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GREAT TEAMS HAVE GREAT TEAMMATES

Dear Taft Families,

Welcome to a brand-new school year at Taft Intermediate! I hope your summer has been filled with time to relax, have fun, and make great memories. We are excited to welcome our 4th and 5th grade students back and begin another year of learning and growth together.

This year's building theme is We NOT Me - Great Teams Have Great Teammates. Throughout the year, we'll encourage students to work together, support one another, celebrate each other's successes, and recognize that everyone plays an important role in making our school a great place to learn. These are lessons that extend well beyond the classroom and help prepare students for success both in school and in life.

Our teachers and staff have been busy preparing classrooms, planning engaging learning experiences, and getting everything ready for a great start to the year. We are committed to creating an environment where every student feels welcomed, challenged, supported, and valued.

We also know that the strongest schools are built on strong partnerships with families. Thank you for the trust you place in us each day. We look forward to working together to help every student learn, grow, and be successful.

We're excited for a great year and can't wait to welcome everyone back to Taft!

Warmly,
Mrs. Hartzler
Principal, Taft Intermediate





TAFT INTERMEDIATE

Arrival and Dismissal



- If you are using the car rider line in the morning or the afternoon, please pull in and form two lines. This allows more cars to enter the lot.
- Please call the Taft office (not the classroom teacher) before 9:00 a.m. to report your student absent.
- If you are changing the way your child is going home, please notify the office secretaries (not the classroom teachers) before 2:30 p.m.
- **Morning Car-Rider Line:**
 - Form two lanes when pulling into the lot. The two lanes will merge into one lane, marked by a sign.
 - Students are asked to stay in the car until a staff member is in the parking lot to signal their child to exit (8:30 a.m.). Once students are given the thumbs up to exit their car and the flow of traffic begins, your child can exit the car once you're next to the building. They are asked to walk on the left side of the white painted line for their safety.
 - We ask that ALL cars pull up to the start of the white fence or pull forward until stopped before their child exits the vehicle. This helps keep the flow moving quickly and allows more students to unload at a time.
- **Afternoon Car-Rider Line:**
 - Form two lanes when pulling into the lot, but unlike in the morning, the lanes do NOT merge in the afternoon. Lanes pull forward until stopped.
 - Car Riders will be dismissed at 3:17
- **Walkers:**
 - Students who are dropped off or picked up using the Dollar Tree parking lot are considered walkers.
 - All walkers will arrive and be dismissed through the Smith Road door.
 - If you are dropping your child off at the Dollar Tree or your child is walking to school, please keep in mind that there is no supervision until 8:20. Students are asked not to arrive before this time.
 - Safety Patrol members will be at this crosswalk to assist in safe crossings. Please have your child wait to cross until a Safety Patrol member is present.
 - Students should cross at designated crosswalks ONLY.
 - Walkers will be dismissed at 3:25
- **Do NOT stop in the road to drop off or pick up your child. Please use designated parking areas and lines at ALL times.**

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GREAT TEAMS HAVE GREAT TEAMMATES *Helpful Tips and Reminders*

For some of you, this will be your first year at Taft, and some of you will be returning. Below are some tips, reminders, and protocols that will help you and your child have a successful start to the school year.

- All students will have a homework organizer that they can take back and forth from school. Please check this nightly to stay informed about homework assignments, upcoming tests, and other special events. Helping your child clean out their folder, once a week, is encouraged.
- Parent Square will be a valuable communication tool.
- Parents are encouraged to use ProgressBook to check their students' grades and progress. If you need help with this, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher or the Taft Secretaries.
- Please call the Taft office (not the classroom teacher) before 9:00 a.m. to report your student absent.
- If you are changing the way your child is going home, please notify the office secretaries (not the classroom teachers) before 2:30 p.m.
- Mr. Lilley is our school liaison, and Mrs. Ellis is our school counselor. They are available to support your child and can help connect you with resources.
- All contact information should be changed in FinalForms.

Arrival and Dismissal Times

8:30 a.m. Doors open

8:40 a.m. Students are considered tardy and must be signed in at the office

2:30 p.m. All changes to how your child is going home should be made to the office

3:17 p.m. Car Riders dismissal begins (car rider line only)

3:25 p.m. Walkers are dismissed

**Bus times vary based on the route*

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Important Dates



August

19th- 4th Grade Open House (4:30-6:00)
20th- 5th Grade Open House (4:30-6:00)
24th- Taft's First Day of School



September

4th- Taft's ALL School Picture
7th- No School
16th- Taft's Fall Pictures
24th- Taft's Vision & Hearing Screening
25th- No School for Students



October

8th-Taft's Parent/Teacher Conferences
9th- No School for Students
12th-16th- Taft Book Fair
13th-Taft's Parent/Teacher Conferences
28th- Fall Picture Retakes
30th- Fall Parties



November

5th-Parent/Teacher Conferences
11th- Veterans Day Assembly
13th- End of Grading Period
24th- Early Release
25th-27th- No School



December

10th- Winter Taftackular at AHS (Band, Orchestra, & Choir Concert)
18th- Early Release
21st- Winter Break Begins



January

4th- School Resumes after Winter Break
18th- No School
21st- Taft's Family Engagement Night



February

11th- Taft's Parent/Teacher Conferences
15th- No School
26th- End of Grading Period



March

11th - Taft's Spring Pictures
22nd - 29th - Spring Break



April



May

1st- Taftackular (*Spring Choir, Band, and Orchestra Concerts*)
28th- 5th Grade Clap- Out
28th- Early Release
28th- Last Day of School

