

**TMS Principal's Weekly News Update! | November 13, 2020**

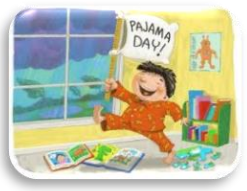


If TMS is required to go to remote learning, we have developed two schedules we will utilize depending on how long the remote learning is for. One schedule is for a "short-term" closure, and the other is for an "extended" closure. We will use the "extended" schedule for any closure of a week or more. Please keep both schedules handy so you can be prepared if/when they are needed.



**Student Council**

The next event that the TMS student council has been planning is to raise money for Connecticut Children's in support of cancer and blood disorder patients. On December 11th students and faculty across Connecticut may choose to wear pj's and donate \$1.00 to Connecticut Children's Medical Center. PJ Day for Kids is in its 10th anniversary. Our team name can be found as either Thompson Middle School Student Council or under Thompson Middle School on the PJ Day for Kids page. Please look for the attached Flyer for more information. Please watch the video and hear the story behind this day.



**Cold weather is approaching!**  
Please keep in mind that students will continue going outside for physical education, cardio, mask breaks, and recess. Bring your jacket, hat, and gloves to school as needed.

**Staying Healthy Reminder!**

The Thompson Middle School community has been doing all the things we need to in order to keep everyone healthy!

Remember we need to:

- Keep our masks on properly
- Cover our coughs and sneezes
- Wash our hands
- Keep proper distancing while in school and especially when we are not wearing our masks

*Thank you for doing your part and keep up the great work!*

**NJHS**

The Thompson Middle School's chapter of the National Junior Honor Society will be holding its annual induction ceremony on November 18th, 2020. This will be a closed ceremony but will be recorded and available to the public.



✧ Fridays will be early release days for students. We will follow our normal early release day schedule. (Walkers and parent pick up dismissal will be at 11:20 AM and bus dismissal will be at 11:30 AM.)



## Parent Memo - Short-Term Remote Learning Day Schedule

In the event of a remote learning day, teachers and students are expected to attend classes. At Thompson Middle School, we will follow this Short Term Remote Learning Day schedule:

<b>Thompson Middle School Schedules 2020-21</b>
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### Short Term Remote Learning Schedule

Period	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	
1	7:30-8:05	A	B	C	D	E
2	8:08-8:40	B	C	D	E	A
3	8:43-9:15	C	D	E	A	B
4	9:18-9:50	F	A	F	C	F
5	9:53-10:25	E	F	B	F	D
6	10:28-11:00	D	E	A	B	C
	11:00-11:30	Lunch				
	11:30-12:30	Independent Work Time/Teacher Support Time				

For a remote learning day, the State of Connecticut requires a 5-hour minimum day. So, please note the 60-minute independent work time. Students should use this time to complete work, read, or connect with a teacher for extra support or assistance during this time.

Mask breaks and recess/cardio periods are not part of a remote learning day, so they are not included above. Families should arrange breaks and lunch for students in alignment with this remote learning day schedule.

Here are a few additional details about these remote learning days.

#### Attendance:

Teachers will take daily attendance during first period. All students should follow the teachers' directives about attending Zoom classes and replying to messages through *Go Guardian* in order to be counted present for attendance purposes.

#### Live Synchronous Classes:

The State of Connecticut says that a minimum of 2½ hours of the day should be live. This live instruction can take the form of any synchronous instruction including:

- Zoom/Google Meet classes
- Real-Time cooperative work in a Google document
- Real-Time communication through *Go Guardian*, *Artsonia*, or comparable platform

Classes may not meet for the entirety of any period, so it is important for students to check their Google Classrooms and school email for specific instructions so they can attend classes on time.

#### When Classes Cannot Be Live:

In the event that teachers cannot teach live due to weather issues or family obligations, students will be able to access assignments and activities for the day through their Google Classrooms. Teachers will have shown students where to find these activities in advance.

#### Accountability

Assignments and assessments that are part of a remote learning day will count towards student grades. Penalties for late work will be applied as if we were in school unless documentation of connectivity issues is evident or provided.

## Parent Memo - Extended Remote Learning Schedule

In the event of an extended remote learning period, teachers and students are expected to attend classes. At Thompson Middle School, we will follow this Extended Remote Learning schedule:

<b>Thompson Middle School Schedules</b> <b>2020-21</b>
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### Extended Remote Learning Schedule

	Period	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
	8:00-8:15	Morning Announcements - Admin/Counselor Activities				
1	8:30-9:05	A	B	C	D	E
2	9:08-9:40	B	C	D	E	A
3	9:43-10:15	C	D	E	A	B
4	10:18-10:50	F	A	F	C	F
5	10:53-11:25	E	F	B	F	D
6	11:28-12:00	D	E	A	B	C
	12:00-1:00	Lunch				
	1:00-3:05	Independent Work Time/Teacher Support/Office Hours				

Please note that classes in our Extended Remote Learning schedule begin about an hour later than usual. Families should arrange breaks and lunch for students in alignment with this schedule.

### What does "Extended" mean?

At Thompson Middle School our Extended Remote Learning schedule will be implemented for a planned closure of a week or more. This extended period of time could be due to a specific COVID-19 incident or a declaration from the state Commissioner of Education or Governor.

### Attendance:

Teachers will take daily attendance during first period. All students should follow the teachers' directions about attending Zoom classes and replying to messages through *Go Guardian* in order to be counted present for attendance purposes.

### Live Synchronous Classes:

The State of Connecticut has directed that a minimum of 2½ hours of the day should be live. While not necessarily utilizing the entirety of any full period, this live instruction can take the form of any synchronous instruction including:

- Zoom/Google Meet classes
- Real-Time cooperative work in a Google document
- Real-Time communication through *Go Guardian*, *Artsonia*, or comparable platform

### When Classes Cannot Be Live:

Students should access assignments and activities for the day through their Google Classrooms. Teachers will have shown students where to find these activities in advance. Students should also check their email regularly.

### Accountability

Assignments and assessments that are part of a remote learning day will count towards student grades. Penalties for late work will be applied as if we were in school unless documentation of connectivity issues is evident or provided.