

# TABB Middle School

**Tabb Middle School Tiger Times  
September 21, 2018**

## **UPCOMING TMS EVENTS AND YCSD INFORMATION**

Upcoming TMS events can be found on the calendar on the TMS website:

<http://yorkcountyschools.org/TMS>

## **Download the YCSD Mobile App**

Information at your fingertips for school and sports calendars, bus schedules, news and more.

- Customize the app to view the info you want most.
- Follow the school(s) of your choice
- Receive push notifications in emergencies.

## **YCSD Student Portal at GO.YCSD.YORK.VA.US**

- Live homework help from certified teachers
- One-click access to Microsoft Office 365 Suite
- Research Resources
- Interactive instructional sites

To access the portal, log in at [go.ycsd.york.va.us](http://go.ycsd.york.va.us) using your student username and password

## **YCSD STUDENT HOTLINE**

757-890-5000

## **STUDENT HOLIDAYS AND EVENTS**

Oct 5	Fundraiser Kickoff Assemblies Noon Dismissal
Oct 11	Interim Reports issued electronically
Nov 6	Election Day Student Holiday
Nov 12	Veteran's Day Student Holiday
Nov 15	Report Cards issued
Nov 21-23	School Closed for Thanksgiving

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

## **REMINDERS**

**Sept 25 and 27** -After school activity buses begin

This year, activity buses will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All students are expected to notify their parents if they are staying after school. Please confirm with your student if they are taking the activity bus home or have parent pick up.

## **TMS CLOTHING TO CASH RECYCLING PROGRAM**

A large white collection bin has been placed in the parking lot near the bus parking lot and we are excited to get started. Tabb Middle School will be paid for every pound that is collected. All materials will be reworn, repurposed or, as a last resort, recycled. A flyer has been attached to this Tiger Times which explains the items that are collected.

All collected clothing in:

- good or better condition is given a second life at thrift stores here in the U.S.
- less than good condition will be repurposed (i.e. worn out items could be turned into rags)
- poor condition will be processed for recycling

Recycling happens as the final option. This program accepts ALL Clothing, in ALL Conditions, this is what makes Clothing to Cash® unique.

## **ATTENDANCE**

If your student is absent and the Attendance Secretary has not been notified, an automatic phone call will be sent at 10:15am to confirm your student's absence. All absences require a note from a parent or doctor to be excused. Please call 898-0321, and send a note to the office or email [pkrewinghaus@ycsd.york.va.us](mailto:pkrewinghaus@ycsd.york.va.us)

## **TRANSPORTATION – BUS ROUTES**

The York County School Division has a software system to manage school bus transportation.

The system is designed to improve bus routing efficiencies and bus tracking while a bus is on its assigned route.

Families can use the system to find regular bus routes, bus stops and bus stop times for the 2018-19 school

at: <http://yorkcountyschools.org/parents/transportation/default.aspx>

The arrival time is an automated estimate for all regular full school days; actual arrival times are determined by school departure time, travel distance, traffic, route design and student needs.

Last school year, division activated the MyStop software that provide information about the child's bus while it is traveling the assigned route. The MyStop app includes notifications if a child's bus is running behind schedule. Bus Routes and MyStop can be accessed through the school division and all school websites as well as the new YCSD app.

<http://yorkcountyschools.org/parents/transportation/myStop.aspx>

**NOTE: Runs are continually updated through the first month of school.**

### **PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION- IMPORTANT NOTICE!**

For the safety of our students and staff, students who are brought to school by private means of transportation should only be dropped off and picked up in the front of the building between the two safety crosswalks. Please refrain from parking and directing students to walk across the parking lot. This practice is not only dangerous but it also hinders the flow of traffic as families follow our arrival and departure procedures.

If you are entering the parking lot from Hampton Hwy and the first entrance is backed up to Yorktown Road, please proceed to the second entrance across from Villa Way. This allows us to keep traffic on Yorktown Road moving and allow our buses to enter the parking lot.

The side parking lot (near the trailer) will be roped off just before dismissal. **Those who park in the lot prior to the closure will not be permitted to leave the parking lot until all cars in the parent pick up line have departed.** Those few families who are approved to use this lot due the needs of their student have been given a placard to place in their vehicle and will be permitted to load and unload in this lot. We understand your time is very valuable and try our best to expedite our dismissal process, but the safety of our students, parents and staff is our top priority.

As an additional reminder, drivers are asked to refrain from using cell phones during student drop off and pick up. We need drivers' complete attention to follow the directions of staff and the crossing guard. Thank you for helping us ensure a safe environment for our school community!

### **FORGOTTEN SCHOOL ITEMS**

Unfortunately, we notice a rising number of forgotten items being dropped off in the office each year- lunchboxes, instruments, completed assignments and athletic equipment among others. We recognize students may *occasionally* forget an item needed for school and we understand you mean well when delivering these items, but...

Each dropped off item (and each message that needs to be relayed to your student) impacts our learning environment, something we endeavor to protect. A call to the classroom disrupts the flow of instruction for all students and deprives your student of

valuable instructional time. Next time your student forgets an item, consider it a powerful teachable moment.

Resist the urge to swoop in and save the day. Leave the forgotten item at home. Your student may receive a lowered grade on an assignment or may be less prepared for an after school activity. While it may make your student uncomfortable, he or she will likely learn from the natural consequence and adapt their behavior moving forward. As such, students will only be allowed to use the phone in the event of unusual circumstances. Parents are asked to limit requests for delivery of reminders/messages to students to only those of an urgent nature, as noted in the Student Handbook.

Thank you in advance for helping us prepare our middle schoolers for high school and beyond by promoting personal responsibility and organization- skills that will prepare them for lifelong success while helping us maintain a learning-focused environment. We appreciate your support!

### **TMS DRESS CODE**

It is important that all students know how they are expected to dress for school. The Dress Code Policy can be reviewed on the TMS website: <http://yorkcountyschools.org/TMS>

### **FREE OR REDUCED MEALS APPLICATION**

The Application for Free or Reduced Price Meals must be re-submitted every school year. An application was included in the Open House packet and can also be picked up in the main office.

### **SCHOOL LUNCH & BREAKFAST INFO**

#### **Sodexo**

York County School Division contracts with [Sodexo](#) to manage the Food Service Program, which includes breakfast and lunch in all our schools.

- [Breakfast and Lunch Menus](#)

Students transferring to Tabb HS or within the YCSD will have their cafeteria account balance transferred to their new school. Students remaining at TMS will have their funds available from last school year.

#### **Meal Prices for the 2018-2019 school year**

<b>Meal/Milk</b>	<b>Elementary</b>	<b>Middle/High School</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Reduced Price</b>
<b>Breakfast</b>	\$1.55	\$1.65	\$2.05	\$0.30
<b>Lunch</b>	\$2.65	\$2.75	\$3.40	\$0.40

**Milk**            \$0.60            \$0.60            \$0.60

### **ON-LINE LUNCH ACCOUNT WEBSITE – MYSCHOOLSBUCKS.COM**

MySchoolbucks.com offers a convenient way for parents to make payments for student lunch accounts. Parents may use the service to monitor balances and set up email alerts when balances are low. Parents also can view what their children are purchasing each day. Is your child spending his lunch money quickly? Through MySchoolBucks.com parents can place restrictions on a la carte items to limit spending. If you have questions about MySchoolBucks.com download the Fact Sheet or visit their online frequently asked questions section from the School division's web page.

<http://yorkcountyschools.org/parents/studentInfo/lunchMenu.aspx>

### **TMS AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND ACTIVITY BUSES**

After school activity buses will begin on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. This year, activity buses will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Thursday buses will not be used for clubs but will be strictly used for remediation and opportunities for extra academic assistance with select teachers. Students must make arrangements in advance with a teacher to stay after school and receive a bus pass from the teacher to ride the activity bus. Activity buses will leave Tabb Middle at 4:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. As a reminder, these bus routes are much longer and will require later drop-offs, particularly on Thursdays when we will have two buses making runs. The routes will be posted throughout the building and on the website.

Each Monday at the beginning of first block, students are shown a PowerPoint, which advertises upcoming clubs, activities and sports schedules. The students will also receive a club pamphlet with a description of clubs and activities in their PE class. Signed permission slips must be returned club sponsors on the first day the club meets. Students who do not have a signed permission slip may not stay after school. This information and permission slips are also available on the TMS website under *Activities*.

### **BRING YOUR OWN TECHNOLOGY – HELP US MAKE BYOT SUCCESSFUL!**

In order to keep YCSD's "Bring Your Own Technology" initiative a productive part of Tabb's academic environment, we need to make sure everyone is aware and understands the guidelines and expectations for student use of technology in the classroom:

- Students should use devices for instructional purposes, only when directed by the teacher. When not in use in the classroom, devices should be stored, as directed by the teacher.

- Social media (i.e., Facebook, Twitter, etc.) should be used for instructional purposes, only when directed by the teacher. When not in use in the classroom, devices should be stored, as directed by the teacher.
- Students are not permitted to use electronic devices in the hallways, during restroom breaks, or in the cafeteria.

Students should not be receiving text messages during the school day. Electronic devices should be placed in the student’s locker in the morning.

**SECURING VALUABLES**

It is unfortunate, but occasionally theft can occur at our school. As a result, we highly encourage students to leave valuables at home. If, however, students choose to bring valuable items to school, they are expected and encouraged to take the appropriate precautions. When participating in PE or after school activities, valuable items should be stored in students’ lockers with the lock securely fastened and dial turned. While in the classroom, students should be mindful of their items and refrain from leaving them unattended. Let’s all work together to prevent theft at our school by securing our property. Additionally, if students should find something that does not belong to them they should turn it over to an adult.

**TMS CHERRYDALE FUNDRAISER**

Please help our school during our Annual Fundraiser. The students will receive packets with catalogs and order forms on October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Kickoff Assembly. A flyer will be placed in the Open House packet.

**PTA NEWS**

**REFLECTIONS**

Create an original work of:

**Dance Choreography**

**Film Production**

**Literature**

**Music Composition**

**Photography**

**Visual Arts**

Do you enjoy art, music and dance or have an interest in writing, producing films and taking photos? Then join us and have fun unleashing your inner artist with PTA Reflections! This year’s theme, “**Heroes Around Me,**” calls for your own unique interpretation through the arts. Pick up submission guidelines and an entry form today from the Main Office and return by November 1, 2018. For inspiration, visit the Reflections virtual art gallery and learn more about prizes and scholarships at [PTA.org/Reflections](http://PTA.org/Reflections).

Contact: [Jennifer.lowe1@outlook.com](mailto:Jennifer.lowe1@outlook.com) with questions.

Entry forms and official rules can also be found in the main office and online at <http://www.vapta.org/arts-and-education/reflections.html>

## **Membership**

TMS has a dedicated and supportive PTA which shares the excitement of promoting PTA membership, increasing parental involvement, welcoming volunteer participation among parents, and supporting TMS staff with educational enrichment of our children.

Please visit the TMS website for contact information for the Board, the calendar of events and proposed budget. The PTA needs your support of the calendar events and celebrations throughout the year such as Teacher Appreciation Week, Administrator's Week, Nurse, Bus Drivers, and Custodian Appreciation Day. Please email [tabbmiddlepta@hotmail.com](mailto:tabbmiddlepta@hotmail.com) to volunteer for PTA activities and events. Emails will be sent to solicit volunteers.

## **PTA Membership**

**BE YOUR KID'S BIGGEST FAN...JOIN THE TMS PTA!!**

The PTA helps and supports many programs and events throughout the school year and we would LOVE for you to be a part of our amazing team of parent supporters. There truly is no better way to stay connected with what is going on at the school or to help suggest change than being a part of the PTA. Membership is only \$6 (per member) and membership forms can be found in the Open House packet and are located in the main office.

## **Free Fundraisers**

Tabb Middle School is currently participating in several "Free Rebate" programs that cost you nothing but a little bit of your time. It's really simple—here are some of the ways you can help: cut out Box Tops from your favorite participating products earning 10 cents each and cut out the A+ label on Tyson Products earning 24 cents each. Enter your coke rewards at <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/> and choose Tabb Middle School.

Link your Kroger Plus card each year to Tabb Middle School at <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/>. These programs earn our school free supplies, electronic equipment, and school and classroom accessories.