



# TIGER TALK



TRUMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Truman Parents and Students:

Welcome to another great school year! My name is Shayne Goesling and I am the Principal of Truman Middle School. I am very honored and excited to be your principal and to work with you in the coming years. Truman is a place with great staff, great students, and great learning!

I want to share with you some important things you should know about the upcoming school year:

\* The first bell rings at 9:10 a.m. The cafeteria is the *only* area of the building where the students will be allowed to enter before this time. The tardy bell rings at 9:15 a.m. All students are expected to be in their 1<sup>st</sup> period class before the tardy bell.

\* We are committed to *recognizing positive behaviors and addressing discipline concerns*. Our primary communication tool is the Truman Student Agenda. Please review the quarterly discipline form in your child's planner and sign any discipline issues your child may have had.

\* **CLASS SCHEDULES:** Truman is on a 7-period schedule. Please note that every effort has been made to give students two elective classes. If you have a question about the elective classes or the schedule, please see one of the counselors or the assistant principal. **WE WILL NOT MAKE CHANGES TO SCHEDULES** without administrative approval.

Parents, please remember that you are our partner in the success of your student. **It is critical that your student is in school every day and on time.** Students will have homework and you can check their progress and communicate with their teachers through the Agenda and online through the student information system, Synergy. We have parent meetings and activities that you are invited and encouraged to attend.

I am looking forward to this school year and encourage you to talk with me if you have any questions or concerns. Please email me at [goesling\\_w@aps.edu](mailto:goesling_w@aps.edu) or call the school at 836- 3030 and I will be glad to speak with you.

Sincerely,  
Shayne Goesling, Principal

### Important 8<sup>th</sup> grade Promotion Information:

Any 8<sup>th</sup> grade student who receives four (4) or more referrals in a school year will not be allowed to participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion ceremony. Students, who do not return their library books or pay their fines, will not be able to participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion dance.

## Welcome Back

Ms. Simpkins, the Assistant Principal, as well as Ms. Chlapowski, the Dean of Students, would like to welcome all our incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and returning 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. We are looking forward to having a wonderful year with your children. Please call if you have any questions or need clarification on anything. We know, you, like us, want our students to have a safe and productive year. Please help us in going over Truman's expectations. Agendas were given to each student. Please take the time to review the contents with them and sign the "Statement of Parental Review" on page 2 of the agenda. The agenda will be used to communicate with you and will allow you to follow your student's progress. Please feel free to write a note to the teacher. Don't forget to check their Accountability Card and their Positive Behavior Card.

## Attendance Matters:

Did you know that missing more than one day of school per month can negatively affect your child's education? The Truman community wants to work together with our families to enhance your child's education by getting students to school on time every day. Our goal is to have every student have 9 or fewer absences (both excused and unexcused) for the entire school year. In the event your child must be absent, please call the school at 836-3030 and request work in advance if you know your student is going to be out for multiple days.

Truman Students  
are  
GRRR

G...giving

R...respectful

R...responsible

R...receptive



Did you know your kids can get free homework help?

Call Dial-A-Teacher!

**Monday-Thursday, 5:30-8:30 PM**

**344-3571**

AYUDA CON TAREA POR TELEFONO  
lunes-jueves de 5:30 hasta 8:30 PM  
SE HABLA ESPAÑOL

## Dates to Remember

Aug. 16 Picture Day

Aug. 24 Open House

Sept. 1 & 4 Labor Day

Sept. 5 PD Day for Teachers

Sept. 29 Welcome Back Dance

## PICTURE DAY IS COMING

Picture day is being scheduled for **Aug. 16, 2023**. Students will be photographed for the yearbook and their student ID. Students will be escorted to the gym with their Social Studies teacher. Dress code will still be enforced on picture day.

### OPEN HOUSE

On **August 24, 2023** Truman will host an Open House. The school will be open from **5:30 until 7:00 PM**. Open House is a time for you to wander around the school, meet your student's teachers and talk to us. The evening is not scripted and you can come and go anytime between those hours.

### Student Behavior Handbook

Please read your student's agenda carefully as well as the Student Behavior Handbook as we are very strict about cell phones and behavior. Our students are very well behaved and respectful, and I believe it is because of the systems we have in place that may seem strict, but they are necessary rules for the hours they are the school. We have rules to keep your student and others safe.

### Dress Code

Truman no longer requires a uniform, but we do have a dress code. Please visit the school website at Truman.aps.edu or refer to pages 7-10 in the student agenda.

### News From Ms. Stott, Band Director

Welcome to a new school year and BAND!

I am so excited to make music with our incredible students this year. We will have two Beginning Band Instrument Selection nights coming up very soon (assigned by class period), and will begin with a parent/guardian meeting to go over all the information:

- concert dates/attendance
- grading policy
- Band Shirts
- Required Materials
- Instrument Rental/Check-Out Process
- Volunteer Needs

While we have our meeting, the students will be trying out instruments in the cafeteria with professionals from each instrument.

### INSTRUMENT SELECTION DATES:

4th & 5th Periods - Tuesday August 29, 2023; 6-8pm @ Truman MS Cafeteria

6th & 7th Periods - Wednesday August 30, 2023; 6-8pm @ Truman MS Cafeteria

**Intermediate & Advanced Bands** will have a detailed syllabus sent out both electronically and physically, detailing all concert dates, required materials, volunteer needs, and all pertinent information for the year.

Bring your questions to Open House on August 24th! Let's go Tiger Band!

**The PE Dept is selling Truman shorts and t-shirts for \$15 each. See Mr. Wolfe in the gym for more information.**

### Tips for Parents to Address Bullying

Give your student the words they need to stop bullying. At Truman, when we see bullying, we say, "STOP THAT. That's bullying." This is a simple way to begin to address bullying behaviors, whether your child is being bullied or is a bystander to a bullying incident. Truman Middle School follows the APS Bullying Prevention Plan, which is outlined on pages 32-33 of the student agenda.

## From our Counseling Office

We would like to welcome all our students back this year. If parents have any questions or concerns about their child please contact their child's grade level counselor at Truman with the following extensions: Melanie Geddes, ext. 58114 (Last Name A-L) & Gini Johnson, ext. 58115 Last Name M-Z). Based on your last name, please call your students' counselor directly and leave a message at one of the extensions. Thank you.

### Hello from the Library!

My name is Susi Smith. I am the Truman Librarian. Please come see me and say "Hi!" I'm here to help students, parents, and teachers with their library media needs. I would love to be a resource for all, so know that I am here for you.

## From the Nurse's Office

### Welcome to Truman Middle School 2023-24!

Our Maria Del Pilar Hernandez and our Health Assistant Ms. Barbara Alvarado are here to help your students stay safe and healthy while learning.

Chronic Health Conditions:

- Please let them know if your student has a chronic health condition for which s/he will need nursing support this school year.

## News to watch for...

### After School Sports Activities:

All students wanting to participate in athletics MUST HAVE a CURRENT and COMPLETE physical form on file at the Truman nurse's office. Forms are available in the office located in the Nurse's Office in both English and Spanish. Girls Volleyball practice start date is starting ASAP. Your volleyball coaches are excited about the upcoming Volleyball season. For questions, please email Mr. Baca, our Athletic Director.

### Upcoming Sports:

- **Girls Volleyball – practice starts August 14**
- 06– Sept TMS vs George I Sanchez MS @ Truman
- 13 – Sept TMS vs Desert Ridge MS @ Truman
- 20–Sept TMS vs LBJ MS @ Truman
- 05 – Oct TMS vs James Monroe MS @ Truman

### Upcoming Sports: Both Girls & Boys Teams - Basketball

#### Practice Start Dates

- Boys Basketball – practice begins October Date: TBA
- Girls Basketball – practice begins January Date: TBA
- Track & Field (all grades/all genders) – practice begins February Date: TBA
- Soccer tryouts will be after Winter Break or TBA