



January 24, 2022

Dear Fifth Grade Parents/Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you healthy and well. We are at the halfway point of the school year already and before you know it, your child will be entering sixth grade! We are looking forward to having your children join us at TMS. We have planned activities to help both you and your children feel more comfortable with the transition to middle school, and starting this week we are visiting the four elementary schools to meet the students in person. Below is an outline of events:

January 26th and 27th 5th Grade Classroom Visits: The following staff and I will visit the elementary schools: Mr. Comey, Vice Principal, Ms. Paz, Supervisor of Curriculum, Ms. Zerling, Grade 6 Counselor, Mr. Fahrenkopf, Lead Content Teacher for World Languages, and Dr. Burja, K-12 Lead Content Teacher for Fine and Practical Arts. Students will be presented with an introduction to our TMS programs and learn about courses available to them. The only choices we need you to make are which world language you choose to study and whether or not you would like to be a music performer.

Please carefully review this form with your student: [CLICK HERE](#). This is a course selection form for World Language and Music. This form is due by Friday, February 25th after we meet you at the Parent Orientation.

Wednesday, February 16th, 7:00pm – 5th Grade TMS Parent Orientation: Mr. Comey, Ms. Paz, and I will meet with all 5th grade parents. There will be time to ask questions, speak with any of us, and meet other parents of fifth graders. The TMS HSA will provide information about their activities as well. This evening is for all "veteran" and "novice" TMS parents. It is the first step in having you become an active member of our TMS community. This meeting may be in person or virtual (TBD). We will confirm with you as we approach the date.

Fifth Grade Student Orientation: 5th Grade students will visit TMS during the school day. Your child's school will schedule this visit in the spring. Details will be communicated as we approach those dates.

6th Grade Meet and Greet - August 30th from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Invitations and reminders will be emailed to parents over the summer and information will be posted on our website. If your child is unable to attend the Meet and Greet, that won't be a problem. The Meet and Greet can be a fun event for our students, but it is by no means a necessary component for transition into the Middle School. The first few weeks of school are designed to help our sixth graders adjust to their new school and settings.

September 21, 2022: Back-to-School Night at TMS

We look forward to seeing all of you at the Parent Orientation on February 16th!

Sincerely,

John D. Fabbo
Principal