

THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

FRIDAY FORECAST



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December 12, 2014

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Thompson Middle School Holiday Office Hours:

The TMS Office will be **closed** on December 22nd-26th, and December 31st - January 2nd. The office will be **open** from 7:30am to 4:00pm December 29th and 30th. Students return to school on Monday, January 5th. Happy Holidays!



A NOTE REGARDING SCHEDULE CHANGES:

As you may know, we have had some higher class sizes in a few of our classes. To help negate the impact of these class sizes, the district has given us some additional staff to add into the mix for second semester. What that means is that some students will have their schedules changed for second semester.

We will notify each family of the schedule changes right after we return from winter break. Typically, we don't like doing major schedule changes mid-year, but by making some changes we have the ability to bring some classes down to a more manageable size.



HOMEWORK HELPER / ACTIVITY BUS NEXT WEEK:

There will be Homework Helper on TUESDAY ONLY next week. No Thursday Homework Helper. The Activity Bus will run both days next week.



DRAMA AND MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES:

For a variety of reasons, TMS will not be offering a spring play this year. However, we know that many of our students like to be involved in dramatic and musical productions. Mrs. Blaskoski has created a list of Fox Valley organizations that do offer opportunities for our students. Some of these organizations are holding auditions for winter shows soon so please check the websites for dates and times:

www.steelbeamtheatre.com – Auditions for *Junie B. Jones* – December 18, 2014

www.verovoce.com - Auditions for *Stuart Little* by appointment only, December 14, 2014

www.foxvalleyrepacademy.org - Check the website for audition information

www.cteelgin.com - Auditions for *The Wizard of Oz* on Monday and Tuesday, January 12, 13, 2015 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm

www.marqueeyouth.org - Check the website for audition information



KEYS FOUND IN FRONT PARKING LOT:

A set of car keys for a Suzuki were found in the front parking lot last week. So far, no one has claimed them. There are several other keys and discount/membership cards on the key ring. Please call the main office if they are yours.



FINE ARTS BOOSTER'S (FAB) FUNDRAISER:

Here is your big chance to feel good about eating Ice Cream! Go to Oberweis at 1790 W. Main Street, St. Charles on December 16th and bring the attached flyer! TMS FAB will receive up to 30% of your purchase! Please bring the attached flyer with you.



FROM THE NURSE:

When a child is not feeling well in school, we ask that the student go to the nurse in the health office for assessment, intervention and communication with home if necessary. You can support your child's academic progress and well-being by asking them to check with the nurse if they are not feeling well and they text you from school.

The safest place for your child is in the health office so monitoring and assessment can occur. When students are in the restroom texting you, for example, we are unaware that they may need assistance.

The nurse monitors illness trends and informs the Kane County Health Department if there is a cluster of specific communicable disease or flu-like illness. Knowing why students are going home is important data to protect other students as well.

Using a cell phone to text during school hours is a technology violation. They will be allowed to call you from the health office if requested and I will be able to give you more information regarding my assessment of their injury or illness and what measures have been taken to help them feel better.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Diane Isbrandt
Certified School Nurse
331-228-3404



D303 PARENT SURVEY OPEN THROUGH DECEMBER 17TH:

The 2014 St. Charles Community Unit School District 303 Parent Satisfaction Survey is taking place through December 17. Parents of all District 303 students are strongly encouraged to participate.

Just click the link below to take the survey. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete. Parents can complete one survey for each of their children who attend a District 303 school. The survey is available in English and Spanish.

<http://www.k12insight.com/survey.aspx?k=SsSUYXsXSSsPsPsP&lang=0&data=>



PTO NEWS:

TOP FUNDRAISERS FOR PAPANICHOLAS COFFEE SALE:

Congratulations to Ashley Olea, 7th grader, who sold the most coffee items for the fundraiser. Eighth grader, Grace Weiss came in a close second. They were rewarded with gift cards. Mr. Wilke, PE teacher, also sold a giant box of items and has plenty of coffee to get through the next semester! Although the grand total for the money raised is still to be counted, we do know that we exceeded our goal for the year and that many enthusiastic students did a great job supporting our school. Thanks to everyone who helped to distribute items. PTO Volunteer, Kerry Frey did a terrific job coordinating this sale!

SNACK SHACK SPECIAL EVENT:

Volunteers needed for TMS Concessions for DeKoyer Wrestling Conference on Saturday, December 20th from 7am-5pm! With hundreds of attendees! We move concessions into cafeteria to accommodate the large crowd. You may bring your children with you to help! Direct questions to Jayne Vitiritti at jvit66@comcast.net. Sign up below to volunteer:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090945aba92ea20-tmssporting>

DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED AT THE SNACK SHACK:

- Full Size GATORADES PRETZELS – Individual Snack Size Bags SUN CHIPS – Individual Snack Size Bags
- GRANOLA BARS LARGE WONKA PIXIE STIX SOUR PATCH KIDS MOUNTAIN DEW COKE DIET COKE

TARGET REDCARD PROGRAM:

Every time you shop at Target with your Red Card, you can earn a 5% percent savings on our purchases and TMS can benefit with an additional 1% back in fundraising dollars. Next time you visit, be sure to check that your card is linked to Thompson and make all your dollars count locally. Or visit www.target.com/TCOE for more information about registering your Target Red Card.

PTO meetings are held monthly in LRC/ Conference Room B. All are welcome! There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting is on January, 14, 2015, 1:30-2:30pm.

THANK YOU for making Thompson a student-focused school!

Your TMS PTO Board Members,

Heather Charpentier, Kris Goodmiller, Kris Leonard, Felicity Cantrell and Lynn Tucker



TOYS FOR KIDS IN ST. CHARLES:

Thompson is proud to be participating in the Toys for Kids in St. Charles program this year. In the past, this entire program was run by Mr. Jim Wheeler. If you are not aware, Mr. Wheeler passed away earlier this year, and this long-running community program is being continued by Mr. John Arthur Anderson. Please consider donating an unwrapped toy for our community this year. The box is in the Thompson main foyer until December 14th. Thank you.

TMS UPCOMING WEEKS AT A GLANCE:

Looking for more information/schedules for Clubs and Activities? Please go to: <http://thompson.d303.org>; Athletics and Clubs; Thompson Athletics or Thompson Clubs.



Drama Department News:

Looking for more information on our Drama Productions?
Please go to the Drama Webpage at: <http://thompson.d303.org>;
Athletics and Clubs; Thompson Clubs; Drama

There will be no spring production at TMS in 2015. Please take a look at the list of Community Theatre websites for Theatre opportunities for students.



Calendar for December 2014/January 2015

December 16	6 th gr. Band-Choir-Orchestra Winter Concert-7:00 pm
December 19	Winter Assembly 1:45 pm
December 24-26	Offices Closed
December 31-January 1 st	Offices Closed
Winter Break: December 22th – January 2nd. School resumes on January 5, 2015.	
January 5	School resumes
January 14	PTO meeting – 1:30 – 3:00 pm
January 15	End of 2 nd Quarter
January 16	Teacher Work Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
January 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday- School Closed

FRIDAY FORECAST ATTACHMENTS

- **FAB Fundraiser flyer for Oberweis**

FUNDRAISER COUPON
HAVE SOME FUNDRAISING FUN AT OBERWEIS!

Take this coupon to the Oberweis Ice Cream and Dairy Store Location below and we'll get up to 30% back on everything you buy!

Name of Organization: **Thompson fine Arts Booster**
Oberweis Store Location: **1790 W. Main St.**
Fundraiser Shopping Day: **Tuesday December 16, 2014**
Fundraiser Shopping Time: **10:00am – 10:00pm**
Fundraiser Code: **044-0010 St Charles**



To be filled in by store employee:

Amount of Purchase (not including tax): _____

Register Transaction#: _____

Only purchases made at the Oberweis Ice Cream and Dairy Store indicated above and during the specified date and time are eligible to earn funds for your organization. Oberweis Home Delivery purchases are not eligible in conjunction with this program.

Donation will go to Fine Arts Boosters, 705 W. Main Street, St. Charles, IL. 60174

If you should have any question, please contact: Irma Haraldson at kevinirma@me.com or 630-715-5510