

Week 29

TMS Student & Family Bulletin: Week 29

- Mar 30: Speaker Event: Ijeoma Oluo (6:00PM)- see link below
- Mar 31: Spirit Wear Orders Close
- Apr 5-9: Spring Break
- Apr 13: TMS PTSA General Membership Meeting
- Apr 13: Parent Live Event for Onsite Instruction: Q & A (7:30PM)
- Apr 12-16: Asynchronous work week (no virtual live classes)
- Apr 19: First day of onsite instruction & virtual classes resume to live instruction

Return to School Details:

Adjusted In-person Model (For information in its entirety, please see district email on 3-29-21):

- Students assigned to in-person placement will attend on campus for 5 hours and 15 minutes a day (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday).
- Students assigned to virtual placement will attend virtually for 5 hours and 15 minutes a day (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday).
- All students (both virtual and in person will have asynchronous time/work all day on Wednesdays and in the afternoons on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Friday.
- In-person and virtual student assignments and schedules with teachers will remain the same.
- In-person students will be required to turn in daily attestation forms and will be required to follow CDC guidance including wearing face coverings through the duration of the day.

As changes continue to be made to school models, we recognize that our students and families are on a wide spectrum of emotions; some may be feeling excited and relieved while others may be feeling heightened worries or stress. Please know our interest is to provide every student with a successful and supportive transition during these times. Staff are currently working on support plans to accommodate the transition of students back into the building. Intentional student activities will take place the first week(s) of school (starting April 19th):

- Learning safety and cleaning procedures within the classrooms and building
- Learning daily attestation processes
- Familiarization of the building layout
- Developing predictable routines and expectations while slowly building student stamina
- Nurturing student relationships within classrooms (we know some students have not even seen or heard other classmates in the virtual setting).
- Creating environments that reduce anxiety and worries
- Successfully supporting all students within our community- those who remain virtual and those who participate in person

In addition (prior to return on April 19th), students will be able to access videos with similar content to help prepare them with what to expect ahead of time. Even with the proactive and intentional supports outlined above, some students may be experiencing extreme worry or stress. If that is occurring, please immediately reach out to your school counselor. Our goal is to reduce obstacles as much as possible and we want to partner in solutions.

Student placement has now been finalized based on initial family request on the district survey. If families did not answer the survey, Timberline staff have followed up by personal phone call to determine the families desired placement. For a small few, changes to the model may have also elicited a desire to change student placement within the virtual model or in the in-person model. Moving forward, families who seek a change of placement will need to follow a formal request process:

- Only those interested in requesting a change of placement will complete the survey link below by 8 am Friday, April 2.
 - English link for families who request a change of placement:
<https://forms.office.com/r/kbextZ1dxt>
 - Spanish link for families who request a change of placement:
<https://forms.office.com/r/C3NETuYg2s>
- Requests will only be considered by those who have completed the Microsoft Forms survey link by April 2. Please do not make your request by email.
- Requests can only be honored if space allows.
- If for some unforeseeable reason families want to make a change of placement after April 2, they will need to email Heidi Paul. In this scenario as well, requests can only be honored if space allows.

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- Daily schedule, weekly schedule, and start and end times
- April 13th 7:30PM: Parent live event- Q & A
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Live Event: Tonight! 6:00PM

All staff, students, and families are invited to a Live Virtual Speaker Event- Don't miss out! Local author of the book So You Want to Talk About Race, Ijeoma Oluo will join our community for a rare opportunity and speaking event on March 30th at 6:00PM, This event is free to staff and families. Please mark your calendars and don't miss this incredible opportunity to join!

Event link here: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NTVmMWZiMzltMTE5MC00Y2VjLTIINDktNzVjNTI0ZDI0OGNj%40thread.v2/0?content=%7b%22id%22%3a%221fd4673f-df96-4621-8638-a1d88c4c85d7%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%22d6d1c974-f3c6-4fe4-806b-7911a23b64a2%22%2c%22isBroadcastMeeting%22%3a%22true%22%7d&btype=a&role=a

Speaker BIO:

Ijeoma Oluo is an accomplished writer and speaker. She is the author of the #1 New York Times bestseller So You Want to Talk About Race and most recently, Mediocre: The Dangerous Legacy of White Male America. Her work on race has been featured in The Guardian, The New York Times, and The Washington Post, among many other publications. She was named to the 2021 TIME 100 Next list and has twice been named to the Root 100. She received the 2018 Feminist Humanist Award and the 2020 Harvard Humanist of the Year Award from the American Humanist Association. She lives in Seattle, Washington. Learn more here: <https://www.ijeomaoluo.com>

Spirit Wear

Timberline Spirit Wear is Back: Window will be open March 15-31st!

Don't have any spirit wear yet? No? Well, then it's time to treat yourself to some green, white, and black swag! Do you already have some spirit wear? Then, it's time to "spice up" your wardrobe with some new additions! Click the link here and enjoy! <https://timberlinespiritwear.com/>

Math Placement- Message from Ms. Schilaty

Students and Parents, we know that many of you have questions around math placement for this year. We want to share with you that at this time there is no decision about how math placement will work this year. As soon as we have information about math placement it will be communicated to you. Please hold your math placement questions until we have shared what the placement process will be.

All the best-

Heidi Paul-Principal
Timberline Middle School