

September 9th 2020 **MARSHALL MEMOS** WE ARE MARSHALL & WE ARE DESTINED FOR GREATNESS!

Thurgood Marshall Middle School's Official Newsletter

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Click on LINK to watch Kinston Smith's Virtual Tour of TMMS

Virtual Learning & Adjusting

Parents, students, and teachers, we want to acknowledge and thank you for all of the changes you have made this past month. We have completely changed the way students learn and teachers teach. Please give yourself a pat on the back and know changes of this magnitude are not easy!

Our faculty & staff are working hard to meet the needs of our students and families. In the past month, we have distributed over 400 laptops and over 100 hot spots. This doubled the 200 laptops we had anticipated distributing from the Spring Remote and parent phone survey data. We want to thank our tech deployment team for fielding calls, prepping computers, and scheduling individual pick up times so parents did not have to wait in long lines. We also want to thank our parents for your patience as some have waited for laptops when we ran out. If your child is still **in need of a device or access to WiFi, please submit a technology request** using the link http://bit.ly/TMMSTECHREQ

With any major changes, there are some adjustments to make along the way. We know the MNPS Help desk can be difficult to reach. To better serve students with technology issues, we have created our own local technology help desk. Please use the following link **to request help with technology issues**, *(ex. logging in, TEAMS, Schoology)*, and someone from the school will contact you. <u>http://bit.ly/TMMSTECHHELP</u> Also, since we will not have progress reports this nine weeks and parents will need help with accessing and navigating Schoology to check grades, we will hold a Schoology Parent training on Tuesday September 15 from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm on Microsoft TEAMS. We will send more info and the link next week. We hope these resources will come in handy! As always, we thank you for your support!



615-941-7515

https://itsallthurgood.weebly.com/

Attendance

Parents please remind your child to log in and out of Schoology everyday and attend all live sessions on Monday through Friday. We have the majority of our students logging in, but our goal is 100%. If your child is having trouble logging in, please call the school or email the teachers and the grade level principal for assitance (5th/6th vice principal- kimberly.woodard@mnps.org, 7th/8th vice principal- adam.allen@mnps.org)

FREE School Lunch & Breakfast for ALL

School Breakfast and Lunch will now be FREE again to all students and can be picked up along with lunch at the school (drive through by gym from 11:30-1 pm) or at the student's <u>bus stop</u> (12:45-1:45 pm). E-mail the cafeteria manager sheilania.ransom@mnps.org or our 7th/8th grade Dean of students luther.dollar@mnps.org for more info. Also, check out our school's <u>website</u> to apply for <u>free or reduced lunch</u> under parent info.

7th Grade Vaccinations

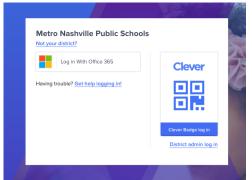
An updated Tennessee Immunization Certificate with proof of one additional immunizations is required when entering 7th grade. Immunizations are available from your child's doctor, or may also be available through the Metro Public Health Department if your child has TennCare, no insurance or insurance that does not pay for vaccines. *Please fax (#615-941-7521), mail, or email a copy of your child's immunization record to* **amanda.sowell@mnps.org.** If you email the records, please do not send a cell phone picture, but use a scan to pdf app to convert your picture to a printable PDF file. For more info about free vaccination locations please check our school website_under parent info.

IMPORTANT DATES & INFO

- **Daily Attendance-** To meet daily attendance requirements and avoid truancy letters and notifications, your child must login and logout of Schoology and attend scheduled live sessions every school day. If there is an issue with logging in, please notify your grade level secretary and teachers for assistance.
- Technology Requests- If your child needs a computer or hotspot please use <u>http://bit.ly/TMMSTECHREQ</u> link to place request. We schedule appointments in the order the requests are made. Please email Mr. Allen if you have placed a technology request and have not received an email or phone reply to set up a time for pickup. adam.allen@mnps.org To request school help with technology related issues (ex. logging in, Schoology, etc.) please submit a help request <u>http://bit.ly/TMMSTECHHELP</u>
- Parent Schoology Training-Tues. September 15 from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm on Microsoft TEAMS.
- End of 1st Quarter- October 1st
- Annual Training- October 2nd -No school for students

Schoology Support

- How students upload assignments in Schoology
 <u>https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/6aeccc9f-7b71-4045-afca-661b94e8bef8</u>
- How to log into Schoology
- <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CsjERHNSzow&feature=youtu.be</u>
- How to get Schoology alerts for absences, late work, grades, etc.
- <u>https://support.schoology.com/hc/en-us/articles/201000903-Parent-Email-Digest-and-Overdue-Notifications-Email</u>



Students use Clever to login to Schoology http://www.clever.com/in/mnps

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While MNPS will offer no-cost breakfast and lunch to all children 18 and under based on new federal guidelines, families who may be eligible for free and reduced lunch should still apply so there is no interruption in meals when waivers expire. mnps.org/nutrition

NO-COST BREAKFAST & LUNCH

Metro Nashville Public Schools will offer no-cost breakfast and lunch to all children 18 and under based on newly released federal guidelines.





mnps.org/nutrition

FREE Lunch and Breakfast returns for ALL STUDENTS!

