



The Hatchet

TMS News

“Go Hatchets!”



October 5, 2016—TMS students showed their spirit on Homecoming Friday, September 30th. Students dressed in blue and gold, observed the parade, and many attended the game that night.

TMS held its first annual Signing Day on September 28th. Students and staff wore their gold TMS T-shirts and signed a mural of our School-wide Agreement. The agreement was formed on



the very first day of school by students and staff together. The agreement represents five statements of how we agree to treat one another. The mural is now prominently displayed near our cafeteria, and the agreement is also posted in all classrooms and on our school website. Thank you Ms. Watland for painting the mural!

TMS sports teams have almost completed their seasons. The volleyball, football, and cross country teams each showed growth throughout the fall and demonstrated a hard work ethic, as well as teamwork. Go Hatchets!

As part of our College



and Career Readiness preparation, our 8th graders will be attending the annual Heavy Metal Tour of local manufacturers as well as Nicolet College. Our 6th graders will be participating in Mindtrekkers.

TMS will be kicking off its annual magazine fundraiser on October 25th. The sale will run through November 11th. Thank you in advance for your support! Overall, we have had a great start to the school year!

New Before School Procedures

At TMS we have a number of students who arrive or are dropped off early in the morning at a time we do not have staff to supervise them. This creates a problem for us in the hallways before school when teachers who are trying to prepare for their classes, are interrupted by the noise of students near their class-

rooms. **Students should not arrive at school before 7:45 am. If they must be dropped off earlier than 7:45 am, students will now need to use entry Door 4 (by the cafeteria) and remain in the cafeteria until 7:45 am.** We do offer Open Gym at 7:40, as well as breakfast in the cafeteria. Stu-

dents will be able to go to their lockers at 7:45 am. The new procedure is not meant to be a punishment. We simply do not have the staff to supervise students before 7:45. **This will go into effect on Monday, October 10th.** Thank you for your help.

Important Upcoming Events

Heavy Metal Tour (8th Grade)	10/5
Picture Re-Take Day	10/6
Student Council Fall Dance (3:30-5:30)	10/7
Mindtrekkers Field Trip (6th Grade)	10/14
No School—Teacher In-Service	10/17
Gr 7&8 Fall Band/Choir Concert 7:00	10/24

Special points of interest:

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**Check out our Website and Facebook Page
www.tomahawk.k12.wi.us/schools/middle/**

**Current Enrollment: 290 Students
School Mascot: The Hatchets**

**Grades: 6th-8th
School Colors: Blue and Gold**

Student Council at TMS

One way students can demonstrate positive leadership at TMS is being on our Student Council. Membership in Student Council is open to any student in grades 6-8, and there is no academic restriction. Currently we have approximately 45 students involved in Student Council. Members also attend a regional conference. Officers are elected by the members of Student Council, and not the entire student body. Our current officers are Abby Jaecks, President; Madeline Marino, Vice-President; and Maura Koth, Treasurer.

This year's focus for Student Council is on service learning and citizenship. Our Student Council members will be involved in raising money for various charities, and doing service learning projects such as fall clean up, shoveling snow, and spring clean-up. Student Council also plans many of the special events throughout the year, such as dances and other activities that promote a positive school climate. Student Council members will also have the opportunity to read our morning announcements and demonstrate leadership in other ways. One of the projects Student Council had last year was the addition of our water-filling stations. Money they raised directly benefited our school with these stations. This year the Student Council may be helping with a TMS Flagpole project, to improve our entrance, and to increase our awareness of patriotism.



TMS Fast Facts:

Preparing Students to be College and Career Ready

As part of our mission to prepare students to be college and career ready, TMS 8th graders participated in the annual Heavy Metal Tour, sponsored by Nicolet College of Rhinelander. It was an extraordinary experience for our students. Our 8th graders visited local manufacturers Northland Stainless and Daigle Brothers. At these sites they experienced first-hand, all aspects of working for a manufacturer, from entry level workers, to skilled laborers, to project managers. They were able to see real-life applications of the subjects they experience every day at school. These subjects included not only the core areas, but the arts as

well. Here are some examples:

- Technology
- Math/Science/English
- Art/Design
- Basic Life Skills

Our students were able to see the production process from start to finish. They even received some samples of the finished product, and many were able to actually weld pieces of metal together. The message was made clear about the importance of life skills. Employers want people who are on time, are hard workers, have a desire to learn new skills, and get along well with others. They need workers who can communicate effectively and work safely.

The 8th graders also visited Nicolet College of Rhinelander. Here they were able to see what it takes to get the necessary training to gain a position in manufacturing. They learned of differ-



Heavy Metal Tour 2016

ent options for post-secondary education and the costs of those choices. They also received information about careers. Currently there is a high demand in Wisconsin for skilled laborers, and this trend will only continue to grow.

Anytime students, even at a young age, are able to apply and see what they are learning in school to real life is a great experience. Students need to be able to make those connections in order to value what they learn in the classroom. We look forward to the continued partnership with our local businesses.

