

EUGENE A. TIGHE MIDDLE SCHOOL

PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

March 13, 2019

Parent/Teacher Conferences - 12:45 p.m. dismissal for students on all three days

Parent-teacher conferences at Tighe School are not pre-scheduled. Teachers will be available to meet with parents or guardians during the dates and times listed below in an open format:

- **Wednesday, March 13th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday, March 14th from 1:30-3:00 p.m.**
- **Friday, March 15th from 1:30-3:00 p.m.**

Parents may meet with one teacher or many, based on their individual needs and the time they have available. Parents are not given specific times nor can they sign up early with each teacher. Some wait time may occur to see each teacher, so your patience and understanding is appreciated. Generally, please limit your conference with each teacher to 10 minutes for math and ELA, and 5 minutes for all other subject areas (as these teachers instruct from 2-4 entire grade levels). Parents may attend multiple conference days, again based on individual preference. Parents can also choose not to attend conferences, or they can contact their child's teachers through email, if they would prefer.

Parent Portal in Oncourse

Please remember that you can check your child's grades, assignments, and attendance at any time by logging into the Parent Portal using the website www.oncourseconnect.com

STAMP Testing for 8th Grade Students in Spanish

On **Tuesday, March 19th and Wednesday, March 20th**, all students in eighth grade Spanish will take this proficiency assessment with Mr. Saavedra. They will be evaluated on their ability to read, write, speak, and listen in Spanish. If your child misses one of the days, make-up testing will be scheduled upon their return.

NJSLA ELA and Math Testing for Grades 5 through 8

On **May 7th and 8th**, our students will be completing the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) for English Language Arts during the morning. On **May 20th, 21st, and 22nd**, our students will be taking the NJSLA for Mathematics during the morning. Eighth grade Algebra students will have one less day of testing and will NOT test on **May 22nd**. To permit all testing to occur first thing each morning, we will be following a modified daily schedule on these dates. Information and resources for parents interested in learning more about the assessment can be found on our website through the Curriculum and Assessment link.

NJSLA Science Testing for Grades 5 and 8

On **May 15th and 16th**, our students will be completing the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) for Science during the morning. Similar to NJSLA for ELA and Math, more information can be found on our website through the Curriculum and Assessment link.

Outdoor Recess

As spring approaches, our students will have recess outside (weather permitting). Please encourage your child to dress appropriately.

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER...

Monday, 3/18 – **Marking Period 2 Honor/Merit Roll Awards** and **NJHS Pennies for Patients**

Fundraiser event in the PAC – short p.m. schedule

Wednesday, 3/20 – **Family STEM Night** for 5th & 6th grade families – 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, 3/21 – **8th Grade Dance Parent Committee** meeting – 7 p.m. in the media center

Friday, 3/22 – **Volleyball Pep Rally & Blue/Gold Spirit Day** – short p.m. assembly

Thursday, 3/28 – **5th Grade Field Trip** to the Philadelphia Art Museum

Thursday, 4/4 – **NJHS Field Trip** to Washington, DC

Tuesday, 4/9 – **5th Grade Field Trip** to the Museum of the American Revolution

Wednesday, 4/10 – **8th Grade History Fair**

Thursday, 4/11 – **7th Grade Field Trip** to the Medieval Times Tournament

Friday, 4/12 – **February and March Pride Hero Recognition and Physical Fitness Day Awards** – long a.m. schedule