



AUGUST 2023 Cougar News

Upcoming Events

AUGUST

August 5th 8:30-11am

- Back To School Bash

August 10th 5-7pm

- Back To School Night

August 14th

- First Day of School
(all students)

August 17th 3-9pm

- Spirit Night Texas
Roadhouse

August 24th 4-4:30pm

- SAC Meeting

SEPTEMBER

September 4th

- No School - Labor Day

September 5th

- No School - Staff Workday

September 6th

- Picture Day

September 11th 4-8pm

- Spirit Night Chipotle

OCTOBER

October 6th

- No School - Staff Workday

October 12th & 13th

- Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30pm

October 16th - 20th

- No School - Fall Break

October 24th 5-8pm

- Spirit Night Dairy Queen

October 25th

- Picture Retakes

Hello TMS family!

I hope that this finds you well, and you and your families had an enjoyable summer. I am so excited for this school year, to reconnect with our returning students and to get to know students new to us.

I wanted to let all of you know about a couple of upcoming opportunities.

First, the annual Adams 12 Back to School Bash will be held here at TMS on Saturday August 5th, from 8:30-11:00am. Free school supplies, immunizations, and sports physicals will be available.

Also, we will be hosting our Back to School Night on Thursday August 10th from 5-7pm. Come see the school and meet teachers and staff.

As you get ready for this school year, please continue to check your emails and visit the school website to get updated information on all upcoming events.

See you soon!

Martin McCarthy

Principal

Thornton Middle School



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Online check-in is open from July 10th through August 10th

Online check-in is the districtwide check-in process for families with returning students to any district school, elementary, K-8, middle or high school. This summer, online check-in is open from July 10 through August 10.

***If you are the parent or guardian of a student new to the district, visit www.adams12.org/enroll to enroll your child in a Five Star District school. ***

The district's online check-in process is necessary each summer for all enrolled families to verify or update primary household information, confirm their child(ren) will return to a district school this fall and sign important districtwide documents from the comfort of their home.

How to start/complete online check-in

To begin online check-in, log in to your [Infinite Campus \(IC\) parent portal account](#). **Keep in mind, only parents in the primary household can complete the process.

An IC parent portal account is necessary to complete online check-in. If you don't have an account, create one [here](#) or contact the District Service Desk at (720) 972-4120 for assistance.

*If you forgot your login information, you can [reset your username and/or password](#).

What is needed to check-in online:

- Current valid email address
- An Infinite Campus (IC) parent portal account. *Don't have an account? [Create one](#). Have an account but forgot login information? [Reset your username and/or password](#).
- Only parent/guardian of the primary household can complete the process
- Contact information for all parent(s)/guardian(s) and emergency contact(s)
- If you have moved, you will need to provide an approved proof of residence document. Examples: Current utility bill, mortgage statements, lease, declaration of residence.

Online Check-in Assistance

- Online check-in assistance for families with children in elementary and middle schools, please call 720-972-2003
- Online check-in assistance for families with children in high schools, please contact your child's specific school directly.
- For more information about the online check-in process, visit www.adams12.org/OnlineCheckin.



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2023-2024 Back to School Bash

Date: Saturday, August 5, 2023

Time: 8:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Location: Five Star Stadium



School and community resources will be on-site for students and families. Free backpack and school supplies for Five Star District K-12 families (while supplies last).

Parking:

- Only handicap parking will be available at Five Star Stadium
- General parking available at Thornton High School, Thornton Middle School and Thornton Elementary School

Sports Physicals Will Be Available On Site!
More Details Will Be Shared Soon!



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BACK **TO** **SCHOOL** **NIGHT**

THURSDAY AUGUST 10TH
5:00-7:00PM





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School Supply List

- Chromebook
 - (District Issued)
- Chromebook charger
 - (District Issued)
- Notebooks
- Pencils



Any additional items needed will be outlined in teacher syllabus during the first two weeks of school



Thornton Middle School follows the district student dress code.

Thornton Middle School shirts will NOT be required.
Policy updated 08/2022.

TMS Dress Code



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First day
of
SCHOOL



Monday August 14th
8:40 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.



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Apply Now for Free and Reduced Benefits



**Free and reduced
benefits help
families and your
school.**

Families are encouraged to apply for free and reduced benefits for the upcoming school year. By applying for free and reduced benefits families receive assistance and they help your child's school too.

Here's how. By applying:

- Your child's school can receive additional funding to enhance the educational experience for all students.
- School fees can be waived or reduced. These include athletic fees, course fees and activity and field trip fees tied to curriculum.
- Students in grades 9-12 can receive assistance with post-graduation planning, scholarships, state and national testing (including SAT, ACT, Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate), and post-secondary enrollment.
- Families can qualify for additional resources, such as medical, food and cash assistance.
- Families can receive support with community services, such as internet, gym memberships, passes to museums and cultural events.

APPLY NOW

Families must reapply for free and reduced benefits each new school year. You will receive your eligibility letter in the mail or by email. United States citizenship or immigration status is not a condition of eligibility for free and reduced benefits. Questions or for a paper application, contact nutritionmealbenefit@adams12.org or (720) 972-4195



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Time/Day Changes for 2023-2024 School Year



Middle School Hours

Monday - Friday:

8:40 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.

No more EARLY RELEASE DAYS



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Boys & Girls 6th, 7th, 8th Cross Country

We are excited to begin preparations for Middle School athletics.

In order for students to participate in district athletics they must have a sports physical as well as a signed registration form.

**Cross Country Registration will be begin
August 14th - August 18th.**

**Download Registration Form [Here](#) OR Fill One
Out At The Main Office.**

[Final 2023 Fall Cross Country Schedule](#)



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Spirit Night - Dine Out



TMS is excited to bring monthly spirit night - dine out fundraisers for our school for the 23/24 school year. Please join us and be on the look out for more details!



Thursday August 17th 3-9pm
Northglenn - Texas Roadhouse



Monday September 11th 4-8pm
815 Thornton Pkwy - Chipotle



Tuesday October 24th 5-8pm
10140 Grant St. - Dairy Queen



Tuesday November 14th All Day
10005 Grant St. - Renegade Burrito



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**JOIN
US!**

SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

The School Accountability Committee (SAC) is an opportunity for parents and community members to have a voice in the continuous school improvement process.

This team of volunteers meets with one or more teacher representatives and the building principal or designee at least four times per year to review school data, discuss the school improvement plan, provide recommendations about spending priorities and promote parent and community engagement. Members of the team learn about the important work of the school and offer insight and feedback.

**Please join us for our first meeting on Thursday August 24th!
4:00-4:30pm at Thornton Middle School.**

Contact Sue Murphy for more information!

Email - mur017182@adams12.org



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Thornton Middle School Spirit Wear!

THORNTON SPIRIT WEAR STORE



TEES, HOODIES & MORE!



1stplace.sale/15653



Show Your Cougar Pride!

**Excited to share this
opportunity with our TMS
students and families.**

**Please visit the link to check
out all of the great TMS Spirit
Wear available to our
community.**

**Order online and have your
order shipped directly to your
home.**

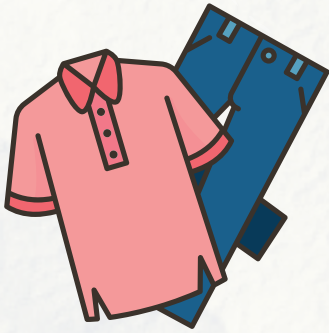
Store Link:

<https://1stplacespiritwear.com/schools/CO/Thornton/Thornton+Middle+School>



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Community Closet



**Our Closet is available for you
and your family needs!**

- Jeans/Pants/Leggings/Socks/Shoes/Belts
- Shirts/sweatshirts
- Winter hats & gloves/Jackets
- Canned goods/dry goods/snacks
- Hygiene items/cleaning supplies
- School supplies

For more information or for an appointment contact Ms. Laura. 720-972-5176
laura.bowman@adams12.org



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Title I - Parents Right to Know

As a parent of a student at Thornton Middle School, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teacher who instructs your child. This is a requirement for all districts that receive Title I funds. Federal law allows you to request certain information about your student's classroom teacher. The law also requires the district to give you this information in a timely manner upon request. Listed below is the information in which you have the right to ask for information regarding each of your student's classroom teachers.

- Whether the Colorado Department of Education has licensed or endorsed your student's teacher for the grades and subjects taught.
- Whether CDE has decided that your student's teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
 - Whether any teachers' aides or similar paraeducators provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

Please contact Adams 12 Human Resources Office at 720-972-4068 or HR-Human-Resources@adams12.org if you would like to receive any of this information.

Como padre de un estudiante en Thornton Middle School, usted tiene el derecho a saber las calificaciones profesionales del maestro que enseña a su hijo. Este es un requisito para todos los distritos que reciben fondos de Título I. La ley federal permite que usted pida algún tipo de información sobre el maestro de su hijo. La ley también requiere que el distrito le proporcione esta información de manera oportuna si usted la solicita.

A continuación verá la información sobre sus derechos para indagar sobre cada uno de los maestros de su hijo.

- Preguntar si el Departamento de Educación de Colorado ha otorgado una licencia o endorso al maestro de su hijo para los grados y asignaturas enseñadas.
- Preguntar si CDE (siglas en inglés para Departamento de Educación de Colorado) ha decidido que el maestro de su hijo puede enseñar sin tener licencia o calificación bajo las regulaciones del estado debido a circunstancias especiales.
- Preguntar cuál es la licenciatura/estudios universitarios del maestro; si el maestro tiene estudios avanzados y, si es así, el tipo de licenciatura.
- Preguntar si asistentes de maestros o paraeducadores similares proveen servicios para su hijo y, si es así, cuáles son sus calificaciones.

Si usted desea recibir alguna de esta información, por favor, comuníquese a la oficina de Recursos Humanos de Adams 12 llamando al 720-972-4068 o escribiendo a HR-Human-Resources@adams12.org.



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District/State 23 - 24 Testing Dates at TMS

MAP School Wide:

Fall: Wednesday, August 16th

Winter: Thursday, December 20th

Spring: Wednesday, April 24th

CMAS (and DLM) School Wide:

ELA and Math: April 9th, 11th, and 12th

8th Grade Science and (CoAlt): April 16th

ACCESS testing window:

Jan 8th - Feb. 9th

GT screener:

6th Grade Screener: Thursday, Nov. 2nd



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Testing Information



MAP testing is a computer adaptive test ALL TMS students will take 3 times this year (fall, winter, and spring). This is a district required interim test that students in grades 1 - 9 complete to track growth on reading and mathematics skills.

Resources for families:

Family Toolkit: <https://www.nwea.org/family-toolkit/>

MAP Commonly Asked Questions <https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/common-questions-families/>

CMAS testing is a state required test that is administered in the spring testing students' grade level knowledge on the standards. ALL students take the English Language Arts and Mathematics. 8th grade students also take the Science test.

Resources for families:

Adams 12 Five Star Schools information:

<https://www.adams12.org/academics/assessments/state-assessments/cmas>

Colorado Department of Education (CDE) website:

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/factsheetsandfags-assessment#factsheets>

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/assessment/generalinfo-parents>

ACCESS testing is a series of English language proficiency assessments that is administered annually to monitor progress in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Only students who are monitored for ELD services are tested for ACCESS.

Resources for families:

ACCESS for ELLs information: <https://wida.wisc.edu/assess/access>

GT screener is given to all 6th grade students. Some 7th and 8th grade students may also get screened at a different time depending on if they were screened in 6th grade.



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Testing Information For Parents/Students

Day of testing:

Encourage your student to have a goodnight sleep the night before.

Encourage your student to have breakfast on the days of testing, whether it is at home, or getting free breakfast in the TMS cafeteria!

Remind students to bring their charged chromebook AND charger the days of testing.

Encourage your student to do the best they can that day and to be mindful of the other students taking the test so that they can also do the best they can. TRY on every question. We want to know what you know of the standards. It's okay if you are unsure, the best thing you can do in any situation is try.

Why do these scores matter?

CMAS and MAP scores are used as a data point for placement into high school programs such as advanced classes, remedial courses, as well entry into tech programs (Future Forward and Bollman)

The state uses CMAS scores to rate schools and for funding purposes.

MAP scores are used for teacher evaluations.

ACCESS scores can help students test out of ELD courses.

What supports are in place at TMS to support students with CMAS?

Teachers are teaching and assessing the standards set out by the state of Colorado in classes daily. These are the standards that are assessed on CMAS.

Students take fall, winter, and spring MAP in reading and Math. These tests support students in experiencing a testing environment. This also provides standardized data to teachers to help support student learning.

How can families support their student(s) in CMAS and MAP scores and their education in general?

Encourage students to complete all assignments and learning activities in all their classes, especially making sure that students make up all assessment opportunities.

Be involved in the student's academics. Ask questions about what students are learning and ask to see work sent home. Log into Infinite Campus and ask about scores.

Remind students of your expectations for their learning and to follow school expectations so that all students are able to learn and grow.

Reach out to teachers and the school with any questions around your student's education. We are all here to partner to support students in learning and growing.

Remind students to bring a charged chromebook to school EVERY DAY.

Reading at home makes a BIG difference in students' learning!

More questions about District/State testing? Contact:

Elizabeth Tubac

Instructional Coach

State Assessment Coordinator

Email: tub025693@adams12.org

or leave a message with a call back number at (720) 972 - 5182

****Email will get a quicker response****



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Adams 12 Five Star Schools 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST 2023

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SEPTEMBER 2023

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OCTOBER 2023

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8.7-8.11 Staff Workdays

8.14 First Day of School

9.4 NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

9.5 NO SCHOOL - Staff Workday

10.6 NO SCHOOL - Staff Workday

10.13 End of Quarter 1

10.16-10.20 NO SCHOOL - Fall Break

11.10 NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day Observed

11.20-11.21 NO SCHOOL - Staff Comp Days

11.22-11.24 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

12.4 NO SCHOOL - Staff Workday

12.21 End of Quarter 2

12.22 NO SCHOOL - Staff Workday

12.25-1.5 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

1.8 NO SCHOOL - Staff Workday

1.15 NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

2.2 NO SCHOOL - Staff Workday

2.19-2.21 NO SCHOOL - Mid-Winter Break

2.22-2.23 NO SCHOOL - Staff Comp Days

3.11 NO SCHOOL - Staff Workday

3.15 End of Quarter 3

4.1-4.5 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

4.15 NO SCHOOL - Staff Workday*

*High schools may pick a different day in April

5.6 NO SCHOOL - Staff Workday*

*High schools may pick a different day in May

5.27 NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day

5.30 Last Day of School / End of Quarter 4

5.31 Staff Last Day

○ = End of quarter

DISTRICT STAFF:

Please visit staff portal for schedules

staff.adams12.org/calendars

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JANUARY 2024

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MAY 2024

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2023-2024 CALENDARIO ESCOLAR

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OCTUBRE 2023

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8.7-8.11	Días de trabajo para el personal
8.14	Primer día de clases
9.4	NO HAY CLASES - Día del trabajo
9.5	NO HAY CLASES - Día de trabajo para el personal
10.6	NO HAY CLASES - Día de trabajo para el personal
10.13	Fin del primer trimestre
10.16-10.20	NO HAY CLASES - Vacaciones de otoño
11.10	NO HAY CLASES - Vacaciones de otoño
11.20-11.21	NO HAY CLASES - Día de compensación del personal
11.22-11.24	NO HAY CLASES - Vacaciones del día de acción de gracias
12.4	NO HAY CLASES - Día de trabajo para el personal
12.21	Fin del segundo trimestre
12.22	NO HAY CLASES - Día de trabajo para el personal
12.25-1.5	NO HAY CLASES - Vacaciones de invierno
1.8	NO HAY CLASES - Día de trabajo para el personal
1.15	NO HAY CLASES - Día de Martin Luther King Jr.
2.2	NO HAY CLASES - Día de trabajo para el personal
2.19-2.21	NO HAY CLASES - Vacaciones a mediados del invierno
2.22-2.23	NO HAY CLASES - Día de compensación del personal
3.11	NO HAY CLASES - Día de trabajo para el personal
3.15	Fin del tercer trimestre
4.1-4.5	NO HAY CLASES - Vacaciones de primavera
4.15	NO HAY CLASES - Día de trabajo para el personal* (Las preparatorias pueden escoger un día diferente en el mes de abril)
5.6	NO HAY CLASES - Día de trabajo para el personal* (Las preparatorias pueden escoger un día diferente en el mes de mayo)
5.27	NO HAY CLASES - Día de conmemoración
5.30	Último día de clases / Fin del cuarto trimestre
5.31	Último día para el personal licenciado

○ = Fin de trimestre

ENERO 2024

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FEBRERO 2024

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MAYO 2024

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Sujeto a revisión

Aprobado: 26 de abril de 2023



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Puerto Rico: June 2024

**No passport needed!*



Tour Enrollment
Link

Questions? Email me:
rebekah.bair@adams12.org



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SPORTS PHYSICAL GIVE BACK PROGRAM



Raise money for your teams before the season starts!

Sports Physicals are
only **\$35!**

Bring this flyer to any of our 9
locations and we will donate
\$10 to your school.



 **\$10**

SCHEDULE ONLINE
OR WALK-IN
www.advurgent.com

Sports Physicals are offered
at any of our 9 locations

- Brighton
- Broomfield
- Centennial - Southglenn
- Denver - Central Park
- Fort Lupton
- Lafayette
- Northglenn
- Westminster - Federal
- Westminster - Wadsworth

Bring this flyer in when you are
getting a sport physical.

Name: _____

School Name: _____

Clinic Location: _____

Scan QR code to
schedule a Sport Physical.

Or walk-ins are
available



Hours: 8am - 8pm | 7 Days a Week | www.advurgent.com



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Thornton Middle School



[TMS Website](#)

[TMS Facebook](#)

[TMS Instagram](#)



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Infinite Campus - Parent Portal



Did you know that Parent Engagement has a direct correlation to student success?

Students with engaged parents are more likely to have higher self-esteem, lower absenteeism and earn high grades or test scores. So what are you waiting for? Log into Campus Parent and get engaged today!

PARENT FAVORITES:

- Accessing student grades
- Give that praise and encouragement for that A or B they studied hard for!
- Review attendance and absences
- Get real-time notifications if your student is absent
- Seeing assignments due or upcoming exams

Connect Today

Campus Parent can be accessed on the web (login information is received from your district), using the Campus Parent mobile app.

- [Link #1 Adams 12 Parent Portal Signup to create Infinite Account](#)
- [Link #2 Access Infinite Campus and change Password](#)
- [Link #3 Infinite Campus Video how to access IC for Parents, Grades, Attendance, etc](#)



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Free Counseling Sessions for Youth



The Office of Behavioral Health has launched **IMatter**, a program to provide up to three free counseling sessions for Colorado youth, as a part of House Bill 21-1258 (more information below). Parents can sign up and get resources and therapy sessions for their child. Youth, ages 12-18, can sign up for mental health sessions. Check out this article from [Chalkbeat for more information](#). You can order I Matter materials free of charge through this [form](#).

The Colorado Office of Behavioral Health and its partners have launched IMatter, a program that provides up to three free counseling sessions for Colorado youth.

Get Connected

Youth and their parents can visit the I Matter platform to take a confidential online survey about their mental health and schedule sessions with a licensed behavioral health clinician, primarily online over telehealth. All Colorado youth ages 18 or younger—or 21 and younger if receiving special education services—are eligible to receive free services.

Contact Information

- For general inquiries about the program, contact elizabeth.owens@state.co.us.
- To inquire about being a provider within the program, contact providers@imattercolorado.org.
- To receive help with the website or support in scheduling a session, email support@imattercolorado.org.

Free/Reduced Benefits

Apply now for meal benefits for the 2023/2024 school year. We are asking all families to apply to support potential funding or benefits that go beyond meals. Remember all families must reapply every year.

Apply today at www.adams12.org/myschoolapps. Please be sure to submit an application. Your household's free and reduced-price lunch program (school meals) application can help your family access discounted internet and phone costs and secure additional funds for your school. If your household qualifies for school meals, you might also qualify for P-EBT.