



TRIAD

MIDDLE SCHOOL

"Home of the Crusaders"

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TMS Parent Message - September 24, 2021

Crusader Nation,

We have so much to be grateful for at Triad Middle School. Our students and staff members work extremely hard in and out of the classroom to make a positive difference in our community! The support that we receive at TMS from families, community members, and area businesses is certainly enviable. The outstanding reputation that our Triad schools have can be directly attributed to the outstanding people who live, work, and go to school in our communities. In this week's communication, I have included a variety of information and updates regarding programs and opportunities at Triad Middle School.

Fall MAP Testing: Please look for your child's individual Fall MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) report. If you did not already receive the report this week, you should expect for your child to bring it home on Monday. MAP tests determine your child's instructional level and measure academic growth throughout the school year. If you notice a "slip" in your child's scores, realize that it is common that most students suffer a "summer slide" as many fail to read, write, or work on math skills during the summer break. TMS teachers use classroom reports to target specific skills for instruction. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's teachers. We are starting to roll out a variety of opportunities to provide support to students who are struggling with their learning or homework.

NHS Evening Tutoring Sessions: Have you ever been stuck in the evening not knowing how to help your child with their homework or study for an upcoming quiz/test? This is a common problem experienced by parents at night and one in which we have a solution. The TMS/THS faculty are partnering with National Honor Society students to provide Evening Tutoring Sessions in the Triad High School Library. The sessions will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6-7pm. While in the library, we will have faculty assisted by NHS students to help your child with their homework. This might be a great idea for students who are busy with extracurricular activities after school but still need academic support. There isn't a sign up process and students can come and go as they please. They just need to have their own transportation along with specific questions/materials to receive tutoring. This event will start Tuesday, 9/28 and run on a rotation, every Tuesday and Thursday (excluding Fall Break/Thanksgiving Break) until Thursday, 12/16 from 6-7pm in the THS library unless otherwise posted. Entrance to the library is to the right of the circle drive through the main THS entrance doors. There is a security aide who sits at a desk

who will allow students into the building. If parents want to wait in the library, they may do so. We hope that your children will take advantage of this opportunity!

Regional Champs & Sportsmanship: Athletically, our baseball and softball teams continue to impress! Both teams won their respective SIJHSAA Regional Championship games and punched their tickets to the state quarterfinals in Centralia. In the softball regional championship, Avery Grenzebach dominated on the mound pitching the Crusaders to a 21-0 win over O'Fallon Fulton Jr. High. Ben Sink was just as impressive on the mound for the baseball team, as he threw a 6 inning perfect game (with 16 strikeouts) to lead the boys to an 8-0 win over O'Fallon Carriel Jr. High School. We are just as proud of both teams for their character and sportsmanship as we are their dominating play on the field. I appreciate a parent from Carriel Jr. High sending me the following congratulatory email:

Dr. Noyes,

I wanted to take a moment to let you know how proud the TMS administration and coaches should be of the boys that represent your school on the Varsity baseball team.

My son plays for Carriel, and we have been able to play against Triad four times this season (and against many of those kids during summer ball too). While yesterday didn't go quite how we would have liked, I wanted to make sure to reach out to you to commend the Triad boys on not just how well they played but what a tremendous group of young men they are.

Sports can sometimes bring out the worst in people in the heat of competition, and we have certainly experienced that with other teams in the area. That has never been the case with this group of boys from Triad! They have an incredible team dynamic that is fun to watch, and they have always exhibited the highest level of sportsmanship. They have been humble winners and gracious losers, and I know the Triad community can expect great things from these young men in the future.

Best of luck to them at State...bring home a winner!

Please feel free to pass along to the coach and parents.

Regards,

Martha Stoffel

I realize that the message this parent sent me was specifically intended for the baseball coaches, players, and parents, but I am sharing this with all of you because these are the types of things that we should be talking about and celebrating in our school, community, and greater region. These kind words are not only a direct reflection of the types of student-athletes and coaches we have, and not only a reflection of the lessons and values we attempt to instill through things like Caring School Community, but they are also a direct reflection of you, parents and family members. We are so proud of our outstanding students, teachers, athletes, and coaches, and we appreciate your contributions and support, as well. **#TriadProud**

Fundraising Thank You: Thank you for all of your support with our Fall fundraiser, Bobby's Caramel Apples! We sold over 2500 apples, raising overall \$10,000 for the TMS activity fund. The apples will be delivered to TMS on **Monday, October 4th**, so students should be prepared to take apples home that day. Here were our big winners:

- Our top three sellers were: Audra Hagemeyer (Mrs. Knolhoff) with 80 apples, Alex Moore (Mrs. Allen) with 67 apples, and Cooper Govreau (Mrs. Knolhoff) with 53 apples!

- Austin Walden (Mrs. Knolhoff) won the "behind the scenes at Bobby's" drawing.
- Mrs. Knolhoff's homeroom won the Bobby's sundae party, with a grand total of 263 apples sold!
- 49 of our TMS students will get to participate in an ice cream party with the office staff because they reached the goal of selling 20 or more! Congrats and thank you for the tremendous support!

Other Fundraising Opportunities: Did you know that raising money for Triad Middle School can be as easy as scanning your grocery receipt with an app on your phone? Check out this information on the [BoxTops app](#)! It's an easy process. Sign up today and start earning money for TMS!

Too Good For Drugs: *Too Good for Drugs*, is an evidenced based prevention education program designed to mitigate the risk factors and enhance protective factors related to alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use. The lessons introduce and develop social and emotional skills for making healthy choices, building positive friendships, developing self-efficacy, communicating effectively, and resisting peer pressure and influence. Once a week, our 7th graders have a classroom lesson that includes lots of activities, games, and workbook exercises. Students will also bring home activities to work on as a family, and your involvement is highly encouraged. Please try to ask your student what they learned in this class each week and discuss it with them.

Health & Wellness Reminders: Dental exams are due for 6th graders by May 15, 2022. There is a free dental clinic on October 11th for students on free/reduced lunch: [Dental Clinic Flyer](#).

Help Wanted: Did you know that the Triad District is hiring? We are always in need of outstanding people interested in joining our team. We are currently looking for a noon-time supervisor in the TMS cafeteria and an 8th grade science teacher. There are other jobs available within the district, as well. If you or someone you know is seeking employment, even just part-time, please see the information included on the district website: [Current Triad CUSD #2 Vacancies](#). Please reach out and touch base for more information.

Yearbooks / Picture Requests: Don't miss out on ordering the 2022 TMS yearbook at the low price of \$20.00 at [TMS yearbook](#). Also, please feel free to email any pictures of TMS sports, activities, and first day photos to tmsyearbook@tcusd2.org.

Upcoming Events/Dates

September 29 - Cabaret Jr. auditions in the chorus room for students who have a special talent (singing, dancing, juggling, playing an instrument, etc) - Audition forms are available in the TMS Office.

October 8 - Early Dismissal - End of 1st Q - TMS will dismiss students at 10:35am. No lunch served

October 11 - Free [Dental Clinic](#) for students on free/reduced lunch

October 22 - 1st Quarter Grades will be available in the Portfolio section of Skyward Family Access

November 13 - Highland Arts Council's 5th annual Youth Arts Exposition - [Registration Due Nov. 3rd](#)

Have a great weekend,

Matthew Noyes, Ed.D.
TMS Principal