



DECEMBER 2023

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Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

December 4th

- No School - Staff Workday

December 6th

- Spirit Night Qdoba

December 20th

- Virtual SAC meeting (5:30-6:30pm)

December 22nd

- No School - Staff Workday

Dec. 25th - Jan. 5th

- No School - Winter Break

JANUARY

Jan. 1st - 8th

- No School - Winter Break

January 11th

- Spirit Night - Parry's Pizza

January 15th

- No School - MLK Day

FEBRUARY

Feb. 2nd

- No School - Staff Workday

Feb 15th & 16th

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

Feb 19th-23rd

- No School - Mid Winter Break

Hello TMS family!

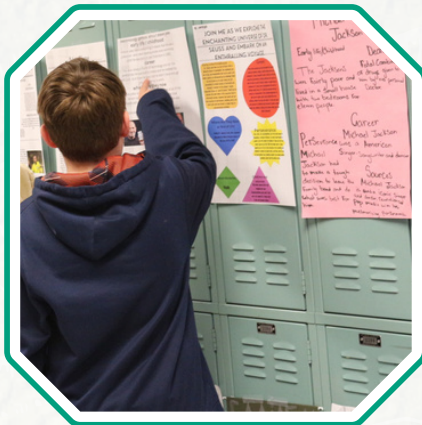
The end of the 1st semester of our school year is approaching quickly! December will be full of fun and winter break excitement from both our students and staff.

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.

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

Thornton Middle School Administration Team

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**QDOBA IS
BRINGING
FLAVOR
TO OUR COMMUNITY**



FUNDRAISER FOR

THORNTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 4PM-8PM

**10018 GRANT ST
THORNTON, CO 80229**

25% of sales donated

Order online with the digital coupon on this flyer, or
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IN RESTAURANT**



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Winter Break Dates



**Friday Dec. 22nd -
Monday Jan. 8th**

NO school



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FLEX LAB

*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**

NORTHGLENN MIDDLE SCHOOL

1123 MURIEL DR.
NORTHGLENN, CO 80233

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
4PM - 6PM**

SHADOW RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

12551 HOLLY ST.
THORNTON, CO 80241

**MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
4PM - 6PM**

SILVER HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

12400 HURON ST.
WESTMINSTER, CO 80234

**TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
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!

QUESTIONS?



**CONTACT LISLE REED AT
LISLE.M.REED@ADAMS12.ORG
OR 720-972-6011**



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ATHLETICS

Middle School Sports Information

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

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



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Come Support The TMS Girls Basketball Team

Game One: Thursday 11/2 6pm/7pm @ Thunder Vista

Game Two: Thursday 11/9 6pm/7pm @ Hulstrom

Game Three: Thursday 11/16 6pm/7pm vs. NGMS @ TMS

Game Four: Thursday 11/30 6pm/7pm @ STEM Launch

Game Five: Thursday 12/7 6pm/7pm vs. STEM Lab @ TMS



2023-2024

MIDDLE SCHOOL ADMISSION PRICES

Basketball & Girls Volleyball

Preschool and Under	Free
K-12 Students / Senior Citizens	\$2.00
Adults	\$3.00
Athletic punch pass	\$20.00

(20 punches for \$20 – Can be used for both adults and students. 1 punch = 1 admission into the game)

NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED

Cash & check payments accepted

Make checks payable to Adams 12 Five Star Schools

Please no bills larger than \$20



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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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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.



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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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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!



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



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



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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.

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

Contact Sue Murphy for more information!

Email - mur017182@adams12.org



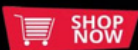
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Thornton Middle School Spirit Wear!

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.**

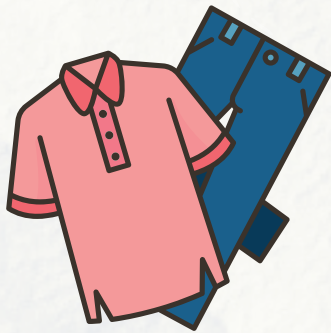
Store Link:

<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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District/State 23 - 24 Testing Dates at TMS

MAP School Wide:

Fall: Wednesday, August 16th

Winter: Wednesday, 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:

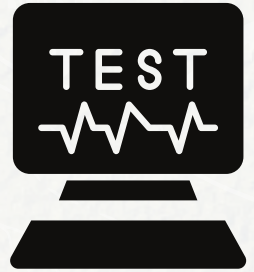
6th Grade Screener: Thursday, Nov. 2nd



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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

JANUARY 2024

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DISTRICT STAFF:

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

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2023-2024 CALENDARIO ESCOLAR

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NOVIEMBRE 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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MAYO 2024

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[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.