



TMS Principal's Weekly News Update! | December 4, 2020



NJHS

The Thompson Middle School's chapter of the National Junior Honor Society held its annual induction ceremony on December 2, 2020. A video of the ceremony will be available for parents soon. The following grade 8 students were inducted:

Gianna Brinson Margaret McHugh Sofia Thurber Serena Smith
June Ferraro Megan Nachtigall Travis Ryley Lucy St. Germain

congratulations!



Cold Weather 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.

Student Council

Congratulations to the Student Council Scavenger Hunt Winners. Each student received a \$5 gift card to the Dollar General.

Grade 5 Hayleigh Lynch
Grade 6 Dylan Axtell
Grade 7 Stelluna O'Neil
Grade 8 Preston Bellerive



The next event for Student Council is December 11th. If students choose to wear PJ's to school or at home, they can pay \$1.00 to do so. All money goes to fight childhood cancer at CT Children's Medical Center. Please see the online link for more details.

http://give.connecticutchildrens.org/site/TR/CommunityEvent/General?team_id=3757&pg=team&fr_id=1290

At the end of December, the Student Council is busy planning Spirit Week. Lots to look forward!

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!



Early release days for students on Fridays will continue through the end of December. 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.)

Remote Learning Days



To be consistent and avoid confusion, we will be using the **Extended** Remote Learning Schedule for all remote learning days regardless of how many there are. If we are to have any remote learning days, they will begin with morning announcements at 8:00 am as we did before Thanksgiving. We will generally try to re-send the schedule and announcements link whenever these days occur to make it easy for everyone to find.

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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:

Thompson Middle School Schedules 2020-21

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.