



TUCKAHOE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Preparing Every Student for Excellence

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Dear Tuckahoe Middle School Parents and Guardians,

This week Mr. DeBellis and I held grade level assemblies for all middle school students. We described the updates to the morning procedure and to the cell phone policy (described in last week's TMS Weekly). Both will be in effect when we return to school on January 2.

Most importantly, we discussed the national statistics related to adolescent experimentation with electronic cigarettes and vaporizers. We were impressed with the students interest in the topics, their knowledge of the risks, and willingness to ensure these items are not coming into our school. As I mentioned two weeks ago, the assembly was a first step towards providing our students with information and strategies to help them make good decisions about substance use. We have planned additional informational sessions to follow in the coming months.

On Tuesday January 9th from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Bronxville Public Library, you are invited to attend an interactive presentation sponsored by The Maxwell Institute titled "Hidden in Plain Sight." This presentation is designed to help parents identify clues about substance use. See the attached flyer for details.

The PTA and TMS have partnered with Curious on Hudson to offer a number of after school enrichment opportunities to our students. The fall session was a huge success. Curious on Hudson is currently enrolling students for the winter session. Two courses are being offered; Young Novelists - Creative Writing, and Minecraft Roman Architecture. After-School classes begin on January 10. Registration is on a first-come-first-serve basis. Please see the attached for details and registration information.

I hope that you have a wonderful Holiday Recess and a Happy New Year. School will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018.

Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

January 2 - Students return to school

January 9 - The Maxwell Institute Presents "Hidden in Plain Sight" - an interactive presentation for parents about teen drug and alcohol use. 6:30 - 8:30, Bronxville Public Library

January 15 - School Closed, Martin Luther King Day Observed

January 26 - Last day of Quarter 2

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_ewsletter

Sincerely,

Mark Barnett
Principal