

# Tewksbury Memorial High School

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Dear Tewksbury Memorial High School Students and Parents/Guardians:

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I am happy to share with you some information regarding the upcoming school year for all members of the Tewksbury Memorial High School community. Please take a few moments to thoroughly review the contents of this letter. Please know that some of the information contained is subject to change and updates will be provided in a timely manner.

## ***Student Orientation Program***

The Tewksbury Memorial High School administration, Student Council, and other student leaders will host an Orientation Program on campus for students in the Class of 2027 and students new to TMHS.

The Orientation Program will take place on August 21, 22 & 23, 2023 between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. during a 30-minute time slot of their choice. Students will attend a small group tour of the high school and learn more about programs and offerings and get to ask questions to make for a smooth transition to the new school year.

The Orientation Program will culminate with lunch and an Activities Fair on Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. On this day, students will have an opportunity to meet with representatives of the clubs and activities offered at TMHS. Registration is required for the [Orientation Program](#) and the [Lunch and Activities Fair](#) using the student Tewksbury Public Schools email address.

## ***1:1 Chromebook Learning Program***

Each year, all incoming freshmen and new students at Tewksbury Memorial High School will be issued a Chromebook to be retained both at home and at school during their time as students at TMHS. Learning with technology is a critical tool to be college and career ready. Digital resources assist students by providing engaging and relevant tools and teaching methods that support deeper learning, with online resources, media, and applications. Tewksbury Public Schools can not support students' personal devices. [Insurance](#) is optional but highly recommended and affordable.

Chromebooks may be obtained at the end of the Orientation Program in which the student has registered (see above). **Any student who is unable to attend Orientation will be able to obtain a Chromebook on the first day of school, which is Wednesday, August 30, 2023.**

## ***News from the Guidance Department:***

It is important for both students and parents/guardians to stay up-to-date on all pertinent information related to their class (year of graduation). This year, TMHS invites both students and parents/guardians to several events during the course of the year with the goal of providing our school community with current, class-specific information. Please visit the Guidance Department webpage <https://www.tewksbury.k12.ma.us/high/guidance-department/> for information for.

- ***Freshmen Students (Class of 2027) and Parents/Guardians***

There will be a Freshman Parent Breakfast on October 5, 2023 from 7:40 - 9:00 AM at TMHS for parents of 9th graders to welcome you and provide answers from our guidance staff and administration to some of the most commonly asked questions. The Freshman Student assembly will be held on September 19th. During this session our counselors will introduce themselves to students, explain the importance of the high school transcript, and describe some of the services provided in the Guidance Office. Additionally, counselors will be meeting with small groups of freshmen beginning in September.

- ***Senior Students (Class of 2024) and Parents/Guardians***

On Thursday, August 24, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Guidance Department will host its annual Common Application Workshop in LGI-1 for seniors planning to apply to college in the fall. Students should bring their laptop computer. Students who cannot attend this workshop will be able to attend this workshop on September 27 from 6 - 8 pm during the TMHS Open House.

There will be a Senior Parent Breakfast on September 29 from 7:40 a.m. - 9 a.m. in LGI-1 for our senior parents to share important information about the college application process. Additionally, senior students will attend a Senior Presentation in the auditorium to review the information that was shared during their Junior Meetings last spring. Senior parents and students should join the Class of 2024 Future Planning Google Classroom, which is updated weekly throughout the school year with important information related to postgraduate planning for students. If you have not joined this classroom or need to know how to do so, please email your school counselor for the join code.

***Student Advisory Block:***

A few years ago, Tewksbury Memorial High School introduced an Advisory Block for students. The Advisory Block will continue in 2023-24. Students are randomly assigned to an advisory teacher for the time that they are a student at TMHS. The advisory groups will meet throughout the school year with the goal of fostering a positive school culture and personalizing all students' learning experiences, allowing students time to figure out who they are, where they are headed, and how they are going to get there. Through the Advisory Block experience, students have an additional teacher who can help them navigate high school so that they leave further prepared for postsecondary options.

***The Website for Tewksbury Memorial High School:***

The website for TMHS will continue to be updated regularly with information about upcoming events, deadlines, information and the [school calendar](#).

***Student IDs/School Pictures/Senior Portraits:***

Students will be photographed at school on **Thursday, September 7, 2023** during the school day for student IDs and for the option of purchasing school pictures. Picture retakes will be on Wednesday, September 20. Additionally, seniors should schedule appointments for their senior portraits with O'Connor Studios so that they can have their picture in the yearbook. This should be completed by **Friday, November 3, 2023**. O'Connor Studios can be reached at (978) 640-6250 or at <http://www.oconnorstudio.com/>.

***Student Parking Permits***

To those students who are looking forward to parking on campus this year, parking passes will be issued at the high school beginning on Thursday, August 24, 2023.

- Senior students may obtain their parking permits between 12:30 and 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 24, 2023.
- Junior students may obtain their parking permits between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Friday, August 25, 2023.

Community Pass will be open on August 15th for students to register for a parking permit and to pay the requisite fee of \$150.00. Additionally, students should use the [Google Form](#) to upload their driver's license and automobile registration. Questions regarding student parking permits should be addressed to Mr. O'Leary, Assistant Principal, at [soleary@tewksbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:soleary@tewksbury.k12.ma.us).

***School Supplies:***

There is no prescribed list of school supplies for high school students. It is recommended that students have "basic" school supplies (pen, notebook, etc.) and their school issued Chromebook the first few days of the new school year until they meet their teachers and hear from them what may be needed for each class.

***Clubs and Activities***

Students are encouraged to participate in the [extracurricular activities](#) offered by TMHS. All students participating in a club or activity must register at Community Pass. A student must pay a user fee of \$50 per club with a student cap of \$100 per year. The family cap per year for athletics is \$600. You may pay the user fee online through Community Pass at <https://register.communitypass.net> with a credit card or by using your checking account. Students will not be allowed to participate in a club until the fee has been paid. All Tewksbury families have an account with Community Pass.

### ***Athletics***

Registration and payment of the User Fee for Athletics for the fall athletics season must be done through Community Pass. (SWOL) [SportsWare](#) is open now to upload current physicals and any medical information. Parents and students are reminded that sports physicals expire thirteen months from the date of the physical examination. Regulations issued by the Department of Public Health require that students have an up-to-date physical examination for their continued participation in athletics. This regulation mandates that upon the expiration of a student's physical examination, which is valid for thirteen months, the student is immediately not eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics until such time that a valid physical examination report is filed with the office of the Athletic Director. If your child's physical examination is due to expire during the athletic season or school year, make sure you schedule well in advance another appointment with your child's physician for a new physical examination so that your child remains eligible to participate in high school athletics. Questions should be directed to Mr. Drouin, Athletic Director, at [rdrouin@tewksbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:rdrouin@tewksbury.k12.ma.us).

### ***Summer Reading***

Students are reminded to be working on fulfilling their [2023 TMHS Summer Reading](#) requirements.

### ***Advanced Placement Course Summer Assignments***

Students enrolled in Advanced Placement classes for 2023-24 are reminded to complete the "summer assignments" for their respective classes. Individual questions may be directed to the teacher of the Advanced Placement course(s) in which the student is enrolled.

### ***Student Class Schedules:***

It is anticipated that students' class schedules will be available on or around August 21, 2023 and may be viewed through the Aspen portal: <https://ma-tewksbury.myfollett.com/aspen/logon.do>. Please review the student schedule to ensure correct placement. Students with incomplete schedules should contact Ms. Fronduto, Administrative Assistant in the Guidance Office, via email at [cfronduto@tewksbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:cfronduto@tewksbury.k12.ma.us) or call (978) 640-7838 ext. 2048 to schedule an appointment.

The first day of school for all students is Wednesday, August 30, 2023. The start time of the school day is 7:30 a.m. Here is the link to the [Daily Schedule of classes at TMHS](#). You may expect to receive additional communications from the high school administration in the coming weeks as the new school year approaches. Please continue to check the TMHS website for information about upcoming events, deadlines, and information. I am looking forward to the 2023-24 school year and wish you an enjoyable remainder of the summer.

Warm regards,

**ANDREW LONG**

Principal