



The Hatchet

TMS News

“Go Hatchets!”



February 9, 2017—We are officially over half way through the school year. January was a busy month with MAP testing, assemblies, and completing the first semester.

In January students were treated to guest speaker/author, Bob Lenz. Mr. Lenz reaffirmed the importance of being kind to one another, and standing up to bullying by making positive choices. He emphasized appreciat-



ing the value in all of us, having the courage to speak up for others, and respecting one another. He also spoke at a community event which had over 400 in attendance.

TMS students participated in the first rounds of our annual Geography and Spelling Bees. Congratulations to all students who participated in the bees.

On February 3rd we held our 2nd Quarter Renaissance Rally to celebrate student achievement in academics, attendance, and behavior. Our 7th graders participated in a field trip to Camp Forest Springs. It was great to see our students challenging themselves, trying



new things, and conquering their fears.

Our 8th grade and high school choirs will be performing at their Pops Concert on Monday, February 13th at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. Our music students will be participating in Solo and Ensemble at Lakeland Union High School. The Midwest Arts Series will also perform on February 16th. February promises to be an eventful month.

Parent/Teacher Conferences February 16/17th

TMS will be having parent/teacher conferences on **Thursday, February 16th from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm and on Friday, February 17th from 9:00 am until noon.** Teachers will be available to discuss your child’s grades, attendance, MAP

scores, and behavior during those times. 3rd quarter progress reports will be available at conferences. If you are unable to attend, the reports will be mailed to you. Progress reports are only reflective of the first three weeks of work due to

the timing of the parent/teacher conferences.

If you are unable to meet with any of your child’s teachers during the conference time, you can re-schedule. We hope to see you at conferences!

Important Upcoming Events

8th Grade/HS Choir Pops Concert 7 pm	2/13
One Sweet Book Fair	2/13-17
Midwest Arts Performance	2/16
Parent Conferences 5-8 pm and 9-noon	2/16, 2/17
No School—Presidents’ Day	2/20
MS/HS Solo & Ensemble	2/25

Special points of interest:

- TMS News
- Parent/Teacher Conferences February 16/17th
- One Sweet Book Fair
- TMS Fast Facts
- College and Career Readiness Opportunities



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One Sweet Book Fair

TMS Library will host the Scholastic One Sweet Book Fair February 13-17, 2017 during school and Parent Teacher Conference hours (Thursday from 5:00-8:00 pm and Friday from 9:00 am-noon). Funds raised will help purchase books for the media center. Families, faculty, and the community are invited to attend this fun reading event that helps inspire children to become lifelong readers.

The book fair will also feature some special activities and contests. These include a dime war and guessing contests to win prizes.

Those unable to attend the One Sweet Book Fair can support their school library by ordering on-line. A link to the Tomahawk Middle School One Sweet Book Fair is on the Tomahawk Middle School Homepage or at:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/tomahawkmiddleschool1>

We hope to see you at parent/teacher conferences and thank you for supporting the book fair!

TMS Fast Facts:

Enrollment: 296

Grades: 6th-8th

School Mascot: The Hatchets

School Colors: Blue and Gold

College and Career Readiness Opportunities

Part of our goal for students at TMS is to prepare them for success not only in high school, but beyond. This means informing students about opportunities in careers, and the post-secondary education necessary to attain those careers. At TMS we have a comprehensive plan for each grade level to experience and explore careers and college programs. As a school we have the following programs already in place:

- Opportunities Fair
- Heavy Metal Tour
- UW Stevens Point/Marathon Tour
- Career Cruising Program



This year our 6th graders will take part in the Opportunities Fair on April 21st right here at TMS. The fair will feature local businesses in connection with our Tomahawk Partners in Education.

Last fall our 8th graders visited two local manufacturers, Daigle Brothers Inc., and Northland Stainless Inc., as well as Nicolet College. It was a great experience for our students to see firsthand, the manufacturing process and the keys necessary to get a career in those fields. They were able to see that there is a demand for young talent right here in northern Wisconsin.

This spring our 8th graders will also visit the UW-Stevens Point and UW-Marathon campuses. It is a great opportunity for our students to see what is available as far as post-secondary education right here in Wisconsin. Hopefully the experiences will help keep our future THS graduates right here in our state.



Heavy Metal Tour

In the future we will be looking to provide another College and Career Readiness Opportunity for our 6th and 7th graders. In addition to these field trips, our school counselor, Mrs. Huseby, facilitates our students in taking several career interest surveys, and helps our students log their experiences through the use of a software program called Career Cruising. Academic and career planning is required of all public schools in Wisconsin and the Career Cruising program helps our students meet this requirement. At TMS we will continue to give our students the tools to a successful future.