

Turkey Hill School Gobbler Newsletter

January 9th, 2026

SCHOOL NEWS

A Message from Student Council: The THS Student Council is excited to announce a Winter Clothing Drive to support Loaves & Fishes, a non-profit organization in New Haven that helps individuals and families in need. From January 14 through January 30, we will be collecting clean winter clothing in good condition, such as coats, hats, gloves, scarves, pants, and warm sweaters. All donations may be placed in the collection boxes located in the front lobby of the school. Thank you for helping us spread warmth this winter!

Reminder: Kindergarten Registration 26-27: All students who are 5 years old by September 1, 2026 are eligible to attend kindergarten.

Parents may begin the [initial contact form for registration](#).

Students who will be 5 years old between September 2, 2026-January 1, 2027

- A written request must be provided to the Mary L. Tracy School's principal, Mrs. Elaine Watson (ewatson@orange-ed.org) in order for your child to be considered to enter kindergarten.
- Once a request is received you will be sent confirmation of your request.
- An appointment will then be scheduled for your child to be screened for early entry.
- After the assessment has been conducted you will be notified if your child is able to attend kindergarten.

Reminder: Orange Public Schools Preschool Lottery: Limited Openings for 2026-2027

Community Peer/Tuition-Based Program. The application deadline to enter the Lottery is January 29th, 2026. For more information -click here- [Preschool Lottery for 2026-2027](#)

AV Club Morning Broadcast: Click [here](#) to see this week's AV Broadcast. You will be prompted to type in a password. Our password is turkey.

Virtual Backpack: Here you will find copies of all of the notices we typically send home by email or with your child or community events.

- [School News](#)
- [Community Events](#)
 - [Amazing Animal Ambassadors](#)
 - [Amity Health & Fitness Expo](#)
- [PTO information](#)

PTO EVENTS

 **AUTHOR VISIT FOR GRADES 3-6:** Our author visit with Lauren Tarshis is on Monday, 1/12. Pre-ordered books have arrived and will be distributed after the event with signature plates from Lauren. If you missed out on pre-orders, we have requested extra copies for our **next book fair on February 23-27**, so your child can grab one then!

 **BINGO NIGHT:** Join us in the THS gym for **Bingo Night on Friday, 1/30 from 6:30-8:30 pm**. A snow date has been scheduled for Friday, 2/20. Silver Sands Pizza will be available on-site for an additional charge. The PTO is requesting prize donations of unopened/unused items with a value of \$5-\$20 by 1/29. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. [Click here to register](#).

 **THS NIGHT AT BRIDGEPORT ISLANDERS:** Orange schools have a special section just for us at Star Wars Night at the Bridgeport Islanders game on Saturday, January 24th! [Click here to get your tickets](#) and a portion of each ticket supports the THS PTO!

 **LITTLE LADY & A LOVED ONE EVENT:** Save the date for **Friday, 2/28 from 6-8 pm!** More information is coming soon!

 **TALENT SHOW:** The **THS Talent Show is Thursday, 3/12 at 6pm!** Students in grades 1-6 are welcome to do solo or group acts in our 2026 Talent Show! You can sing, dance, juggle, perform a comedy show, ride a unicycle... whatever your talent, we want to see it! The first step is to have your child choose their act and find some performance partners (if they'd like). A permission form will be available shortly and is **REQUIRED** for participation, so stay tuned. [THS Talent Show Flyer](#)
There will be a MANDATORY rehearsal on Tuesday, 3/10 at either 6pm or 7pm.

 **TURKEY TITAN SCHOOL STORE:** The school store will be open during lunch every other Wednesday. Gift certificates are available for purchase and are a great option for birthday or holiday celebrations. **The next scheduled opening is on Wednesday, 1/14.**

 **YEARBOOK PHOTOS:** Currently accepting photos from all **Holiday Events** and in-school activities: **Art Goes to School, AV Club, Band, Library & Orchestra.**
[Click here to submit photos for the yearbook!](#)

 **MONTHLY PTO MEETING:** The next PTO meeting is **Friday, 2/6 at 9:00 am.** Meetings are virtual via Google Meet. We hope you can join us! [Link to the February PTO Meeting](#)

STAY IN TOUCH! Want to stay up to date on ALL that is happening at THS?

- Follow us on [Facebook](#)
- Get [Remind texts](#) for important updates
- Sync our [THS PTO calendar](#) to your own
- Find links to all the latest on the [THS PTO website](#)
- We welcome your questions and feedback! Email us anytime at turkeyhillpto@gmail.com

CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12th Grades 3-6 Author Visit: Lauren Tarshis	13th	14th School Store Band/ Orchestra Concert @ 6:30pm	15th	16th Junior Achievement Day
19th No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20th Board of Education Meeting 7pm	21st	22nd	23rd

TURKEY HILL SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

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