

# Tomah High School Newsletter



Friday August 7, 2026

**Dr. Chai Lee**

**Mr. Ryan Olson**

**Mrs. Jamie Schmitz**

## From the Principal:

Dear Parents/Guardians and Scholars,

Mr. Olson, Ms. Schmitz and I are feeling ecstatic to welcome our class of 2030 to Tomah High School, and to welcome our returning classes of 2029, 2028, and 2027 back to school. We are sure you have had a great summer break, and you all have rejuvenated and ready to start the new school year.

It has always been amazing to be with you, learning and growing together. We are thankful to be a part of such an amazing community and have you as parents and scholars. We welcome each scholar back to school with great joy, happiness, and excitement for the new school year.

Dr. Chai Lee  
Principal

## From the Associate Principals:

### **From Mr. Olson -**

Positive behavior and strong attendance are important for success in high school. When students attend school regularly, they have more opportunities to learn, participate, and build relationships with their teachers and classmates. Positive behavior creates a respectful learning environment where everyone can focus and achieve their goals. By demonstrating responsibility through good attendance and behavior, students develop habits that will benefit them in college, careers, and life.

### **From Mrs. Schmitz -**

Being a Timberwolf means taking pride in how we learn, how we respond to challenges, and how we contribute to our school community. Our PBIS HOWL expectations extend beyond behavior—they guide the way we approach academics as well. Being present and ready to learn each day is essential to student success. Consistent attendance allows students to engage in learning, build relationships, receive feedback, and make meaningful progress. We expect students to demonstrate grit by persevering through challenges, learning from mistakes, and responding positively to feedback; show drive by attending regularly, arriving on time and prepared, engaging in learning, taking ownership of their progress, and seeking support when they need it; and practice critical thinking by asking questions, solving problems, using evidence, and applying their learning in meaningful ways. Our staff maintain high expectations, build strong relationships, and provide clear instruction, feedback, and support so that all students have opportunities to grow and succeed. When students are present and bring grit, drive, and critical thinking to the classroom, they aren't simply earning grades—they are developing the habits and skills that prepare them for what comes next. Together, we ask students, families, and staff to share the responsibility of ensuring high-quality student learning—every child, every day.

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## UPDATED: Cell Phone Policy

To maintain a focused and productive learning environment, students are expected to place their cell phones in the classroom caddy upon entering each class. Device use is permitted before school, after school, during lunch, and passing periods, but is not allowed during instructional time. Students who violate the policy may receive progressive consequences, including parent notification and device collection in the office resulting in having to have a parent pick up the device. This new policy aligns with Wisconsin ACT 42 and Tomah School District School Board policy.

### Consequences:

**Warning:** Teacher/staff have a conversation with the student.

**1st Offense:** Teacher/staff turns cell phone into the office. Cell phone will be kept in the office until parent/guardian can pick it up and review the policy with admin.

**2nd + Offense:** Teacher/staff turns the phone into the office. The cell phone will be kept in the office until parent/guardian can pick it up and review the policy with admin. Students may lose privilege of carrying their phone throughout the day. Administration has the discretion to apply other disciplinary actions as needed.

### Upcoming THS Dates:

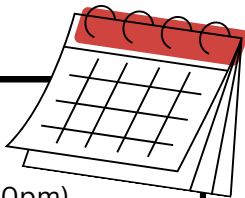
**August 12:** THS Fall Fest (12:00-6:00pm)

**August 21:** Freshman Orientation (8:00-11:30AM) (Freshman ONLY)

**August 24:** First Day of School!

**REMINDER:** Wednesdays Release at 2:21

Link to Districts 2026-2027 School Calendar:  
[2026-2027 School Year Calendar](#)



## Fall Fest 2026-2027:

Wednesday August 12, 2026

Open House: 12:00-6:00pm

### Before Fall Fest Checklist:

**Getting these done NOW can save you time at Fall Fest!**

- Complete "Existing Student Registration" (Available NOW!)
- Complete High School Specific Forms in IC: (Available NOW!)
  - Field Trip/Consent to Treat & Handbook Agreement (1 document this year!)

### Day of Fall Fest Checklist of Events:

- Chromebook Pick Up
- Schedule Pick Up
- Try a school lunch
- Q&A on specific school policies (3:00 & 4:30)
- Meet the New Admin Team (3:00 & 4:30)
- Back to School Pictures
- Pay Fines
- Pay for Student Parking Permits
- Club/Activity Tables
- School Merch Store

We cant wait to see you here!

## THS Building Office Hours:

The High School will be **closed** for the following dates and times. This is to allow our staff to attend back to school meetings and trainings.

Thank you for your understanding.

We are happy to help you any day outside of these days/times, Monday-Friday 7:30-4:00.

Tuesday August 11<sup>th</sup>: 7:30am-4:00pm

Tuesday August 18<sup>th</sup>: 7:45am-12:00pm



HIGH QUALITY STUDENT LEARNING.  
EVERY CHILD. EVERY DAY.

# Existing Student Registration:

If you have not already, please complete your **2026-2027 Existing Student Registration** for your student(s). This needs to be completed to verify that the information we have in our computer system is accurate and will need to be completed **every school year**.

Please complete this process **as soon as possible** so your application can be processed. If you are not able to get logged into your parent portal, please reach out to Annegret Stephens or Patrick Hogan.

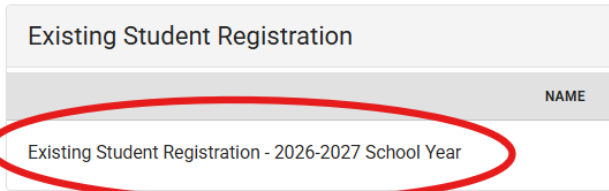
Annegret Stephens: annegretstephens@tomah.education

Patrick Hogan: patrickhogan@tomah.education

Please follow the directions and complete the **existing student registration** for your **existing student(s)**:

## 1. Log into your parent portal

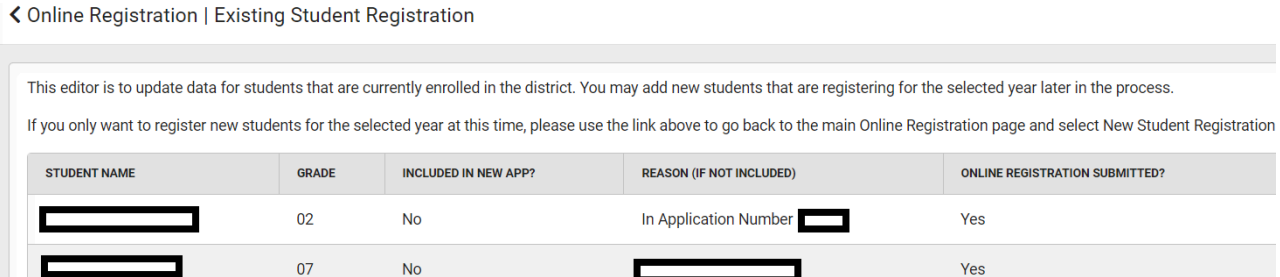
- Click the three lines on the upper left hand corner
- Click more
- Click Tomah Online Registration
- Click Start for the "Existing Student Registration - 2026-2027 School Year" under the **Existing Student Registration**

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- If your student lives in two different households, only one parent/guardian can complete this process for that student. The student also needs to be listed as a primary member of your household for you to be able to complete this for them.
- Below is what it will look like if you have already completed the existing student registration:

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- If another parent/guardian has completed the online verification for your student(s), you should receive this once you click start:

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| STUDENT NAME | GRADE | INCLUDED IN NEW APP? | REASON (IF NOT INCLUDED)         | ONLINE REGISTRATION SUBMITTED? |
|--------------|-------|----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| [REDACTED]   | 02    | No                   | In Application Number [REDACTED] | Yes                            |
| [REDACTED]   | 07    | No                   | [REDACTED]                       | Yes                            |

- Please reach out to Kelli Janusheske (kellijanusheske@tomah.education) if you have any questions while completing this process. If you are not able to complete this on your own device, you can stop at the District Office and complete the registration on our computer. You will need to know your **log-in information** for your parent portal **prior** to coming to the District Office.

# DETAILS OF FALL FEST EVENTS



## DATES TO KNOW

- ✓ Wednesday 8/12: Tito's Fall Festival  
12:00-6:00pm  
\*All students and families welcome!
- ✓ Friday 8/21:  
Freshman Orientation  
8:00-12:00  
\*Freshman ONLY
- ✓ Monday 8/24:  
First Day of School!



### **SCHOOL PHOTOS:**

Jostens will be available to take students photos. We encourage all students to take a picture, even if you do not intend to purchase. This helps us include their picture in the yearbook, and update our IC records with the most up to date photo of your student.

Picture Retake Day: Wednesday October 21st.



### **CLASS SCHEDULES:**

Once all online forms have been completed (either before Fall Fest or while at Fall Fest) students can pick up their class schedule.



### **CHROMEBOOK PICK UP:**

Students can pick up their Chromebooks. If you have an outstanding fine, you should stop in the office to pay the fine or discuss options.



### **MEAL SERVICE DEPOSITS:**

Food Service will be here to put money on student accounts and discuss options for Free/Reduced lunch applications.



### **ACTIVITY & CLUB BOOTHS:**

Booths will be set up for students to explore options to get involved. There will also be class tables you can order class t-shirts.



### **PURCHASE PARKING PERMITS:**

Students can complete forms for student parking. You are required to hold a student parking pass to park in the parking lot. Senior parking spaces are limited and are on a first come, first serve basis. In order to obtain a parking pass you must have your drivers license.



### **YEARBOOK PICK UP:**

2025-2026 Yearbooks are available for pick up if you purchased one last year!



### **SCHOOL PROVIDED MEAL:**

Stop in for a bite to fill your belly and connect with other families. Hot food will be served between 3:00-6:00pm. The food items offered are foods your students will see during the school year.



### **ASK QUESTIONS/MEET YOUR ADMIN TEAM:**

Two opportunities to meet in the cafeteria, times are 3:00pm and 4:30pm. This is a chance to learn more about our cell phone policy, the districts SRP (Standard Response Protocol), meet your new Admin team, and more!