



# Office of Innovation



We're meeting the needs of families with innovative approaches.

## September 2026 Newsletter

### Parent-Family-Community Engagements & Events:

Rain Will Bring Flowers, AFSP LA, & the TPSS Office of Innovation presents...

#### It's Real: Teens and Mental Health for Middle School Students

Thursday, September 10, 2026

5:30pm-7:00pm

TPSS Family & Community Event Center

711 W. Coleman Ave.

Hammond, LA 70403

\*Dinner and Door Prizes will be provided.\*

Register Here:

[It's Real: Teens & Mental Health at TPSS](#)

**IT'S REAL: TEENS AND MENTAL HEALTH**

Join us on World Suicide Prevention Day to learn more about mental health, how to notice signs of someone needing help, methods for self-care and more! Celebrating and honoring the lives of those who have lost loved ones to mental health issues. Join us for a special reading of a book by a young person who has lived with mental health issues. All families welcomed! Please join us for a special reading of a book by a young person who has lived with mental health issues.

**Free Food! Door Prizes! Community Resources and more!**

**Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**  
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM  
TPSS Family & Community Event Center  
711 W. Coleman Ave., Hammond, LA 70403

[Click here to register!](#)

"We lost our 18-year-old son, Owen, to suicide on April 29th, 2023. Owen was gentle, sweet, kind, good looking, fun loving, athletic, and came from a stable home where he was loved and supported. We say this to help you understand that if Owen could tell us how to survive, then all our kids are at risk. To transform our pain into purpose, we've started the Rain Will Bring Flowers Foundation. Focused on youth mental wellness."

— Jordan Baker, Owen's Father & Founder of RWBF

Check out the RWBF story on the Rain Will Bring Flowers Foundation

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TPSS OFFICE OF INNOVATION

American Association of Professional Family Therapists

#### Silver Surfers: Navigating the Digital Wave

Join Us for a **Free Tech Workshop & Complimentary Lunch!**

Attention grandparents, guardians, and senior family members! Want to feel more confident navigating computers, sending emails, and staying connected with your child's school?

Come to our workshop!

**Date: Tuesday, September 22nd**

**Time: 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM**

**Lunch: Provided FREE for all attendees!**

**Location: TPSS Family & Community Event Center  
711 W. Coleman Ave. Hammond, LA 70403**

Register Below:

[Silver Surfers Tech PD](#)

**SILVER SURFERS**

**SEPTEMBER 22**

**11:30am - 1:30pm**

**711 West Coleman Avenue Hammond, LA**

Lunch will be provided

Space is Limited! [Scan to Register](#)

**Learn. Connect. Navigate.**

An interactive workshop for parents, grandparents and caregivers who want to build confidence with technology and stay connected with their child's education.

**IN THIS HANDS-ON WORKSHOP YOU'LL LEARN**

**BYOD BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE**

Basic Computer Skills  
Get comfortable using a computer with ease

Navigating the Tang Schools Website  
Explore the family toolkit, school webpages and key resources

Get Up Your Google Email  
Create an email account and stay organized

Save Passwords & Stay Secure  
Learn simple ways to save passwords and keep your info safe

Ask Questions, Get Support  
We're here to support you every step of the way!

www.tangschools.org/departments/innovation

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#### For Central/Mid-Parish Families:

TPSS Office of Innovation Presents...

A 90s-Themed FREE Family Event,

**Tuesday, September 29, 2026**

**5:00-7:00 PM**

**Independence High School: 270 Tiger Ave, Independence, LA 70443**

"Did I do that?" 🤖

Oh, we definitely did!

Grab your neon windbreakers, dust off your cassettes, and bring the whole family.

We're throwing it back to the 1990s for an evening of community, connection, and back-to-school preparation that's bound to be all that and a bag of chips!

**REGISTER HERE:**



**FAMILY MATTERS MEETING:  
CENTRAL PARISH**

**FAMILY MATTERS MEETING**

**90s VIBES**

**IT'S ALL ABOUT FAMILY!**

**90s THEME EVENT!**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2026**  
5:00PM - 7:00PM

**JOIN US TO:**

- LEARN about the NEW 90s trend
- GAIN valuable information
- GET CONNECTED with community resources

**PARENTS AND FAMILIES WILL RECEIVE A GIFT: "SPEAK UP, LIFT UP: POSITIVE SCHOOL COMMUNICATION AND ADVOCACY" SESSION DURING THE MEETING!**

**DINNER AND DOOR PRIZES PROVIDED!**

**REGISTER HERE!**

**Click the link to register:**

**SCAN THE QR CODE to register:**

**STRONG FAMILIES. STRONG FUTURES.**

**ENGAGE • EMPOWER • EXCEL | Together, we make a difference!**



## SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

"Get your FREE library card today—  
and see where it can take you!"

- Brooklynn Warner,  
2026 Young Woman of Excellence

## The September Focus

### September Is Suicide Prevention Month



talking about  
**suicide prevention**  
saves lives

#### Encourages help-seeking

Talking openly about suicide shows teens they can **trust you with their struggles**. By keeping that dialogue open, you **create opportunities for them to reach out** before it becomes a crisis.

#### Teaches warning signs

Warning signs aren't always clear or dramatic. Awareness teaches you **what to look for and how to respond** when a teen needs support.

#### Reframes help as healing

Suicide awareness shows **asking for help is what brave people do** in difficult times. When seeking support is seen as a strength and not a failure, teens are **more likely to ask for help**.

#### Creates a safety net

Some teens confide in friends, others may need an adult to recognize the signs. When everyone understands suicide, struggling teens are **surrounded by people ready to help**.

**NO JUDGMENT.  
JUST HELP.**

TEXT, CALL, CHAT

**988**

## Social Emotional Learning (S.E.L.) Spotlight

### The September Focus Trait:

## RESPECT

is seeing value in all people  
and things & treating them  
with care

*Character  
Strong*

### Reflect:

 What is 1 way you showed Respect or Kindness this week, even when you did not feel like it?

 Quick choice: Which "Respect move" is easiest for you right now? Why?

- Listen without interrupting
- Use a calm tone
- Take care of shared spaces



### Meet the Office of Innovation Team!

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## OFFICE of INNOVATION

TANGIPAHOA PARISH  
SCHOOL SYSTEM

# COMMUNITY BUS TOURS

*Let's Roll Together!*

Join the Office of Innovation  
as we visit schools across  
Tangipahoa Parish to connect,  
listen, and build stronger  
partnerships with our  
community.



**MEETING NEEDS. BUILDING TRUST.**  
with Partnerships, Communities and Families

**SCAN HERE**

TO RESERVE  
YOUR SEAT



**SAVE THE DATES!**



**WEDNESDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 16**

Virtual/TASP,  
Woodland Park  
Elementary



**THURSDAY**  
**OCTOBER 22**

Hammond High Magnet  
Hammond Eastside  
Lower Magnet,  
Hammond Eastside  
Upper Magnet



**TUESDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 17**

Ponchatoula High  
School  
Champ Cooper  
Elementary



**WEDNESDAY**  
**DECEMBER 9**

Independence High  
Independence  
Leadership Academy



[www.tangischools.org/innovation](http://www.tangischools.org/innovation)



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1745 SW Railroad Hammond, LA 70403



**WELCOME**

# **BACK TO SCHOOL**



**NEED TO UPDATE  
YOUR CONTACT  
INFORMATION?**



**FOLLOW THE STEP BY STEP  
DIRECTIONS ON THE BACK  
OR SCAN QR CODE HERE**





## Step-by-Step Instructions

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- **Log In:**
    - Go to the **Student Progress Center** at [tangiedgear.net/progress](http://tangiedgear.net/progress). It is recommended to use the Google Chrome browser for the best experience.
  - **Open the Menu:**
    - Look for the arrow on the right side of the screen labeled "Make Selection" and click on it.
  - **Navigate to Contacts:**
    - Select "Contact Information" from the list of available options.
  - **Edit Details:**
    - Update your phone numbers and email address in the designated fields.
  - **Save Changes:**
    - Click the "Save" button to finalize your updates.
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### Important Notes

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- **Prerequisites:** If you do not have an existing account, you must first obtain a PSN number from your child's school to register. The original document provides video links for SPC New Account Creation and SPC Link Multiple Students if you need setup assistance.
  - **Multi-Student Accounts:** If you have multiple students linked to your account, updating your contact information once will automatically apply the changes to all associated students.
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**WELCOME**

# back to school!

**HAVE YOU MOVED OVER SUMMER?**

**IF SO, IT MAY BE TIME TO  
UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS!**

**FOLLOW DIRECTIONS ON BACK  
TO UPDATE**





# CHANGE OF ADDRESS PROCESS

HAS YOUR FAMILY MOVED? TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S RECORDS ARE ACCURATE AND THAT YOU RECEIVE IMPORTANT SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS, PLEASE FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW TO UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION.

## WHERE TO REPORT

- DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR: PLEASE REPORT DIRECTLY TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL.
- DURING SUMMER BREAK: SINCE SCHOOL OFFICES ARE CLOSED, PLEASE REPORT TO OUR REGISTRATION OFFICE TO PROCESS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGE. 1745 S. W. RAILROAD AVENUE IN HAMMOND

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

- TO VERIFY A NEW PHYSICAL ADDRESS, THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST PROVIDE AT LEAST TWO (2) ITEMS FROM THE LIST BELOW. IMPORTANT: ALL DOCUMENTS MUST SHOW A PHYSICAL <sup>q11</sup> ADDRESS AND BE IN THE NAME OF THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN. DOCUMENTS WITH A P.O. BOX ADDRESS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AS PROOF OF RESIDENCE.
- ACCEPTABLE PROOFS OF RESIDENCY
  - PROPERTY RECORDS: PROPERTY TAX RECORDS, MORTGAGE DOCUMENTS, OR A PROPERTY DEED.
  - LEASE AGREEMENTS: A FORMAL APARTMENT/HOME LEASE OR A NOTARIZED STATEMENT FROM THE PROPERTY OWNER IDENTIFYING THE LEASEHOLDER AND THE TERM OF THE LEASE.
  - UTILITY BILLS: CURRENT UTILITY BILLS THAT CLEARLY SHOW BOTH THE PHYSICAL ADDRESS AND THE "SERVICE LOCATION."
  - LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP/EMANCIPATION: IF THE STUDENT LIVES WITH A LEGAL GUARDIAN OR IS JUDICIALLY EMANCIPATED, OFFICIAL COURT DECREES MUST BE PRESENTED.

## SPECIAL RESIDENCY SITUATIONS

- IF YOU ARE LIVING WITH ANOTHER RESIDENT AND DO NOT HAVE RESIDENCY PROOFS IN YOUR OWN NAME, YOU MUST PROVIDE A DECLARATION OF RESIDENCE. PLEASE NOTE THAT A PERSONAL HOME VISIT BY A DESIGNATED SCHOOL BOARD OFFICIAL WILL BE REQUIRED FOR VERIFICATION.