

Hello Middle School Families!

Here's your "one-stop shop" for all the info that you might like to know about TSS (Trojan Supervised Study)!

Q: When does TSS start?

A: We launch on the very first day of school - August 21, 2024!

- TSS runs every full day that school is in session, from 3:30 to 5:45 p.m.
- There are certain irregular days throughout the year (e.g. All School Half Days and Conference Days). **These are considered "Additional Childcare." Please see this year's Extended Day Guide for more information.**

Q: Where does TSS take place?

A: TSS is held every day on the second floor of the Middle School building. The "homebase" and independent study hall space is in Tina Clayton's room. Other classrooms on the hallway may be used for small-group tutoring sessions, led by some fantastic Upper School student volunteer tutors!

Q: Who attends TSS?

A: TSS is available to any student in grades 5-8. TSS attendance varies daily and fluctuates each day based on Enrichment programs, athletics, etc. Approximately 15-20 students may participate in TSS on any given day.

Q: Who runs the TSS program?

A: TSS is operated by the TVS Auxiliary Programs office. We have an awesome team of TSS staff that will spend time with your children every day. Ms. Tina Clayton leads the TSS team.

Q: How does my child get to TSS?

A: TSS participants in Grades 5-6 must check in with Tina Clayton in her classroom at 3:30. Then, they are welcome to quickly grab a snack from the TVS Dining Hall, drink some water, use the restroom, and decompress from the day for the first few minutes before TSS officially begins. Participants in Grades 7-8 should check into TSS as soon as their athletic practice, Enrichment program, or other after-school activity concludes.

Q: What happens during TSS?

A: *There will always be an independent study hall session in Tina Clayton's room.* However, there will also typically be a couple Upper School student tutors - who have stated expertise in math, writing, study skills, executive functioning, etc. - on hand to lead small-group and individual study support. Recess breaks are also given, usually one at the beginning and one toward the middle of the time.

Q: Where and how do I pick up my child?

A: Please pick up your child at the Middle School carpool circle. When you arrive at the circle, **please contact the TSS phone line, specifically for TSS calls and texts: 817.213.6132.** The faculty member on duty will send your child down. Alternatively, you are welcome to park in the Middle School lot, walk up to the second level of the building, and down the hall to Tina Clayton's room. **Please do NOT simply text your child; texting the TSS line enables us to maintain supervision, which is critical to student safety. Please ensure that your child checks out at the kiosk in Tina Clayton's room before leaving!** It is important that he / she checks out at the time of dismissal, especially if you are paying the drop-in rate. Drop-in rates are calculated by the 15-minute interval, and **any family who does not check out will be charged until 5:45 p.m.**