

TABB Middle School

Please be advised that YCSD will be sending a Connect 5 call to parents to announce that all after-school activities for today are being canceled.

- **Champions will notify parents that they will remain open**
- **Parks and Rec will cancel all activities at schools today.**

**No decisions have been made regarding Saturday activities.
The situation will be assessed Saturday morning.**

**Tabb Middle School Tiger Times
April 19, 2019**

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 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

April 19	TMS Dance/Social POSTPONED
April 22-26	TMS Book Fair – Buy One Get One Free!
April 26	TMS Dance/Social RESCHEDULED
May 6	Chorus Concert
May 10	Early Dismissal and Kings Dominion Trip for Band and Chorus students
May 13	Tabb HS PTSA Board Elections – see information below
May 14	TMS Band Concert at Tabb HS
May 30	Drama Production Social Media Mayhem
May 31	8 th Grade trip to Busch Gardens
June 1	8 th Grade Celebration from 7-9
June 6	Drama Production social Media Mayhem

STUDENT NEWS

TMS 4/19 DANCE POSTPONED

Due to impending weather, the dance scheduled for tomorrow night has been postponed until next Friday, April 26, 2019 from 7-9pm. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

Congratulations TMS Seaperch Teams!

Over the last 2 months, 20 Tabb Middle School budding engineers spent 20 hours working in six collaborative teams to design, build, and test an underwater robot and controller.

On Saturday April 13th, these students participated in the Tidewater Regional Seaperch ROV competition and received 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards in 3 categories, including the overall Championship award.

The participating students listed by team include:

Kyle Ray and Tristan Holland

Carter Knaub, Natalie Zamiska, Dylan Dwyer, and Jacob Maddock

Samuel Silvanic, Christian Fontenot, and Sarvesh Narayanan

Finley Payne, Deana Brown, Maria Koenig, and Marissa Salisbury

Cevan Green, Phalen Mullany, Evan Schorr, and Carson Lovell

Gabe Hutchison

And the team of Victoria Koenig and Mallory Buckley, who received the overall champions award.

Congratulations to all Teams!

Volleyball Clinic for 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Girls

There will be an Introduction to Volleyball Clinic April 30 and May 7th in the TMS Main Gym after school under 4:00 pm. After School Activities buses will be available for students. Sign up the clinic with either Mrs. Sumner in Room 306 or Mrs. Marks in PE class. PE attire is required to participate.

Come out and support our students at these upcoming performances!

TMS DRAMA PRODUCTION

Social Media Mayhem will be May 30 and June 6 at 7:00 pm in the TMS Cafeteria. Tickets will be sold at the door and are \$5.00 and children 2 and under are free.

TMS CHORUS CONCERT

The TMS Chorus Concert will be May 6 at 7:00 in the TMS Cafeteria. Admission is free.

KINGS DOMINION FIELD TRIP

Band and Chorus students will be going to and competing at Kings Dominion on May 10th from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm

TMS BAND CONCERT

The TMS Band Concert is Tuesday, May 14th at Tabb High School at 6:30 p.m. and admission is free.

TABB HS PTSA Board 2019-20 – Rising 9th grade parents welcome!

If you would like to be a part of the Tabb PTSA next year, the following positions are open: Vice President, Hospitality (2 co-chairs), Publicity and After Prom (2 co-chairs). Please contact one of the members of the nominating committee Andrea Ross, Victoria Presaud or Kim Kaminer if you are interested.

(rossfamily99@yahoo.com, victoria_persaud03@hotmail.com kimkaminer@gmail.com)

Final voting and nominations will take place at the next General Meeting on May 13th in the Tabb HS cafeteria at 6 pm. Rising 9th grade parents welcome!!!

8TH GRADE CELEBRATION- June 1, 2019

The eighth grade celebration will be held on Saturday, June 1st from 7:00pm - 9:00pm with the theme Hollywood Night. This event is only for TMS eighth graders and is a dress up evening for our students; however, this is not a formal dance or prom. Gentlemen should wear collared shirts with nice slacks - no jeans or sneakers. Ladies should wear age-appropriate dresses that meet the school dress code (no spaghetti straps or strapless dresses). The 8th Grade Celebration is not a couple's dance - students should, instead, come with friends and enjoy the evening. Parents - we discourage you from renting limousines for this event, as it is not intended to be a formal prom-type of event. There is no cost to the students as this celebration is being sponsored by the PTA and food and drinks will be provided. This evening event is a way for our students to celebrate the end of their middle school career!

The PTA volunteers coordinating the 8th grade celebration dance are asking for two pictures (baby and recent) of your student if you wish for your student's pictures to be included in a slide show. Please EMAIL your student's picture to Pamela Robinson at preciosa1994@gmail.com or you can bring the pictures to the main office to be scanned and immediately returned. Be sure to include your student's name in the email to Ms. Robinson.

SOL TESTING

During SOL Testing, students will not be allowed to bring any electronic devices or book bags into the testing site. Please encourage your child to eat a good breakfast the morning of the test and give the test 100% of their effort. **Please refrain from scheduling appointments that require late arrivals or early dismissals on testing days.** Thank you for supporting and encouraging your child as he/she prepares to take the SOL tests. If you have any questions regarding these assessments, please contact Brittany West, School Testing Coordinator at 867-4879.

Spring SOL Dates:

May 13	Science 8
May 14	Math 6
May 15	Algebra I
May 16	Pre-Algebra 8/Geometry
May 17	Reading 7
May 20	Reading 8
May 21	Reading 6
May 22	Math 7 or Math 8 (7th grade)
May 23	Civics
May 24	Math 8 (6th Grade)
May 28-31	Make-Ups
June 3-7	Expedited Retakes

Order Your Yearbook!

Yearbooks will be distributed the last week of school. The deadline to order yearbooks has passed but we will have a limited amount that can be pre-ordered on a first-come, first serve basis for \$45.00. Order forms can be picked up in the Main Office and orders and payment will be accepted until June 6th or until copies run out

American Heart Challenge (formerly HOOPS for HEART) April 15 – 22

The Physical Education Department is participating in a very special community service program to raise funds for the American Heart Association during your student's Physical Education class.

We're joining in the fight against our nation's No. 1 and No. 3 killers — cardiovascular disease and stroke. The American Heart Challenge is a nationwide event that helps students learn about the benefits of regular physical activity and heart health while raising funds to fight heart disease and stroke. The money our school raises will fund potentially lifesaving research and will support programs that help people in our community. It is a fun and effective way to teach heart-healthy living. It emphasizes the importance of physical activity as our students do something they enjoy — playing basketball, jumping rope, playing four-square and walking for a week during the physical education classes.

Please support your student's participation in the charity event by helping them raise money. The money contributed will go directly to the American Heart Association to help fund research grants. Our efforts can truly make a difference.

Students can register on-line by going to heart.org/americanheartchallenge and search for Tabb Middle School. The rest is easy.

Thank you all for your generosity!

Sincerely,

TMS Physical Education teachers

SCHOLASTIC BUY ONE GET ONE FREE BOOK FAIR

The Spring Book Fair will be held in the TMS Library Media Center April 22-26. Students will have an opportunity to shop at the Book Fair on the date designated below with your student's English class. Students may also come to the fair during school hours on other dates of the Fair as long as they have a pass. Students may come after school to shop as long as they are accompanied by an adult.

The fair will be open daily from 8:00-3:30 pm. I

Students will visit the Book Fair in their English classes as follows:

Monday, 4/22 – 6th grade

Tuesday, 4/23 – 7th grade A Day

Wednesday, 4/24 – 7th grade B Day

Thursday, 4/25 – 8th grade A Day

Friday, 4/26 – 8th grade B Day

On Tuesday, April 23rd there will be family fun & shopping from 3-5 pm.

Please stop by and buy one and get one free!

Form of Payment Accepted: Cash; Checks made payable to TMS for the exact amount of the purchase; debit/credit cards from parents only.

YCSD NEWS

EngageIN YCSD

The York County School Division has launched a new program to strengthen our business and community partnerships in the area of career awareness, exploration, and preparedness. The EngagedIN YCSD program seeks to connect local businesses, parents, and community members to share their experiences and expertise with students to help them understand the connection between school and real-world work and careers. If you would like to become involved, please complete the EngagedIN registration form via the link below to provide your contact information, career field information, engagement interests and availability. <https://yorkcountyschools.org/community/careerConnections/EngagedIN/>

SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS

Change in information

Please contact Lynn Gray in the counseling office at 757-898-0319 if your address, home, work, cell or emergency numbers have changed.

Moving during the school year?

Please be sure to complete and return a Withdrawal Notification Form which is attached or may be picked up from the main and counseling offices.

Once the completed Withdrawal Notification Form is received, an Unofficial Record will be prepared to include the most current report card, student academic history, IEP or 504 (if applicable) and immunization record. The Unofficial Record will be given to the parent or sent home with the student on his/her last day at Tabb Middle School. We are happy to prepare records with a minimum 48 hour notice.

Official Records/Transcripts must be sent directly to the receiving school by the counseling office after a Request for Records is received from the new school.

For more information, you may contact Mrs. Gray directly at 757-898-0319.

End-of-Year and Summer Withdrawals

Please be sure to complete and return a Withdrawal Notification form (attached) to the main or counseling offices.

If a student withdraws prior to the last fifteen (15) days of school, grades to date will be given, but no indication of promotion/retention will be made on the report card.

If a student withdraws within the last fifteen (15) days of school, final grades and placement for the next school year will be mailed and faxed. Please be sure a forwarding address is on the Withdrawal form or contact Mrs. Gray in the counseling office at 757-898-0319 with a forwarding address.

If a student is enrolled in a high school credit class and will be moving before the end of the year, arrangements must be made with that teacher for the student to take the final exam.

A Withdrawal Notification form has been attached to this message for your convenience.

TMS Behavior Expectations

TMS takes a positive and proactive approach to promoting good behavior. This information is shared to our school community through our ROAR Matrix (see ROAR Matrix attached). When students are not exhibiting their best ROAR behaviors, staff will conference with student, call and/or email parent(s), change students seat or location, give warnings (if appropriate), refer student the ROAR Matrix to reset expectations, and in some cases, submit a referral to school administration followed by a call home to discuss behavior, and work together to improve behavior to promote success.

TMS ATTENDANCE

The Virginia Department of Education's public school accountability reporting system defines "chronic absenteeism" as students who miss 10 percent or more of the school year. According to

the York County Public School's handbook, "To comply with the *Code of Virginia* § 22.1-254, students are expected to attend school every day and be on time unless there is illness or death in the immediate family. Doctor, dental, or personal appointments should be made on days off, half days, or after school hours when possible. Parents/Guardians are responsible for providing the school with a note (within 24 hours) indicating the reason(s) for the absence. Proper documentation must be provided for late arrivals to school and early dismissals in order for it to be excused. Please see the chart below in regards to attendance.

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| 1-4 unexcused absences | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The parent will be notified by phone or email or any other electronic means to obtain an explanation |
| 5 unexcused absences | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A parent conference will be scheduled• Student will be referred to a school based multi-disciplinary team and an attendance contract will be developed. |
| 6 unexcused absences | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A parent conference will be scheduled with the Coordinator of Enrollment and Attendance.• An attendance plan will be developed |
| 7 or more unexcused absences | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Coordinator of Enrollment and Attendance will meet with the York County Truancy Team and may contact the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. |
| 10 or more absences | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proper documentation will be required for future absences to be excused. |
| 15 days of consecutive absences | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Withdrawal of the student from the attendance roll. |

If you have any questions about attendance, please email Brittany West, Assessment & Compliance Coordinator, at bwest@ycsd.york.va.us

Relay For Life

It isn't too late to join our team. Just visit our Relay website or contact Mrs. Reynolds for more info. The link to the Newport News-York-Poquoson webpage is <https://tinyurl.com/ydyx69qo> .

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.

TMS AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND ACTIVITY BUSES

After school activity buses 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>

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 helps our buses to enter the parking lot.

The side parking lot (near the trailer) is 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 are permitted to load and unload in this lot.

As an additional reminder, state law prohibits passing a stopped school bus when the red lights are flashing and the stop-arm is extended. This includes when buses are loading or unloading students on school property. 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.

Finally, 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 strive 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

As the warmer weather approaches, students are reminded to adhere to the Dress Code policy. This information can be viewed on the TMS website at:
http://www.edline.net/pages/TabbMS/Students/Dress_Code

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](#)

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

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.