

TMS BOE Report September 2021

Return to School:

School is back in session and I am happy to report that it has been a very smooth start to the year. Our WEB program has been very successful once again in helping our incoming 6th grade students transition to Middle School. The September 1st orientation day was a great way to prepare our incoming students for the start of the year. Our 8th grade volunteers did an excellent job fulfilling their roles as WEB Leaders. They led team building activities, building tours, helped students get organized, and made sure every student had a solid support group to help navigate all challenges they will face. Mrs. Huseby, Mrs. Wegner, and Mrs. Heldt did a great job training all of our WEB Leaders and organizing the back to school orientation.

Recent Professional Development:

This past summer our TMS Math Team attended the Stage 3 professional development for College Preparatory Mathematics (CPM). This is the final training for CPM and focused primarily on assessments. Our training was originally planned to be completed over a 3 year period that began in the 2018-19 school year. Due to the COVID shutdown, the final stage 3 training was postponed in the summer of 2020. The first training focused on course structure and classroom environments, followed by stage 2 that focused primarily on instruction practice. Our team will continue to receive support from our regional instructional coach John Hayes.

TMS Athletics: Fall sports are off to a great start. Football, Cross Country, and Volleyball are in full swing with no restrictions at this point.

2021-22 Academic & Career Planning Field Trips: The opportunities for these trips have been reduced due to the pandemic, however opportunities are beginning to open up. Field trips are funded through grants and our annual TMS fundraiser. Here is a list of activities that will take place this school year:

- **6th Grade:**
 - October 6 - Farm Museum in Wausau
 - Spring (Date TBD) - Mind Trekkers in the spring of 2022. This event is traditionally held in September, but was moved to the spring for this school year. Mind Trekkers is hosted by graduate and undergraduate students from Michigan Tech and is designed to promote STEM activities. The event takes place on the campus of Northcentral Technical College in Wausau. <https://mindtrekkers.mtu.edu/index.php>
- **7th Grade:**
 - On October 13 - 7th grade will travel to UWSP to attend the Planetarium and Natural History Museum. Students will also receive a campus tour.
- **8th Grade:**
 - Heavy Metal Tour - This tour will be held virtually again this year. We are working to find some additional experiences for our students including possible campus tours.

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