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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

The second semester has begun! What a great thing that we get to begin again.

Here are suggestions for our students for the New Year!

- Get More Sleep
- Don't Procrastinate
- Practice Healthy Habits
- Focus on Learning
- Study Better
- Be a Good Listener
- Ask for Feedback from your teacher

We are working hard to promote positive relationships, increase a sense of safety on our campus, and of course, increase academic achievement. Students and teachers are disaggregating data to determine where our focus should be. Please help us by ensuring your student comes prepared to take advantage of the amazing educational opportunities available to them here at Teague Middle School.

I want to invite you to think about Weekend Academic Academies and Spring Break Boost Camps. Shortly, we will send a survey out to our parents and students to determine which subjects we might offer additional support for on Saturdays and this coming Spring Break. We may also be able to offer some elective coursework if there is sufficient interest.

I invite your continued participation as a member of the Teague Middle School family. Hopefully by now you've found your calling as a supporting member of School Advisory Council, PTSA, or as a Dividend. Your support is critical in providing the level of services to our students necessary to ensure academic success. Be sure to check out our school's website at <https://teague.scps.k12.fl.us/>. We also have a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/TeagueMSTigers> which is loaded with information about Teague activities.

As always, if there are concerns regarding your student, don't hesitate to contact me. Let us know if we can do more to support your student's achievement.

Thank you for the privilege of educating your child. It's our pleasure.

Respectfully,

Connie E. Collins, Ed.D
Principal

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IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES FOR SCPS

January 4 Schools Closed for Students/Teacher Workday
January 5 Schools Closed for Students / Teacher
District Professional Development Day
January 8 Classes Resume, Start of 3rd Quarter/ 2nd Semester
January 15 School System Closed
February 19 School System Closed
March 14 End of 3rd Quarter
March 15 Schools Closed for Students/Teacher Workday
March 18-March 22 Schools Closed (Spring Break)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND SUPPORT! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns: Mr. Klump (tom_klump@scps.k12.fl.us), Mr. King (dave_king@scps.k12.fl.us) and Ms. Manuel (melissa_manuel@scps.k12.fl.us).



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Student attendance is an important factor in academic success. Did you know that by 6th grade absenteeism is one of the three signs that a student will not graduate from high school? It is estimated that chronic absences have more than doubled in the last five years. Students missing more than ten percent of school days for any reason are considered to be chronically absent. This includes both excused and unexcused absences. Examples of excused absences include illness, medical appointments, or the death of an immediate family member. Missing school for oversleeping, vacation or extensive illness without medical documentation are considered to be unexcused. Although students are able to make up work that they may miss while they are out, they are still missing valuable instruction, class discussions, and learning opportunities when they aren't physically in school. Typically, students have one day for everyday missed plus an additional day to complete makeup work without penalty.

Seminole County in accordance with Florida Statute 1003.26 does track student attendance and if needed can refer students to truancy court for chronic absenteeism. Truancy is an established pattern of nonattendance. We understand that at times it may be necessary for your student to be out. In the event that they have to miss school please send in any official documentation or a handwritten note so their attendance can be coded appropriately. Notes can be turned in to your child's first period teacher or submitted to the front office.

If your child has to be out for any reason, we suggest having your student check their eCampus pages as well as following up with their teachers to ensure that they don't fall behind. If your student is able to work from home, this can ease the feelings of being overwhelmed when they return to school. Often middle schoolers have to be reminded that when they are out of school learning is still happening and they are still held responsible for assignments, tests, and quizzes that may take place when they are out. As a parent/guardian you can also monitor your student's attendance and grades through Skyward.



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BIRTHDAYS - BACHELOR PARTIES - CORPORATE - CHURCH GROUPS

PTSA

Hello Teague Families! We look forward to this new year and the fun events planned for you and your student(s).

Family Dinner

Thursday, January 25th from 5:30-7:30 p.m.,
Teague Cafeteria

We are excited to bring a Family Dinner to Teague on Thursday, January 25th. Enjoy a spaghetti dinner, free for Teague families! If you would like to attend, registration is required. R.S.V.P. here: <https://bit.ly/teaguefamilydinner/>.

While you are at the dinner, stop by the Book Fair, which will be open to shop.

Color Blast!

Get ready to have a BLAST this February! Our 2nd Annual Color Blast Fundraiser kicks off Monday, February 5th with an energy-charged Pep Rally and ends with a Color Battle on Friday, February 16th. Information packets will come home with students on 2/5.

PTSA Spirit Wednesdays

Tiger Stripes are handed out during lunch every Wednesday to anyone wearing a Teague t-shirt or their team uniform/jersey! If you would like to help hand out Tiger Stripes, reach out to us at PTSATeagueMiddle@gmail.com.

On the 2nd Friday of every month we sell Spirit Wear in the cafeteria. Teague Tiger Croc Charms are \$2, Dri-Fits & Tees are \$15, and Hoodies are \$25. Cash, check, and Apple Pay are accepted.



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THEATER

Junior Thespian Troupe #89527 earned 23 Superiors and 21 Excellent at The District 2 Jr. Thespian Festival in November. Three students earned Top Honor awards: Allison P. for Publicity and Marketing Design, Johanna B. for Outstanding Graphic Design, and Maribella P. for Costume Design. The troupe is actively preparing for the State Festival in February and their performance of *Mary Poppins, Jr.* which will be April 4th, 5th, and 6th.



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8TH GRADE U.S. HISTORY

Happy New Year 2024 wishes to all students and their families from the 8th grade U.S. History teachers! We certainly hope that you and your family have a prosperous and memorable new year. Please stay healthy, happy, and safe.

During the 3rd Nine Weeks Grading Period, the students will be learning about the following topics: Starting A New Nation, Westward Expansion, Jacksonian Democracy, North and South, and Reform Movements. All students will take the U.S. History Benchmark Standards Assessment at the end of the 3rd Nine Weeks grading period.

Please note: Students can find the textbook online in the "CLEVER" Portal. Students, please click on the purple "TCI" tile to access the online textbook because TCI is the name of the textbook publisher.

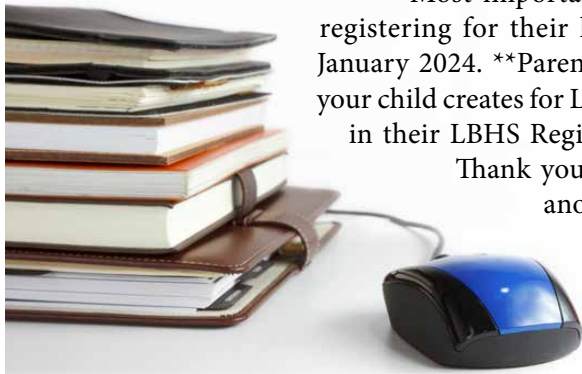
ALL PRE-AP U.S. History students will be working on the "National History Day" project, which will be due early February 2024. This year's NHD theme is "TURNING POINTS IN HISTORY." The website for students to use is www.nhd.org.

ALL NHD PROJECTS WILL BE DUE EARLY FEBRUARY 2024 FOR PRE-AP U.S. HISTORY STUDENTS. Students have been given options by their teacher regarding which NHD project category they wish to complete. Most of the NHD project is to be completed at home whether you are working individually or working in a group. Please refer to the NHD website for the rules and rubrics for each project category.

The website for students to use is www.nhd.org.

Most importantly, all 8th grade students will be registering for their high school schedule sometime in January 2024. **Parents—please review the schedule that your child creates for LBHS next year! Students should turn in their LBHS Registration Forms in a timely manner.

Thank you! ** IF your child will be attending another high school besides LBHS, the guidance counselors will be sure to help him or her register. The Teague Guidance Department can be reached at 407-320-1554.**



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6TH GRADE SCIENCE

Happy New Year from the 6th grade Science team and welcome to the second semester! 6th grade students will now study the following units:

4- Earth's Interior, 5- Interaction of Spheres, 6- Beyond our World, and 7- Physics for the second semester. Upcoming labs include a candy bar geology lab, plate tectonics, gravity exploration activities, and two weeks of hands-on physics lab experiences.

Parents and guardians, please be sure your child has a pencil and their interactive science notebook daily. The pencil supply is running low and we may run out soon. Please ensure that your student is studying their unit vocabulary every night for at least 5 minutes. The continuous practice will help prepare them for their weekly vocab quizzes, unit assessments, and the last Quarterly Benchmark Assessment. There are links to premade Quizlets, which is a free resource, where students can study online. The links are posted on each teacher's eCampus.

A very fun field trip is coming up for all 6th grade students at Teague! We will be going to **The Brevard Zoo on Friday, February 23rd**. Information came home from Science teachers. Please contact Chelsea Holloway for questions: dicecl@myscps.

YEARBOOK

Yearbook is a great and fun learning activity we use here at Teague Middle School (TMS). At the start of the school year, we learn new vocabulary words about the big to small details there are in our yearbook. We are assigned pages to work on in the yearbook every quarter, we may have 2 to 6 pages to work on each quarter. We go out to different classrooms and different lunches to find students and teachers active to their school spirit. Each Friday we have a spirit day and everyone in the yearbook committee goes out during lunches or classrooms to find students and teachers decked out with their spirit! Moving toward the halfway mark, during the month of December the yearbook committee goes out every day to lunches and classrooms to find students or teachers in the Christmas spirit! Getting close to the deadline for quarter 2, the yearbook staff works hard to get their pages done and ready for this 2024 yearbook to be the best yearbook there ever was in yearbook history. So go as fast as you can to buy the best 2024 yearbook today at yearbookordercenter.com!



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CIVICS

This quarter in Civics we have studied the Constitution, The Branches of Government, and The Amendments to the Constitution. We completed our DBQ on the Declaration of Independence last quarter and are getting ready to begin another in the 3rd 9 Weeks. At the end of this quarter, we are talking about the amendments to the Constitution and highlighting the freedoms and rights that students are granted in the Bill of Rights and other

amendments. This is a fun topic to talk about and show students the freedoms they have in this country. In the third quarter we will also work on another DBQ on Propaganda before we start the 4th quarter. We are continually preparing for the End of Course exam in May and Mrs. Ondray offers tutoring to help prepare students to take the EOC at the end of the year and an opportunity to get help with their homework. If you are interested in tutoring, contact our Dean Mr. Norton for more information about when the 2nd semester of tutoring starts.

– Mrs. Ondray, Mr. Knorr, Mr. Comer, & Mr. Rish

WORLD HISTORY

We are wrapping up this quarter covering our unit on China and preparing for a DBQ on The Great Wall China before we go on break in December. We have been reviewing the standards in preparation for the 2nd 9 weeks exam that will take place in December. Students will take the exam then they will have time to work on the DBQ in class. When students return in January, we will be covering The Greeks and the Roman in our classical civilization's units. We will also be helping to prepare students for FAST and the state writing test in the spring.

– Mr. Bastian, Mr. Mendenhall, & Mr. Rish



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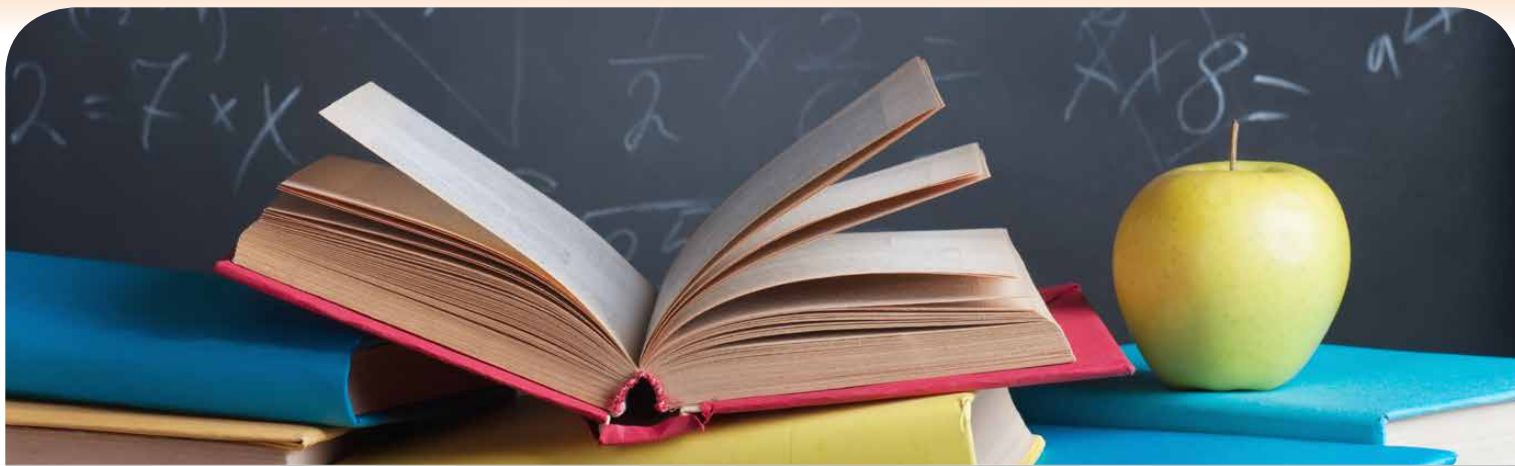
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