

## **TMS Board Report September 10, 2019**

**Back To School Open House:** On August 28th TMS hosted our annual Back to School Open House. In response to past feedback, we made a few changes that produced some positive results and allowed families to spend the majority of their time getting organized and meeting their student's new teachers. The Middle and High School Secretaries, with help from the Paraprofessionals, did a phenomenal job organizing this event.

**Start of 2018-19 School Year:** School is back in session and I am happy to report that it has been a very smooth start to the year. The WEB program has been very successful these last two years in helping our new 6th grade students transition to Middle School. The September 3rd orientation day was a great way to prepare our incoming students for the start of the year. The 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 and Mrs. Wegner did a great job training all of our WEB Leaders and organizing the back to school orientation.

### **Professional Development:**

- August 27th Tom Hierck presented to our teachers on grading, reporting, and quality assessments.
- August 28th Teachers attended a presentation by Tim Kight at Merrill HS's Auditorium. Tim Presented on organizational culture.  
<https://www.focus3.com/who-we-are/timothy-kight>

### **Upcoming academic and career planning field trips:**

- 6th Grade: On September 25th students will travel to Northcentral Technical College for STEM activities and a tour of their tech related program offerings.
- 7th Grade: October 9th Students will travel to UW Stevens Point for a planetarium show, followed by a guided tour of their Natural History Museum and Herpetology Lab.
- 8th Grade: October 2nd students will attend the Heavy Metals Tour sponsored by Nicolet Technical College. They tour area manufacturing facilities such as Daigle Brothers, Samuel Pressure Vessel Group, and Superior Diesel and will finish the day at Nicolet College viewing a presentation and participating in a competitive quiz based on the day's learning.