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“The Tallmadge Way”

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As we are now settled into the 2021-2022 school year, I would like to take this time to share with you a number of exciting developments we are working on in terms of curriculum for Tallmadge City Schools and our students. Increasing our students' learning opportunities is of paramount importance and Tallmadge teachers and staff are working hard to ensure our students are given every opportunity to succeed in the ever-growing educational landscape.

Our overarching goal is to implement “The Tallmadge Way,” providing 21st century learning experiences and conditions throughout our district, so that every Tallmadge student graduates with a viable plan for the future. We are looking to prepare our students for the future they determine, whether that includes continuing their education, joining the workforce or enlisting in the military.

Part of “The Tallmadge Way” includes designing a uniform K-12 curriculum that is rigorous, provides opportunities for open reflection on current practices and allows for administrators and teachers to collaboratively identify areas for growth in our current instructional strategies. We're excited by the opportunities we can create when our entire district is working together to formulate the best curriculum for our students. In order for us to provide a quality 21st century education, we must continue to adapt to growing trends in education. This is “The Tallmadge Way.”

We are also looking to expand our Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) Framework across K-12 to address academic and social-emotional needs. We've already begun this implementation at Tallmadge Elementary School, including tiered intervention supports, progress monitoring tools (such as DIBELS, PAST and MAP), quarterly team meetings and professional development for all staff. As part of this program, we have adopted the “Second Step” program for integrating social-emotional learning standards in all K-5 classrooms.

Our MTSS expansion includes maximizing Academy Time in our middle school and high school. This will provide targeted intervention for students based on assessment data and teacher feedback. We are finding that students are more attuned to their social-emotional progress, and we consider that an important step in their growth. We're proud to be supporting their development, especially during times of instability. As we've witnessed since early 2020, our students' needs extend beyond the classroom, and we are working diligently to address those needs.

Of course, our 21st century learning is centered on research-based educational tools, and we are looking to enhance our district's data systems and capacity. This will include building a foundation for data-driven decision making, establishing a culture of data use and improvement, and being able to analyze and act on data to improve the performance of our educators and students.

Tallmadge is proud to partner with the Summit County Educational Service Center (ESC) to develop and offer increased enrichment opportunities for all K-12 students. The ESC will also serve as a collaborator as we focus on expansion of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) experiences for K-5 students. This partnership with the ESC allows us to expand our offerings in these areas, which are vitally important to the development of the whole learner.

This is an exciting time for Tallmadge City Schools, and I'm proud of the work of everyone in our district who continue to put our students' progress and success as their top priority. Our staff, educators, students and families have all worked hard to build a foundation of success that we will continue building upon. Please visit our website for updated information as we address developments in our curriculum and instruction, MTSS program, social-emotional learning, English learner services and so much more. The continued support of our district and community are so important to the success of our students, and it's important that we continue proving how powerful collaboration is and all that can be achieved with “The Tallmadge Way.”





Tallmadge City Schools Honors the 20th Anniversary of September 11

Most of our students were not yet born when the attacks of September 11, 2001 took place on American soil. However, all three Tallmadge City School buildings took time to honor the lives that were lost that fateful day and to discuss the impact it had on our nation. Tallmadge Elementary School had red, white and blue day and paid tribute with a moment of silence at 9:11 a.m. **K-4 students** participated in a variety of assignments, including writing projects discussing their feelings about the event



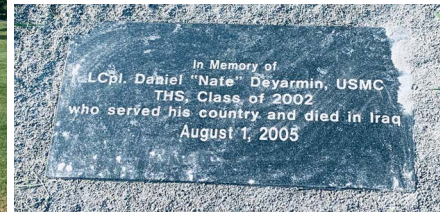
Fifth-grade students watched a video presentation and participated in small group discussions about the importance of the day.

Tallmadge Middle School implemented the First Responder Challenge during PE classes. Students had to climb/run as many stairs as are in both twin towers that the firefighters had to face on September 11. High school students participated in a similar activity for Patriot Day.

7th grade ELA classes did an extensive research unit looking at September 11th, Malala and the Taliban and that region of the world, and the US leaving Afghanistan now.

Each 8th grade student in history class was asked to talk to a parent about their experiences on September 11, 2001 and then the class discussed how big events with emotional connections allow us to recall specifics about a day we typically wouldn't remember. In ELA, eighth graders read poems, stories and watched some video clips and a short documentary on the Boatlift story.

Tallmadge High School held a beautiful tribute at 9:11a.m. honoring two of our own who made the ultimate sacrifice: LCpl. Daniel "Nate" Deyarmin, USMC, THS, Class of 2002 and Hospitalman Lucas W. Emch, USN, THS Class of 2004. This moment provided a strong reminder that we are stronger UNITED as one and to serve others.



Semifinalists in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program

Tallmadge City Schools is extremely proud to announce that Tallmadge High School Senior, Isaac Bee, has been named as a National Merit Semifinalist! To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of competition. About 95 percent of the Semifinalist are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalist will win a national Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.





Fun Run Boosterthon Comes to Tallmadge Elementary

Lace up your running shoes! One September 30, all grades at TES will participate in a Fun Run Boosterthon to raise funds for outdoor learning spaces and to purchase flexible learning furniture. Starting on September 23, there will be music and activities before school and during lunch to pump up the students for their big run on the 30th! Please stay tuned for donation information, which will be sent out this week.

Camp Fitch Date Approaching for Tallmadge Middle School

In its 37th year, Camp Fitch in North Springfield, PA is a two-night YMCA Outdoor Education Program for our sixth grade students. This experience is a great way for students to embark upon the exciting, challenging and creative time known as the "middle school years". The permission slip deadline is September 17. For more information, please [click here](#).



Tallmadge High School Homecoming Dance Moved Outdoors

October 9 will see students dancing under the stars for their Homecoming dance. In an abundance of caution during the uptick in COVID-19 cases, Tallmadge High School has moved the "Havana Nights" homecoming dance outdoors to Blue Devils Stadium. Tents will be set up to protect against any inclement weather that might arise. High school administrators are working to secure food trucks and fun activities to make this an event like no other!



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- Sept 15**
Board of Education Meeting
- Sept 20**
First Quarter Interims
- Sept 23**
PTA Boosterthon Fundraiser
- Sept 24**
Grades K-2 Fall Pictures
- Sept 25**
Alumni Association Banquet
- Sept 27**
Grades 3-5 Fall Pictures
- Sept 28**
Middle School Picture Day
- Sept 30**
First Semester Conferences (Virtual)

OCTOBER

- October 7**
Homecoming Parade
- October 8**
Homecoming Game
- October 8**
NEOE Day – NO SCHOOL
- October 9**
Homecoming Dance
- October 11**
College and Career Readiness Week