

TMS 2016-2017
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Morning Arrival:

- No students should be dropped off before 7:50 AM.
- Students should plan to arrive early between 7:55-8:10AM.
- Students who need to arrive early for extra help and/or to meet with teachers, must enter the building by 8:05 AM. Otherwise they will need to wait outside until 8:13 AM.
- Students are expected to be in their homeroom class when the 8:20 bell rings. Students will be marked late to school otherwise. On a 3rd late, a detention will be issued.
- Walking to school or biking is a great way to reduce the flow of traffic and prepare the body for learning. Bicycle riders must wear a helmet. Bicycles need to be locked onto bike racks. Students may not ride bikes or skateboards on school property. Students must walk their bike to the racks near the main office. Students can be active on the field as they wait for the 8:13 bell.
- Arriving early will support your child's studentship skills and organization. We also feel it is important for students to have this time to socialize with their classmates before school.
- It is important to note that students who are dropped off after 8:13 have a difficult time getting to homeroom on time. Students arriving after 8:13 AM may enter either grade level entrances or the music entrance near the parking lot.



Drop off locations:

- Tenafly Road, bridge entrance
- Sunset Lane, TMS parking lot - Pull your **car all the way to the end** of the sidewalk near the stream. Students will be directed to walk around the building near the band rooms to wait with their friends.



Morning Supervision:

- Outside early morning gathering will take place on the sidewalks and the soccer field near the main office and entrances for all grade levels. Each grade will have its own section and entrance door. Students will enter the building at the 8:13 bell.
 - 6th grade: Main Office entrance and entrance near statue in courtyard.
 - 7th and 8th grade: Entrances near Nurse's Office, and new wing rooms 123 and 135
- When there is inclement weather, seventh and eighth graders will be supervised in the auxiliary gym and sixth graders will stay in the cafeteria starting at 7:50 AM.

Safety:

- Students must exit on the passenger side of the car near the curb.
- Never allow your children to walk around the car.
- Do not drop off at road intersections.
- Traffic increases on inclement weather days, plan ahead to leave early.
- Drive slowly and please be patient. Remember that if someone gets hurt, no one will care if you were running late for work.

Let's make it a goal to be on time each and every day. We have 900 students and approx. 800 are never late, so there is no reason why the remaining 100 should be late. Last year, quite often students arrived 3-5 minutes late, so getting ready 10 minutes earlier would have avoided that. We are only asking for 10 minutes! In other words, be on time! If your child is giving you a hard time in the morning, let me know. Thank you for your help and support. Please reach out if you have any questions or suggestions.

-- Mr. Fabbo