

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as principal of a staff and student body committed to personal growth and academic achievement. Our primary goal is to ensure that every student is provided the highest quality of education possible in a safe and supportive learning environment. Our mission at TMMS is to instill in our students the DREAM principles that guide our daily interactions through the development of dignity, respect, effort, attitude and motivation. We believe that by adhering to the basic ideas embedded in these five concepts, our students will become well-rounded and civic-minded individuals. Through hard work and dedication, we can accomplish our dream of becoming a high performing middle school.

In our efforts to provide effective instructional practices and well-developed school structures that support student achievement we will be focusing on the following initiatives for the 2017/2018 school year:

- Teachers will engage in professional collaborative planning to improve instructional practices that will increase cognitive engagement for all students with the implementation of data informed instructional strategies. Focus areas include promoting higher order thinking skills and creating diverse learning opportunities for students to engage in rigorous learning tasks.
- All staff will implement an advisory curriculum that includes personal goal setting, commitment to social responsibility, and sustained silent reading. The goal of Advisory is two-fold: to build personal relationships where students start to learn their responsibility to self and the community and to increase the opportunity for pleasure reading by making connections to text in a fun, personal way. Advisories are a supportive, non-academic setting where students can connect learning with life.
- The Principal will implement a Principal's Coffee once a quarter to invite community members to discuss school initiatives, offer feedback and share questions or concerns.

School and family partnerships are central to improving academic achievement of our students. We encourage families to get involved in students' academic lives. 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, blog, school calendar, and newsletters, will provide you with the most current information.

We look forward to working together to ensure that all of our students meet their full potential.

Molly Cohen  
Principal