

January 4th, 2021

Dear parents/guardians,

I hope you and your students enjoyed a wonderful holiday season, and that the students are rested up and ready to get back into the swing of things with school. We at TCMS are anxious to have them back with us - in virtual and/or in-person.

This letter should help everyone understand how this semester will be starting and provide some help to those who are struggling with wrapping their heads around everything.

First - to those who are switching learning platforms (from virtual academy to in-person/NTI or vice versa): please check your schedule for the third term on Infinite Campus. Directions for doing so can be found on the TCMS Virtual Hub. If you haven't visited this helpful page, please do so ASAP, as there is a huge amount of information there that can assist you. The Virtual Hub can be accessed by going to our school website (<a href="https://tcms.todd.kyschools.us">https://tcms.todd.kyschools.us</a>) and clicking on the button on the far right of the screen that says Virtual Hub. There are colored boxes throughout this page that give helpful hints on accessing Edgenuity (our platform for virtual academy learners), Infinite Campus, Google Classroom, and more. Students who are having trouble figuring out things with the virtual platform need to contact either <a href="https://classroom.google.com">beth.oyler@todd.kyschools.us</a>, and they will be happy to help you through it. For students who are coming back to us for in-person, you will need to join Google Classrooms for your NTI learning. To join a class, go to <a href="https://classroom.google.com">https://classroom.google.com</a> and click on the plus sign in the top right corner of the page. The class codes are listed on the Virtual Hub, in the third column on the top of the page. Just find the code you need and add it. If you still have issues, contact the school and we'll gladly walk you through it.

Secondly - for those students who are now in-person/NTI, we will start a hybrid model of learning beginning next week. I know several have questions about this, and I'm hoping this will help you understand better what this offers your students. Essentially, beginning Monday, middle school (and high school) students who are zoned for North Todd Elementary will be at school for in-person instruction on Mondays and Tuesdays each week. NTES's zone is basically those north of the old 68/80 Highway; however, there are some exceptions. If you aren't sure which you are zoned for, please contact our bus garage by calling the board of education at 270-265-2436 and asking for them. Those zoned for South Todd Elementary will attend in-person on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please note this applies only for middle school & high school students. Our two elementary schools are having their students attend each day, Monday - Thursday. All students across the district - regardless of grade level - will be learning remotely from home on Fridays. The picture on the following page explains this in visual form.

Students will receive instruction on new information during the days they attend in-person. At that point, they will also be able to retrieve the information for them to work on at home digitally through their devices (the Chromebooks ordered by the TCBOE have yet to arrive, unfortunately, but we hope they will be in any day now). The assignments loaded on in-person days will be accessible to them at home on NTI days - even if you don't have WiFi access. The students can work on the documents offline, and then submit them when they return to our school the next scheduled day for them, and they'll be uploaded to the teachers at that time. This will benefit our students who have little to no access tremendously, and we're thankful to this opportunity to aid them.

We plan to follow this plan as long as our county is in the "red zone" on the state COVID-19 map. If we return to orange, the district will send notifications out through the school website, through all calls, and the district Facebook site, and in-person students will resume their normal five days/week schedule of in-person instruction.



Thank you for your patience, help, and understanding in this. This has been an extraordinary difficult year for our staff, our students, and each of you. We know and wish we could do more to assist. We want to be at school with your children and teaching them each day; however, we're at the mercy of this virus, state leaders, state mandates, and TCBOE guidance. We hope that the precautions they are having us take allows your families to stay healthy, and allows us to teach your students to the best of our ability until things get back to a more normal routine.

Please let us know if you have additional questions or concerns.

Thank you!

David A. Carmichael

Principal

**Todd County Middle School** 

## January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Virtual/NTI Day	5 Virtual/NTI Day	6 Virtual/NTI Day	7 Virtual/NTI Day	8 Virtual/NTI Day	9
10	11 GREY Day	12 GREY Day	13 RED Day	14 RED Day	15 Virtual/NTI Day	16
17	SCHOOL CLOSED MLK Jr. Birthday	19 GREY Day		21 RED Day	22 Virtual/NTI Day	23
24	25 GREY Day	26 GREY Day	27 RED Day	28 RED Day	29 Virtual/NTI Day	30
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TODD COUNTY SCHOOLS GREY/RED DAYS

GREY Day

TCMS / TCCHS students who live in the North Todd attendance area are designated as the "Grey" group, and attend In-Person on GREY Day

NTES & STES students are In Person

**RED** Day

TCMS / TCCHS students who live in the South Todd attendance area are designated as the "Red" group, and attend In-Person on RED Day

NTES & STES students are In Person

VIRTUAL/NTI Day

TCCHS Virtual

All students working from home on virtual based assignments NTES Virtual STES Virtual TCMS Virtual