

Cougar News

Upcoming Events 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

October 25th 5:30pm

• SAC meeting virtual

NOVEMBER

November 10th

No School - holiday

November 14th

• Spirit Night Renegade Burrito

November 20th-24th

 No School - Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

December 4th

· No School - Staff Workday

December 6th

• Spirit Night Qdoba

December 22nd

· No School - Staff Workday

Dec. 25th - Jan. 5th

• No School - Winter Break

Hello TMS family!

Fall is here and the upcoming weeks are packed full of important information and events.

Every month we will be sending out a monthly newsletter. This newsletter will be filled full of information on upcoming events, community information and resources for our families. Please take the time to read these newsletters.

Important Reminders:

Friday Oct. 6th - NO SCHOOL (teacher work day)
Oct. 12th & 13th 4:30-7:30pm - (Conferences)
Oct. 16th -20th - NO SCHOOL (fall break)

We appreciate your partnership and look forward to a great October! As always if you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to reach out.

Thornton Middle School Administration Team























Join Us For Fall Conferences



Thursday October 12th 4:30-7:30pm Friday October 13th 4:30-7:30pm

Open House Format.









Picture Retakes
Wednesday
October
25th, 2023

PICTURE DAY IS COMING!SE ACERCA EL DIA DE LA FOTO

Thornton Middle School

Retakes: Wednesday, October 25, 2023

"IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE CHILDHOOD WAVES GOODBYE"



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AT FLEX LAB STUDENTS IN **GRADES 6TH-**12TH CAN RECEIVE AFTER-SCHOOL **ACADEMIC** SUPPORT FROM **OUR ADAMS 12 TEACHERS**

NO FEE TO ATTEND!

STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ANY OF THESE **LOCATIONS!**

THORNTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

9451 HOFFMAN WAY THORNTON, CO 80229

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 4PM - 6PM

SHADOW RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

12551 HOLLY ST. THORNTON, CO 80241

NORTHGLENN MIDDLE SCHOOL

1123 MURIEL DR. NORTHGLENN, CO 80233

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

SILVER HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

12400 HURON ST WESTMINSTER, CO 80234

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

4PM - 6PM

4:30PM - 6:30PM

THORNTON HIGH SCHOOL

9351 WASHINGTON ST. THORNTON, CO 80229

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 3:30PM - 5:30PM

ASK YOUR COUNSELOR OR DEAN FOR A REFERRAL.

A PERMISSION FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE YOU CAN ATTEND!

BRING YOUR CHROMEBOOK AND ANY MATERIALS YOU MAY NEED FOR YOUR CLASS. SNACKS AND DRINKS PROVIDED!

CONTACT LISLE REED AT

QUESTIONS?



LISLE.M.REED @ADAMS12.ORG





Middle School Sports Information

- Cross Country (co-ed):
 - August-October
 - o 6th, 7th, & 8th Grades
- Girls Basketball:
 - October-December
 - o 7th & 8th Grades
- Girls Volleyball:
 - January-March
 - o 7th & 8th Grades
- · Boys Basketball:
 - March-May
 - o 7th & 8th Grades

To participate, you need to fill out the sports registration form and have an updated physical form signed by your doctor.





Come Support The TMS Cross Country Team!

Thursday, August 31st - Margaret Carpenter Rec Center

Races begin @ 6:00pm (boys) / 6:30pm (girls) 11151 Colorado Blvd, Thornton, CO 80233

Thursday, September 14th - Northwest Open Space

Races begin @ 6:00pm (boys) / 6:30pm (girls) 2100 W 112th Ave, Northglenn, CO 80234

Thursday, September 28th - Shadow Ridge Middle School

Races begin @ 6:00pm (boys) / 6:30pm (girls) 12551 Holly St, Thornton, CO 80241

Thursday, October 12th - District Championship @ Northwest Open Space

Races begin @ 12:00pm (boys) / 12:30pm (girls) 2100 W 112th Ave, Northglenn, CO 80234





Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR)

- -Three steps anyone can learn to help prevent suicide
- -We can all save lives.

Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) is a course focused on reducing suicidal behaviors by providing innovative, practical and proven suicide prevention strategies. We believe that quality education empowers all people, regardless of their background, to make a positive difference in the life of someone they know.

Topics covered:

- · How to Question, Persuade and Refer someone who may be suicidal
- · How to get help for yourself or learn more about preventing suicide
- · The common causes of suicidal behavior
- · The warning signs of suicide
- · How to get help for someone in crisis

Adams 12 Five Star Schools offers regular QPR training to our community at no cost. Anyone 18+ is welcome. Each QPR session is limited to only 40 participants, so spots can fill up quickly. In order to maximize the training experience we require at least 15 to register and attend the OPR session.

Event Details:

DATE: 11/16/23

TIME: 6:00pm

LOCATION: Thornton High School

RSVP: to C Paul-Divine 8th grade counselor @

pau020578@adams12.org



Dear 6th grade families,

I cannot believe it is already October! Wow, the school year is off to a great start for 6th graders. Currently, 6th graders are working hard in academics practicing fractions, order of operations, writing narratives, learning about latitude and longitude and also experimenting with matter, water and thermal energy. Please see some celebrations, reminders of expectations and announcements.

Celebrations

6th graders have engaged in "Huddle Up's" every week! They participate in "minute to win it" challenges with their teachers and for students earning raffle tickets, we have had 6 winners! Students can earn many things for their raffle tickets. Most recently students chose "Uber with Ms. Murphy", a game of PIG against a teacher of choice and lunch outside on our balcony with friends!

Reminder of Expectations

- Learning is key to success. It is important for 6th graders to be on time to class.
 They have 5 minute passing periods, so they should be able to attend classes on time.
- Students need their chrome book charged every day they come to school. Teachers are working hard at providing thoughtful, well planned lessons incorporating technology and we want your students to be able to participate, learn and show success!

Announcements

6th grade parent meeting:

Come join me virtually on October 4th from 5:45-6:45pm for a 6th grade parent session and Spanish interpretation will be provided. During this session we will celebrate students and dialogue about kindness, empathy and building a strong community. We need your voice! Your thoughts and ideas make a difference for our system and your student's experience at Thornton Middle School!

If you are able to join, here is the link to join virtually: $\underline{OCTOBER\ 4\ Parent\ Session}$ Wednesday, October $4\cdot 6:45-7:45pm$

Academic Night:

Academic Night for 6th grade is November 2nd 4:30-6:30pm at Thornton Middle School! Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details about this event!

If you ever need anything, do not hesitate to reach out! Suzi Murphy, 720-972-5165 and mur017182@adams12.org



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



ATTENDANCE



Contact Information:

Attendance Line - 720-972-5198

Nancy Bender - Attendance Secretary 720-972-5169 -Nancy.L.Bender@adams12.org

If your student arrives more than five minutes late for school, please have them stop at the Attendance Office to get a late pass. They should do this as soon as they walk in the school building. The reason this is an important step is to make sure that your student's attendance is updated and corrected.

Checking Your Student Out Early



We understand that there will be times you will need to check out your student from school early. When doing this you MUST come inside to the main office window to sign them out. You will need a **picture ID** and you must be on the authorized pick-up list for the student you are checking out in the Infinite Campus system.



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.



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.

Ouestions or for a paper application, contact nutritionmealbenefit@adams12.org or (720) 972-4195



Time/Day Changes for 2023-2024 School Year

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Middle School Hours

Monday - Friday:

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

No more EARLY RELEASE DAYS

Cougar News Spirit Might - 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!



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



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



Wednesday December 6th 4-8pm 10018 Grant St. - Qdoba



Thursday January 11th 12-8pm 100 E 120th Ave. - Parry's Pizza



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.

Still time to join this committee. Please contact Ms. Murphy if you are interested in more information!

Contact Sue Murphy for more information! Email - <u>mur017182@adams12.org</u>



Thornton Middle School Spirit Wear!

THORNTON SPIRIT WEAR STORE



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



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



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





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/factsheetsandfaqs-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.



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



Adams 12 Five Star Schools

2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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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

= End of quarter

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DISTRICT STAFF:

Staff Last Day

NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day

Last Day of School / End of Quarter 4

Please visit staff portal for schedules staff.adams12.org/calendars



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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 persona
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
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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 invier
2.22-2.23	NO HAY CLASES - Día de compensación del persona
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
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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

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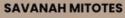
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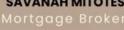
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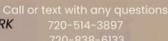








11AM-2PM





FOX RUN | **SOUTH PARK** 104TH & COLORADO









Stay Connected

Thornton Middle School



TMS Website
TMS Facebook
TMS Instagram



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



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**.

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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.