

Tabb Middle School Tiger Times
November 2, 2018

UPCOMING TMS EVENTS AND YCSD INFORMATION

Upcoming TMS events can be found on the calendar on the TMS website:
<http://yorkcountyschools.org/TMS>

Follow TMS on Social Media!!

Tabb Middle School now has a Facebook & Instagram page!

Like TMS on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Tabbmiddleschool/>

Follow TMS on Instagram: TabbMSfamily

Follow TMS on Twitter: @TabbMSfamily

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 using your student username and password

YCSD STUDENT HOTLINE

757-890-5000

STUDENT HOLIDAYS AND EVENTS

Nov 6	Election Day - Student Holiday
Nov 7	2 nd Quarter Begins and Make up Fall pictures
Nov 9	TMS Dance/Social
Nov 12	SCHOOL IN SESSION
Nov 13	Choral Concert
Nov 14	Fall Sports Night
Nov 15	Report Cards Issued
Nov 21-23	School Closed for Thanksgiving

TABB Middle School

SCHOOL NEWS

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TMS Welcomes Principal for a Day Mr. Jeff Wassmer!

Mr. Wassmer will be in the building on Wednesday morning and all day Thursday. Mr. Wassmer represents District 4 on the York County Board of Supervisors.

2nd Quarter Begins November 7

Please remind your 6th grade student to check their schedule for class changes that will begin when we return to school on Wednesday, November 7. November 7 will be an "A" day.

TABB MIDDLE BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Parents,

Please help your student "ROAR" at TMS by discussing the ROAR matrix that is attached to this Tiger Times. The matrix includes our positive actions we want to display at TMS.

Thank you for reviewing and discussing with your Tiger.

8th Grade Celebration Dance

The 8th grade dance will be held on Saturday June 1st. Mr. William Howard is looking for volunteers to form a committee. Please email whoward@ycsd.york.va.us or call and leave your phone number and contact information 757 867-7470 Ext. 32201. Thank you in advance!

Student's Pictures

Make ups will be taken Nov 7th

In order to view your student's proofs, use the access code on your student's ID from last year. Students will be receiving their new IDs soon. If your students does not have their ID card or they are a 6th grader, please call Candid Color and they will provide you with the access code. 1-800-321-4256.

TMS DANCE/SOCIAL

The first social of this school year is Friday, November 9th from 7-9 pm. There will be pizza, candies and drinks for sale in the concession stand. The PTA will also be selling Spirit Wear. The cost is \$5.00 and tickets will be sold at the door. Only Tabb Middle

students may attend this social. An information sheet outlining our expectations for students is posted to the TMS website.

COUNSELING NEWS

KINDNESS WEEK - During the week of November 12th – November 16th

TMS is encouraging all students, faculty, and staff to participate in School Kindness Week. During School Kindness Week each day has a different theme. These simple tasks are things we should already be doing each day, but hopefully these reminders will help us make a better effort at being kind every day! Please encourage your child to participate each day!

Monday, November 12th: Kindness through Service

– We encourage all students to help others at school, home, and the community (only if they are already planning to be out in the community this evening). Helping a younger sibling with school work, doing tasks around the house or helping someone at school are a few examples.

Tuesday, November 13th: Kindness through Words

– On this day, say something nice, dedicate 24 hours to positivity on social media, and give sincere compliments to one another to help make someone's day better are a few examples of how to show Kindness through Words. Help others smile!

Wednesday, November 14: Kindness through Giving

- Everyone is encouraged to give a positive shout-out to another person at school. Students can visit the School Counseling Office to fill out a positive shout-out to a peer that will be delivered to the recipient. We are encouraging students to do this throughout the school year.

Thursday, November 15th: Kindness through Helping

– On this day, we are encouraging everyone to offer help to others. Some ideas are helping someone pick up something that he/she dropped or help cheer up someone who might need a pick-me-up.

Friday, November 16th: Kindness through Random Acts

– We are encouraging everyone to perform random acts of kindness on this day. There are signs in teacher's classrooms and in the hallways to help give students some ideas for random acts of kindness.

“Spread kindness to one person a day. Imagine the amount of happiness you would dispense in a lifetime.” - Author unknown

CLINIC NEWS

Students who do not feel well are to report to the clinic to be evaluated by TMS Nurse, Mrs. Borders. Students may not call or text their parents to ask to be picked up for any reason.

Parents please do not send your students to school if they have a fever, severe cough or flu symptoms. They need to be fever free, no vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours prior to returning to school.

Always consult your student's doctor if you are concerned about his or her condition.

When the clinic calls for you to pick up your student, please come as soon as possible.

The following information may help decrease the spread of illness:

Talk to your physician about your child getting a flu shot/mist

GOOD HANDWASHING

Encourage fluids and rest. Student may bring in water bottle.

Keep tissues and antibacterial waterless soap in your child's backpack.

Have your child cough into their elbow.

Avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth.

Don't share drinks or drink bottles.

Students may bring in cough drops (non-medicated) WITH A NOTE from parent giving them permission to take as needed throughout the school day. The student should keep the note with them and show the teacher/staff member if requested. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN MEDICATION WITH YOUR CHILD** if medication is needed at school. All medication must be brought to the clinic by a Parent/Guardian with completed Medication Form.

TMS appreciates your help in keeping sick students at home.

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

Tardies and early dismissals are increasing. Please make every effort to schedule appointments for your student in order to reduce the amount of time they will miss instruction.

Tardiness to School - Students are expected to be in their first class on time. If tardy, students should bring a note from a parent or guardian indicating the reason for the tardiness, sign in and secure a tardy slip from the attendance office. The determination of whether the tardy is excused or unexcused will be determined by school administration.

Early Dismissal - Students should bring a note from a parent or guardian indicating the reason for the early dismissal, sign out in the office, and sign back in when they return. Parents/Guardians should report to the school office to sign a student out of school during regular school hours.

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

TMS AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND ACTIVITY BUSES

After school activity buses have begun and 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.

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.

Each Monday at the beginning of first block, students are shown a PowerPoint, which advertises upcoming clubs, activities and sports schedules. Last week the students received 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*. <https://ycsd.yorkcountyschools.org/domain/698>

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.

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.

The MyStop app provides 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: <https://ycsd.yorkcountyschools.org/domain/703>

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

Meal/Milk	Elementary	Middle/High School	Adult	Reduced Price
Breakfast	\$1.55	\$1.65	\$2.05	\$0.30
Lunch	\$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>

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.

PTA NEWS

Calling all 8th Graders!

The PTA is looking for 8th graders, High School Students and parents of any grade to help with concessions on Saturday, November 10th at TMS. We are having a concession stand open for the Yorktown FLL Regional Competition. Please contact the PTA at tabbmiddlepta@hotmail.com if you are available to volunteer or would like more information.

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 to volunteer for PTA activities and events. Emails will be sent to solicit volunteers.

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.

Shoparoo - Just shop, snap, earn!

We are excited to be partnering with a fun, free, and truly easy fundraiser called Shoparoo! Schools nationwide are already earning hundreds and even thousands every year through Shoparoo and it's a great opportunity for us to really make a difference this year!

Shoparoo is school fundraising made easy: the free app turns pictures of your everyday shopping receipts into cash donations and sweepstakes entries for our school! Yep, it's that simple. No more cutting labels, selling door to door, or time-consuming coordinating. All you have to do is shop as you normally do, snap pictures of your receipts with the app, and voila!

Get started today:

1. Download the free Shoparoo app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.
2. Select our school from the list and start taking pictures of your receipts - shop anywhere, buy anything!
3. You can even select a grade to support and have fun with grade competitions!

There's no limit to how much money we can raise with Shoparoo - the more supporters, the more we will raise for our school. Schools with just 40 supporters are earning an average of \$1,000 every year. That's free, easy money that we could be fundraising too. Check out shoparoo.com to learn more about this awesome app!

Amazon Smile Program

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1290448> Will take you directly to adding Tabb Middle PTA as your organization to receive 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases OR

1. On your first visit to smile.amazon.com you will be prompted to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases.
2. Select: Tabb Middle PTA
3. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make on Amazon Smile will result in a donation.