



THE SPARTAN PRIDE

For the parents, students,
and community supporters of
TARPON SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL

TARPON MIDDLE ADMINISTRATION TEAM

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7th Grade Administrator

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8th Grade Administrator

Ms. Laura Burge
6th Grade Guidance Counselor
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7th Grade Guidance Counselor
Mrs. Elena Kharina-Sampson
8th Grade Guidance Counselor

Vision: Learning Gains for Every Student, Every Day

Mission: We will provide challenging learning experiences in a safe learning environment so all students are inspired to enhance our school community through character development and creativity.

We will accomplish this mission through our core values:

CREATE: We will use our imagination and ingenuity to bring the students' education to life in ways they will always remember.

INSPIRE: We will create classrooms that excite, motivate and prepare students to be lifelong learners

LEAD: We will guide them in developing skills needed to survive and thrive in education, career and life.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

As the 18-19 academic school year draws to a close, I want to take a moment to acknowledge all the hard work of our teachers and scholars. We have much to celebrate and many happy memories. We have been able to celebrate our scholars on and off the field. We have had the opportunity to witness minds and hearts uniting for the common cause of highest student achievement. Together we learned so much and shared experiences that will carry us for years to come.

Special thanks to our parents who have contributed in many ways small, large, and unimaginable! Thanks for getting your scholars to school on time each day and helping your scholars in the learning process; the partnership between home and school is important. Thank you to the countless volunteers who spent time chaperoning, making copies, organizing, and doing whatever was necessary to support our learning community. Their commitment is outstanding, and our scholars are the beneficiaries.

In closing, I take this opportunity to congratulate all 8th grade scholars and wish them much success in high school. Please remember that you are a Spartan Scholar; you can and will achieve anything you put your mind to accomplish. Intelligence is not fixed and can grow with hard work, determination, and perseverance. To our incoming sixth graders, we extend a warm welcome and look forward to getting to know you during our Spartan Camp in August.

Until next school year, here's wishing you love, laughter and learning.

Ms. Giles, *Principal*

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EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

We are extremely honored to acknowledge Mrs. Marshall as she is presented with the Demos A. Megaloudis Award for Educator of the Year finalist by the Elks Lodge. Mrs. Marshall has been teaching U.S. History at Tarpon Springs Middle for nineteen years and has shown tremendous dedication and commitment to our scholars. (Pictured: Left Mrs. Marshall, Right Mr. Leopold)

PRINCIPAL LIST

Sixth Grade

Donu Pedraza, Edwin Natale, Tristan Pierre, Hailey Jade Reddick, Ricki Suriano, Nicholas Anthony Sweeney, Eric Dillon

Seventh Grade

Alvarez, Evamarie Beach, Ashley Bermudez, Eriana Maria Boffil, Gabrielle Miranda Bolognese, Juliet Elizabeth Booe, Clare Davide, Mckenzie Gergen, Breanna Sue Guthrie, Anjela Ross Haubert, Olivia Janosek, Luke Charles Frede Jewett, Allana Keiderling, Makenzie Marie Kingsbury, Kiran A Kotis, Chole Efrosyni Lawson, Noah Lorello, Salvatore Giovanni Marinin, Juliana Martin, Chole McCreary, Richard Ollar, Malysa Ottens, Kylie Perron, Amelia

Phillips, Lucy Post, Braden Anthony Quick, Dallan Crews Sedrak, Karol Amgad Galal Skoutelis, Irini Tirikos, Fatima Irene Trikilis, Eftyhia Trojnar, Addalie Grace Van Loon, Kyle Joseph Weakly, Carson Daniel Wells, Sebastian Michael Zanfirova, Sofia

Eighth Grade

Abraham, Alyssa Ann Alimonos, Jasmine Beuning, Brigitte Birkhimer, Emily Block, Ashlynn Nicholle Bryant, Tashira Jazlyn Cerezo, Vivienne Scarlett Cherin, Stephanie Patricia Clark, Gabriel Daughton Crider, Joel M De Vincenti, Camila Draxten-Brosious, Nadia

Fernandez, Logan Jacob Glynatsis, Georgios Hourdas, Micheal Richard Huff, Austin Jay Kabir, Ismael Ikillgore, Haylee Nicole Loucks, Greyson Lynch, Vanessa Olivia Maciuba, Kandace Rebecca Marangos, Dimitri Spiro Markowich, Claudia Ursula Meslin, Connor Christopher Moreno, Jaari Del Morris, Marina N Parisi, Jacey Lee Ramsey, Katelyn Jewel Reidy, Madison Ciara See, Michael Shannon-Sonderman, Drake Mitchel Simsic, Cameron Rose Smith, Abigail M Spataro, Briella Grace Sweeney, Patrick Thacker, Julian



5000 ROLE MODELS

Our 5000 Role Models of Excellence students enjoyed an outing to Spectrum Field on Wednesday, May 15th to see the Clearwater Threshers take on the Lakeland Flying Tigers. This minor league baseball game was a part of the Threshers Education Day. We are thankful to the Threshers for providing the opportunity to our students free of charge! Mr. Tremblay, Mr. Savopoulos, and Mr. Leopold served as chaperones.

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ACTIVE LEARNING

We Encourage students to stay active in their learning over summer break. Please visit clever a few days a week to avoid the summer slide.

CLEVER AT HOME

Clever@Home supports learning outside of the classroom anytime, anywhere. Students are encouraged to continue using the resources found within Clever before or after the school day from home.

What Can I Find in Clever?

- Online digital textbooks for student's core subjects if available
- Khan Academy
- IReady
- Read 180
- And much more

To get on to Clever go to our Tarpon Springs Middle School Website and under Announcements you will find the directions. Or access this link: https://youtu.be/erchhNK3_U.



CARWISE AWARDS

Please join me in congratulating our students who were honored this year at the Joseph L. Carwise Awards held on May 4, 2019. Picture from left to right: Leiajah Moore 8th grade, Tyahjia Calhoun 7th grade, Ms. Giles principal and Jaiden Bridges 6th grade.



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It's been a certification filled year for the technology students at Tarpon Springs Middle School. Students in all grade levels have passed over 400 certifications as of May 8th. The goal is 450 by the end of the school year. This tops last year's certifications by over 100! These students are really on top of things! Impressive, for sure. Topping the list were some highly motivated students who passed their Microsoft Office 2016 Bundle and/or their Microsoft Office 2016 Master Certification which includes Word Expert, Excel Expert, Outlook and in some cases Access as well. Some of our 8th graders passed every possible test available to them through Certiport. These Spartans definitely represented us well. Congratulations to all!

Microsoft Office Bundle Certification (Word, PowerPoint and Excel)

Alyssa Abraham	Kandace Maciuba
Natalie Arn	Dimitri Marangos
Mason Buck	Morgan May
Noland Bulmer	Connor Meslin
Logan Fernandez	Jaari Moreno
Timothy Freundel	Gavin Morris
Aidan Gause	Marina Morris
Anthony Hamati	Michael See
Jaden Jackson	Abigail Smith
Greyson Loucks	



Microsoft Office Master Certification (Expert Level- Word, Excel, Outlook)

Greyson Loucks
Jaari Moreno
Gavin Morris
Abigail Smith
Michael See



SUMMER BRIDGE- EXTENDED LEARNING

Scholars will have the opportunity to enrich or remediate skills during the summer bridge. Breakfast and lunch is provided. For more information, please contact your scholar's guidance counselor.

When:

- June 11, 2019 to July 18, 2019
- 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Where:

- Tarpon Springs Middle School

VOLUNTEERS & PARTNERS...

"Students don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."

(Anonymous)

YOU have logged almost 5000 hours!

THAT'S 6 hours per student!

MAY 24th is the **LAST DAY TO ENTER HOURS** for the 2018-2019 school year.

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Call 727-943-5511 for the summer schedule or go to <https://www.pcs.org>.

Look for emails from me and T.S.M.S. to find out what great things we're planning for next year. I can't wait to see you then.

– Susan J. Emmons, *Family & Community Liaison*, emmonss@pcs.org



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May 22, 2019	PCS Final Exams
May 23, 2019	PCS Final Exams
May 24, 2019	PCS Final Exams
May 27, 2019	Memorial Day Holiday- School and district offices closed
May 28, 2019	PCS Final Exams
May 29, 2019	Last day for all students
June 7, 2019	Report cards
June 11, 2019	Summer Bridge Begins
July 18, 2019	Summer Bridge Ends

PTSA

Every Child. One Voice.

Check out the PTSA's tab on our school's website. Go to the **Get Engaged** tab and click on **PTSA**.

See all of the latest events and what is happening with the PTSA. You can also read the Spartan Spotlight, the PTSA's monthly newsletter, and sign up to receive the newsletter directly from there. Volunteers are needed for various committees. **PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING!**

A list of committees can be found on the PTSA website. Consider getting engaged and volunteering your time.

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MARIA EDMONDS HISPANIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Please join me in congratulating our students who were honored this year at the 2nd Annual Maria Edmonds Hispanic Achievement Award held on April 6, 2019. Pictured from left to right Guzman, Evangeline 6th grade, Bermudez, Eriana 7th grade, Ms. Giles principal, Fernandez, Logan 8th grade and Davila, Keylin 8th grade.



NEWS FROM THE SPARTAN MEDIA CENTER

It's so hard to believe another school year is ending! Time just seems to fly by. Good luck to our 8th graders who will be starting a new chapter in their lives and moving on to high school. It is important that all students return any books to the library before leaving for the summer. If their book is overdue they will not be charged fine however, if their book is lost they will have to pay for the book. Overdue notices will be delivered in the near future! Thank you, parents and guardians, for your support!

The last day for book check out was April 16th and returned by April 30th. Please encourage your child to read over the summer. Here is a quick video on how to access a book online by accessing Pinellas County School website:

- <https://eduvision.tv/l?OyOOyh>

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PINELLAS COUNTY NHD FAIR WINNERS

Congratulations to our 8th graders at Tarpon Springs Middle School who both placed first at the Pinellas County National History Day Fair. (pictured left to right) Abigail Smith-1st Place/Individual Website/Joan of Arc and Katerina Lecourezos-1st Place/Individual Documentary/Pearl Harbor.



SPARTAN CAMP

Dates:

SESSION 1

- **When:** Monday, August 5, 2019 from 9 am to 11 am
- **Who:** students with their last name starting with an A-L

SESSION 2

- **When:** Monday, August 5, 2019 from 1 pm to 3 pm
- **Who:** students with their last name starting with M-Z

Location:

- 501 N Florida Ave
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

Any questions? Please call the 6th grade office: 727-943-5511, ext 2029.

The “Spartan Camp” Day is a time to assist our new 6th grade students with their transition from elementary to middle school and to have them learn about what to expect at TSMS. This activity is meant to be specifically for students to help them start their middle school career successfully.

At Spartan Camp students will:

- Receive their schedules
- Meet their teachers and learn where they can find their classes
- Purchase locks and will be assigned lockers
- Get information on our new approved dress code
- Learn expectations for the cafeteria
- Have the opportunity to purchase supplies from our bookstore

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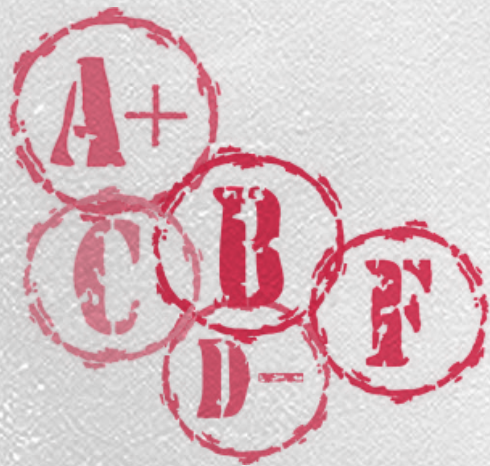
The basic course requirements are listed below for middle school student progression. Students must pass all twelve of these courses or higher level courses:

- **Language Arts:** Grades 6, 7, 8—Three middle grade or higher courses in language arts.
- **Mathematics:** Grades 6, 7, 8—Three middle grades or higher courses in mathematics.
- **Science:** Grades 6, 7, 8—Three middle grade or higher courses in science.
- **Social Studies:** Grades 6, 7, 8—Three middle grade or higher courses in social studies.

If a sixth or seventh grade student fails **more than** three (3) basic courses within an academic year, the student will be retained.

If a sixth or seventh grade student **fail 2 courses** within an academic year, the student will be in jeopardy of being retained and will need to complete Plato Course Recovery to recover the course failed.

If an eighth grade student fails **one of the 12 core courses** prior to completing the eighth grade year, the student will be retained in 8th grade without promotion to high school.





4.0 GPA

Please join me in congratulating our eighth grade students who were honored on May 14, 2019 for Scholastic Achievement in maintaining a 4.0 grade point average throughout the school year.

Eighth Grade

Alyssa Abraham

Ashlynn Block

Gabriel Daughton Clark

Austin Huff

Jaari Moreno

Drake Shannon-Sonderman

Jasmine Alimonos

Logan Fernandez

Ismael Kabir

Haylee Killgore

Vanessa Lynch

Dimitri Marangos

Conner Meslin

Marina Morris

Madison Reidy

Michael See

Abigail Smith

Patrick Sweeney

Brigitte Benuing

Georgios Glynatsis

Greyson Locks

Katelyn Ramsey

NJHS MEMBERS 2018-19

Ethan Abercrombie

Alyssa Abraham

Jayson Alger

Jasmine Alimonos

Natalie Arn

Ashlynn Block

Nadia Draxten-Brosious

Tashira Bryant

Noland Bulmer

Kianan Carroll

Stephanie Cherin

Camila DeVincenti

Jack Dunham

Logan Fernandez

George Glynatsis

Ben Goldman

Michael Hourdas

Allison Johnson

Emmala Kendall

Emily Kinkead

Ismael Karbirn

Kaytlin Kwapil

Katerina LeCourezos

Vanessa Lynch

Hannah Lynn

Kandace Maciuba

Fiona Macmillon

Molly Magoulis

Claudia Markowich

Olivia Markowich

Morgan May

Alexis Mizell

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Marina Morris

Leonardo Nguyen

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Julian Thacker

Grace Walker



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NUTRITION AWARDS

Please join me in congratulating our school nutrition employees who were honored at the School Nutrition all Stars Evening of Excellence Awards held on May 14, 2019 for their years of service. Mrs. Schermerhorn also received an award for qualifying our school in the Healthy Schools Program and participating in the

“School Yard Stomp” a shoe drive sponsored by Food Service. Pictured from left to right Elizabeth (Betty) Ahern 15yrs, Kristina Miano 20yrs, Ms. Giles, Susan Schermerhorn 30yrs and Katina Skandalariis 30yrs.



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