

Tequesta Trace Newsletter

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Welcome Back!!



Robert Rivera, Principal

Cougar Pride - Back in Stride

ID BADGES ARE A MUST!

Hello Tequesta Trace Families,

Welcome to the 2022—2023 School Year! As we begin this new school year we are putting out this newsletter to keep you up to date with pertinent information to ensure you are aware of important items as it relates to schoolwide daily policies and procedures. Please take some time to read this thoroughly and share this with your child/children prior to the first day of school.

Thank You ahead of time for your assistance and understanding in following the items listed in this newsletter to help keep TTMS as safe as possible. We are looking forward to a **SUCCESSFUL** start to the 22-23 school year where the **"Cougars Rock!"**

Robert Rivera ~ Principal

To ensure appropriate identification of students, the School District is requiring that all students and staff wear **ID Badges** at all times. Tequesta Trace will give each student their first temporary badge the first day of school, and then a photo badge after school pictures are taken. Additionally, each student will be given one lanyard to use to display the ID badge at all times. The lanyards will be color coded to match the student's grade level. Students will need to purchase a new ID if they lose or misplace the one provided. Students without their ID badge will be monitored and could face progressive discipline per the District Discipline Matrix. **As this is a safety matter, parents, we need your help in sending your student(s) with their ID badge every day.**

Single Point of Entry /Arrival and Dismissal Procedures/Important Contact Information

*All students will enter the building through the cafeteria doors before school begins.

*Students should not be on campus before 8:40 AM. Any student or student groups that will be meeting or practicing with a teacher before or after 8:40 AM will meet that teacher at the Cafeteria Doors at a pre-determined time to be escorted by that teacher.

*Our single point of entry is called the Cougars' Den. It will be a location for all late sign-ins, early sign-outs and where all business with the office or guidance will begin. **Please know that you will always need to have your government issued photo ID with you to be allowed on campus, and you will be processed through the RAPTOR SYSTEM and escorted to your destination. Do not let anyone in behind you, please.**

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

All parents must complete **BCPS Back-to-School Forms** *ONLINE*.

Full instructions are at <https://www.browardschools.com/tequestatrace>

It is a 2-step process—Please be sure to follow all of the procedures.

More information can be found at <https://www.browardschools.com/>

Students will not be permitted to attend field trips, sports, or dances until this is completed.

SCHOOLWIDE DRILLS

All Broward County Public schools are required to perform monthly Fire and Code Red Drills to ensure all safety protocols and practices are adhered to by students, staff and visitors to the campus. Please ensure your child/children understand the importance of all drills and adhering to directions provided by the supervising adult. At the conclusion of all drills, we will resume our regular daily practices.



FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. <https://getfortifyfl.com/>

Athletics

All TTMS students who are interested in participating on one of our teams (Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Flag Football, Cross Country, Golf, Track) must submit paperwork in advance by visiting www.registermyathlete.com

You will need to register your child and print out and fill in two different forms and submit prior to tryouts. No student can attend any TTMS practice without completing this process.

There will be meetings for tryouts for boys' and girls' soccer, cross country, and golf during the second week of school. Listen for announcements in the morning, during lunch, and watch for posters around the school.

Guidance Department

Welcome back to school. Please remember School Counselors are here to assist you with Academic/ Personal Social/ College and Career needs. We know the beginning of school is an exciting time of year.

4 tips for being successful

- 1- Be on time
- 2- Attendance counts
- 3- Do all assignments
- 4- Ask for help

School Counselors will be out to the classrooms to assist students with Academic/ Personal Social/ College and Career needs and acclimating to a new school year. If you have any questions, please contact your grade level Counselor.

- 6th Grade Mr. Jones
- 7th Grade Ms. Margelot
- 8th Grade Mrs. Veronick

School Expectations

Be Respectful

Be Organized

Be Cooperative

Be Kind

School Rules

HALLWAY	CAFETERIA	GYM
Be courteous to everyone	Follow all instructions	Keep hands/feet to yourself
Go directly to class – Walk the in the correct direction	Keep food on trays at all times	Clean up your area once you are finished playing
Follow all instructions	Raise your hand before getting out of your seat	Follow directions the 1 st time they are given
Walk – Keep hands/feet to yourself	Walk in one direction – Keep hands/feet to yourself	Provide personal space while changing into PE uniforms

Visit our WEBSITE

Visit

<https://www.browardschools.com/tequestatrace>

See teachers' webpages, assignments, calendars and Important information for Tequesta Trace and the District.



Physical Education

We look forward to a great year in Physical Education for the 2022-2023 school year. All children enrolled in PE are required to wear a uniform which consists of: PE Shirt (available for purchase thru PE teachers) gym shorts, socks and sneakers. All students are expected to dress out and participate each day. Please contact Coach Schragger or Ms. Niesel with any questions.

TTMS Unified Dress Code

Parents, we also need your help in making sure your student(s) come to school in the proper unified dress code. Students must wear either a solid colored polo shirt or Tequesta Trace Spirit Shirt each day, even if it is under their jacket or sweat shirt. Pants or shorts must be either Navy, Black or Khaki in color; No blue jeans or sweat pants are allowed to be worn (except on cold weather days which will be pre-announced). Privileges will be taken away from students who are noncompliant and disciplinary actions may take place for defiance. All other dress code provisions of the Code of Student Conduct will be followed.

August 16	1st Day of School	November 10	Report Cards
August 25	6th Grade OPEN HOUSE	November 11	No School—Veterans Day
September 1	7th & 8th Grades OPEN HOUSE	November 21—25	Thanksgiving Break
September 5	No School—Labor Day	November 29	Interim Reports
September 13	Interim Reports	December 26—January 6	Winter Break
September 26	No School—Rosh Hashanah	January 12	Early Release
October 5	No School—Yom Kippur	January 13	No School—Planning Day
October 20	Early Release	January 16	No School—MLK Day
October 21	No School—Planning Day		
November 8	No School—Planning Day		