

Greetings Families of Thurgood Marshall Middle School (TMMS):

We are so excited to welcome back our 7th and 8th grade students and families to the 2021-2022 school year! Our goal is to ensure that every student receives the highest quality of education in a safe and supportive learning environment. Working together as a team with our staff and families, we are committed to helping each student achieve their very best.

To accomplish this goal, Thurgood Marshall Middle School follows **The D.R.E.A.M. guiding principles**. These are: Dignity, Respect, Effort, Achievement and Motivation. We will discuss and implement these concepts into everything we do at TMMS. Our focus will be to develop well-rounded and civic-minded individuals. This year we will elevate student voices and partner with families. When we model these concepts in everything that we do, we take our school from good to great.

We look forward to a busy, exciting, and rewarding year. Our school website, calendar, and newsletters will provide you with the most current information.

Included here are Important Reminders & Procedures and the bus website, www.mbta.com. At this time we are not requesting students bring supplies. All they need is their LPS issued school computer and charger. Clusters will help orient students to in-person learning throughout September. **The first day of school for 7th and 8th graders is Wednesday September 8th, 2021 @ 7:45.**

Best wishes,

Molly Cohen
Principal

Important Reminders & Procedures

We will be enforcing a Mask mandate. All students, staff members and visitors will be required to wear a mask while in doors.

- 1. The first day of school for grades 07 and 08 is Wednesday September 8th 2021.**
 - TMMS school hours are **7:45 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.**
 - Classroom Assignments will be sent out on School Messenger on September 2, 2021. Students who do not know their homeroom will be assisted on the first day of school.
- 2. Open House Night on Wednesday, October 6th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM.**

- Families enter through the A2 doors nearest the cafeteria and gym where they will receive a copy of the evening's schedule and attend a brief presentation by the principal.
- Families will attend brief presentations by the teachers and organizers.

Additional Open House Dates

- January 19, 2022
- March 23, 2022

3. Half Days for Students 7:45-12:30

- September 29th
- October 27th
- November 10th
- December 15th
- January 26th
- March 9th
- March 23rd
- April 27th
- May 25th

No School for Students

- November 2nd, 2021

4. Technology

- All students will be issued a personal laptop. We will be using Schoology as our Learning Management System.
- Families will be able to view grades and attendance using a username and password on our Home Access Center (HAC). School counselors can assist you in logging in.

5. 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 families 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.

6. Drop Off Procedures:

- Supervision is provided in Morning Gym and Breakfast starting at 7:15 A.M. Please do not bring your child to school before that time.
- All families/visitors must report directly to the school office. The office personnel will provide assistance in order to keep classroom interruptions to a minimum.

7. 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 be monitored by their School Counselor and may receive detention. Regular attendance to school is critical to academic achievement. Students who are ABSENT 4 or more days in a marking period will have their grades penalized for all their classes for the quarter. Contact the school if you need assistance with attendance. We are here to help!

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.