



**From the Principal's Desk**  
**Tomlinson Middle School**  
**A Peek at The Week**  
**Oct 30 – Nov 3**

Dear Parents,

In an effort to support our TMS families we are seeking support from the entire Tomlinson community in order to make their holidays a little bit brighter. Should you wish to contribute, I will be collecting gift card donations from local businesses such as: Kohl's, CVS, Stop & Shop, Marshall's, Target, Wal-Mart, or any other area businesses that would allow our students to enjoy the holidays. Gift card donations can be dropped off to me in the TMS guidance department. If you prefer to contribute age appropriate gifts for our students, we welcome those donations as well. If donating gifts, please send gifts unwrapped so we can distribute appropriately. Please feel free to contact me by phone at (203) 255-8433 or email [erodriguez@fairfieldschools.org](mailto:erodriguez@fairfieldschools.org) if you have any questions.

Happy Holidays!

*Elizabeth Rodriguez, School Social Worker*



On Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, the Eighth Grade **Veterans Day Ceremony** will take place in the Tomlinson auditorium from 10 a.m. until approximately 11:45 a.m. There will be a light breakfast reception for our attending veterans at 9:30 a.m.

**Family members of our veterans are welcome to attend as well.**



**TMS Drama Club:** The TMS Drama Club Musical is Pippin! Auditions are Thursday, November 2nd from 3-5pm with Callbacks on Friday, November 3rd at 3-5pm in the Auditorium. Sign-ups and further information will be posted on the Drama Board outside the auditorium and online: [tomlinsondramaclub.yolasite.com](http://tomlinsondramaclub.yolasite.com). Questions regarding auditions, you may contact Mr. Liu at [perrytmsdrama@gmail.com](mailto:perrytmsdrama@gmail.com)



**The National Charity League of Fairfield** is conducting a **winter coat drive** to benefit the **Bridgeport Rescue Mission's Great Thanksgiving Project**. Gently used coats of **ALL** sizes can be dropped off in the designated box in the **Main Office** from **Oct 11 - Nov 1**. Please consider donating to this worthy cause!



**Calling all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders** who love to flip, dance, jump and cheer! Come try out for the 2017-2018 **cheerleading team!** Tryouts will take place on **Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00-3:50** and on **Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:30**. See **Ms. Giff** in room **233** if you have any questions. To register please visit TMS website <http://fairfieldschools.org/schools/tms/> **Intramurals Sport Registration**.



**Girls Basketball Tryouts:** Any girls interested in trying out for the basketball team, please **sign up** outside of **room 206**. The **tryouts** will take place on **Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>** and **Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** afterschool. To register please visit TMS website <http://fairfieldschools.org/schools/tms/> **Intramurals Sport Registration**. For more information, please see TMS webpage under **Activities**. If you have any questions, please see **Mr. Hanley**.



**Boys Basketball Tryouts:** Tryouts will be held on **Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** and **Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30 - 6:30pm**. All boys must turn in their signed **permission slip** and the **online intramural sports registration** must be completed by **Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>** in order to tryout. If you have any questions, please see **Mr. Cunningham**.



**TMS Student/Parent Book Group:** We've chosen a date! Plenty of time to read up in case you haven't yet! We'll gather on **Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>** with two options for you to choose from that day - **2:50-3:50pm** (timed with the late bus, for any student attending independently), or **7:00-8:00pm**, in the **TMS library**. All TMS students and parents/caregivers/grandparents are welcome to join a super casual discussion of **The Westing Game**, by the multi-talented **Ellen Raskin**. A modern classic whodunit full of quirky characters and plot twists. Don't miss the opportunity to connect with your middle schooler in this meaningful way. Questions? **Contact Ann Harvey at [annmharvey@me.com](mailto:annmharvey@me.com)**

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### Important Dates

- 10/31 Halloween Dress-Up Day (*optional*)
- 11/01 Jim Royale Steel Drum Band – All grades in Auditorium
- 11/03 Bus Evacuation Drill
- 11/06 CMT Mile Run – Grade 8 at Ludlowe (*rain date 11/8*)
- 11/07 Election Day – School Closed (*PD for staff*)
- 11/09 Veteran's Day Program – Grade 8 10:00-11:50
- 11/16 Picture Retakes, Gr 8 Group & Activities Photo
- 11/16 Student/Parent Book Group – 7:00 – 8:00 pm in Library
- 11/22 Pep Rally
- 11/22 Early Dismissal – 12:40
- 11/23 & 24 Thanksgiving Break – No School

## Tomlinson Afterschool Activities 2017-2018

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Advisor(s)</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Location</b>
Art Club	Cheryl Abraham/Dave Ward	Monday	B02/B08
<b>Basketball-Boys Varsity</b>	<b>Tom Cunningham</b>	TBD	Gym
<b>Basketball-Girls Varsity</b>	<b>Tim Hanley</b>	TBD	Gym
Book Club	Katie Lee	Monthly	LLC
<b>Chamber Orchestra</b>	<b>Vickie Kuan</b>	Monday	B20
<b>Chamber Choir</b>	<b>Sara Hoefler</b>	Wednesday	B22
<b>Cheerleaders (Winter)</b>	<b>Caitlin Giff</b>	Tryouts 11/6, 8 & 9	PA Gym
Cross Country (Fall)	Kyle Astle/Karen Vickerelli	Monday/Thursday	Field
<b>Drama Club</b>	<b>Perry Liu</b>	TBD	Auditorium
Golf Club (Fall)	Brendan Hamilton	TBD	Par 3
History Club	Katie Lee	Monday	LLC (seminar)
Homework Club	Jim Fedoryk/Brendan Hamilton Kristy Bellantoni/Dane Schlegel	Monday/Thursday	LLC
<b>Jazz Band</b>	<b>Carla Strauss</b>	Wednesday	B31
Literary Magazine	Diana Cicero/Maura Shields	Thursday	305
Science/Math Club	Jim Fedoryk	TBD	101
Sewing Club	Lauri Warfield	Thursday	166
Sports Club (fall/ spring)	Barb Markelz	Monday	Gym
<b>Student Leadership Council</b>	<b>Paige McCarthy</b>	TBD	107
Technology Education Club	Rick Hellthaler	Thursday	B13/B15
Track (Spring)	TBD/Karen Vickerelli	Monday/Thursday	Field
<b>Yearbook</b>	<b>Joann Bachleda</b>	Thursday	114