

**Timberlane Regional Middle School** 

"New Hampshire Middle School of Excellence 2016"

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Dear TRMS Families,

We hope this message finds you and your family well and enjoying these last days of summer vacation. The TRMS administrative team is pleased to share several updates with you regarding the 2020-2021 school year.

# Team Assignments and Cohort Placement

Please know our team has been working as hard as we can to get this information logged accurately and ready to share. Team assignments and cohorts will be available in PowerSchool within the next 24 hours. Be on the lookout for an email from the District when cohorts are posted and how to find your child's cohort assignment. Please know that we cannot honor any team or cohort change requests moving forward. Additionally, though teams and cohorts are set, please know that classes could change around in a student's schedule in the coming week as we balance out class numbers. Please note that all students, regardless of cohort or remote status, will follow their schedule listed in PowerSchool as well as the set schedule for the school. TRMS daily schedules will be emailed home early next week and will be posted on the school website as well.

We will be sending you a short video to help students read their schedules on PowerSchool. We know this is new for our 6<sup>th</sup> graders and new students but we are sure everyone could use a refresher! This will come via email early next week.

### Lockers/Supplies

Students will not be using lockers this year to avoid crowding in the hallways and will be able to carry their backpacks from class to class. (Come winter, we will have a space to hang coats.)

As for supplies, we are going to do our best to minimize sharing of materials that aren't easy to sanitize. It would be helpful if your student could bring, each day: pencils, pens, a small set of markers or colored pencils, headphones that plug into their Chromebook (as wireless headphones aren't always the most reliable), an A day binder and a B day binder, and their Chromebook and charger.

We will let incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade families know as soon as Chromebooks are available for pickup.

### **Open House**

In normal times, we would be welcoming our families to our school to see the classrooms and meet the teachers. As we all know, these are not normal times. To ensure time to prepare, we are exploring an "Open House" experience at school that will take place later in the fall. We will be sending out more information once the school year is underway. In the meantime, please check out our TRMS Welcome Video: <a href="https://wimeo.com/452209692">https://wimeo.com/452209692</a>



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# TRMS Gear

We are so proud of our TRMS Tiger community! If you're interested in purchasing some TRMS apparel to show your school spirit, please check out this flyer: <u>http://www.timberlane.net/ms/files/Timberlane-Middle-Flyer-8-25-2020.pdf</u>

# Frequently Asked Questions

We have been receiving many questions from our families. We are working on an FAQ document that we plan to share with you early next week. We want you to have all the information you need as your child returns to our building, in-person or remotely.

We understand how excited and anxious everyone is to be back and we share those feelings with you! We are confident in the work that has been done and we are excited to share with you and our students all of these projects in the very near future. The 2020-2021 school year is shaping up to be a great one!

Sincerely,

Maegan Koelker

Principal, TRMS