

EUGENE A. TIGHE MIDDLE SCHOOL

PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

September 12, 2018

Back to School Night - Monday, September 17 from 6-8 p.m.

The program will begin in the Performing Arts Center at 6 p.m. In today's Wednesday folder, parents and guardians will receive the agenda and a copy of their child's schedule that they should bring to the event. There will be a brief introduction and a few announcements from Mrs. Becker, Principal, and Mrs. Christine Eden, Co-President of the Margate Education Foundation. Next, parents and guardians will follow their child's schedule starting with Period 1 for 10-minute sessions to meet each teacher. Eighth grade students will be in the hallways to assist with directions to classrooms. Please be reminded that this is an evening for parents, and that no child care will be available.

Suicide Prevention Awareness Week – September 9-15

September 9-15 is designated as National Suicide Prevention Week, a time when educators and families are reminded of the importance of recognizing warning signs and understanding how to respond when concerned about the mental wellness of a young person. On the school website under Departments & Services, we provide information and resources to information and organizations that can assist before, during, or after a crisis.

E. A. Tighe Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society – Application Deadlines

Seventh grade students and new eighth grade students with a 93% average in major subjects from last school year are invited to apply for membership in our National Junior Honor Society this fall. Applications and requirements are currently available from Mrs. Drexler. Questions can also be answered by Mrs. Styles-Landgraf. Teacher recommendations are due by **September 26**, and all other items must be completed and returned to Mrs. Drexler **September 28 by 3 p.m.** Students are encouraged to submit items early to avoid missing the deadline, as no exceptions will be made including absence from school. Please contact one of the advisors if you have questions.

Titan Superhero - Kick-Off Rally - Friday, September 14

Titan Superhero is our positive school climate and character education program for this year. Students will participate in a special program on this date and the school will follow a long p.m. assembly schedule.

Student Picture Day – Tuesday, October 2

Tuesday, October 2 will be student picture day. Information with an order form will be sent home in an upcoming Wednesday folder.

Weekly Wednesday Folder – Electronic Communications

Please look for the weekly Wednesday folder in your email as a pdf. Only certain items (i.e. report cards, permission slips) will be sent home in print format.

Attendance Notifications Through Automated Communication Software

Parents or guardians of students absent from school will receive an automated phone message at approximately 9 a.m. to confirm the absence. This will assist in ensuring students are safe and accounted for each day, while reminding parents and guardians to send in a note upon their child's return to school. Please disregard the message if you already notified the school.

Cell Phones, Locks for Lockers and Bikes, Helmet Safety

Please remind your child that **cell phones should be off and stored in their lockers during the school day**. Cell phones out during school hours will be confiscated and turned in to the main office. It is also recommended that your child use a lock on their locker, as they risk valuable items being lost or stolen if left unsecured. If your child rides a bike to school, please enforce the use of bike helmets and have them utilize a bike lock to keep their property protected.

Dogs on School Property

Please refrain from walking your pets on the schoolyard during student arrival and dismissal times. Dogs are not permitted on school property. Although we understand the value of family pets, staff cannot allow pets around the students. Thank you for your understanding.

Lunch Purchases

If your child wishes to buy lunch, please send money with your child that day. Also, your child will need to indicate which lunch option they will be purchasing: the regular hot lunch or ala carte specials (see your menus). Lunchtimes will vary slightly on days that we have assemblies, so please check our calendar if you need to know which schedule we are following.

Parent/Guardian Portal at www.oncourseconnect.com

All parents and guardians can assist their children by frequently checking the portal for updates regarding assignments, grades, attendance, and class activities. This practice can help build valuable organizational skills for your child as you help get them prepared for each day of school. Your child has his or her own username and password. Parents and guardians also received their own username that will allow them to select a password and view all their children's information from one site. If you have any problem logging in, please contact our office immediately so we can assist you.

Student Email Accounts

All Tighe School students will be provided active email accounts through the Margate School District Google Apps for Education platform. This feature enables our students' use of practical online communication tools and assists them with their Oncourse portal access. All accounts are filtered and monitored as part of our Acceptable Use Agreement and mandatory CIPA regulations. Students will receive instruction on using their email accounts through classroom activities.

Health Topics and LEAD

Mrs. Cross, our district Health teacher, posts monthly topics for Health class on her webpage. There was also a letter that was sent home with information about the curriculum and family life topics. Later in the school year, fifth and eighth grade students will once again work with Margate Police Officers as part of the LEAD program. Please check Mrs. Cross' class page if you want to see the topics and contact her if you have any questions.

Wounded Warrior local event - Wednesday, September 12

You've probably seen in the media about the arrival of a Wounded Warrior family on September 12. Local residents and especially our students are encouraged to join in the welcoming by going to Atlantic Avenue in Margate or Longport to watch for the motorcade and give our Wounded Warrior family a cheerful welcome to the Jersey Shore as their motorcade passes. The motorcade is scheduled to leave Ventnor Plaza at 5:30 p.m. and proceed SLOWLY down Dorset Avenue and then south on Atlantic Avenue to the Wounded Warrior vacation home in Longport. After the motorcade passes, all students and families are invited to join the Longport American Legion members at Longport's 35th Avenue beach block where there will be a meet and greet with the Wounded Warrior family. Hope to see many of you there!

Extracurricular Activities

There is a wide variety of clubs and activities available to Tighe School students throughout the school year. Descriptions and details can be found on our school website, including the meeting times and the advisor/coach contacts. Please talk to your child about their interests and help them find an activity to enhance their experience in middle school.

Other Important Dates:

September 28:	District BBQ – 5:30-7:00 p.m. on the field
Week of October 1:	Week of Respect
October 3:	Anti-Bullying/Respect Assembly - 8:30 (Gr 7/8), 10:00 (Gr 5/6)
October 23-31:	Red Ribbon Week – (Anti-Drug Awareness)
October 26:	Tighe School student Halloween costume dance

Reminders:

First Marking Period Interim Progress Reports - Parents/guardians should check the online portal on October 24 - if you do not have access to the Internet, please contact the main office for a printed copy

Parent Teacher Conferences - Wednesday, November 14 from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, November 15 and Friday, November 16 from 1:30-3:00 p.m. (early dismissal for students all three days)