

Tequesta Trace Newsletter

April 2019
4th Quarter

Paul Micensky, Principal



Principal's News

Wow! The 2018-2019 school year is soon coming to an end!

We are entering another round of FSA testing beginning on Wednesday, May 1st. Please see all pertinent testing dates in the Guidance section below.

It is crucial that students are in attendance and on time on these specific days for optimal individual success.

Additionally, we will be wrapping up the school year with our Grade Level end of the year field trips as follows:

6th Grade– Universal Studios

7th Grade– Sea World

8th Grade– Islands of Adventure

Just a few reminders for closing out the school year:

*Please adhere to our school's policy of no early sign-outs after 3:10 pm. If an emergency arises please contact the school in advance to speak with the Grade Level Administrator. We will be enforcing this policy and look forward to you as parents honoring the guidelines as outlined.

*Prior to your student leaving home, please remind him/her to check that they have their ID. Not only do they need to have their ID, but it needs to be on a lanyard and around their neck at all times. Replacement ID prices will increase to \$5.00 for the new school year to align with the Cypress Bay Zone schools.

I look forward to a smooth close to the 2018-2019 school year!

Guidance Department

Make 4th quarter your best quarter. Continue to use your agenda, check Pinnacle, and use good study habits to ensure good grades for the fourth quarter. FSA testing has already begun. However, here are the dates again.

Good luck, you got this!

5/1 -5/2 FSA ELA

5/6 - FSA Math 8th grade

5/7 - FSA Math All

5/8 - FSA Math 6th and 7th, FCAT Sci 8th

5/15-5/16 - Alg. /Geo. EOCs

5/21 - Civics/ Biology EOCs

Remember NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES during testing.

Information and resources can be found at <https://fsassessments.org/>

If you have concerns about your child's progress it is not too late to schedule a conference with teachers or contact your grade level guidance counselor for assistance. It has been a pleasure working with your child and on behalf of the Guidance Department, have a great Summer.

Angela Calle, 6th grade
Phillip Jones, 7th grade
Cynthia Veronick, 8th grade

Athletics

The TTMS athletic program has ended for the year. All of our sports teams represented TTMS well. We are very proud of our athletes' hard work!

Boys Flag Football concluded their season with a 5-3 record. The boys had a tremendous love for the game and always wanted to practice and improve.

Girls Flag Football concluded their season with a 5-2-1 record. The highlight of their season was defeating rival Falcon Cover 26-0!



Thank you for supporting TTMS Athletics.

Contact Coach Schrage with questions: hschrager@browardschools.com

Advanced Drama Presents:



APRIL 24, 25 & 26

Western High School Auditorium

7:00 p.m.

Music



Just before Spring Break, Symphonic Band received straight Superior ratings in every category at the Florida Bandmasters Association District Music Performance Assessment. They have begun working on new music this week for their concert on May 23rd. The younger bands are now preparing for solo and ensemble, as well as their concert.

Jazz Catz are preparing for solo and ensemble in the form of Jazz Combos as well as preparing for FBA District Jazz Band Assessment on April 30th. They are also preparing for a joint concert May 16th, with show choir.

Junior Honor Society

Tequesta's JHS members are busy making a positive impact in their school and community.

In March, JHS organized a student vs faculty basketball game.

In April, JHS participated in Relay for Life at Cypress Bay High School. Club members raised \$1,200 for cancer research.

May 22 is the JHS Induction Ceremony to welcome approximately 150 new members.

Media News:

A Media Makeover is underway, thanks to funding from PTA's TTMS Fun Zone. Thank you, PTA, for supporting TTMS's media center!

Bogo Bookfair is coming May 21-24! Come buy your books for summer reading!

Our summer reading initiative begins in May. Students will login to Scholastic Read-A-Palooza to log their reading minutes. Reading just 20 minutes per day helps prevent "summer slide."

Visit your local library to start making reading part of your daily routine!



Upcoming Events

4/16- Report Cards issued	5/9- Early Release
4/19- No school	5/15-5/16- Algebra & Geometry EOCs
4/22- SGA/JHS Beach Cleanup	5/20-5/24- Book Fair!
4/24 & 4/25- Drama show at Western HS	5/23- Band Concert
4/27- District ESOL competition	5/24- Volunteer Appreciation Brunch
5/1- Interims issued	5/29- End of the Year Trips
5/1-5/2- ELA FSA testing	5/31- 8th Grade Dance
5/4- Speech/debate tournament	6/3- 8th grade Awards Night
5/7-5/8- Math FSA Testing	6/4- Last Day of School/Early Release

Literacy Competitions:

Speech and Debate

The March MAST was the Speech and Debate Team's biggest turn out yet, with the following students winning medals among Broward Middle Schools.

Nicholas Foutch and Gabriel Simpson in Policy Debate (undefeated this year!), Zoe Reisman and Brendan Baldwin in Policy Debate, Rebecca Alizo and Nicole Becherucci in Public Forum Debate, Isabella Shamoun and Samuel Palleija in Duo Interpretation, Arlette Bravo in Impromptu Speaking and Sebastian Itriago in Dramatic Interpretation.

The TTMS Speech and Debate team is wrapping up the year with one more MAST in April, and the Tournament of Champions on May 4th at Western High School. Three eighth grade students will be competing this summer at the National Speech and Debate Association's National Tournament in Dallas, from June 18-22. Coach Levine is looking forward to a strong finish to the year!

Spanish

Tequesta Trace was well represented at the District Spanish Competition on Saturday, March 16th at Rickards Middle. The following students won awards:

Impromptu Spanish Speakers I, 1st place: Emilio Bastardo, Katherine Guia Gonzalez, and Camilo Lozano

Declamation, 1st Place: Victoria Capparelli, Maria Elena Luis Ibarra, and Danelly Pena.

Declamation Spanish I, 4th place: Miga Odewole

Poster Presentation, 2nd place: Jean Gambrill and Carolina Cordero

Literary Fair

More than 20 pieces of student writing qualified for the District Literary Fair this year. Gianna Schultz and Martha Dwyer were selected as district winners and will represent TTMS at the District Awards Ceremony on April 23.

ESOL:

Competition is on April 27th at Piper High School. The team is busy learning their lines and memorizing their original oratories. We have already submitted the students multimedia presentations, writing, art, play and talent portions of the competition for judging.