

Open House: On August 28 we hosted our annual open house. This year we partnered with the high school in an effort to speed up the process and allow families to move through registration at a more efficient pace. Students were able to receive their locker assignment, lock combination, and get organized prior to the first day of school. They also had the opportunity to pay fees and have their school photos taken. The event was well attended with the vast majority of TMS students and families attending.

Start of 2018-19 School Year: School is back in session and I am happy to report it has been a very smooth start to the year. The introduction of WEB has been very successful in helping our new 6th grade students transition to the middle school. The September 4th orientation day was a great way to prepare our new middle school students for the start of the year. The 8th grade volunteers did an amazing 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.

Love and Logic Training: Over the summer Dawn Huseby became a certified trainer for Love and Logic. She began training the middle school staff during our back to school in service. The program is comprised of nine modules. The modules prepare teachers to effectively set boundaries for students, neutralize arguing, build empathy, and develop positive teacher/student relationships just to name a few. We will continue this training throughout the 2018-19 school year.

Upcoming Field Trips: Each grade level will have a field trip during the first month of school.

- 6th grade students will attend Mind Trekkers on September 21st. This event is hosted by graduate and undergraduate students from Michigan Technological University 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 students will attend the UW Stevens Point on September 19th. They will attend the Planetarium to view the "Death of the Dinosaurs" program, followed by a tour through the Natural History Museum and Herpetology Lab.
- 8th grade will attend the Heavy Metals Tour sponsored by Nicolet Technical College. Students will tour area manufacturing facilities such as Daigle Brothers, Samuel Pressure Vessel Group, and Superior Diesel. Students finish the day at Nicolet College where they view a presentation and participate in a competitive quiz.