

# TMS EMAIL UPDATE

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **STEP Into After School** offers daily tutoring to all students at the school Mon thru Thurs 4-6 PM! For only \$15 per day, students get assistance in Math, Language Arts, Science, & Social Studies from certified T.M.S. teachers. Classes are held in Room B120 (Consumer Science classroom). Students should report with agenda planner showing daily homework, textbooks, & worksheets. \*Snacks not provided.
- **Recruiting TMS Dads** - Anthony Jones is looking for a few good men to get involved in activities around the school. Call (404) 292-2308 or email [photo7@msn.com](mailto:photo7@msn.com). Grounds Day (Oct. 7) is a great way to get started!
- **Parents are welcome to observe classrooms**, but please call 24 hours in advance. Stop at the office and please respect and protect teachers' instructional time.
- **Heart Screens for Teens** – Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> at St. Philip AME Church. Contact Cathy Harper Hogan (404) 244-8202. Cost is approximately \$50. [www.heartscreensforteens.com](http://www.heartscreensforteens.com)
- **September is National PTA membership month!** Join the TMS PTA for just \$5.00. Show your child you are committed to providing them a quality education and you support their school!
- **Sign up for email updates** at <http://tuckermiddlepta.org>
- **"Excellence in Education"** program allows you to "buy-out" of fundraising this year. We suggest a minimum of \$25.00 per family. A donation in any amount is gratefully appreciated.
- **Reflections** Entry forms are available in the school office. Reflections Contest is an opportunity for students all over the country to showcase their creative skills. This year's theme is "My Favorite Place," and has 6 areas of entry – film/video production, dance choreography, visual arts (drawing, painting, collage, or computer generated), photography (prints, collage, or computer generated), literature (story or poetry – handwritten, typed, or computer generated), and musical composition (recorded on cassette or CD). Students may submit as many entries as they like, in any or all areas of competition. They may work on them at school or at home. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Pribbenow.
- **Recycling** Ms. Sible in the Media Center is collecting used Ink Cartridges, Cell Phones, Laptops, PDAs/Palm Pilots and ipods. This earns \$\$\$ for TMS!

## IMPORTANT DATES

- **September 16** – Football game TMS vs. Avondale At 10:30 a.m. at Adams Stadium.
- **September 19** – 4 1/2 week progress reports.
- **September 21 - PTA General Meeting (7:00 p.m. in the TMS cafeteria).** Dekalb Medical will be hosting a blood pressure screening in the foyer from 6:15 until 7:00 p.m. The topic for this meeting is “**Taking the WORK out of Homework**”. Ginger Baxter from A+ Learning Lab is the featured speaker. Sue Dowling, Internet Safety Coordinator with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, will address “**Our Students and Internet Safety**”. This meeting promises to be informative. Please plan to attend. Remember to sign up for the door prizes!
- **September 23** – Football game TMS vs. Miller Grove at 9:00 a.m. at Panthersville Stadium.
- **September 30** – Football game TMS vs. Bethune at 9:00 a.m. at Hallford Stadium.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- **October 7 - Grounds Day.** Any time between 9:00 and 1:00. Please come out and help beautify TMS! We will be planting trees, bushes, and ground cover, building benches, laying sod, and spreading mulch.

Football game TMS vs. Columbia at 9:00 a.m. at Avondale Stadium.

- **October 10-12** – ITBS Testing.
- **October 13** – PTA newsletter deadline.
- **October 17-18** – ITBS Testing.
- **October 21** – Progress reports, TMS PTA Newsletter, TMS Handbook to go home with students.

Football game TMS vs. Stephenson at 9:00 a.m. at Avondale Stadium.

- **October 24** – Reflections deadline for entries.
- **October 24-26** – 7<sup>th</sup> grade **only** COGAT testing.

## **TMS CLUBS**

- **BETA Club** - Meets on Thursdays in Mr. Bettendorf's room at 8:10 – 8:45 a.m. BETA Club promotes scholastic involvement and provides services to the school and community.
- **Chess Club** - Meets on Mondays in Mr. Csukas's room at 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Chess Club encourages students to participate in a game that promotes abstract thinking.
- **Dance Team** - Meets with Ms. Miller Monday – Friday from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Dance Team promotes student involvement and builds school spirit.
- **Intramurals** - Meets with Mr. Harper Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30 - 8:15.
- **Literary Magazine** – Meets with Ms. Turner Thursday from 8:10 – 8:40 a.m. Literary Magazine was designed to collect, review, edit and publish student's work in an annual Literary Magazine that is sold in the spring.
- **National Junior Honor Society** – Meets with Mr. Hayes on Tuesday from 8:10 – 8:40. National Junior Honor Society students are involved in activities that support the school and community.
- **Reading Club** – Meets with Ms. Dunn on Thursday from 8:10 – 8:40 a.m. Reading Club promotes and encourages students to be lifelong readers.
- **Student Council** – Meets with Ms. Miller on Wednesday 7:30 – 8:15. Student Council represents the student body and voices opinions to provide a positive school environment.
- **Students with a Voice** – Meets with Mr. Csukas on Tuesday 8:10 – 8:40 a.m. Students with a Voice represents the student population and make suggestions to improve Tucker Middle School.
- **Technology and Robotics** – Meets with Ms. Brown–Bryant on Tuesday from 8:10 – 8:40 a.m. This club challenges students academically through the use of modern technology and computer programming.

***If you need additional information on TMS clubs, please check in the school office.***