

## TMS Student & Family Bulletin: Week 13

### Important Dates:

- November 23: National Honor Society Induction (6:30PM)
- November 24: Half day of school (school gets out at 11:25AM)
- November 25-26: Thanksgiving Observance (No School)
- December 14: Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night (6:30PM)
- December 14-17: Spirit Week
- December 18-January 2: Winter Break
- January 3: Return to School

### Welcome our New Dean of Students, Andrew Gustav!

Andrew Gustav, a former LA/SS teacher and coach at Inglewood Middle School, accepted the position of Dean of Students here at Timberline Middle School; he began his role last week. For the last 8 years, Andrew has been a positive influence on his school community; his core values center on student relationships and helping kids rise to their best potential. Andrew also deeply values equity-based work and practices rooted in PBIS and Love and Logic approaches. We are thrilled he is joining our school community.

Mr. Gustav shared, "I am thrilled to join Timberlake as your Dean of Students! For the past eight years, I have served as a Language Arts and Social Studies teacher at Inglewood MS, first in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, then making my way up through 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. In addition, I have coached multiple sports and served in a number of leadership roles in my building. I am currently working towards my Principal Certification from Seattle Pacific University. I received my master's degree from that same institution in 2019 in Teacher Leadership. My focus as an educator has always been the students. Simply put, a student will not learn in an environment they do not feel valued in. I hope to continue the good works Timberline has already accomplished in connecting students with the TMS community, both through supporting the PACK Way and through culturally responsive and equity-based practices. I look forward to partnering with families and the community at large to provide the best possible learning experience for your students!"

### COVID Safety Reminders:

We know this is the time of year when many students get typical "sniffles" and colds. Within the complications of the COVID setting, it is extremely important that students and families continue to follow safety protocols. So, what do you do if you have any cold-like symptoms?

If you have one of the following symptoms, stay home for the day:

- Congestion, runny nose
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Sore throat

If the symptom resolves within 24 hours, return to school the following day.

If symptoms persist into a second day, stay home and get tested for Covid. You must stay home until the results of your Covid test come back Negative and you provide Covid tests results with the health room.

If you have one of the following symptoms, stay home and **get tested for Covid**:

- Fever of 100.4 or higher, chills
- Shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
- Muscle or body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Cough (new, changed, or worsening)

You must share Covid test results with the school prior to returning to school.

If at any point you, or someone you live with, tests positive for Covid, notify the school immediately so that we can identify close contacts and complete our Positive Covid Case Response

**Important Change: The Park and Ride may No Longer Be Used for Drop Off or Pick Up Times:**

Since the school's existence 3 years ago, we know that many families have used the Redmond Ridge Park and Ride near Rosa Parks Elementary School as a drop off and/or pick-up location. Recently, it has come to our attention that this location is privately owned and not for public use. This means that TMS families should no longer be using this location. Those that do may be subject to parking fines. We thank families in advance for making needed adjustments.

**Reminder: Middle School Students need to be Chaperoned by Families at all High School Events:**

Redmond High School is always excited to welcome future Mustang families to our campus for athletic events. At all 4 comprehensive high schools in LWSD, however, students in elementary and middle school **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or guardian *who will actively supervise their student(s) at all times*. As we start the winter sports season, we thank our future RHS families for understanding and supporting this."

**Sports Uniforms:**

If your student has not yet returned their uniform for Tennis or Cross Country, please wash the uniform and have your student drop it off in the office with their first and last name attached to it either on a slip of paper or on the outside of a Ziploc bag. A fee will be placed on student accounts for uniforms that have not been returned. Please return them as soon as possible as they will be used for other sports throughout the rest of this school year.

**Save the Date: Virtual Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Information Night- December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM**

Timberline Middle School is already preparing information and processes so that students successfully transition from elementary school to the middle school level. With interest to keep families informed and updated, the timeline below provides guidance on next steps and events.

- **Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>- Registration information will be sent out by email to current 5<sup>th</sup> grade students/families**
  - Information about registration will be sent out through power point
  - Course catalogs links will be provided
  - A link to a Microsoft forms survey will be sent to complete registration and choose electives
- **December 14<sup>th</sup> (6:30-7:30PM)- Informational Parent Night:** The live vent will provide information on 6<sup>th</sup> grade (in general) and the registration processes. If families have continued questions, links to optional drop in sessions will be available the week of December 14<sup>th</sup>

The link to the Informational Live Event is here: December 14 (6:30PM): [here](#)

- **December 17<sup>th</sup>- Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade registration due**

If you have specific questions about the registration process, please contact your child's counselor for next year at Timberline.

- Students with last names starting A-J are with Jackie Coons, [jcoons@lwsd.org](mailto:jcoons@lwsd.org)
- Students with last names starting K-M are with Renee Hesky, [rhesky@lwsd.org](mailto:rhesky@lwsd.org)
- Students with last names starting N-Z are with Toby Doyle, [tdoyle@lwsd.org](mailto:tdoyle@lwsd.org)

For those celebrating, I wish you, family, and friends a very Happy Thanksgiving!

All the best-

Heidi Paul- Principal  
Timberline Middle School