

Tequesta Trace Newsletter

October 2019
2nd Quarter

Paul Micensky, Principal



Principal's News

2nd quarter of the 2019-2020 school year is under way. I think it is important to share with students and parents the importance of ensuring high academic standards across all grade levels. Students need to own their academic achievements and progress monitor via Pinnacle, Virtual Counselor, Naviance and any other tool provided by the district.

Parents you can also assist by monitoring your child's academic achievements by utilizing the parent access and login information provided. This will enable you the opportunity to stay connected with your child and set necessary expectations at home.

Additionally, it is important to also highlight the importance of completing all required assignments, studying for upcoming assessments and actively engaging in class discussions.

It is also important that students who are taking high school credit courses are aware that the grade will be reflective in their high school GPA. If your child is in a high school credit course it is important he/she exhibits maturity, accountability and displays work ethic.

I am sure that all of our students are embodying these above characteristics, however it is important to continually dialogue with them to ensure a successful school year.

As always, I am here for the students and the community. If you need to reach me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Proud Principal~

Mr. Micensky

PTA News

Our Vision is to have all Tequesta Trace Middle School parents and families connected and involved in TTMS students' education and life.

Our Mission is to serve as a support channel for teachers and parents, so our young adults succeed in school and in life. To support parents in creating a balanced family life.

Our Values.

Family, Awareness, Parenthood, Safety, Education, Team, Fun.

Our Priorities

Awareness- To connect with parents and obtain a deeper commitment to engaging in youth life through the contribution of time, talent, and/or monetary contributions to PTA, so that Tequesta Trace Middle youth, along with their education, nurture the soft and life skills that cement the values to make them happy and successful in life.

To create an environment for parents to question why we parents do what we do for our child? Is it enough to provide access to the best school or collaborating with them is relevant for their success?

Awareness of Best Choices- To create and support youth and parent interaction that fosters unparalleled connection and communication.

Relevance- To be known as a school that incentivizes and nurtures youth mental health in our community.

Outreach- To establish bilateral communication in the community to attain a decentralized and scalable Mission statement.

The PTA programs School of Excellence and Reflections are two PTA programs that incentive parent-youth interaction.

To join PTA visit <http://www.ttms.my-pta.org>

Upcoming events. Parents and children are welcome.

October 23, 2019, 6:30 pm General Board

Meeting -Speaker: Vaping. Food and childcare provided.

Guidance Department

We hope everyone is having a successful start to the school year. School Counselors have been out in classes discussing Middle School survival and introducing/ working with students in Naviance. Naviance is the SBBC college and career readiness program that students will use from 6th to 12th grade. Parents and students can access Naviance through the students SSO. Please remember that School Counselors are available to assist students, parents, and teachers in the areas of academics, personal social, and career and college readiness.

Just a reminder if parents would like to meet with their child's teachers please contact the school directly to schedule a conference. Together your child will succeed.

School counselor by grade:

6th Ms Calle

7th Mr. Jones

8th Mrs Veronick

Athletics

TTMS athletics are in full swing.

Both the boys and girls soccer teams made the playoffs but lost in the first round to Pines Charter. Boys were 6 and 2 and girls were 5 and 3.

The boys and girls basketball teams have just begun their playing season. Cheerleaders have also started their season! Volleyball will be starting soon.

Congratulations to Frankie Cunningham and the Boys Cross Country Team for winning their 3rd consecutive County Championship. Also, the girls finished 5th. Great Job to all the runners!

All students who plan to tryout for a TTMS sport MUST register online. Students will NOT be able to tryout unless pre-registered:
www.registermyathlete.com

Thank you for supporting TTMS Athletics.

Band:

We are so proud of our Amazing Band Students in their preparation for All State Band/Jazz Auditions. This year Students from TTMS Band had 19 All State auditions, which is the fourth highest total in Broward County Middle Schools!



The 7th and 8th Grade Band members are excited about the opportunity to play side by side at a Cypress Bay High School football game on Oct. 17th. All of our band students are also excited about the opportunity to play side by side with the Western band on October 25th.

The members of the Symphonic Band are volunteering their time on Tuesdays after school to be Peer Tutors for students in beginning band and advanced band.

Band students are working hard, learning a lot and seeing incredible musical growth!

Literacy

The Literacy Department has been working hard to keep our students excited about reading and writing! 6th graders have been doing projects about fears and phobias. 7th graders have been creating movie posters based on their reading about the ideas of perception versus reality. 8th graders have been learning about culture and belonging through reading short stories and novels. We also celebrated the students who logged 500 minutes or more for Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge by having a doughnut party!



No Place for Hate:

Tequesta Trace is participating in a new district-wide initiative. The initiative is called No Place For Hate. The Anti-Defamation League is offering the program in schools all around the country. The goal of this program is to help students be a part of creating a No Bullying school climate which embraces and respects everyone's differences. Broward County is the first district in the nation to be fully involved in the No Place For Hate pilot program.

Select students attended a student training and became Ambassadors for the NPFH initiative. The training took place September 19th at Falcon Cove. Through this training our students created a Peace Club at Tequesta Trace. Ms. McDonald is the club sponsor.

Technology Tools:

6th grade math teachers hosted a Technology Night on October 16th. Attendees learned how to utilize technology for academic support.

USA Test Prep— standards-based practice and assessments.
Clever— the landing site for district supplied programs—
sso.browardschools.com

- contains all student textbooks and the following applications:
- Canvas-The district's learning management system containing class specific content.
- Pinnacle— online gradebook
- myHRW— math and Language Arts books, as well as supplemental content.
- vocabulary.com-gamification vocabulary practice
- Newsela— student friendly news articles at various reading levels.



Upcoming Events

10/17- Band at Cypress Bay	11/5- Makeup Picture Day
10/22- Debate @ Piper HS	11/7- Cougar Challenge
10/23- Basketball vs Falcon Cove	11/11-No school- Veteran's Day
10/24- 6th grade Scoliosis screening	11/13-Report Cards distributed SAC meeting
10/25- Band at Western	11/19- Interims issued & Band at Eagle Point
10/28-30- 8th grade JA Finance Park FT	11/27-11/29- No school- Thanksgiving Holiday
10/31- Peer Counselors Reverse Trick or Treating	12/2-12/6- 8th Grade NY/DC trip
11/1- Basketball vs Ramblewood	12/09-12/13- Book Fair

Bottle Sale for a Water Fountain

Cambridge is raising money to purchase a water bottle filling station. The bottle filling station will quickly provide filtered water to increase hydration while reducing single use plastics.

Buying a reusable water bottle:

Reduces landfill waste

Saves money

Saves water resources

Reduces campus litter

(biofriendlyplanet.com)

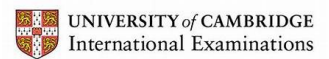
JHS is joining in the project and will be fundraising for the fountain in various ways this year, so be on the lookout!

Purchase your \$5 TTMS bottle here:

<https://osp.osmsinc.com/browardfl/>



Cambridge



Cambridge International School

All Cambridge students have been reviewing and reinforcing the Cambridge Learner Attributes: Responsible, Innovative, Confident, Engaged, and Reflective.

6th graders read *The View from Saturday*, and had an after-school tea party and game afternoon to celebrate the book. They will be seeing "Black Angels Over Tuskegee" at the Miramar Cultural Arts Center in November.

7th graders are going to the Stranahan House in Fort Lauderdale on October 29th and Oct. 30th! They've been studying the American Revolution in Civics and analyzing a character's perspective during the time period in Language Arts by reading *Chains*.

8th graders have been following their passions by creating and presenting passion projects. In Language Arts, students are reading *Outcasts United*. They are getting ready to go to JA Finance Park at the end of the month, as well as to see a literature based performance.