

FROM THE DESK OF PRINCIPAL MADIGAN:

March 13, 2019

Join us on Friday, March 15, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for an all grades “Sports Theme” dance. Students can purchase a hand stamp during lunches for \$5. Refreshments will be sold.

There are no late buses March 19th.

Spring pictures will be taken on March 20th. Forms went home with students. Also, spring sports pictures will be taken on March 28th after school.

Please click on the two attachments for a schedule of the upcoming NJSLA Test.

Congratulations to the following students for receiving the top scores on the 2019 New Jersey Mathematics League Contest:

8th Grade

Angus O’Brien – 24 points

Maggie Birmingham – 23 points

Nick DeNardo – 23 points

Grace Monetti – 22 points

Amalia Price – 22 points

Ariana Ponce – 22 points

7th Grade

Madolyn Hay – 25 points

Anthony Billotti – 22 points

Benjamin Feigin – 22 points

Robert Peirson – 21 points

Victoria Zimmermann – 21 points

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

The Toms River Regional School District is offering sliding scale tuition-based two and half hour preschool programs at Silver Bay and East Dover Elementary Schools. Please click on attached flyer for more information.

TOMS RIVER POLICE CAMP

Applications for this free camp will be available in the main office at Intermediate East as of March 6th. The camp is for current 6th through 8th grade Toms River students. The camp is from July 15-19 from 8:30am-3:00pm.

Campers must supply their own gym clothes/sneakers and lunch for the week. More information is on the application itself or you can email Officer Slaven at pslaven@trpolice.org.

If your child is being picked up from the main office for an early dismissal by someone other than the parent, you must send in a note, or call the main office (732-505-5775 ext. 7) with the name of the person who is picking up. The names that are on your parent portal emergency contacts are for the **nurse's office only**. Please remember, if you are signing your child out before 11:45 pm or if they are coming in late after 10:15 am it's considered an absence for the day.

[CURRICULUM CORNER](#) - Math, Mrs. Heather Pentifallo, Supervisor

Where has all the time gone?

Celebrate your child's hard work. They have met many challenges and faced them with fervor and perseverance. We are in awe of the successes our students are having with new and rigorous mathematical ideas and problem solving strategies.

Teachers and students have been communicating successes and obstacles in learning mathematics that is driven by data. You may have heard your child talk about i-Ready. This program is a powerful tool that helps inform our practice in a way that is precise and specific. Teachers conduct "data chats" with students where support is provided to students and goals are set together. This time with students is meaningful and, most times, cathartic. You may hear your child refer to our i-Ready "March Madness" contest. If you haven't, ask them about it. You will be very impressed.

Students continue to practice mathematics using cutting edge techniques supported by technology and student collaboration. Teachers continue to differentiate instruction and activities for multi-sensory learners. Students are encouraged to share creative and varied strategies to address challenging activities. Our priorities are to build confidence and cultivate classroom cultures where educational risk taking is encouraged. Strong self-efficacy in mathematics will catapult young middle school minds into prolific and instrumental adult roles.

The brain, like muscles, must stay limber to be at its best. Offer as many opportunities for your child to think about mathematics at home. If there are free days, consider visiting figurethis.nctm.org and "take a challenge".

YEARBOOKS: There is still time to pre-order your 2018-2019 yearbook. The cost is \$45. Visit www.jostens.com to secure your book today!

SAVE THE DATES

MARCH

- 5 Early Dismissal for Students - 12:25 pm - Lunches will be served - PM Professional Day for Staff. _____
- 15 School Dance -“Sports Theme”- All Grades 6:00 -8:00pm
- 20 Spring Portrait Pictures
- 28 Spring Sports Pictures

APRIL

- TBA Quarterly Finals
- 8 3rd Marking Period Ends
- 9 4th Marking Period Begins
- 19-26 School Closed - Spring Break
- 8 – 18, 29, 30 PARCC Testing – Grade Schedule TBA

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call the main office at 732-505-5775 ext. 7 so we can assist you.