Veterans Day: Each year, TMS hosts a Veterans Day assembly and student essay contest with assistance from our local veterans organizations. Unfortunately, we are unable to hold an in-person assembly this year, however we were able to continue with the student essay contest. Traditionally, we use the topic chosen by the VFW's Patriot's Pen essay contest. This is a national competition where students submit their 300-400 word essays competing for a variety of prizes including a grand prize of \$5,000. This year's topic is "What is Patriotism to Me?" Members of the VFW will select a local winner as well. In addition to the essay contest, we will recognize Veterans Day at 11:11 AM on November 11th with an announcement explaining why we recognize Veterans Day, followed by a moment of silence and the playing of Taps.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Parent/teacher conferences will be held virtually this fall. Families were sent notification of this change, along with guidance on how to request and schedule a conference.

Fall Sports Seasons: Our fall sports seasons wrapped up on October 16th. I would like to recognize all of our coaches who made the best of this year and kept our athletes involved. I would also like to thank AD Garth Gerstenberger for his hard work and dedication to making this season possible. We ended with 32 cross country runners, 31 in football players, and 15 in volleyball.

Winter Sports Seasons: Our winter seasons will operate much like the fall. The season will have no interscholastic competition and athletes will practice with only their respective cohorts. We will be offering boys and girls basketball and wrestling for grades 6-8. Currently we have 26 students participating in boys basketball and 18 wrestlers. Girls basketball will begin January 4th.

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