



## TMS Principal's Weekly News Update! | November 6, 2020



### **NWEA Testing**

#### **Testing Starts Next Week**

As a reminder, NWEA testing begins next week. Testing days vary by grade level, so please make sure students come into school on time and with a charged Chromebook for testing. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **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!*



✳️ 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.)



### **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.



Due to COVID-19 social distancing restrictions we are unable to offer Lifetouch Fall pictures. We are hoping to reassess this in the future.



### **Thank you to all the Veterans!**



### **Student Council**

The goal of the TMS Student Council is to continue to build a positive school climate here at Thompson Middle School and with our distance learners. We have been busy planning a few upcoming events for December. More information will be coming soon about those events.



Next week, being we cannot hold our annual Veterans Day Assembly in school due to COVID-19 challenges, our Student Council members are currently working with Mrs. Groh and Mr. LeClerc to create a special video presentation to honor our Veterans. The video will be shared on the school website as well as on the school Facebook page.

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## 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:

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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.