

Thompson Public Schools

Spring 2019 Newsletter

Safety & Security Update

Safety Officer Program:

The members of the district's safety and security team continue to assess and update our safety and security plans. The feedback we received from the temporary after-school lockdown last week provided us with information to adjust our procedures.

I am pleased to announce that our after-school security program is now in place. Thanks to the members of the Boards of Education, Selectman, and Finance working together, the Town of Thompson has developed a high-quality safety program. A special thank you must be extended to Ken Beausoleil who was instrumental in putting the program together. Ken secured a safety consultant to build a program that meets the needs of the school community.

The Safety Officers will all be visible and in uniform (red shirt and black pants) daily from 2:00 pm until 9:00 pm or the close of a school event. The team has gone through a comprehensive training program that includes receiving Guard Certification from the State of Connecticut, ALICE Active Shooter training, CPR training, DCF Mandatory Reporter Training, and an overview of special education programs underway in the district. All safety personnel have an extensive law enforcement background and have all undergone a thorough background check.

Ben Barbour, Safety Consultant, will be meeting with the faculty and staff to go over the roles and responsibilities of the Safety Officers. He will also be meeting with the students at Thompson Middle School and Tourtellotte Memorial High School. The goal is for the Safety Officers to develop a rapport with students to ensure students feel comfortable approaching the officers if they have a concern. Research has proven that if students have support staff that they can confide in, the incidents of bullying decrease. Please refer to the following report for more information, [Final Report on the Federal Commission on School Safety](#):

<https://www2.ed.gov/documents/school-safety/school-safety-report.pdf>

If you have any questions about the Safety Program, please feel free to contact Ben Barbour at (860) 923-9380, X 520, or by email at Bbarbour@thompsonpublicschools.org.

It is important to note that both the Board of Education and Board of Selectman have added funds in their FY 2020 budget to expand the security program to include a daytime Safety Officer as well as maintaining the after-school hour safety program.

Drills

The district continues to conduct safety drills that include evacuation procedures. Thanks to the support of the team at Thompson Speedway, we have conducted several practice drills in the case of a full, district-wide evacuation due to flooding, fire, or other emergency. If students, faculty, and staff must leave the campus, parents will be directed to pick up their child at the Thompson Speedway. Organizing this reunification program is ongoing, and we thank both Dattco Bus Co. and Thompson Speedway for their assistance conducting the important emergency drills.

Safety Grant

Thompson Public Schools has been awarded a grant from Homeland Security in the amount of \$536,835. This grant will add additional security features to the school campus. The State of Connecticut will cover 68.57% of the project costs. The remaining amount of funds, \$168,727, will come from the Town which must be approved by a referendum vote.



Thompson Middle School Program Update

I am pleased to announce that Interim Principal Steven Knowlton has agreed to return to Thompson Middle School for the 2019/2020 school year. This decision was made to ensure that the program changes planned for the new school year are implemented well.

The district will post for a permanent Principal in February/March of 2020 with the goal of attracting top candidates to this position. Assistant Principal Laurence Prentiss will continue to be assigned at TMS on a full-time basis.



Chromebook Collection

All middle and high school students must return their Chromebooks at the end of the year. The technology team will be updating the devices over the summer weeks for re-distribution at the start of the school year. A final date for collection will be announced in the next few weeks. Please note that along with the Chromebooks, the district is also collecting the charger and carrying case.

Staffing Changes

Changes have been made to the programs at Thompson Middle School to better support the learning needs of students. The district has reduced / added positions and made assignment changes that do not impact the budget.

The following position adjustments are as follows:

New Positions

Guidance Counselor	Caitlyn Adler
Library/Media Specialist	Kerri Procko
Technology Educator	TBD

The new positions are offset by reductions made at TMHS and the second ELA classes in Grades 7/8.

New Assignments

<u>Grade Five Team</u>	<u>Grade Six Team</u>
Kathleen Claprood	Louise Morrison
Virginia Moylan	Judy Perkins
Michelle Roy	Erica Groh
TBD	Margaret Domina

Reminder: Every Monday at the Milltown Grille in North Grosvenordale, 10% of proceeds are donated to a Thompson Public Schools organization! Simply mention the Thompson Public Schools when placing your order or picking up for take-out!

Memorial Day Parade

Thompson Public Schools will be expanding participation in the Memorial Day Parade scheduled for Monday May 27, 2019, at 9:00 am. Band students at TMHS and TMS will be marching in the parade. The bands will be joined by TMS Student Council and 4-H Club students. New this year, the district will honor veterans with a Memorial Day Float created by students in Mr. Gerry Knall's art classes.

We are delighted to partner with the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars who have donated flags for our students to distribute to folks watching the procession. Members of the Tourtellotte Memorial High School Alumni Association are also supporting our schools by joining the parade in Alumni Regalia.

If you are a TMHS graduate and would like to join with fellow graduates in the parade, please contact Rachel Johnston: johnstonre@sbcglobal.net

Please make every effort to turn out to honor the memory of our veterans and support our students, teachers, and alumni.

Free Summer Meal Program

Breakfast and lunch will be served free of charge each day for **any child** up to 18 years of age.

Thompson Middle School Café:

July 8-August 8 (Monday-Thursday)

Breakfast: 8:00-9:00

Lunch: 11:30-12:30

Riverside Park: (No Lunch Served July 4th)

July 1-August 9 (Monday – Friday)

Lunch: 11:30-12:30

The summer meal program **REPLACES** the program formerly offered by TEEG.

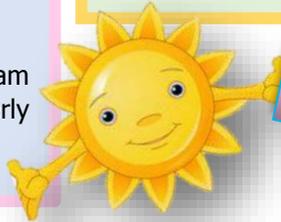
Extended School Year Program

Extended School Year Programs (ESY) for qualified special education students will be held July 8, 2019, through August 8, 2019, Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. ESY services are part of a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) if the team determines the student meet the criteria for this service. Any questions about ESY should be directed to your child's IEP Case Manager.

Summer Learning Program

Registration for students who qualify for the Summer Learning Program at Mary R. Fisher Elementary School are complete. The program will run from July 8, 2019, through August 8, 2019, Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. Title 1 students in grades three and four were selected to attend the program based on documented learning needs.

- Bus transportation will be provided for both the ESY and Summer Learning programs.
- Breakfast and lunch will be served each day.



Summer Programs

Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) Summer Classes

The district is excited to offer EMR training classes once again this summer. A special thank you to Amber Axtell for offering to teach this important course. Please review the information below. There are still a few more open seats for the class. If a student is interested in registering, please contact Lisa Canny at TMHS or Laurie Bernier at TMS for an application. The remaining seats will be on a first come, first served basis.

Description:

The Tourtellotte Memorial High School Medical Responder Program is an exciting 60-hour course offered to high school students. This course will cover topics such as A&P, medical/traumatic emergencies, prehospital treatment, and transport to the hospital. It will also prepare its participants to respond to an array of medical emergencies. EMR's are typically the first to respond to emergencies and are required to assess the sick and injured and administer lifesaving interventions wherever needed.

Requirements:

- Students must be 14 years of age or older by the end of the course to become certified in Connecticut.
- Students must maintain a score of 75% or higher to take the final written and practical skills exam.
- Once written and practical exams are passed, the student will be scheduled for an EMR certification exam conducted at TMHS by a State of Connecticut proctor.
- Students must be in good health and be able to perform physically demanding tasks associated with the role of EMR.
- Students must maintain good attendance to complete 60 hours of required class time and training.
- TMHS students will receive half credit upon completion of EMR certification.

Summer Session Classes Held:

Monday, June 24th

Wednesday, June 26th

Monday July 1st

Wednesday, July 3rd

Monday, July 8th

Wednesday, July 10th

Monday, July 15th

Tuesday, July 16th

Monday, July 29th

Wednesday, July 31st

Monday, August 5th

Wednesday, August 7th

Monday, August 12th

Wednesday, August 14th

Monday, August 19th

Wednesday, August 21st (test day)

** All classes will meet in the TMS Media Center*

Important Dates – Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday	June 11th	TMHS Graduation	6:00 pm	TPS Auditorium
Wednesday	June 12th	Half Day		
Thursday	June 13th	TMS Moving Up	6:00 pm	TPS Auditorium
		Half Day - Last Day of School		18/19 School Year



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2019-2020 CALENDAR

- Full Professional Development Days - August 27th, February 19th, April 9th
- Half-Day Professional Development - September 11th, November 13th, December 11th, January 15th, March 11th, April 8th
- Half-Days for Ed-Reflect - October 9th, February 12th, May 13th
- **Teachers Meeting - August 26th**
- **Professional Development - August 27th**
- **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - August 28th**

- Labor Day - September 2nd
- Columbus Day - October 14th
- Veterans' Day - November 11th
- Thanksgiving Recess - November 27th - 29th
- Holiday Recess - December 23rd - January 1st
- Christmas Day - December 25th
- New Year's Day - January 1st
- M.L. King's Birthday Observed - January 20th
- President's Day - February 17th
- February Break - February 17th - 18th
- Good Friday - April 10th
- Spring Recess - April 13th - 17th
- Memorial Day Observance - May 25th
- Scheduled Last Day - June 11th

This calendar represents a core 181-day schedule. School cancellations will be added to the scheduled last day on this calendar beginning June 12, 2020. The Board reserves the right to make any changes to this calendar.

- Holidays/Vacations 
- Prof. Development  - No School for Students
- Board of Education Meetings 
- Early Release Days 



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