

TMS Student & Family Bulletin: Week 36

Important Dates:

June 6: Timberline Spring Concert (6:00PM)

June 9: Incoming 6th Grade Visits (9:30AM)

June 16: 8th Grade Celebration Dance (6:00-8:00PM)

June 22: Timberfest- "Fun Day" (1:30-2:50PM)

June 23: Last day of School/ Recognition of 8th Graders at End-of-Year Assembly

Welcome our New School Principal, Liz Spier:

Liz has most recently served as the interim principal at Rachel Carson Elementary where she was able to broaden her leadership journey to a new age group. Prior to that, Liz worked as a middle school associate principal and special education administrator. Liz grew up around the country as part of a military family where she learned life-long lessons regarding the importance of community. Liz believes that schools foster strong community ties as they also provide dynamic educational outcomes. Her invaluable experience has given her fresh insights and prepared her to take on the role as the new principal at Timberline Middle School. She brings a unique blend of experience, progressive thinking, and a passion for inclusive education that she gained from years as a special education teacher, including time working at Fairfax and Children's hospitals. Liz shares: "My vision is to strengthen our connections, embrace our diversity, and nurture an environment of curiosity and learning. I'm committed to preserving our traditions while also promoting innovation to provide the best learning experience for our students. As we move into this exciting new chapter, I eagerly anticipate working with this vibrant community to inspire and empower every student in our care."

Math Placement for 2023-2024 School Year

At Timberline, our philosophy around learning incorporates a belief that students learn best when they are appropriately challenged in their course work; this is especially true when considering math pathways. Our general process for identifying appropriately challenging math placement includes reviewing several data points for each student (including their SBA scores, semester math grades, and FastBridge data). We use these data points as filters to suggest/identify a student's most appropriate math placement. This is done with intentional thought so that students are provided an opportunity to build on a foundation of skill and knowledge. Specific information about your student and their math

placement for the next school year (incoming 7th and 8th graders) will be shared in later this week. If you wish to inquire further after receiving your student's identified math course, you must do so by 3 PM on Thursday June 8th by setting up an appointment with our Associate Principal, Jonathan Glass (jglass@lwsd.org). Due to the nature of enrollment and building the master schedule, requests to discuss math placement made after June 8th cannot be considered.

We Need You! Consider Becoming our New PTSA President:

Timberline Middle PTSA is looking for a new leader for the 2023-2024 school year. They are seeking an energetic person to lead the PTSA as next year's President. Board experience is beneficial but not required. Training is available. This role works well as a joint position as co-presidents. For detailed descriptions of all the board positions including president, visit <https://timberlineptsa.org/Page/Volunteer/BoardRoles>.

If you have any questions or are interested in the position, please contact the Nominating Committee at nominations@timberlineptsa.org.

Timberline Robotics Night

Are you an outgoing 8th grade student who is interested in robotics competitions? Are you a current Timberline student interested in robotics competitions next year? If so, please join us for our Timberline Middle School Robotics Night. We will be explaining our program in depth and offering a chance for students to form teams and sign up for next year. Current middle and high school teams will be showing off their robots and answering questions. New teams will also have a chance to check out robotics kits and get started over the summer!

Event: Timberline Robotics Night

Date: Wednesday, May 31st

Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm

Location: Timberline Middle School Commons

More information: <https://tms.lwsd.org/activitiesathletics/clubs/robotics-club>

2023-2024 Robotics Challenge: <https://www.vexrobotics.com/iq/competition/viqc-current-game>

Let's make it a great week, Timberwolves!

Heidi Paul- Principal

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