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**FOR THE PARENTS,
STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY
OF TEAGUE MIDDLE SCHOOL**



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Students, and Friends of Teague:

Although it seems you just left us, we are excitedly planning for the new school year. School grades will not be posted until late fall. However, all academic areas posted strong scores on FSA. We continue to have room for improvement in Reading and will require a team effort to ensure growth. We are equally committed to robust performance in behavior and engagement.

Our theme this year is simply **TIGERS ROAR** which will concentrate on increasing individual accountability as well as school spirit! Our focus is on academics, behavior, and engagement.

Our goal is that every Teague Tiger be:
**RESPECTFUL - ORGANIZED - ACCOUNTABLE -
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Here's some suggestions from our staff for what these targeted behaviors would look like.

Respectful:

- Listening
- Positive Appropriate Language
- Considerate
- Obeys Rules of Classroom and School
- Personal Space - Keep hands to self
- Treating each other with kindness
- Understanding unique individuals/beliefs
- Not use of profanity
- Wear school proper clothing
- Encourage others to do their best
- Not blurting out/waiting to be called on
- Speak to adults and peers appropriately

Organized:

- Use Planners to record assignments
- Following Classroom routines
- Having materials for class
- Being able to find assignments/notebooks
- Having a plan for how to succeed
- Knowing schedule for the day
- Knowing where materials are in the room
- Backpacks zipped in hallways
- Know when deadlines are
- Belongings secured in Backpack
- Plan for working large assignments into parts
- Backpack and Phone in Appropriate Place

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Positive Behavior Support Mission Statement: To institutionalize a consistent positive culture supported by the school community where expectations are clearly identified, communicated, and understood for positive behavior and mutual respect.

Please visit our website for more information
about our school.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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Accountable:

Receives Feedback Appropriately
 Responsible for Actions and Decisions
 Request help when needed
 Turning in work on time
 Taking ownership of your decisions
 Pick it up if you drop it.
 Produce excellent quality work
 Do not eat or drink in buildings
 Contributes to group/class
 Use Hall Passes Responsibly

Ready to Learn

Getting to Class on Time
 Seated
 Prepared with Materials
 Focused and on Task
 Being to class on time
 Staying in classroom
 No Disruptions
 Maintain Positive Attitude
 Actively Engage in lessons

Other critical areas of focus this year include:

- **Increased focus on attendance.** Students who are here, on time, and prepared to work almost always outperform those with spotty attendance. We need our students in class. **To underscore the importance of attendance, we are tying the privilege of class and student incentives to strong attendance. Please help us by ensuring that your student is here at Teague every day, ready to learn.**
- **Parent volunteerism.** We are asking each parent to find an avenue to connect with our school. You might consider chaperoning a dance, taking tickets at a game, working in the concession stands, serving on PTSA or the School Advisory Council, or any of the many other opportunities available to help. Research shows that when parents are involved at school, students perform better academically!

These are all lofty goals, to be sure. But the privilege of working with our students comes with a price. These young people will touch the future, and we have a responsibility to work as diligently as we can to do our part in their preparation. Thank you for that privilege! I know that we can count on you to support our efforts. We look forward to the challenges ahead, realizing that when parents, teachers, and community come together, the sky is the limit!

We're asking the support of every member of the Teague Community to support our students in this effort.

Best wishes for the rest of a wonderful summer!

Connie E. Collins

Respectfully,
 Connie E. Collins, Ed.D.
 Principal



TIGERS R.O.A.R!
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ACCOUNTABLE,
READY TO LEARN!

YEARBOOK

With the new school year right around the corner, don't lose the memories from last year! The 50th edition of the Tiger Tribute yearbook for the 2023-2024 school year is still available for purchase during Meet the Teacher and Schedule Pick Up on August 8th in room 108. \$50 cash or check only while supplies last.

The new school year brings new memories, so while you are picking up your schedule, be sure to stop by the YBK table in the dining hall to snap a picture of the coupon code for \$10 off the 2024-2025 yearbook! This will be the lowest price of the school year and will only be available for a short time!



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Our mission is to provide quality education that builds a foundation for life-long learning in a safe, respectful, inclusive, innovative environment. Teague Middle School will develop well-rounded students who are prepared to cope with a rapidly changing world by instilling in them innovative thinking, a global perspective, and respect for core values of honesty, loyalty, perseverance, diversity, collaboration, and compassion. which will develop capacity to compete in an increasingly complex world.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS

- 1st 9 Weeks- Boys and Girls Volleyball
- 2nd 9 Weeks – Boys and Girls Cross Country
- 3rd 9 Weeks- Boys and Girls Track and Field
- 4th 9 Weeks- Boys and Girls JV/ Varsity Basketball



Teague Middle School provides a Sports Program that provides a safe and organized environment for friendly competition against other middle schools in the county. Students will have fun, develop skills, learn the game, learn teamwork and practice good sportsmanship. The program offers four sports. **Volleyball, Cross Country, Track and Field, and Basketball.**

- Students will be required to try-out for Volleyball and Basketball (tryout dates TBD and will be posted on the Teague website, social media pages, as well as announced to students on TNN).
- All students **trying out** must provide a Consent and Release form signed by the parent.
- If your child is chosen on a team, one parent/guardian must attend an informational meeting (date to TBD by coach) and the student must have a current school sports physical.
- Each sport will have a fee (to offset the cost of buses, coaching and officials).
- Parents are encouraged to come to all games and meets (volleyball and basketball games require a small door charge to cover gym costs).
- Practices days are determined by the coach but are usually in the afternoons after school.
- Games and meets are played on campus or at one of the middle schools in Seminole County.
- Transportation to away games/meets is provided by SCPS.
- All Parent Consent and Sports Physical Forms can be found on the Teague website.
- Prospective student-athletes must have ALL physical and clearance paperwork updated annually and turned in to Teague Middle School. Only those student-athletes cleared by the school will be released and eligible for participation in athletic events

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Welcome back students and parents to another great year at Teague Middle School. This year we will work with students to continue their development in skills to prepare them for the specific subject areas and social studies as well as the FAST tests that they will take in English and Math. All social studies classes will reinforce writing skills all year by using Document Based Question essays in class to review curriculum topics. We are really looking forward to your students coming back and if you have any questions for your students' teacher, please feel free to e-mail them from skyward.

In general, for supplies students will need a folder and a composition notebook for the school year. There may be some exceptions in the individual grade level classes. Please also look at the school's generic supply list for Teague students located on our school website and posted on social media.

https://teague.scps.k12.fl.us/our-school/supply_list



CIVICS

Civics students will need a total of TWO composition notebooks ONE for each semester. This class has an End of Course Exam that will take place in May and the teachers will start preparing students for this test from day one. The end of course exam will account for 30% of the student's grade for the entire course at the end of the school year. We will start in Civics by covering our unit on Citizenship and talking about the requirements of what it means to be a citizen and the qualifications for naturalization. Also, this year because it is a presidential election year we will focus on the Election and the Electoral College throughout the school year. The school and the district are planning to have a mock election as we have done in the past to teach students about the voting process. We are really looking forward to your students in 7th grade learning about Civics and what democracy means to them. Welcome back we cannot wait to see you in August!!!



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AMERICAN HISTORY

American History students will start the school year by studying about Native American cultures, the settlement of the thirteen colonies, and life in colonial America. American history students will also be able to explore American History through projects and curriculum activities about topics that really interest them. In American history students will also participate in the

Seminole County History Fair and create a project based on very specific requirements of the National History Day Project (<https://nhd.org/en/>). All students in Advanced, Gifted or pre-AP American History are required to participate in some way for the history fair this year. Students will then be able to submit their projects for district competition later this year. See you soon and we are looking forward to an exciting year.

WORLD HISTORY

In World History we will begin the school year talking about Ancient Civilization and the early migration of people during the Stone Ages. Then students will begin to explore the river valley Civilizations like Egypt and Mesopotamia. Students will have the opportunity to explore World History through classroom discussion, activities, and projects allowing them to explore areas of History they are interested in. See you soon in August and we are excited to meet you.



SCIENCE

We hope you have had a wonderful summer. We are very excited to begin the 2024-2025 school year!

This year, we are excited to announce that all grade levels will be using a newly adopted McGraw Hill Science textbook that will include a workbook and online platform. Each teacher will be sharing information with you about how to access it and how they plan to use the workbook in their classroom.

The first unit for each grade level will be Nature of Science and will cover vocabulary, concepts and activities related to scientific processes and knowledge. Each grade level will then progress through 9-11 units designed around the Florida Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.

Schedule pick-up and meet the teacher will take place on August 8 from 9-12. Each teacher will provide you with a syllabus and supply list and will be able to answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing you on August 8, 2024!
-The Teague Science Department

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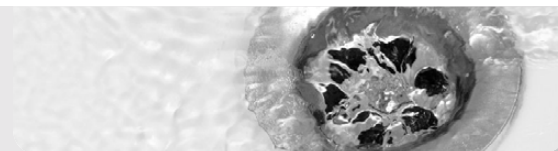
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6TH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS

Welcome to 6th Grade!

Dear Incoming 6th Graders and Parents,

Welcome to an exciting new chapter in your educational journey! We are thrilled to have you join our Teague Middle School community and look forward to a fantastic year ahead. As you prepare for this transition, we want to provide you with some important information to help you get started.

Important Dates

- **Meet the Teacher:** August, 8, 2024, 9am - Noon
- **First Day of School:** Monday, August 12, 2024
- **Open House:** Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 6 p.m.
- **FAST PM1:** 9/3 - 9/13/2024

School Supplies

To ensure you are prepared for the first day, here is a list of essential supplies:

PLEASE NOTE THAT CERTAIN TEACHERS MAY REQUEST ADDITIONAL ITEMS.

****PLEASE, NO PERMANENT MARKERS OF ANY KIND.**

- Loose leaf wide ruled paper
- Graph paper 4 or 5 square per inch
- 7 three prong pocket folders (1 per class)
- Pencils (No 2)
- Pens – Blue, Black and Red (each color needed)
- Highlighters (2 colors)
- 2 Expo Markers
- White Board Eraser or old sock or washcloth
- Colored pencils (box of 12 or more)
- Page Protectors – 1 pack – (to be used in all classes)
- Calculator – Texas Instrument -TI 30XA-
- 4-Composition Notebooks
- Personal Water Bottle

Daily Schedule

Our school day begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 4:05 p.m. Students are encouraged to arrive by 9:05 a.m. to allow time for settling in before classes begin.

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Extracurricular Activities

6th grade is a great time to explore new interests and develop new skills. We offer a variety of extracurricular activities including:

- Intramural Sports
- Chorus and band
- Drama
- NJHS
- Science Fair

Communication

We believe in open and transparent communication. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions or concerns. Here are the best ways to stay informed:

- **School Website:**
<https://teague.scps.k12.fl.us>
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Please Schedule with our Guidance Department

Tips for Success

1. **Stay Organized:** Use your planner to keep track of assignments and important dates.
2. **Get Involved:** Join clubs and activities to make new friends and discover new interests.
3. **Ask for Help:** Don't hesitate to ask your teachers or school counselors if you need assistance.
4. **Stay Positive:** Embrace challenges as opportunities to learn and grow.

We are excited to embark on this journey with you and are committed to making this year a memorable and successful one. Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we can't wait to see you soon!

PTSA

Hello Tigers! We are excited for the upcoming school year and can't wait to meet many of you at Meet-the-Teacher on August 8th. Don't forget to visit our PTSA booth to buy school spirit wear and sign up for PTSA membership!

Consider becoming a PTSA member for the 2024-2025 school year. Your membership helps support various PTSA activities such as dances, lunch events for teachers and students, student support items, and more. Your level of involvement is completely up to you and your support is greatly appreciated.

If you can't grab spirit wear at Meet-the-Teacher, visit us in the cafeteria on the 2nd Friday of every month starting in September. We'll have Teague Tiger Croc Charms for \$2, Dri-Fits & Tees for \$15, and Hoodies for \$25. We accept cash, check, and Apple Pay.

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- PE Uniform
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 - » ONLINE PURCHASES ONLY! No cash or checks.
 - » Bring receipt (electronic is ok) to pick up the uniform during class.
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- SNEAKERS. Per our SCPS dress code, sneakers are the ONLY shoes permitted in PE class.
- Identified a pair of sweatpants and a sweatshirt or jacket to wear if the weather is cool.

Optional but Strongly Encouraged:

- Personal water bottle labeled with first and last name.
- Deodorant
- Washcloth/wipes
- Drawstring backpack so that they may easily take their belongings home each day.

Not Permitted to be Used in Locker Rooms or During Class:

- Axe body spray, perfume, or body spray of any kind
- Cell phones (should be LOCKED in lockers)
- Key locks

Teague Middle School Presents

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Cheer Clinic (Mandatory Attendance):
August 26th and 27th from 4:10 pm - 6:00 pm

Cheer Tryouts:
Thursday, August 29th from 4:10 pm - 6:00 pm

Cheer Requirements:
Must have a 2.0 GPA
No Referrals from the time of tryouts
Cheer and dance experience preferred, but NOT required.

More information to come.

Your student will receive more information regarding grading, curriculum, expectations, etc. during the first week of school. Please feel free to call or email your student's teacher with any questions or concerns. Thank you!