



TUCKAHOE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Preparing Every Student for Excellence

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Dear Tuckahoe Middle School Parents and Guardians,

Second quarter report cards were mailed today. You should have them in the next few days. For our sixth and seventh grade families, the midpoint of the school year is a good time to review performance in all subjects. Special attention should be paid to math and science - the two subjects in which students may be eligible for acceleration.

TMS has designed acceleration criteria to support the goal of enabling students who are ready to reach mastery in Regents Algebra I and Regents Earth Science as an 8th grade student. "Mastery" is defined as scoring 85 or higher in a Regents course and on a Regents exam. While many middle school students are not yet developmentally ready for high school level coursework, the criteria identifies students who are likely to meet this challenge with success.

This topic will be discussed further and in more detail in the coming weeks. Please look for my announcements regarding upcoming information sessions. As a starting point, please look at the acceleration criteria posted on the TMS website and compare your child's performance to the listed benchmarks.

During school today a representative from the Maxwell Institute met with all TMS students to discuss the dangers associated with vaporizers, smoking, and alcohol. These presentations add to our ongoing campaign to provide students with timely and accurate information about these products.

Please see the attached information from our Director of Health and Athletics regarding the flu.

Upcoming events:

February 5 - Board of Education workshop, 7:30 PM, Library

February 6 - Harlem Wizards visit TMS students at lunch

February 12 - Board of Education workshop, 7:30 PM, Library

February 15 - 7th grade trip deposit due

February 19 - 23 - Winter Recess

May 1 - TMS Tiger contest entries due (information [here](#))

Yearbook information can be found [HERE](#).

Be sure to check out our website for PTA flyers, calendar snapshots, and other reminders.

http://tms.tuckahoeschools.org/201718_weekly_enewsletter

Sincerely,

Mark Barnett
Principal