Welcome to Twin Oaks

6th Grade Transition Meeting Spring 2022



Administrative/Guidance Staff

In addition to the fantastic teachers your child will encounter at TOMS, we also have many great support staff that want to assist your child to have a successful middle school experience.

Principal Joe Kuboushek

Assistant Principal John Dahl

Counselor (A-L) Sarah Loechler

Counselor (M-Z) TBD

Social Worker Jenny Bauer

Dean of Students Scott Peterson



TOMS/HOMS Partnership

- TOMS/HOMS staff collaborate weekly to ensure practices/content are similar
- Shared Busing buses pick up by neighborhood, not school
- Potential of traveling between schools for classes
- Staff monitor the crosswalk to ensure safety





Daily Schedule

School day is 7:20 am- 2:06 pm

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- Six classes and an advisory/lunch period.
- Four minute passing period allows for plenty of time to get to class



Pick up and Drop off Procedures

- Please use drop off by the Marquee sign in the lower level of the building
- Lower cafeteria is supervised 6:45-7:15
- Breakfast is available from 7:00-7:20
- When picking up your child during the school day, please sign them out at main office.
 However, when returning your child you can simply drop off at the upper level.





Lunch Procedures

- Separate lunches by grade level
- Three Tray Lines main line, alternate line, and Burrito Bowl
- Ala Carte Line
 - Parents can set account limits, as these items can add up quickly

 If you use School Cafe online to deposit lunch money, you can see your balance and a list of what your child ate each day, plus get reminders when the account gets low.



Middle School is a Time of Great Change

Your child will grow dramatically over the next three years...

- Physically
- Cognitively
- Academically
- Socially
- Emotionally

The middle school staff will collaborate with you to support this growth, guiding your child to learn the responsibility of added independence.





6th Grade Classes Offered

All Year:

Math (Advanced, Regular)

English (Advanced, Regular)

Science (Advanced, Regular)

One Semester:

MN studies (Advanced, Regular)

and Health



Tech Ed

Art

FACS

Coding



Immersion (Spanish/MN Studies)

Band, Choir, or

Music Exploration/PE





Additional Support

Math Extension

Reading Intervention



Identification for these additional supports will occur over the summer/fall.

Parent/guardian will be notified if your child qualifies.



Lakers are Respectful, Safe, and Accountable



Twin Oaks is a PBIS school

We expect students to be Lakers: Respectful, Safe and Accountable, throughout the entire day at school

We also celebrate all of the awesome things that our Lakers do each day!



At Twin Oaks, we have FUN!

Spirit Weeks

Monthly PBIS Celebrations

Staff vs. Student Volleyball Game

Weekly Laker Pride Winners

5K Fun Run

DJ Club Performances

Middle School Musical

ESTEM Day

All Star Breakfasts

Constitution Day











Middle School Activities

Research shows that students who are involved in school tend to get better grades and feel more connected to their school community.

Many clubs and sports are available to middle school students. Please check out the list of school sponsored activities on our school website

Track and Field	Laker Performance
Boys Tennis	Golf (CE)
Mountain Biking	Cheer
Trap Shooting	Dance Team
Wrestling	Robotics (VEX)
Ski Trips	MS Band
Girls Swimming	Student Council
Girls Tennis	PLSC Soccer
Cross Country Run Boys	P.L.A.Y. Volleyball
	P.L.A.Y. Football
Cross Country Run Girls	Summer Swim



Guidance Office Services

Two School Counselors and One Social Worker

Assist students with a variety of academic, social/personal and career development needs.



- Weekly Social-Emotional curriculum (Growth Produces Success)
- Goal-setting/decision making, academic planning, education in understanding of self and mental health, career/transition planning
- Individual and small group counseling, crisis intervention, referrals



Middle School Transition

- First Day of School for 6th graders
 Where Everybody Belongs (WEB)
- M&M Week
 (Managing Middle School)





"How Can I Support My Middle Schooler?"

- Be present and be consistent
- Provide structure and boundaries for exploring independence
- Check for accountability use online tools (Schoology and Infinite Campus)
- Make space for conversation and listen to their feelings
- Reach out to your child's team teachers, counselor, support system





Social Media/Technology

While technology and social media are part of their world and can add value, consider helping them avoid technology addiction by setting screen time limits. Too much screen time can impact:

- Sleep
- Grades
- Anxiety/Depression





Attendance

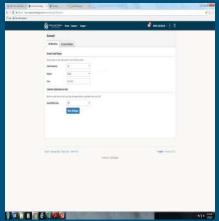
- Research has show that attendance has a significant impact on student achievement and attitude toward learning.
 - If your student is absent please call the attendance line: 952-226-0501
 - o If you are having difficulty getting your student to attend school, it could be other reasons.
 - We are here to support your student and your family.



How Can Parents Promote Success?

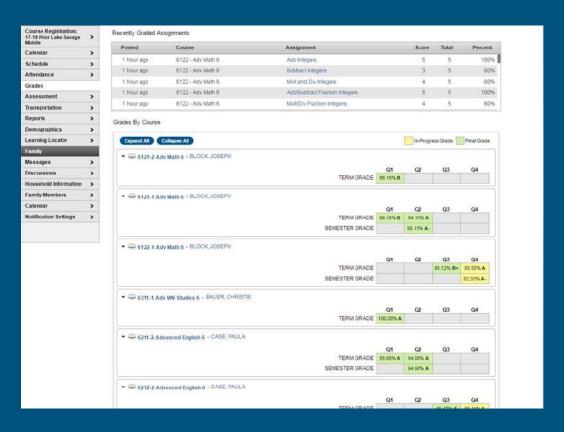
- Middle School tools such as Infinite Campus and Schoology allow parents to be kept up to date with school performance, such as grades, missing assignments, test scores, and attendance.
- Families should use these tools to stay informed:
 - The Infinite Campus app gives you immediate access to any gradebook postings
 - Schoology can send notifications or a daily summary via email
 - Set up weekly/monthly checks with your child







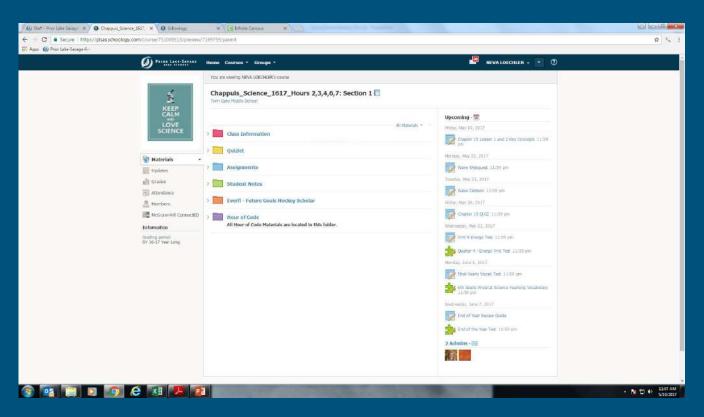
Infinite Campus





Grades, Assignments, Tests

Schoology





Weekly Plans, Assignments, Notes

Middle School Health Office

- Alyssa Dwyer, RN: Twin Oaks Middle School (952)226-0506
- Jenece Diedrich, RN: Hidden Oaks Middle School (952)226-0706
- Amy Wander, RN, LSN (952)226-0808



*Chain of command

- *Encourage student to advocate for themselves and gain independence (chronic conditions)
- *Forms for medications and chronic conditions (scheduled, Emergency, OTC, self carry)
- *When does health staff call home?
- *Immunizations
- *Encourage kids to come to HO and discourage texting

Parent Home Screen



Health Services





Q & A Time

TOMS main office number is (952) 226-0500 and staff are available 7am-3pm.

Important dates:

- Locker move in day (Tuesday, August 30th)
- Back to School Night (Wednesday, August 31st)
- First Day of School (Tuesday, September 6th)



To see more of what it means to be a Laker at Twin Oaks, follow us on Instagram @tomslakers