



Thompson Middle School

Friday Forecast

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Thursday Edition

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**No School for Students tomorrow, October 6th
for a School Improvement Day &
Monday, October 9th to celebrate Columbus Day!**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...STEVE MORRILL

This week has been an emotional one for our Thompson Thunder community. Please keep an eye on your children during this extended time away from school. I am proud of the way our students and staff have shown compassion and caring for each other.

Thank you for the outpouring of sympathy from our families, fellow educators, and the community. Random Acts Matter brought us ten dozen doughnuts donated by Dimple's Donuts, the new bakery in St. Charles and a beautiful bouquet of flowers donated by Paragon Flowers in St. Charles. Thank you Random Acts Matter for supporting our staff once again.



CHECK-IN

As we are more than half way through the first quarter, please take the time to talk with your student about his/her work during these first six weeks of school. What has been going well? What has been a challenge? If you have any questions about your student's school work, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Also, remember to regularly monitor your student's progress on the Home Access Center, which can be accessed through the d303.org website. If you have questions on how to access this site, please call the main office at 331-228-3100.

Thank you for taking an active role in your child's learning!

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Student/parent/teacher conferences will take place on Monday, November 20th from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm and Tuesday, November 21st from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. You will receive more information from your child's team leader regarding the format for these conferences. Like last year, signup is via a link in the Home Access Center which will be available to families starting Monday, October 16th through Wednesday, November 15th. Sign up instructions will be included in next week's Friday Forecast.

Enjoy your long weekend!
Steve



PSAT TESTING

Next Wednesday, October 11th eighth grade students will be taking the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) in the morning. This is a “pre-test” to the SAT and a part of the SAT Suite of assessments. Students will take a test in the SAT Suite once a year through their Junior year. Information from these assessments are used to monitor progress towards college and career readiness.

For 8th graders one piece of information the test provides is the AP Potential score. This helps identify students who may want to take an AP course and have not thought about that yet. For Juniors their scores can be submitted to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. By submitting, students find out if they qualify as a National Merit Commended, or Semifinalist. Students in these groups are candidates to receive scholarship monies. Finally, the SAT is a nationally recognized college entrance exam used as a part of college applications. Please encourage your child to perform his/her best, and use the results to become better prepared for college and careers.

YEARBOOK CLUB PHOTOS

Thompson club photos for the yearbook will be taken at the 7/8 center before school on October 26th and October 27th. Please see the attached schedules for the date/time of your club photo! We will be taking them outside on the front steps or in the gym depending on the weather.



VETERANS DAYS

This year we will be celebrating Veterans Day on November 10th at Thompson Middle School with two assemblies. Veterans Day is a day set aside to honor American veterans of all wars. Many of us know or have known men and women in our families or friends who have served in the armed forces to defend our country. This year we would like to take time to honor these individuals by acknowledging their time served and to honor them through two assemblies.



If you have someone in your family, or a friend of your family, who you would like to invite to attend one of our assemblies, please return the attached form to your child’s Social Studies teacher before October 20th

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Please click [here](#) to see a list of Thompson after school activities! Check back frequently as clubs continue to be added to Thompson! An activity bus is available for students involved in Thompson clubs and activities on Tuesday and Thursday after school. You can view the [bus schedule](#) on the Thompson website.



Important Upcoming Dates 17-18

Oct. 5	End of M1 Health Rotation
Oct. 6	School Improvement Day - No School for Students
Oct. 9	Columbus Day Holiday - No School
Oct. 11	PSAT Testing (8th Grade)
Oct. 16	6-1 Outdoor Ed - Covenant Harbor
Oct. 17	6-2 Outdoor Ed - Covenant Harbor
Oct. 23	6-3 Outdoor Ed - Covenant Harbor
Oct. 24	6-4 Outdoor Ed - Covenant Harbor
Oct. 27	End of the 1st Quarter
Oct. 27	Fall Play – 7:00 pm
Oct. 28	Fall Play – 7:00 pm
Nov. 10	Veterans Day Assemblies
Nov. 17	End of M2 Health Rotation

Veterans of the U.S. Military

At Thompson Middle School, we have a deep appreciation for those who serve in our military, sacrificing a part of their own lives for our protection and freedoms.

In hopes of honoring veterans in or near our community, we ask for your help. If you know a veteran (a neighbor, family member, friend, or yourself) who may be willing to join us for a Veteran's Day assembly at Thompson Middle School on **11/10/17**, please complete the questionnaire below and send it back to your student's social studies teacher either via email or with your child. **The 7th/8th grade assembly is at 9 a.m. and the 6th grade assembly is at 1 p.m. The deadline for name submissions is 10/20/2017.** Thank you for helping us honor these service men and women!

Your Name: _____

Veteran's name: _____

Thompson student (+grade) who would introduce them: _____

Military Branch : _____ Years of Service: _____

War (if applicable): _____ Specific Military Assignment/Job: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Veteran's Home address: _____

Veteran's Phone Number : _____

Veteran's Email: _____

Your Name: _____

Veteran's name: _____

Thompson student (+grade) who would introduce them: _____

Military Branch : _____ Years of Service: _____

War (if applicable): _____ Specific Military Assignment/Job: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Veteran's Home address: _____

Veteran's Phone Number : (_____) _____ - _____

Veteran's Email: _____

THOMPSON THUNDER BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

7TH GRADE: October 16, 17, 18 in the 7/8th grade Center Gymnasium from 3:40-5:40.

7th grade Coaches:

Brandon.Petersen@d303.org

Tim.Ryan@d303.org

James.Smedley@d303.org

Justin.Manny@d303.org

8TH GRADE: October 16, 17, 18 in the 6th grade Center Gymnasium from 3:40-5:40.

8th grade Coaches:

Jeffrey.Otterby@d303.org

Andrew.Cusack@d303.org

Matthew.Mygrant@d303.org

Barry.OConnor@d303.org

Important Notes to Remember:

1. You need a sports physical on file with the Thompson office!
2. You do NOT need to bring a basketball.
3. You need to be at all 3 tryout dates. If this cannot happen, you NEED to talk to a coach.
4. There will be two A teams and two B teams per grade level.

**YEARBOOK CLUB PHOTOS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26TH
7TH/8TH GRADE CENTER - LOCATION TBD**

TIME	CLUB
7:30AM	CONCERT CHOIR
7:34AM	IMPACT
7:38AM	SHOW CHOIR
7:42AM	MOCK NEWBERRY BOOK CLUB
7:46AM	MATH CLUB
7:50AM	BUILDERS CLUB
7:54AM	BUSINESS CLUB
7:58AM	CHESS CLUB
8:02AM	CODING CLUB
8:06AM	CRAFT CLUB
8:10AM	FUEL UP TO PLAY 60
8:14AM	GAMES CLUB
8:18AM	HOPE CLUB

**YEARBOOK CLUB PHOTOS
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH
7TH/8TH GRADE CENTER - LOCATION TBD**

TIME	CLUB
7:30AM	BOYS IN BLACK
7:34AM	DANCE TROUP
7:38AM	JAZZ BAND
7:42AM	SEASONAL BAND
7:46AM	ROCKET CLUB
7:50AM	SCIENCE CLUB
7:54AM	STUDENT COUNCIL
7:58AM	TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION
8:02AM	THOMPSON TYPES
8:06AM	THUNDER NEWS
8:10AM	WEB
8:14AM	ART CLUB
8:18AM	YEARBOOK



Community Unit School District 303

September 2017

Dear Parent,

On October 11, students in grades 8 through 11 will be taking a test that is a part of the SAT suite of assessments. Grades 8 and 9 will be taking the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) and grades 10 and 11 will be taking the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT). These assessments focus on the knowledge and skills that matter most for college and career readiness.

Even if your student has not yet made career or college plans, please make sure he or she participates fully, as it may open the door to many opportunities. Scores from 8th graders are used for course planning in high school. Scores for Juniors who take the NMSQT are automatically sent to the National Merit Scholarship Program. More information can be found at www.nationalmerit.org. Test preparation and personal practice for the SAT suite is available for free from the *Khan Academy* at www.khanacademy.org/sat.

How can you support your student and how is the information used?

Encourage your student to perform his/her best, and use the results to become better prepared for college and career. Students will receive a paper report and will be able to access their scores online through their CollegeBoard Student Account. The information from the test will be used to help plan course pathways in high school, and include information about readiness potential for AP classes. Results include areas of strengths and areas for improvement. Using this information can help improve weaker academic areas, career readiness, and the chances of being accepted to a college of choice.

Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Assessment and Accountability Department at 331-228-4919 or David.Chiszar@d303.org. More information can also be found at www.collegeboard.org/parents.

Sincerely,

David Chiszar
Executive Director of Assessment and Accountability

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Community Unit School District 303

Septiembre del 2017

Estimado padre/madre,

El 11 de octubre los estudiantes de los grados 8 al 11 tomaran un examen que forma parte del conjunto de evaluaciones de la Prueba de Aptitud Académica (SAT por sus siglas en inglés). Los grados 8 y 9 tomaran la Prueba Preliminar de Aptitud Académica (PSAT por sus siglas en inglés) y los grados 10 y 11 tomaran el Examen Calificador del Programa Nacional de Becas de Mérito (NMSQT por sus siglas en inglés). Estas evaluaciones se enfocan en los conocimientos y habilidades que más importan para la preparación para la universidad y la carrera profesional.

Aun si su estudiante no ha hecho planes respecto a la carrera o la universidad, por favor asegúrese que el o ella participe de lleno, ya que esto puede abrirle las puertas a muchas oportunidades. Las puntuaciones de los estudiantes de 8º grado son utilizadas para la planificación de los cursos en la escuela secundaria. Las puntuaciones de los estudiantes de 11º grado que toman el NMSQT son enviadas automáticamente al Programa Nacional de Becas de Mérito. Puede encontrar más información en www.nationalmerit.org. Preparación para el examen y práctica personal para el conjunto de SAT están disponibles gratuitamente por medio de la Academia Khan en www.khanacademy.org/sat.

¿Cómo puede apoyar a su estudiante y como es utilizada la información?

Anime a su estudiante a hacer lo mejor que él/ella pueda y a utilizar los resultados para estar mejor preparado para la universidad y una carrera. Los estudiantes recibirán un reporte en papel y tendrán acceso a su puntuación en línea mediante su cuenta estudiantil en el *CollegeBoard* (Consejo de Educación Superior). La información del examen será utilizada para ayudarle a planificar sus cursos en la escuela secundaria e incluirá información sobre su potencial y preparación para clases de Colocación Avanzada (AP por sus siglas en inglés). Los resultados incluyen sus puntos fuertes y campos en que puede mejorar. Utilizar esta información puede ayudarle a mejorar en áreas académicas más débiles, en su preparación para una carrera y la probabilidad de ser aceptado a la universidad de su elección.

Si tiene preguntas adicionales, por favor no dude en comunicarse con el Departamento de Evaluación y Responsabilidad al 331-228-4919 o David.Chiszar@d303.org. También puede encontrar más información en www.collegeboard.org/parents.

Atentamente,

David Chiszar
Director Ejecutivo de Evaluación y Responsabilidad

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