

## Superintendent's Message

*Steve Wood, Superintendent*

We have been very busy this second semester as we continue to engage in personalized learning and providing each student with the opportunity to uncover their exclusive gifts and passions, unveiling what makes them truly special - their ***SUPERPOWERS!***

We are focusing on career and interest exploration this semester. Tallmadge Middle School recently held a Career Night bringing in over 30 presenters. Students had the chance to connect and network with professionals from various backgrounds in an up-close and personal setting. This event provided an incredible opportunity for students to review a vast selection of potential careers in just a few hours time.

Tallmadge Elementary School held a Career Day of their own. On this day, our students dressed up to

represent their favorite career and participated in fun activities that helped them explore their personal skills and passions. The event proved to be interesting and fun for professionals and students alike.

Tallmadge Elementary also held a Superpower Day recently. The day was designed to give our students the tools they need to discover their unique talents and discover their inherent interests, thereby empowering them to move forward in their education with direction and confidence.

Additional initiatives include Fun Fridays at Tallmadge High School, highlighting and rewarding positive student behavior. The safety training in CPR and AED use continues for our staff and students and will be complete by the end of the school year.

Spring Break is right around the corner - March 27-31. As we work through these last few weeks prior to Spring Break, we all possess the ***SUPERPOWERS*** needed to study hard, try new, unfamiliar things, make new friends, and attend an event unfamiliar to us.

Thank you for your support of Tallmadge City Schools.

### Important Dates

- March 8** - 5th Grade Choir Concert at THS
- March 9** - End of 3rd Quarter
- March 10** - Teacher In-Service (No School for Students)
- March 13** - K-2 Book Fair
- March 20** - TES Spring Pictures
- March 21** - 1st Grade Family Night
- March 27** - Spring Break
- April 6** - 2nd Grade Family Night
- April 7** - Good Friday (No School)

# SUPERPOWER

## Online Safety Expert Helps Tallmadge Students and Parents Learn About Responsible Online Usage

Tallmadge students and parents attended a thought-provoking discussion with special guest Richard Guerry about the dangers of social media and how to be responsible internet users. This presentation helped eliminate the myths that anonymity, social privacy, and disappearing digital content are possible with digital tools and apps. Students left the presentation with eyes open to how popular social media apps could affect their lives. In contrast, parents left with knowledge on how to have mindful and purposeful discussions with their children about internet usage. Tallmadge Middle School Principal Jeffrey Manion said, "I felt the assemblies were a great opportunity for our students to understand the impact their social media footprint has."

## February Was a Busy Month for Tallmadge Elementary School

February was an exciting time to be a student at Tallmadge Elementary School. Our teachers developed exciting lessons that educated our students about influential African Americans as part of Black History Month. The Mobile Dentist made its second appearance helping promote our students' oral hygiene. Students participated in a Career Day, where they were presented with different career paths and dressed as the job they aspire to be. Our K-2 grade students attended an assembly with Jim "Basketball" Jones —listening to his engaging message about how to be kind and do the right thing. The Whiz Bang Science Show visited the 3-5 grade students. Full of exciting and interactive activities, students never wanted the assembly to end.

## Jim "Basketball" Jones Dribbles His Way Into the Hearts of TES Students

Jim "Basketball" Jones visited Tallmadge Elementary School. Jim "Basketball" Jones travels across the country to help students be kind and do the right thing. With fun and engaging activities like spinning a basketball on a cup and having a student drink Gatorade out of it, he engages students in creative ways. Jim "Basketball" Jones motivates students to give their best effort, encourage others, and never give up. This assembly was filled with interactive activities that allowed students to practice being respectful, responsible, and safe while having fun and cheering on their classmates.



## Science Assembly Ends With a Bang

Dr. Dave and the Whiz Bang Science Show brought Tallmadge Elementary School an exciting science show. The Whiz Bang Science Show engages young and old audiences with interactive science activities. Students experienced exciting demonstrations and learned about activities to do at home. Dr. Dave's genuine enthusiasm and humor engaged TES students—ensuring they were excited to learn in their science classes.



## Drama Club Puts on the Performance of the School Year

Tallmadge Middle School's Drama Club was thrilled to put on their performance "It's a Madhouse" on February 15th. An excited audience filled the auditorium, and 61 TMS students were part of the cast and crew. The crew were responsible for designing and creating props, setting up the stage, running the curtain, running lights and sound, and creating advertisements for the play. Directed by Heather Caslow and Lindsay Rodebaugh, these dedicated advisors have spent countless hours helping to make this performance possible. The students also performed for the fourth and fifth-grade classes of Tallmadge Elementary School on February 14th. Both performances were outstanding! The audience was thoroughly entertained and left with smiles on their faces!



## What Do You Want to Be When You Grow Up?

Tallmadge Middle School recently held a Career Day, with 30 professionals from diverse backgrounds talking to students. This event provided our students with the opportunity to learn more about a variety of career paths, as well as what it takes to pursue them. TMS was honored to have Dr. Serif Krkic, President of the Rotary Club of Tallmadge and VP of the Tallmadge Chamber of Commerce, as the keynote speaker. Dr. Krkic is also the high school boys JV soccer coach and has been an invaluable asset on and off the field.

Following his speech, students could choose from four breakout sessions that provided a comprehensive overview of different career fields and advice on getting started. This event concluded with closing remarks encouraging students to consider what career paths they want to explore.



## Dancing the Night Away

Recently, TMS eighth graders held a dance as a celebration of the 8th graders ending their middle school days. There was a DJ and dancing, and a place for students to hang out with their peers and enjoy refreshments. Many students choose to dress up and have fun spending an evening with their friends at this social gathering.



# Tallmadge Star Diver Kate Archer Makes a Splash in the Pool and Outside the Classroom

Tallmadge High School student, Top 30 diver, DECA, National Honors Society, Leaders in Action, and Respect Club member Kate Archer exemplifies Tallmadge's Portrait of a Graduate.

**Kate Archer '24** surprised everyone, including herself, by quickly becoming a star in a sport she was initially uncertain about competing in. Her brother participated during his senior year and persuaded her to join the diving team when she was only a sophomore. Despite never practicing diving before that point, Kate barely missed making it to states by just 2.66 points. However, this year, she made it all the way, finishing 26th in the State Tournament!

With her prior track and field experience, Kate is ranked 8th within Division 2 and 18th overall in pole vaulting. Last year alone, she placed 12th at the state tournament! Her dive and pole vault coaches believe in Kate's raw talent. This potential can be further developed with collegiate coaching and sufficient encouragement. Kate is still undecided about which sport to pursue at the college level.

Kate Archer embodies the essence of what it means to be a student-athlete. As a distinguished scholar, Kate remains devoted to her school's extracurricular activities. For example, by joining DECA, she has acquired valuable knowledge that can help prepare her for college and future career opportunities. With Jocelyn Dolence as her DECA partner, Kate succeeded in reaching the state competition level! Undoubtedly, hard work and dedication make anything possible—this amazing duo proves just that!

Kate Archer personifies the qualities that comprise The Portrait of a Graduate. Her capacity for empathy, communication skills, resilience and adaptability in the face of adversity, superior critical thinking abilities, and self-initiative to master new tasks are just some traits that showcase her ability to succeed.



**Joyanne Green** @joyannegreen - Feb 23  
 We were so engaged while working with our stuffed animals today. We enjoyed using them in activities like: reading stories, measuring, playing math games, reading our poetry notebooks, and dancing. #TallmadgeGold

TCS Tweets Retweeted  
**Tallmadge Girls Basketball 7-12** @TallmadgeGBK - Feb 22  
 Extremely proud of this group of girls. Played their hearts out every night. Thank you to our 3 seniors for everything you have done for the program! We will truly miss you. 🙏🏻

TCS Tweets Retweeted  
**Joyanne Green** @joyannegreen - Feb 23  
 A few pictures from our superhero day at school. ❤️

## Tallmadge Social

**Mr. Booth** @misterboothTES - Feb 17  
 Businessmen and construction crew amongst many others participating in Career Day at TES this week!

Six District Educational Compact @sixdistrictCTE - Feb 17  
 The CTE Showcase @TallmadgeMiddle today provided an opportunity for K-12 teachers to learn more about the Compact opportunities available to their students. Thanks so all of the student ambassadors who made it happen (on their day off). #dedication

**Mr. Booth** @misterboothTES - Feb 15  
 Thank you Teresa and Deepika for all your help in the lunch room this week! #caughtbeinggold

**Mrs. Dove** @MrsDoveTES - Feb 23  
 Superhero day. Bonus points when you match your assistant principal. 🙌 @TESK5AP

**Tallmadge Athletics** @TallmadgeAD - Feb 16  
 Just having some fun at the Unified Sports Basketball game! What an awesome event!

**Tallmadge Wrestling** @Tallmadge\_WR - Feb 13  
 Congrats to our youth team, getting EIGHT wrestlers to the State Tournament! Way to go!

**Mrs. Madden** @MaddenTCS - Feb 9  
 We explored the NRICH task Ben's Game today at Math Breakfast Bunch! @sofiacerrato

**Courtney Davis** @tcs\_curriculum - Feb 17  
 Enjoying a day of professional learning and collaboration. ❤️

**Nicole Koyan** @TallmadgeElemAP - Feb 3  
 More WIZ BANG fun with 4th grade!!

**Mr. Booth** @misterboothTES - Feb 1  
 Creative minds at work designing, drawing, and creating various types of snowflakes today in 3rd grade STEM class! @MrsReiber

**Courtney Davis** @tcs\_curriculum - Feb 9  
 It was a busy day! Our District Lead Teachers also met this afternoon to continue our work around grading practices. #Tallmadgecurriculum ❤️

**Miss Davis** @rdavis96 - Feb 10  
 This kid right here, recognized that his teacher was getting annoyed by people locking themselves out of the room. He went home, made me a doorknob and surprised me with it. Made. My. Week. Thank you for being Tallmadge Gold, Jordan. ❤️ #Tallmadgegold @TallmadgeMiddle

Check out what is happening in our school buildings this month. Follow @tsctweets1 for more info!



## SPEAK OF THE BLUE DEVIL

**MERLE BALL**  
 HEAD CUSTODIAN, TALLMADGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

"I ENJOY HELPING THE KIDS AND TEACHERS. EVERYONE KNOWS THAT IF THEY NEED SOMETHING, THEY CAN COUNT ON ME TO GET IT DONE. I LIKE HELPING SET UP THE ACTIVITIES FOR TEACHERS AND KIDS DURING THE DAY."

