



A Community of Caring and Excellence

"Take Care of Yourself, Take Care of Each Other, Take Care of This Place"

August, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year! We hope you have had a wonderful summer. We are looking forward to a great year and would like to welcome our new Vice Principal, Mrs. Daryl George. In addition, please make a note that back to school night will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 from 6:30-9pm. Please be sure to have a copy of your child's schedule on Back to School night, which will be available on the Parent Portal on August 22nd.

Please find some important information from the H.S.A. board:

HSA Dues: Our annual dues drive is now underway! We encourage all parents to pay their H.S.A. dues. Your \$35 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 6th grade Halloween and the 8th grade yearbook parties), and the 8th grade promotion receptions. Additionally, annual dues and fundraising enable us to provide teachers with a stipend to enhance their classroom. Please mail checks back in the envelopes provided, payable to the "Tenafly Middle School H.S.A."

HSA Directory: We are continuing with our use of the TMS online mobile directory, which can be accessed from your computer, tablet, or mobile device. Over the next few weeks we will be sending instructions to register to use the online directory. Once you register, you will be able to edit your own information yourself, anytime throughout the school year. Watch your email for more information. Instructions will also be posted on the TMS website.

HSA Newsletter: The TMS HSA send a monthly e-newsletter to keep parents updated with important school and community news and events. If you have not signed up for the email newsletter, please do so by sending an emails with your full name, and the name(s) and grade(s) of your child(ren), and your contact email address to tmslsa@aol.com.

HSA General Open Meetings: The HSA Executive Board would like to invite you to our General Open meetings. Four meetings are scheduled for the upcoming school year: Monday, October 17th, at 9am; Wednesday, February 1st, at 7pm; Wednesday, March 6th at 9am; and Thursday, May 8th at 9am. All meetings will be held in the TMS Cafeteria. Please make every effort to attend!

After School Clubs: There will be a Club Fair held on September 29th at 3pm in the TMS Gym. Please encourage your children to attend and get involved in one of the many clubs offered after school. Descriptions of the clubs can be found on the home page of the TMS web page.

Thank you for your continued support,
Debra Gordon, Andrea Orlando, and Karin Erdtmann