

Principal's Message

As we enter October, the school year is officially in full swing! Our initial assessments are complete, clubs are meeting and beginning to plan their activities and events for the year, and our fall sports teams are off to a strong start. It has been exciting to see our students settling into their routines and becoming increasingly involved in all that TOIS has to offer. October is a busy and exciting month, filled with activities and events both during the school day and in the evenings. Please be sure to review the **Upcoming Events** section of this newsletter for important dates and information so you can stay connected with everything happening at TOIS.

At TOIS, we also have a strong tradition of students and staff showing their school spirit by dressing up for Halloween. If your student plans to participate in our Halloween Dress-Up Day on **Friday, October 30**, we ask that everyone follow a few important guidelines:

- **No masks or items that obstruct vision** should be worn.
- Students should **arrive at school fully dressed and ready for the day**, including any face paint, makeup, or colored hair spray.
- We know accessories can make a costume, but anything that could be used or misconstrued as a weapon, including toy guns, swords, sticks, nunchucks, or similar items, **must remain at home**.
- All costumes, including footwear, must **adhere to the school dress code** and be appropriate for the school environment.

If your student has any specific questions about their costume or whether an item is appropriate, please encourage them to seek out an administrator during lunch prior to Halloween so we can address their questions in advance.

Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership and support. Wishing all of our Spartan families a fantastic fall month filled with learning, activities, and plenty of Spartan spirit!

Supervisor Spotlight

We are excited about the strong start to the school year in our TOIS English Language Arts classrooms! Students have quickly settled into classroom routines and are engaging in meaningful reading, writing, discussion, and skill-building activities across all grade levels.

As part of our fall instructional planning, students participate in several screeners that provide teachers with valuable information about individual strengths and areas for continued growth. DIBELS, administered in ELA classes throughout September, provides a brief snapshot of students' foundational reading and oral reading fluency skills. Families interested in learning more can review the DIBELS Family Guide.

In early October, students will also complete the IXL LevelUp Diagnostic as part of a schoolwide administration, which helps identify students' current skill levels and provides teachers with information to support targeted instruction throughout the year. Additional information is available in the IXL Family Guide.

Assessment results will be available to families through the LinkIt Parent Portal. Information about registering for and accessing the Parent Portal will be emailed by the Office of Teaching and Learning in October.

We look forward to building on this strong beginning and to a year of continued growth, engagement, and success for all of our TOIS students!



Mrs. Michelle Shappirio

Supervisor - ELA & Intervention & Instructional Coaching, K-5

Mr. Ian Schwartz

Supervisor - ELA, ELA Intervention & World Languages 6-12

Learn • Include • Support

This October, our **Learn • Include • Support** focus recognizes **Learning Disabilities, Dyslexia, and ADHD Awareness**. Students learn, process information, organize their thinking, maintain attention, read, write, and demonstrate their understanding in different ways. These differences may shape **how** a student learns, but they do not define a student's ability or potential.

LEARN: Learning differences can affect how students process information and demonstrate what they know. Understanding those differences helps us recognize and build upon each student's individual strengths.

INCLUDE: An inclusive learning environment provides students with multiple ways to access information, participate in learning, and demonstrate their understanding. When we create different pathways to learning, we create opportunities for more students to experience success.

SUPPORT: Sometimes small instructional practices can make a significant difference. Breaking larger tasks into manageable steps, using visuals and models, providing clear and explicit instruction, and allowing appropriate processing time can help students become more confident and independent learners.

At TOIS, we believe that **different ways of learning can lead to equally meaningful accomplishments.** By continuing to learn, include, and support, we help create a school where every Spartan has the opportunity to recognize their strengths, overcome challenges, and reach their potential.



Mrs. Erin Leahy

Supervisor - Special Education, K-5

Ms. Jessica Olson

Supervisor - Special Education, 6-12



Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Location	Participants
October 1st	IXL - Math	During the School Day	Classrooms	Students
October 2nd	IXL - ELA	During the School Day	Classrooms	Students
October 5th 9th	Week of Respect	During the School Day	TOIS	Students/Staff
October 8th	5th/6th Grade Social (PTA Sponsored Event)	7:00-8:30	TOIS	Students
October 9th	Wear Blue and Gold	During the School Day	TOIS	Students
October 13th	5th Grade Picture Day	During the School Day	TOIS	Students
October 14th	6/7/8th Grade Picture Day	During the School Day	TOIS	Students
October 15th	TSA Bingo Night Fundraiser	7:00-8:30	Cafe	Students/ Parents/ All are welcome
October 20th	Internet Safety Assembly	During the School Day	TOIS	Students/Staff
October 23rd	Pink Out (Breast Cancer Awarness) **Wear Pink**	During the School Day	TOIS	Students/Staff
October 29th	Halloween Dance Grades 6-8 (Student Council Sponsored Event)	7:00-8:30	Cafe	Students

October 30th	Halloween Dress-up Day	During the School Day	TOIS	Students/Staff
October 30th	5th Grade Special Snack Day	During the School Day	Classroom	Students



Club Meeting Dates for the Upcoming Month

Students in **Grades 6–8** will have two opportunities during the school year to join TOIS clubs and activities. The first enrollment period begins **immediately following our Student Activities Showcase**, giving students an opportunity to learn more about the many clubs available at TOIS. While some clubs may have already begun meeting with returning members from the previous school year, **all students interested in joining a new club for Semester 1 will have until October 15 to do so.** A second opportunity to join will be offered **atthe semester break**, allowing students to explore something new during the second half of the school year.

Clubs meet after school on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 2:30–3:15 PM**. **Late buses are available on allthree days** for students who need transportation home.

We encourage all students to get involved, discover new interests, connect with their peers, and take advantage of the many opportunities available beyond the bell!

Please refer to the table below for important dates and additional information.

Club/Activity	Date(s)	Location
5th Grade Book Club	10/6, 10/20	5116
5th Grade Explore Science Club	10/20	706
5th Grade Markerspace Club	10/21	804
5th/6th Grade Chorus (Sopranos)	10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27	512
5th/6th Grade Chorus (Altos)	10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29	512
5th/6th Intramurals	Every Tuesday and Thursday Currently at Capacity	Main Gym
Art Club	10/13, 10/27	677

Dance Club	Every Tues., Wed. Thurs. Based on the rehearsal schedule	X09
Deeply Rooted	10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28	660
Deeply Rooted - Steppers	10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29	Commons

Club/Activity	Date(s)	Location
ESports	10/6, 10/7, 10/13, 10/14, 10/20, 10/21, 10/27, 10/28	807
Garden Club	10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27	705/Garden
History Club	10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28	657
Hope Club	10/1, 10/27	855
Makerspace Grades 6-8	10/7	804
Math Club	10/6, 10/13	855
Rocket Club	10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29	706
Sand Pebbles	10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28	607
Student Council	10/6, 10/15	652
Theatre Club	10/6, 10/13, 10/27	210
TOIS Concert Choir	10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28	512
TSA	10/14, 10/28	208
Unified Social Cafe	10/29	5104
Yearbook	Meeting dates vary based on school events and coverage needs	710

Social Emotional Learning

Internet Safety & Social Media: Continuing the Conversation

At TOIS, we believe it is important not to shy away from sensitive topics, but rather to find the right balance in discussing them openly, thoughtfully, and age-appropriately with our Spartans. One of those increasingly important conversations involves **internet safety, social media, and the ever changing digital world our students navigate each day**.

Each October, we dedicate time to educating our students about internet safety and emerging social media trends. We intentionally bring in different presenters from year to year, providing our students with new perspectives while reinforcing one common message: **keeping our children safe, both mentally and physically, is a shared priority.**

This year, our students will engage with **Robb Holla, B.S., R.T.(R)(ARRT)**. Robb has a professional background in healthcare and radiography, including experience working in both emergency room and operating room settings. Those experiences provided him with a firsthand look at how decisions can impact an individual's health, family, and future.

Robb combines his real-world experiences with humor, storytelling, questions, student interaction, and a high-energy presentation style to make serious topics relatable, understandable, and memorable for students. Our student assemblies will take place on **October 20th**.

Continue the Conversation at Home

We know that one school assembly cannot, and should not, be the end of these important conversations. Our greatest impact occurs when **school and home are speaking a shared language**.

To help families continue the conversation, Robb has prepared a resource highlighting key points from his presentation, important topics of focus, and language that parents and guardians can use when talking with their students. We encourage you to review the resource and use it as an opportunity to ask questions, listen, and continue these important conversations at home.

CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE PARENT/GUARDIAN RESOURCE

Keeping our Spartans safe in an ever-changing digital world requires all of us. Thank you for partnering with TOIS as we help our students learn to make safe, healthy, and responsible choices both online and offline.



In Case You Missed It...

With so much happening at TOIS each month, it can be easy to miss an important update or event. **In Case You Missed It** provides a quick recap of a few important moments, messages, and opportunities to help our Spartan families stay informed and connected.

Back to School Night

Thank you to all of our families who joined us for **Back to School Night!** We appreciate you taking the time to learn more about your student's classes and partner with us for a successful school year. **CLICK HERE** to view my opening address from the evening.

Lost Something? Check Spartan Finds!

At TOIS, we know your belongings are valuable, and we do our best to help reunite lost items with their owners! If you cannot find your missing item on the **Lost & Found table in the cafeteria**, there is a good chance it has been inventoried through our **Spartan Finds** program. **CLICK HERE** to view our monthly inventory of found items. Don't see what you're looking for? No worries! Email us at **Spartanfinds@oceanschools.org** with a brief description of your item, and we'll do our best to help locate your missing item.



PTA

Helping Make the TOIS Experience Special

Our TOIS PTA is ready to kick off another exciting school year! From student socials and special events to assemblies, class trips, the Book Fair, and other TOIS traditions, our PTA plays an important role in creating memorable experiences for our students.

Join Us for Our First PTA Meeting

Our first PTA meeting of the school year will take place on October 14 at 7:00 PM in the TOIS Cafeteria. We invite all parents and guardians to join us, learn more about the PTA, and discover ways to become involved in our school community.

Immediately following the PTA meeting, the TOIS Administrative Team will provide a brief presentation on our school emergency plans and preparedness practices.

The safety and security of our school community is one of our highest priorities. An important part of maintaining a safe school environment is ensuring that our families understand how we prepare for and respond to emergency situations. This presentation will provide parents and guardians with an overview of our planning and practices and help strengthen the partnership between school and home when it comes to keeping our Spartans safe.

We hope you will join us on October 14 for both the PTA meeting and this important conversation.

Interested in getting involved with the PTA? Please contact PTA President Kristina Legg at kmdlegg@gmail.com.

Meeting Dates
October 14th
January 6th
March 10th
April 14th
May 12th



Social Media

Follow Along & Celebrate With Us

Want to stay up to date and get an inside look at all the amazing things happening throughout our schools? Follow us on Instagram at @homeofthespartans!

From Pre-K through Grade 12, we use our social media platforms to celebrate student and staff accomplishments, showcase special events, highlight programs, and share the everyday moments that make our Spartan community so special.

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