

Greetings Parents and Families of Thurgood Marshall Middle School (TMMS):

Welcome grade 7&8 families to the 2016-2017 school year! I hope you are enjoying summer, committing to your summer reading, and looking forward to a great school year. My main goal is to ensure that every student is provided the highest quality of education possible in a safe and supportive learning environment. Working together as a team with our staff and parents, I am committed to helping each student achieve their very best. Every student is valued and worthy of our best effort.

In order to accomplish this goal, Thurgood Marshall Middle School follows **The DREAM guiding principles**. These are: Dignity, Respect, Effort, Attitude, and Motivation. We will be spending a considerable amount of time discussing and implementing these concepts into what we do at TMMS. We believe that by following these five concepts, we become well-rounded and civic-minded individuals. When we model these concepts in everything that we do, we take our school from good to great.

The middle school years are an important and critical time of transition as we prepare our students for the competitive challenge of high school. What happens during these few years will have a lasting impression on the development and growth of your children.

The year will be busy, exciting, and very rewarding for each student if they put forth their best effort and conduct themselves with dignity, respect, effort and a positive attitude. We want you to join us in making this the very best experience for your children. Being informed will help. Throughout the year our school website, periodic calendars, and newsletters, will provide you with the most current information.

In this letter I have included Important Reminders & Procedures and the bus website, [MBTA Website Link](#), which will give you the information you need. Please check the LPS website at [Lynn Public Schools Website Link](#) or our blog [Thurgood Marshall Blog Website Link](#) for the summer reading list. The Clusters will inform the students what supplies they need for school. Remember students are responsible for completing their summer reading projects by the second week of school. **The first day of school for 7th and 8th graders is Thursday September 7, 2017.**

Our 6th Grade Orientation Days will be Wednesdays: August 23 and 30 from 9-12. If your 7th or 8th grade child is new to TMMS please consider attending this orientation. Administrators will hold a Parent Meet and Greet at 8:30 both days to answer any questions you may have. Please enter through the main lobby doors at 100 Brookline Street. We look forward to meeting with you then.

Best wishes,

Molly Cohen
Principal

Important Reminders & Procedures

I. The first day of school for grades 7&8 is Thursday, September 7, 2017.

- TMMS school hours will be: 7:45 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.
- Classroom Assignments will be posted the first day of school.
- Students will enter through the front doors.
- Grade 7 will report to the cafeteria.
- Grade 8 will report to the gym.

II. Open House Night on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 from 5:30 to 8:00 PM.

- Parents enter through the A2 doors closest to the gym and cafeteria where they will receive a copy of the evening's schedule and attend a brief presentation by the principal.
- Parents will attend brief presentations by the teachers in each discipline.

III. Closed Driveway Policy & Procedures

Student safety continues to be a high priority at TMMS. We implement our "No Parking" guidelines. In the interest of security and safety for students and staff, our driveway and parking lot is closed to parents and guardians. Keep your children safe by following these guidelines and reviewing them with your child. Brookline Street is a one way between the hours of 7:15 to 8:15 am and 2 pm to 3 pm. Driving in the wrong direction endangers the safety of pedestrians. Police take notice.

IV. Drop Off Procedures:

- Supervision is provided starting at 7:15 A.M. **Please do not bring your child to school before that time since there is no supervision.**
- All parents/visitors must report directly to the school office. The office personnel will provide assistance in an effort to keep classroom interruptions to a minimum.

V. Attendance

Only students may enter the school through the main entrance located at the front of the school on Brookline St. from 7:45 A.M. to 8:00A.M. The doors will be locked at 8:00 A.M. and all students who are not on campus by that time will need to enter through the office and be marked tardy. Students who arrive tardy 4 or more times will serve detention. Regular attendance to school is critical to academic achievement. Students who are ABSENT 7 or more days in a marking period will FAIL all their classes for the quarter.

Please help your child to be successful by making sure your child is **well-prepared and on time** for school each day. Thank you for your cooperation, patience and flexibility.