Students who were passing every class and had one hour or less of detention during the first quarter earned their boarding passes and an opportunity to go on the mission.

We are extremely excited to offer **four mission days** during the 2022-2023 school year. These missions are an opportunity for students to explore the world outside of our school campus and experience some amazing places. Our next mission will be to **Carnegie Science Center** at the end of the second quarter. The expectations to earn a boarding pass and be a part of the mission will continue to increase and we are confident that students' achievement, behavior, and attendance will rise as well.



Socktober

The TMS Student Council created Socktober as a way to give back to our communities. A generous donation of socks was sent to the Women's Services of Crawford County, Erie City Mission Center, The Refuge, The Upper Room, The Pointe Warming Center in Oil City, St. James House in Titusville and the Community Shelter of Erie. Titusville Middle School student council organizes Socktober for children and adults experiencing some form of crisis. This was the fourth time Student Council held the Socktober event. This year Titusville Middle School has donated over 400 socks. The Student Council Advisor at TMS, Margie Axton, came across the idea of Socktober in 2019. At that time, Student council wanted to do some sort of clothing drive. Mrs. Axton called a few local shelters and asked what items were most needed. She was told that they get lots of hats and mittens but no socks; no one thinks of the feet. After another successful drive last month, Mrs. Axton got a call from The Refuge in downtown Erie. A volunteer worker was incredibly grateful and wanted the students to know how much the shelters appreciate their efforts.. Thank you to all families who sent in new or gently used socks as donations. Student Council is excited to have helped so many with our donation.

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Cheerleading

Cross Country



2022 TMS Fall Sports



Football

Girls Basketball





Dates To Remember:



November

November 18 Winter Sports Begin
November 24-28 Thanksgiving Break

December

TBA Special Christmas Activity Days
December 23-31 Christmas Break

January

January 2 Christmas Break
January 16 No School (MLK Day)
January 19 No School (Professional Day)
January 20 Q2/S1 Ends
January 23 Q3/S2 Begins
January 27 Mission #2 Day



Who To Call

Reason

Health Questions
Attendance, Trip Requests
Peer Conflict, Bussing Issues, Activities
Athletics
PTG
Grades, PSSA's, Child Concerns
Targeted Tutoring, Homework Collection

Contact

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Stacy Proper

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