

APRIL 2024 Cougar News

Upcoming Events

APRIL

April 1st-5th

o No School - Spring Break

April 15th

No School - Staff Workday

April 29th 3:30pm

 Spirit Night @ TMS - Inn-Out Burger

MAY

May 6th

No School - Staff Workday

May 14th 3pm-9pm

o Spirit Night Texas Roadhouse

May 27th

No School = Holiday

May 29th - 5-6:30pm

8th grade continuation

May 30th

 Last Day of School For all grades! Hello Thornton Middle School Cougars and community!

Welcome to April! My name is Mrs. Tubac. I am one of the Instructional Coaches as well as the State Assessment Coordinator here at Thornton Middle School. We are almost halfway through the second semester and we are moving right into state testing season! (Where is the time going?!)

For many of our students, this will be their second state test of 2024. We had more than 230 of our Multi Language Learners do an AMAZING job taking the ACCESS test in January with the support of our incredible English Language Development (ELD) teachers!

The week after spring break, on *April 9th, 11th, and 12th*, the ENTIRE school will participate in our yearly state mandated CMAS testing (Colorado Measures of Academic Success) for Math and English. And on *April 16th*, 8th grade students will also participate in the CMAS Science assessment.

Again this year we are doing a building-wide CMAS testing schedule for April 9th, 11th, and 12th to reduce the amount of interruptions to instructional time and provide more regularity to the remainder of the school year.

In preparation for testing we need ALL students to bring their district supplied chromebooks and chargers to every class, everyday! If your student is having issues with their chromebook or charger, or has lost their chromebook or charger, they need to stop by the library for support.

On the next page there is some more information about the importance of CMAS and ways you can support your student.

Thank you for your partnership in your student's educational journey!

Elizabeth Tubac Instructional Coach State Assessment Coordinator

Contact me at tub025693@adams12.org
or leave a message with a call back number at (720) 972 - 5182
Email will get a quicker response

CMAS Info:

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.

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!

Where can families go to find more information about CMAS and the standards in Colorado?

- 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#:~:text=The%20CMAS%20score%20reports%20are.of%20grade%2Dlevel%20academic%20standards.





THORNTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Friday, March 29th After School

20% of sales will be donated to your school!



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\$5 Klassic Kona

\$6 King Kona

\$7 Kowabunga - \$4 refills

\$7 Kollectable - \$4 refills

\$7 Color Changing Cup - \$4 refills



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In-N-Out Burger Is Coming To Thornton Middle School



Date: April 29th

Time: 3:30pm-5:00pm

Location: TMS

\$5.00 FOR A BURGER, CHIPS & DRINK

Purchase Ticket in Main Office before April 23rd

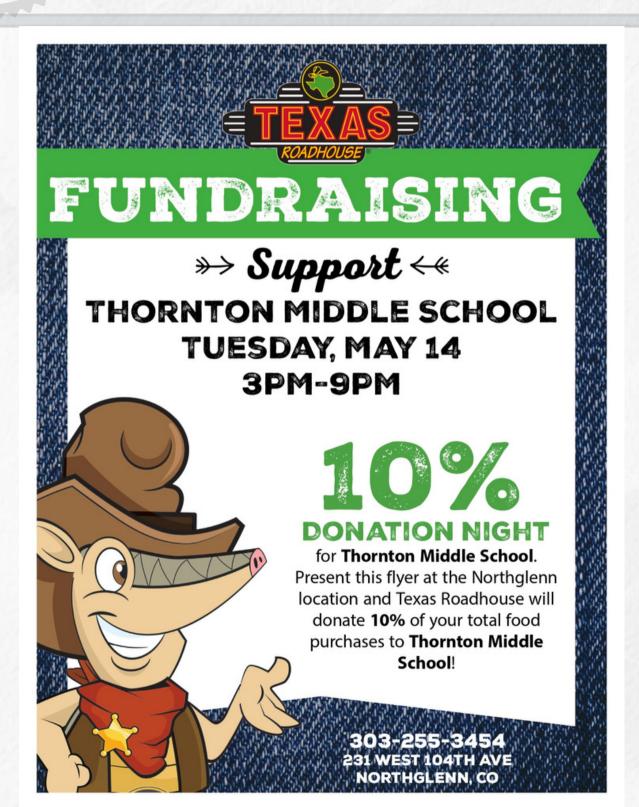
CASH ONLY! Must have a ticket to pick up food on April 29th



MONDAY APRIL 1ST FRIDAY APRIL 5TH

No School!







Grade Continuation

WEDNESDAY MAY 29TH
5:00PM - 6:30PM
THORNTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Come celebrate our 8th graders as they move onto High School.



food trucks will be outside the gym doors following the ceremony





Come Support The TMS Boys Basketball Team

Game One: Thursday 03/21 6pm/7pm vs. Thunder Vista @ TMS

Game Two: Thursday 03/28 6pm/7pm @ Northglenn MS

Game Three: Thursday 04/11 6pm/7pm vs. STEM Lauch @ TMS

Game Four: Thursday 04/18 6pm/7pm vs. Hulstrom @ TMS

Game Five: Thursday 04/25 6pm/7pm @ STEM Lab

Tournaments TBD - 04/29, 05/02 & 05/09



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

NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED

Cash & check payments accepted
Make checks payable to Adams 12 Five Star Schools

Please no bills larger than \$20





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.

Cougar News 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!



Monday April 29th 3:30pm @ TMS - In-N-Out Burger



Tuesday May 14th 3-9pm Northglenn - Texas Roadhouse

Our Spirit Nights have been super sucessful! We appreciate your support!



Thornton High School Cheerleading Tryouts 2024-2025 Season

*Required: Physical must be up to date and turned into Coach Simnioniw before you can participate at the clinic and tryout (hardcopy or email to sim025692@adams12.org).

*Required: -Two letters of recommendation from a teacher, coach, or mentor.

-Printed grade sheet from 2023 Semester 1 due at the first clinic before you can participate at the clinic and tryout.

Required: ATTEND TRYOUT CLINIC April 24th 4:30-6:30PM

- Clinic will be held in the gym at <u>THORNTON HIGH SCHOOL</u>.
- Wear any athletic clothes, tennis shoes, hair up, and no artificial nails.

Required: ATTEND TRYOUTS April 25th 4:30-6:30PM

Tryouts will be held in the gym at <u>THORNTON HIGH SCHOOL.</u>

Tryout Considerations

- -ATTENDANCE, LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION AND GRADES
- -Jumps (taught at Clinic)
- -Cheer (taught at Clinic)
- -Dance (taught at Clinic)
- -Tumbling (roundoff, cartwheel, back handspring)

Email Coach Simnioniw if you have any questions

sim025692@adams12.org

The focus of our cheer team is to promote school spirit, establish a foundation for young athletes to develop skills, and build integrity. At THS, students are provided a variety of opportunities to participate in school-sponsored extracurricular activities, including cheer. Participation in these activities requires students to meet attendance, academic, and behavior eligibility standards.









FLEX

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

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

4PM - 6PM

4:30PM - 6:30PM

NORTHGLENN MIDDLE SCHOOL

1123 MURIEL DR. NORTHGLENN, CO 80233

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

SILVER HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

12400 HURON ST WESTMINSTER, CO 80234

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



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





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



Adams 12 Five Star Schools

2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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8.7-8.11	Staff Workdays
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	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

= End of quarter

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DISTRICT STAFF:

Staff Last Day

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



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Revised: April 26, 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 inviern
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

Último día de clases / Fin del cuarto trimestre

Último día para el personal licenciado

= Fin de trimestre

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Sujeto a revisión

Aprobado: 26 de abril de 2023



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**.

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.