

Tuslaw Middle School

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Dear TMS Parents & Students:

Welcome back to the TMS 2025-2026 school year. We look forward to an awesome school year.

Student schedules are NOT mailed home. All Grade 5-8 schedules (including homeroom and locker info) can be viewed beginning on August 1 through the Home Access Center <https://hac.sparcc.org/HomeAccess>. Please call the TMS Office 330-837-7807 if you are having trouble logging into the Home Access Center. Please review the schedule and contact Mrs. Miklas, TMS School Counselor at amiklas@tuslawschools.org for any questions..

We will have a homeroom on the first day of school (student schedule, locker, and home room assignment is viewable in the Home Access Center). Students will also receive a paper copy of their finalized schedule during homeroom on the first day of school. Students will be provided ample time and assistance during the first days of school to find their homeroom, locker, and classrooms. We do not have a homeroom every day at TMS. Students will report to their first period class daily unless otherwise directed.

Important Dates:

Monday, August 18, 2025: Grade 5 & New Student Drop-In Open House, 2:00-3:00pm or 5:30-6:30pm.

Tuesday, August 19, 2025: First Day for Students. Report to Homeroom.

Thursday, August 21, 2025: Student Picture Day. Order forms will be provided on the first day of school.

- On-line access to ordering will be provided through a One Call notification message or email.

Notice about SCHOOL FEES:

Please make sure any PAST school year fees or outstanding balances are paid up to date. School fee balances can be viewed in the [Pay Schools System](#). Each year fee statements are sent home from the District Office. All outstanding (prior years or past due) school fees must be paid and up-to-date to be eligible for participation in field trips such as 6th Grade Camp, 8th Grade Washington DC, or other grade level field trips. If you have extenuating circumstances please reach out to the District Treasurer to discuss possible payment plans.

Key Information:

- **District Website** tuslawschools.org
- **School Year Calendar** [Tuslaw District Calendar](#)
- **Final Forms** You MUST complete/update this for the 2025-26 school year on-line **BEFORE the first day of school** (also includes items such as transportation/bussing requests, free-reduced lunch forms, media release, technology agreement, and handbook agreement).
- Students who are driven to school may be dropped off BEHIND the MS/HS in the morning anytime after 7:15am. Please pull forward towards Door 10 (High School) for AM drop off to help keep the cars moving forward. If every car tries to stop and unload right at the Door 7B crosswalk, traffic will back-up! Students should walk on the sidewalk back towards the Middle School and enter through Door 7B. Door 7B will not be unlocked until 7:15am and will relock at 7:40am. Students will report to the cafeteria and remain there until dismissed. Breakfast is available in the cafeteria.
- Students are assigned a locker to use at school. Locker number and combination can be found on the student schedule and in Home Access Center. Students should NOT use any tape or adhesives in/on their locker (magnets only).
- Students must submit a Free/Reduced Lunch Application to qualify for free/reduced lunch and course fee waivers.
- **Supply Lists** are posted on the District Website.
- **For the 5th graders who will be new to the TMS building:** The teacher team will welcome them as they enter the building, help them find their rooms (which are right by the main entrance), and build all the necessary orientation topics and procedures into the first few days of school. Teachers will explain how the lockers will be used, help students find their lockers and practice their combination, and provide time for all students to adapt to their new setting. We know this is a new environment for them and we will be welcoming, understanding, and encouraging to them as they experience their new surroundings.

General Student Information & Procedures:

Office Staff

- Mr. Rich Dinko, Principal
- Mr. Justin Shackle, Assistant Principal
- Mrs. Ashley Miklas, School Guidance Counselor
- Mrs. Amelia Wolfe, TMS Building Secretary

Communications

- Website, Facebook, Newsletters, Email, Google Calendar
- One Call Now (recorded phone/email notifications/messages)
- Home Access Center (on-line gradebook)- link on school website <https://hac.sparcc.org/HomeAccess>
- Student Planner- provided for students to record daily assignments
- Individual Teacher Tools (ex- Remind, Google Classroom, Websites)

TMS Handbook- on website- please review [TMS Student/Parent Handbook 2025-2026](#)

- No cell phones during the school day (turn off and store in locker)
- No backpacks, drawstring bags, "trapper keepers" or book bags during the school day (store in locker)
- Dress code- please review student handbook and follow guidelines

Transportation

- Request bussing through Final Forms
 - Bus schedules and bus stop information is coordinated by the District Transportation Department.
 - Email sjordan@tuslawschools.org or call 330-837-7813 or for any questions or concerns.
- Front Drive of School is for **BUSSES ONLY** before and after school during designated times.
- Car/Driver- Before and After School student drop-off & pick-up is at **Door 7B (back of school)**
 - Must drop off at Back of School- follow one-way traffic loop by THS in and out of back lot
 - [Morning Drop Off & Afternoon Pickup Procedures - Car Riders](#)
 - **Drop-off 7:15am-7:40am:** Back of school ONLY- pull forward along curb towards HS Door 10 and exit to sidewalk side- do not cross other vehicles
 - Enter TMS Door 7B- will be open at 7:15am- report to Cafeteria- breakfast is available
 - **Pick-up 2:25pm-2:35pm:** Back of School ONLY- line up starting at HS Door 10 according to directions regarding time and grade level
 - Be cautious regarding students crossing traffic and cars exiting lines
 - [5th & 6th Grade Afternoon Pick Up Procedure](#)
 - [5th & 6th Grade Car Rider - EARLY RELEASE PERMISSION SLIP](#)
 - [7th & 8th Graders Car Riders Pick Up Plan](#)

Bell Schedule

- 7:42am Warning Bell Rings- Report to or be in 1st Period class
- 7:45am First Period Begins
- 2:35pm Last Period Ends- Dismissal to Busses
 - 5th & 6th grade DAILY Car/Drivers with signed permission form will be released at 2:25pm

Attendance

- **Report absence before school starts-** can leave a message (330) 837-7807 or speak to TMS building secretary- **students MUST BE CALLED OFF from school before 7:45am if they are ABSENT**
- Assignments when absent- students can get assignments through google classroom or teacher websites
- Extended absence- call TMS school office to notify of anticipated dates- maintain contact with teachers regarding assignments- google classroom
- Ohio attendance laws- thresholds are based on the number of hours of school missed
- Max of 2 Tardies to school each 9 weeks- 3rd tardy and beyond would result in school consequences
- Max of 5 Vacation days for the school year. Vacation days may not be approved for students with excessive absences or if there is a major conflict with state testing dates.

Cafeteria Breakfast & Lunch

- Lunch/breakfast prices for the 2025-26 school year are as follows:
 - Tuslaw Elementary School Lunch - \$3.25
 - Tuslaw Middle School and Tuslaw High School Lunch - \$3.75 Adult/Staff Lunch - \$5.00
 - Breakfast K-12- \$2.25 Adult/Staff Breakfast - \$2.75
 - Milk - \$0.65 Orange Juice - \$0.80
- A free/reduced lunch form MUST be completed if you wish to qualify for free/reduced lunch or any school FEE waivers. Use Final Forms to apply or contact the school office for more information.
- TMS is not an open campus- no visitors for lunch or fast food deliveries
- [Pay Schools System](#)- students use a code number to pay for lunch (lunch extras) or to pay school fees- can add to balance on-line or students can drop off payments at the Main Office in the morning before school (put in an envelope with title of Lunch Money, student name, grade and date).

Questions

- Call TMS School Office at **330-837-7807** for any questions, clarifications, or suggestions.