



TAMAQUA AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL

2023-2024
August 23, 2023

School Day

- Doors open at 7:10 AM
- Lockers from 7:30 AM until 7:35 AM
- Students must be IN 1st Period by the conclusion of the bell.
- Tardy students (7:35 and 1 second) must report to the office for a late pass.
- Drop/Pick up at the main entrance. Stay in line.



Tardy to School & Class

- Detentions will result for being tardy more than 3x.
- Excessive tardy mornings result in truancy citations.



Breakfast

- Breakfast is available daily for everyone from 7:10AM-7:30AM.
- Free breakfast.



Bell Schedule

- 9 period day
 - 5 – 42 minute Class Periods
 - 1 – 42 minute Specials Period
 - 1 – 42 minute Lunch
 - 1 – 42 minute Study Hall Period
 - 1 – 42 minute FLEX (Academic Support, Band, Chorus, Gaming, Homework, Intramurals, Art, etc.)



Homework & Participation

- Academic Responsibility.
- Failing to do either may result in parent contact and possible disciplinary action.
- Academic Detentions 2:30-3PM



Responsibilities...

- Use your calendar to schedule due dates.
- Charge your Chromebook at home each night. No daily loaners unless it is for repair.
- GoGuardian is watching your Chromebook activity.



Study Hall/Flex

- Quiet and productive.
- Maximize your time in the building so you may enjoy your evenings.
- Career Planning.



Cellphones

- Students may use between classes and during lunch periods.
- Classrooms – Off and out of view. Failure to follow classroom rules will result in detention, confiscation, and/or having a parent pick up the device.
- Do not take pictures inside the building or post anything on social media during the school day.



Progress Reports

- Progress reports indicating unsatisfactory academic progress may be mailed/emailed to parents or guardians at any time.
- FOCUS Student Portal – Allows students and parents to monitor grades daily.



Emergency Pass/Lavatory Procedure

- The lavatory is to be used between classes.
- Emergency use during classes.
- Hall Pass
- Additional Vape Sensors
- Do your business, wash, and return
- Horseplay = Discipline
- Vandalism = Charges
- Keep moving, no groups.



Dismissal

- Normal dismissal is 2:25PM
- Buses depart from the back of the school beginning at approximately 2:30 PM
- Students must exit the building by 2:30 PM unless they have permission from a teacher.
- Pick-ups – The back road is closed from 2:15 until the buses depart.
- Mr. McCabe does not want you in the HS.





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Dear Tamaqua Middle School Families,

The purpose of this letter is to explain the attendance procedures for students failing to attend school on a regular basis and/or not submitted excuse blanks. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and communication with the school.

ABSENT 1-10 Days - Absences with notes (Email, handwritten notes, or a Remind) submitted within 2 days of absence will be EXCUSED. Any absence without an absence note after 2 days will be designated as UNLAWFUL.

Please email excuse notes to the following email addresses:
kconner@tamaquasd.org or **cczapla@tamaquasd.org**

ABSENT greater than 10 Days - Dr.'s notes are required for each absence. Notes with Dr.'s note will be EXCUSED. Any absence without a Dr.'s note will be designated as UNLAWFUL.

UNLAWFUL Day 1 - A formal letter documenting the attendance violation will be mailed home.

UNLAWFUL Days 3-6 - A formal letter documenting the continued violations will be mailed home with a meeting date to hold a Student Attendance Improvement Conference. A copy of the Student Attendance Improvement Plan will be mailed home if the family does not attend. A referral to CAIR (Chronic Absenteeism, Identification, and Reduction) Program will be made at this time.

UNLAWFUL Day 7+ - After the SAIC (Student Attendance Improvement Conference), all UNLAWFUL absences over 7 days will result in a referral to Schuylkill County Children and Youth. This may result with hearings at the Schuylkill County Court House and/or citations from the magistrate's office.

Attendance



Dress Code

- Policy is online www.tamaqua.k12.pa.us
- Sweaters, Skirt Length, Shoes, Logos.
- Sweatshirts are not permitted.
- Grey is not an approved shirt/sweater color.
- Backpacks must be clear, not mesh.
- Students must change for physical education.
- Clothing is available in the Office.
- Make correction and return to class.
- Uncooperative = Discipline.



Lockers

- It is your responsibility to keep them clean.
- Do not leave clothing, food, or drinks in your locker.
- Do not share your locker combinations.



Textbooks/Chromebooks

- You are financially responsible for any damage.
- Textbooks \$50-\$100
- Chromebooks \$300 without insurance.
- Chargers = \$30



Bus and Cafeteria Behavior

- Any inappropriate behavior in the cafeteria or on the bus can lead to a loss of privileges.
- Loss for Bus Transportation.
- Café Removal.



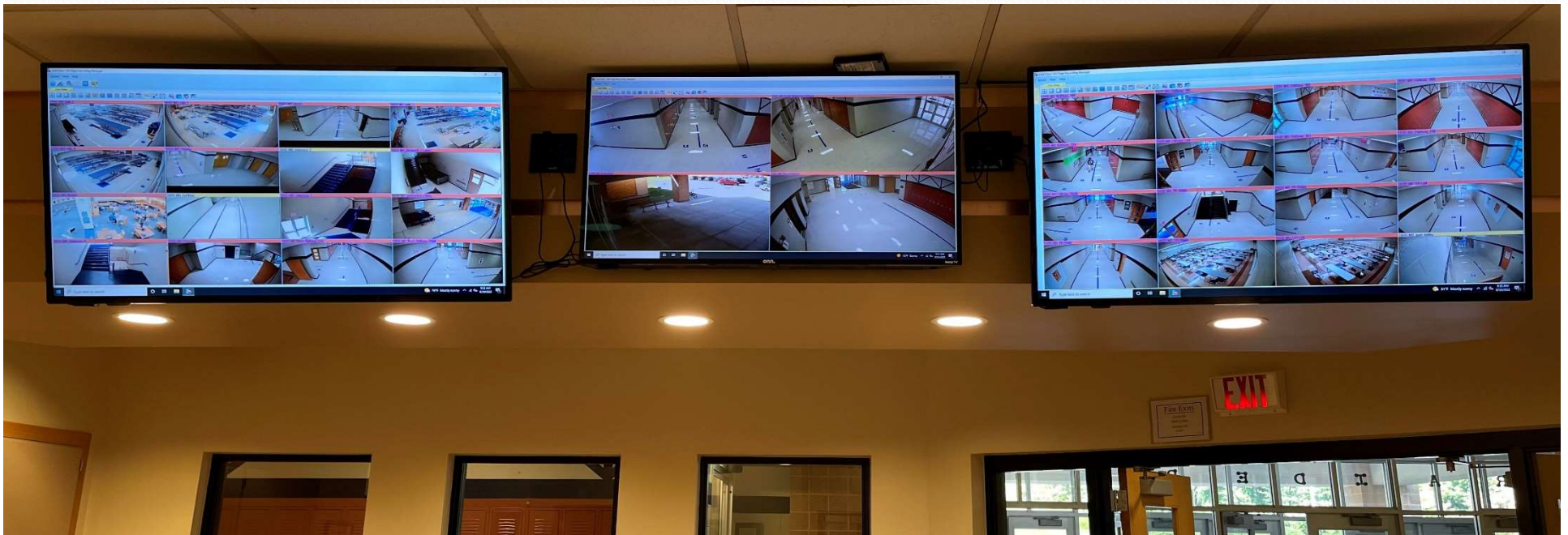
Discipline

- Review the Student/Parent Handbook
www.tamaqua.k12.pa.us



Building Safety

- School Safety Measures
 - School Police
 - Video Surveillance Improvements
 - Additional Vape Sensors



Internet & Cyberbullying

- Any inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated and will result in discipline and police referral.
- Social Media Apps
- Court Rulings



Consequences for Misbehavior

- Verbal Reprimand
- Parent Communication
- Classroom Detention, Detention, Saturday Detention, Lunch Detention, and OSS.
- The student will be given 24 hr notice before he/she is expected to serve detention. Parents are responsible for transportation.
- **(T&R) Detentions 2:30 – 3:30 PM**
- **Saturday Detentions 8:00 – 11:00 AM**
- **Lunch Detentions - LGI**



Consequences for Misbehavior

- A discipline referral will be completed with a copy saved in FOCUS. Teachers making the referral will contact parents to share what was observed.
- Follow the classroom rules established by your teacher.
- A student serving an out-of-school suspension will not be permitted on school property.



Guidance

- Mrs. Brickler – Guidance Counselor
- Mrs. Klimowitch – Social Worker
- Mr. D. Murphy – Career Counselor
- 6th Grade – 9th Period Career Prep

SAP = Student Assistance Program - Family,
School, and Home Concerns.

Team Members: Brickler, Czapla,
Keller, Drum, J.Murphy, Opolsky,
Shannon, and SPO Woodward.



Communication

- We encourage you to ask questions if having difficulty in class.
- Students are encouraged to request assistance from the teachers during class, during FLEX or afterschool.



Extracurricular Activities

- Band, Chorus, Math Counts, Yearbook, Lego Club, National Junior Honor Society, Gaming, Chess Club, Intramurals, and Student Council.
- Interscholastic sport teams are sponsored in basketball, wrestling, cross country, football, cheerleading, and track & field.
- DT form is needed.



EMERGENCY DRILLS

- For the safety of all, remain quiet and listen to your teacher.
- Weather, Evacuation, Fire, and Shelter in Place.



Safe 2 Say Something S2SS

- Keep your friends and family safe.
- Download the app.
- Anonymous Reporting.



Raider Run

- 2009-2023 - \$83,850
- 99 Pledges (Online)
- Grade 6 – 8 Field Trips, Café TVs, Ac Printers, PSSA Rewards, etc.
- \$50 – Gift Cards





2023-2024 EXPECTATIONS

- **ENJOY COMING TO SCHOOL**
- **MAXIMIZE YOUR ACADEMIC POTENTIAL**