



**Tenafly**  
MIDDLE SCHOOL

## TMS HSA NEWSLETTER

[Tenafly Middle School Website](#)

SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

### TMS EVENTS / INFORMATION:

#### H.S.A. DUES DRIVE:

Our annual dues drive is still underway! Dues amount is \$35/family, and we encourage all parents to pay their HSA dues. Annual contribution of dues and other monies raised, via fundraisers, is used to support many TMS programs and activities, including student planners, the TMS directory, cultural arts and curriculum-based assemblies, new clubs, scholarships for school-sponsored trips and events, social events (such as the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Halloween & the 8<sup>th</sup> grade yearbook parties), and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion reception. Additionally, annual dues and fundraising enable us to provide teachers with a stipend to enhance their classroom. We thank you in advance for your support!

Students can bring in cash/check (made out to TMS HSA) in an envelope labeled with their first and last name and grade, to their homeroom teacher.

## **TMS DIRECTORY**

As you probably know, the TMS 2016-2017 Mobile Directory is up and running. Please see the attached flyer for instructions if you still need them; this is also attached to the TMS HSA page on the TMS website. Remember, if you registered to use the directory last year, you can continue to use it with uninterrupted service this year. Access it the same way you always have and use the same password you used last year. All users can make changes to their own personal information at any time by logging in and choosing "edit profile".

### TMS Directory Registration Instructions

## **TMS MAGAZINE SALE!**

The Magazine Sale began **Tuesday, September 27th**

with Kick-Off Assemblies for the Students: Please take a moment to review the information packets/order forms that were sent home via your child. Whether your child is in Grade 6, 7 or 8, a percentage of the proceeds from your child's individual sales will be applied to lower the price he/she is charged for the Grade 8 Trip.

Collection Dates:

Friday, September 30th

Friday, October 7th

Friday, October 14th

For more information or if you would like to volunteer to help with the Magazine Sale, please contact our Magazine Sale Chairs.

Mary Catona: [maccatona@optonline.net](mailto:maccatona@optonline.net) or

Amy White: [amyrichert@gmail.com](mailto:amyrichert@gmail.com)

**PICTURE DAY!**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6TH**

**MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 10TH**

Nationally-recognized speaker Amy Fabrikant will present  
"How (And When) to Talk to Your Kids About Gender and Sexuality."

This parent presentation is for all parents, K-12.  
The attached flyer has additional information about the presentation.

"How (And When) to Talk to Your Kids About Gender and Sexuality."

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 17TH**

**PARENT ADVISORY MEETING - H.S.A. OPEN MEETING**

**9:00 A.M. CAFETERIA**

Calling all parents!

Save the date for our first TMS Advisory Meeting of the Year!!

Monday morning, October 17th, please join us in the TMS cafeteria. The Parent Advisory Meeting is a great opportunity for all parents to meet with our principal and vice principal, Mr. Fabbo and Ms. George, to discuss pertinent school-related topics. Stay in touch with school-related issues, ask questions, and give feedback. Please mark your calendars for October 17th! Refreshments will be served.

### **STUDENT ORGANIZATION EVENTS (S.O.)**

The S.O. is having their "**Soccer Tournament**" at the Soccer Cage on October 21st 3:15pm - 6:15pm. Rain date is Oct. 28th.

For students to participate in the SO Soccer Tournament, you must be an SO member. The membership drive is through the end of October. To become a member, students are to go to the guidance office and buy a membership card for \$5.00. A membership card will give you access to all SO events. If a card is not purchased prior to the event, one can be bought at the event for \$7.00.

### **THINK PINK**

The Student Organization will be selling "Pink Items" during lunch periods on Mondays (6, 7th grades), Tuesdays (8th grade) and Wednesdays (6, 7, 8th grades) and Fridays after school in front of the cafeteria. A portion of the money will be donated to a charity in support of breast cancer research.

This is through the end of October.

### **TMS BOOK FAIR**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TMS BOOK FAIR!**

Hello parents!

The TMS Book Fair is coming up very soon (Oct. 26-27)!

This is an annual event that raises much-needed funds for the H.S.A. and is a school-wide celebration of books and reading.

**VOLUNTEERS:**

We need volunteers to help at the fair during the following time frames:

Tuesday 10/25 1:00pm - 2:45pm SET-UP

Wednesday 10/26 8:00am - 4:00pm (2 hour shifts) BOOK FAIR

Thursday 10/27 8:00am - 4:00pm (2 hour shifts) BOOK FAIR

We appreciate whatever time you can give!

To volunteer to help at the book fair, or to help with set-up (10/25),  
you can sign up via the following link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d45a9af2ca1fa7-volunteer>

**TEACHER GIFT CERTIFICATES:**

Help build the in-class library for TMS teachers! Please use the attached gift certificate form to make a contribution to a teacher of any amount and please make sure it is turned into TMS by Tuesday, October 25!

[Teacher Appreciation Gift Certificates](#)

Many thanks!

TMS HSA Book Fair Committee

**H.S.A. GRADE 6 HALLOWEEN SOCIAL**

Monday, October 31st, 2:50-4:00 p.m., Cafeteria

The annual H.S.A. sponsored Grade 6 Halloween Party features a DJ, refreshments and a "spooktacular" good time for all sixth grade students (sorry parents, it's for kids only). There is no charge to attend; this event is paid for by the H.S.A.

All 6th graders should come to school dressed in costume.

For more information, contact Grade 6 Halloween Chair

Karin Erdtmann: [kerdtmann6126@gmail.com](mailto:kerdtmann6126@gmail.com)

**THS TUTORING CLUB**

The THS Tutoring Club is offering tutoring for students in K through 8th grade every Tuesday from 3:30-5pm at Tenafly High School in rooms 104 & 105 (look for our sign on the door).

Weekly sessions begin on Tuesday, September 27th at 3:30pm. Please have your student come with all the necessary materials to work and a nut free snack. Snack time is from 4:15-4:30pm

Any questions?

Please contact [bpelaezmartinez@tenafly.k12.nj.us](mailto:bpelaezmartinez@tenafly.k12.nj.us)

## OCTOBER 2016:

- 3 - 4 Schools Closed - Rosh Hashanah
- 3 - 7 Week of Respect
- 5 PASET Meeting 9 a.m., Tenafly Diner
- 5 SEPAC Meeting 10 a.m., 500 Tenafly Road
- 6 Picture Day
- 7 H.S.A. Magazine Collection During School Lunches
- 10 Early Dismissal - 12:20 p.m. (Professional Day)
- 10 "How (And When) to Talk to Your Kids About Gender and Sexuality."  
7:00 p.m. - THS Library/Media Center
- 12 Schools Closed - Yom Kippur
- 14 H.S.A. Magazine Collection During School Lunches
- 17 Parent Advisory Meeting/H.S.A. Open Meeting 9 a.m., Cafeteria
- 17 CAP Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - THS Library/Media Center
- 17 - 21 Violence Awareness Week
- 18 BOE Meeting 8 p.m., 500 Tenafly Road
- 21 S.O. Soccer Tournament 3:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m., Soccer Cage
- 26 - 27 Book Fair
- 31 HSA Grade 6 Halloween Social 3 to 4 p.m., Gym

## LOOKING AHEAD NOVEMBER 2016:

- 1 Breakfast With Superintendent 9 a.m., 500 Tenafly Road
- 2 PASET Meeting 9 a.m., Tenafly Diner
- 2 CAP Meeting 10 a.m., 500 Tenafly Road
- 8 Election Day - Schools Open
- 9 TEF (Tenafly Education Fund) Meeting 8:30 p.m., Library
- 10 - 11 Schools Closed - NJEA Teachers Convention
- 14 - 18 Spirit Week
- 14 CAP Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - THS Library/Media Center
- 15 BOE Meeting 8 p.m., 500 Tenafly Road
- 22 School Picture Re-takes
- 23 Early Dismissal - 12:20 p.m.
- 24 - 25 Schools Closed - Thanksgiving
- 30 Parent/Teacher Conferences for 6th grade only - 5:30pm-8:30pm  
Student Led Portfolio Review for 7th and 8th grades - 5:30pm-8:30pm

We hope you found this email alert helpful, and encourage everyone to get involved in the H.S.A. We can't make a difference without you! If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please send us an email at [TMSHSA@aol.com](mailto:TMSHSA@aol.com).

Debra Gordon, Andrea Orlando & Karin Erdtmann - TMS H.S.A. Co-Presidents

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