



TMS Digital Backpack



March 22, 2021

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| March 22 | Practice tests for SBAC begins this week |
| March 24 | Rock Your Socks Day |
| March 31 | Portal Reopens at 7:00 a.m |
| April 1 | Early Release |
| April 1 | Quarter 2 closes, portal closes at 2:30 pm |
| April 9 | Portal Reopens at 7:00 a.m. |

TMS Families

This week our students will begin practicing for our state smarter balance testing. Practice tests will be in math classes on Monday, language arts classes on Tuesday. Thursday, all students will take the math practice test at the same time in home rooms beginning at 8:15. Friday, our 8th graders will take their science test during science classes.

The week of March 29, students will take the state mandated SBAC assessment on Tuesday, March 30, Thursday April 1, and Tuesday April 6. During these tests, all students will test at the same time in their homeroom beginning at 8:15. Grade 8 will have one more session in science on Thursday, April 8. Please be sure your child has charged their Chromebook each night so they are prepared for school and testing.

Beginning the week of March 29, our students will return to five days of in-person learning. On Wednesdays, dismissal will begin at 11:30 for pick-ups. Bus students will be dismissed beginning at 11:40. There will not be any after school activities on Wednesdays until further notice. However, we will have a late bus for students that stay after on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. The late bus will depart TMS at approximately 3:30.

Our focus for the month of March is being kind by greeting others. Each morning during morning announcements Mrs. Grande or Mr. Spangle encourages students and staff to greet others with a hello or how are you? We are encouraging all adults and students at TMS to take a moment and say hello back to someone or initiate a hello and/ or how are you when our paths cross.

Did you know that March is Women's History Month? Here's a fun fact that made an enormous difference in our United States space travel: **Katherine Johnson** worked 33 years at NASA wielding little more than a pencil, a slide rule and one of the finest mathematical minds in the country. Mrs. Johnson, who died in 2020 at age 101, calculated the precise trajectories that would let Apollo 11 land on the moon in 1969 and, after Neil Armstrong's history-making moonwalk, let it return to Earth. The movie [Hidden Figures](#) that was in theaters in 2016 was the story of a Katherine Jones and a team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program.

Pi Day at TMS: Pi is a name given to the ratio of the circumference of a circle to the diameter. It doesn't matter how big or small the circle is, Pi remains the same. We celebrate it on 3/14 (the first 3 digits of the number Pi).

In 1761 Lambert proved that Pi was irrational, that is, that it can't be written as a ratio of integer numbers. Calculating the digits of Pi has proven to be an fascination for mathematicians throughout history. Millions of digits have been calculated, with the record held (as of September 1999) by a supercomputer at the University of Tokyo that calculated 206,158,430,000 digits.

During the week prior to 3/14/21 TMS students have been persevering, exploring Pi and working to memorize as many digits of Pi as they can. We would like to congratulate everyone who participated and each team winner below:

20-21

6 Blue: Julie Case: 59 Digits

6 Gold: Julian Prytko 35 digits

7 Gold: Chase Anderson: 230 digits

8 Blue: Brooke Souliere: 51 digits

Overall TMS Winner: Chase Anderson

Please be sure that your child is charging their Chromebook at home each night. A gentle reminder to keep their Chromebook away from food and drink to keep it clean would be appreciated.

Stay well!!

Mary E. Grande



Join
Mrs. Webster, K-12 Math Supervisor
and
the TIS and TMS Principals,
Mr. Dineen and Mrs. Grande



to learn about math placement for
incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

| Math Placement Parent Meeting | TIS Coffee with the Principal | TMS Breakfast with the Principal |
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| Date: Thursday April 29, 2021 Time: 6:00-7:00pm Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/92409057724?pwd=MUxSTENOM0tTRm80V3MrQmt4bmo2UT09 Meeting ID: 924 0905 7724 Passcode: 3JfW4x | Date: Wednesday May 19, 2021 Time: 10:00am - 11:00am Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/96428542173?pwd=eEJDRDJrVFNKtkVITmNEeWszblpNZz09 Meeting ID: 964 2854 2173 Passcode: 0vpDHN | Date: Wednesday May 12, 2021 Time: 9:00am - 10:00am Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/96751006055?pwd=UGVxZ1RtM25DTzRzRXFGZkJVtUpMdz09 Meeting ID: 967 5100 6055 Passcode: 1rNz0D |

You can find more detailed information on our Tolland Public Schools Middle School Math Placement website. It can be accessed directly with this link:
<http://tps.sharpschool.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=891651&pageId=47149004> or by following the pathway on the Tolland Public Schools website: Departments, Curriculum, and Mathematics.

You Are Cordially Invited To:



Breakfast with the Principal

2020-2021

T.M.S. Coffee with the Principal will be VIRTUAL this year. All meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m.

October 14, 2020- Cancelled

November 11, 2020

No December meeting

January 13, 2021

February 10, 2021

March 10, 2021

April 14, 2021

May 12, 2021

Please RSVP

To Michelene Wry (mwry@tolland.k12.ct.us) by the day before the meeting date you would like to attend. You will then receive a link to the meeting.

Please also see the attachments:

- Free Meal Flyer
- Parking Lot Map
- Eastern Youth Soccer Camp
- 4-H Camp
- Camp Kasem
- Challenger Baseball
- Excursions in Learning
- NARCHY Basketball AAU Tryouts
- Chromebook Troubleshooting Guide
- Chromebook Pledge
- Tutorial Video for Case Installation (grades 6 and 8)