



# Welcome to Twin Oaks



6th Grade Transition Meeting  
Spring 2023



# Administrative/Student Services Staff

In addition to the fantastic teachers your child will encounter at TOMS, we also have many great support staff that want to assist your child to have a successful middle school experience.

Principal

Joe Kuboushek

Assistant Principal

John Dahl

Counselor

Sarah Loechler - 7th Grade

Counselor

Allison Beesley - 8th Grade

Counselor

Zac MacLean -6th Grade

Social Worker

Jenny Witt

Dean of Students

Zach Johnson



# TOMS/HOMS Partnership

- TOMS/HOMS staff collaborate weekly to ensure practices/content are similar
- Shared Busing - buses pick up by neighborhood, not school
- Potential of traveling between schools for classes
- Staff monitor the crosswalk to ensure safety



# Daily Schedule

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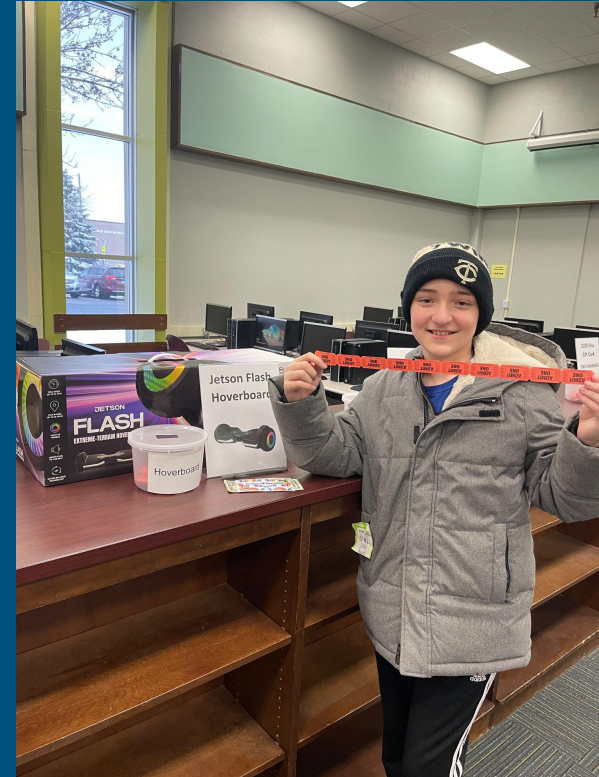
- School day is 7:20 am- 2:06 pm
- Six classes and an advisory/lunch period.
- Four minute passing period - allows for plenty of time to get to class



# Pick up and Drop off Procedures

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- Please use drop off by the Marquee sign in the lower level of the building
- Lower cafeteria is supervised 6:45-7:15
- Breakfast is available from 7:00-7:20
- When picking up your child during the school day, please sign them out at main office. However, when returning your child you can simply drop off at the upper level.



# Lunch Procedures

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- Separate lunches by grade level
- Three Tray Lines – main line, alternate line, and Burrito Bowl
- Ala Carte Line
  - Parents can set account limits, as these items can add up quickly
  - If you use School Cafe online to deposit lunch money, you can see your balance and a list of what your child ate each day, plus get reminders when the account gets low.



# 6th Grade Classes Offered

## All Year:

Math (Advanced, Regular)

English (Advanced, Regular)

Science (Advanced, Regular)

## One Semester:

MN studies (Advanced, Regular)

and Health

## One Quarter:

Tech Ed

Art

FACS

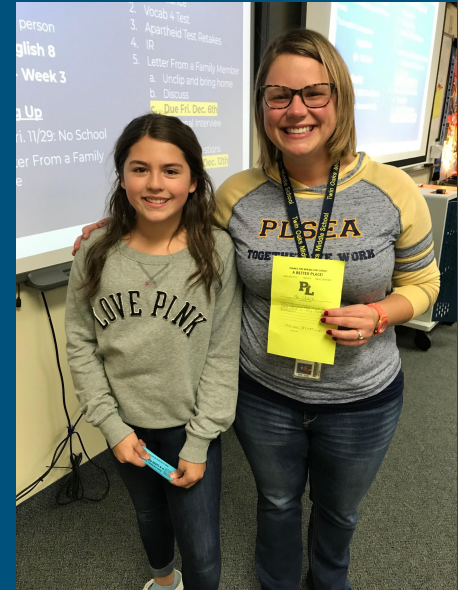
Coding

## Every Other Day:

Immersion (Spanish/MN Studies)

Band, Choir, or

Music Exploration/PE





# Lakers are Respectful, Safe, and Accountable



Twin Oaks is a PBIS school

We expect students to be Lakers:  
Respectful, Safe and Accountable,  
throughout the entire day at school

We also celebrate all of the awesome  
things that our Lakers do each day!





# At Twin Oaks, we have FUN!

Spirit Weeks

Monthly PBIS Celebrations

Weekly Laker Pride Winners

All Star Breakfasts

5K Fun Run

Garage Band Performances

Middle School Musical



# Middle School Activities

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Research shows that students who are involved in school tend to get better grades and feel more connected to their school community.

Many clubs and sports are available to middle school students. Please check out the list of school sponsored activities on our school website



Track and Field

Boys Tennis

Mountain Biking

Trap Shooting

Wrestling

Ski Trips

Girls Swimming

Girls Tennis

Cross Country Run  
Boys

Cross Country Run  
Girls

Laker Performance

Golf (CE)

Cheer

Dance Team

Robotics (VEX)

MS Band

Student Council

PLSC Soccer

P.L.A.Y. Volleyball

P.L.A.Y. Football

Summer Swim

# Middle School is a Time of Great Change

Your child will grow dramatically over the next three years...

- Physically
- Cognitively
- Academically
- Socially
- Emotionally

The middle school staff will collaborate with you to support this growth, guiding your child to learn the responsibility of added independence.



# Counseling Support for Students

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Three School Counselors and One Social Worker

Assist students with a variety of academic, social/personal and career development needs.



- Weekly Social-Emotional curriculum (Growth Produces Success)
- Goal-setting/decision making, academic planning, education in understanding of self and mental health, career/transition planning
- Individual and small group counseling, crisis intervention, referrals

# Additional Support

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Math Intervention

Reading Intervention

PST

Afternoon Success

SAIL



Parent/guardian will be notified if your child qualifies.





# Middle School Transition

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- First Day of School for 6th graders
  - Where Everybody Belongs (WEB)
- M&M Week  
(Managing Middle School)



# “How Can I Support My Middle Schooler?”

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- Be present and be consistent
- Provide structure and boundaries for exploring independence
- Check for accountability - use online tools (Schoology and Infinite Campus)
- Make space for conversation and listen to their feelings
- Reach out to your child's team - teachers, counselor, support system





# Social Media/Technology

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While technology and social media are part of their world and can add value, consider helping them avoid technology addiction by setting screen time limits.

Too much screen time can impact:

- Sleep
- Grades
- Anxiety/Depression



# Attendance

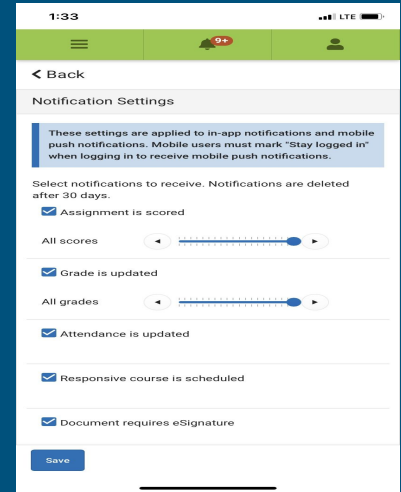
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- Research has show that attendance has a significant impact on student achievement and attitude toward learning.
  - If your student is absent please call the attendance line: 952-226-0501 or email [tomsattendance@plsas.org](mailto:tomsattendance@plsas.org)
  - If you are having difficulty getting your student to attend school, it could be other reasons.
    - We are here to support your student and your family.



# How Can Parents Promote Success?

- Middle School tools such as Infinite Campus and Schoology allow parents to be kept up to date with school performance, such as grades, missing assignments, test scores, and attendance.
- Families should use these tools to stay informed:
  - The Infinite Campus app gives you immediate access to any gradebook postings
  - Schoology can send notifications or a daily summary via email
  - Set up weekly/monthly checks with your child



# Infinite Campus

Course Registration: 17-18 Prior Lake-Savage Middle	>
Calendar	>
Schedule	>
Attendance	>
Grades	>
Assessment	>
Transportation	>
Reports	>
Demographics	>
Learning Locator	>
Family	>
Messages	>
Discussions	>
Household Information	>
Family Members	>
Calendar	>
Notification Settings	>

## Recently Graded Assignments

Posted	Course	Assignment	Score	Total	Percent
1 hour ago	6122 - Adv Math 6	Add Integers	5	5	100%
1 hour ago	6122 - Adv Math 6	Subtract Integers	3	5	60%
1 hour ago	6122 - Adv Math 6	Mult and Div Integers	4	5	80%
1 hour ago	6122 - Adv Math 6	Add/Subtract Fraction Integers	5	5	100%
1 hour ago	6122 - Adv Math 6	Mult/Div Fraction Integers	4	5	80%

## Grades By Course

Expand All Collapse All

In-Progress Grade Final Grade

### 6121-2 Adv Math 6 - BLOCK, JOSEPH

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
TERM GRADE	86.16% B			

### 6121-1 Adv Math 6 - BLOCK, JOSEPH

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
TERM GRADE	86.16% B	94.15% A		
SEMESTER GRADE		90.15% A-		

### 6122-1 Adv Math 6 - BLOCK, JOSEPH

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
TERM GRADE			89.12% B+	95.55% A
SEMESTER GRADE				92.33% A-

### 6311-1 Adv MN Studies 6 - BAUER, CHRISTIE

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
TERM GRADE	100.00% A			

### 6211-2 Advanced English 6 - CASE, PAULA

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
TERM GRADE	95.88% A	94.08% A		
SEMESTER GRADE		94.98% A		

### 6212-2 Advanced English 6 - CASE, PAULA

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
TERM GRADE			95.55% A	95.55% A



Grades, Assignments, Tests

# Schoology

**MN STUDIES**  
Mrs. Bauer

**Materials**

- Updates
- Grades
- Conferences
- Edpuzzle
- McGraw-Hill ConnectED
- Newsela
- StudyMate

**Information**

Grading periods  
Q3: 2023-01-30 - 2023-03-30,  
Q4: 2023-04-10 - 2023-06-07

**MN Studies 6: 6301 10 MN Studies 6**  
Prior Lake-Savage Middle School

All Materials ▾

- Weekly Learning Plan 5/22-5/26
- > Work for the Week of 5/22-5/26  
Available after 5/22/23 7:00am
- > Finished Weeks
- > Resources  
Look here for the MN Studies Syllabus and other semester-long resources.
- > Test Retakes  
Test retake forms and proof of growth work

**Upcoming - 22**

No upcoming assignments or events



Weekly Plans, Assignments, Notes

# Middle School Health Office

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- Alyssa Dwyer, RN: Twin Oaks Middle School (952)226-0506
- Jenece Diedrich, RN: Hidden Oaks Middle School (952)226-0706
- Amy Wander, RN, LSN (952)226-0808



# Health Services

\*Encourage students to advocate for themselves.

\*Health office staff will call home when...

\*Encourage students to come to HO when not feeling good vs texting parents.



- ▶ CHEMICAL HEALTH
- ▶ COMMON CHILDHOOD ILLNESSES
- ▶ CONCUSSIONS
- ▶ COVID-19 INFORMATION
- ▶ EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS
- ▶ HEAD LICE
- ▶ HEALTH SCREENINGS
- ▶ IMMUNIZATIONS
- ▶ MEASLES INFORMATION

## ▼ MEDICATION

In the event your child is required to take medication during school hours, please complete the following form:

### Prescription Medication Authorization Form

Your child's physician must sign and complete page one. The Parent/Guardian must review and sign page two.

### OTC Medication Authorization Form

The Parent/Guardian must review and sign page one.

If dosing instruction exceeds recommendation, a physician order will be required.

- ▶ SCHOOL HEALTH RECORDS



# Q & A Time

TOMS main office number is (952) 226-0500 and staff are available 7am-3pm.

## Important dates:

- **Locker move in day** (August 29th )
- **Back to School Night** (August 30st)
- **First Day of School** (Tuesday, September 5th)



To see more of what it means to be a Laker at Twin Oaks, follow us on Instagram @tomslakers