

All About Us



Our Mission

AT TCM, our purpose is to create a safe, positive and effective learning environment which will empower and prepare ALL students to become lifelong learners equipped with the skills and knowledge they need to achieve success in a rapidly changing world.

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Let's Set Goals

Here are some tips all students and families should follow to be successful on their college or career path:

	Students	Parents
6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop good study habits. Try to maintain A's and B's. Make a plan with your parents about where you want to go in life. Ask for help if you are struggling. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make sure your child is doing their homework. Encourage them to use critical thinking strategies. Support them in learning to solve their own problems.
7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain A's and B's. Strive to be at grade level in Math and Language Arts. Focus on reading independently. Meet with the School Counselor to see what you need to do to qualify for Advanced classes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make sure you know your student's academic levels Encourage your student to participate in Math Camp and other opportunities to advance their skills. Encourage them to not give up, even when it is hard.
8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain A's and B's. Keep up on good study skills. Your high school placement will be based on your performance in Math and Language Arts, as well as your overall GPA, so take all of your grades seriously. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make sure you are regularly monitoring your student's academic performance online. Attend college events. Research what it takes to get into college. Encourage your student to do their best.

Get Involved

Students in year-long electives must maintain positive behavior and be in good academic standing to continue in the class and participate in trips/performances.

Academics



Year Long Classes:

AVID - Must be approved by AVID coordinator Advancement Via Individual Determination

A college preparedness program; TCMS is an AVID National Demonstration School, putting it in the top five percent of AVID schools nationwide.

Contact Mrs. Maxwell - Room 104

AVID Extras:

AVID Summer Bridge - 2-3 week math camp designed to provide hands-on math activities to improve students' math skills and prepare them for higher level math.

AVID Saturdays - Opportunities for students to participate in Community Service and enrichment activities at least once a month.



Sports

Intramural Sports - Teams compete against other middle schools three times a year.

Students must try-out to prepare for a competitive tournament and are required to maintain grade and behavior expectations based on CIF rules for eligibility. Contact the PE department.

After School Basketball - Offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-4PM in the gym. Students of all levels are welcome. Lace up your shoes and come play. 8th Grade students that meet grade/behavior expectations play four games against the Terra Cotta staff team. Contact Mr. Armstrong - Room 103

Performing Arts

Year Long Classes:

Beginning/Intermediate/

Advanced Band - Advanced Band by teacher placement only. Students gain mastery of their instruments and perform as an ensemble. Groups participate in local and regional performances throughout the year.

Color Guard After School - Open to all students who want to perform with the band using tall flags or banners in parade performances. They march with the band in all trips and performances throughout the year. Contact - Room 109 - for Band/Color Guard

Advanced Drama - Placement by teacher recommendation. Acting, improvisation, speech, directing, reading, writing, analysis, design, history, and etiquette. Contact Mr. Karlan

Intermediate Dance - Try out required. Year-long technique, choreography and possible performance opportunity, basic Uniform Required

Advanced Dance - Try out required. Year-long performance based team uniform and multiple performances, competition, camps required

Contact Mrs. Navarro - Room 300 Int/Adv Dance

Clubs:

Melody Club - Attention all singers! Interested in learning how to sing and what it takes to be part of a choral group. Let's make music! Contact Mrs. Kurkjian - Room 519

Rock & Roll - Basics of Rock N Roll are practiced and performed in this club. Students, teachers, and others collaborate and perform rock songs throughout the school year. Contact Mr. Jones - Room 405

Club DJ - Become Terra Cotta's next top DJ! Students learn the basics of DJ lighting and sound. These students will DJ at dances and assemblies.



Let's Build Community



Culture/Leadership

Year Long Classes:

Associated Student Body - Must apply ASB is a student leadership class. ASB fundraises to provide assemblies, dances, and other fun activities throughout the school year. Contact Mr. Jones - Room 405

PLUS - Must apply Peer Leaders Uniting Students. A class focusing on inclusion for all students on campus as a way to improve the culture and climate at school. Contact Mrs. Jones - Room 209

Clubs:

WEB - Where Everybody Belongs Built on the belief that students can help students succeed. WEB 8th grade mentors help guide 6th graders to discover what it takes to be successful in middle school. Contact Mrs. Renderos - Front Office

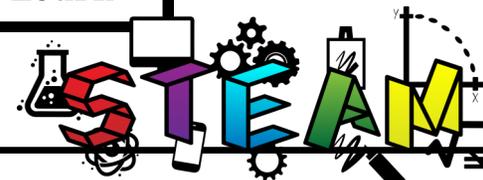
Equality for Everyone Club - A gathering of students who want a safe place to be themselves without judgement, and who discuss equality for ALL people. Contact Mrs. Jones - Room 209

Venture Club - Christian Bible Club meets weekly during both lunches. Students hear a message from a local youth pastor, while also having the opportunity to build relationships with others. Contact Mrs. Orloff - Room 210

Yearbook Club - Tells the story of our school through photos and writing. Students take photos of school events and life on campus. All are welcome. Contact Mr. Norwood. Room 518



Let's Learn



STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math)

Year Long Classes:

Advanced Computers - This class covers a wide variety of computing technology to help students see which aspect of vast technology spectrum they may wish to pursue in the future. Contact - Room 101

Advanced Art - Students expand their talents through instruction in advanced skills, techniques and media. Contact Mrs. Matthews - Room 213

Clubs:

Science - Members will meet once a week at lunch to discuss, plan, and approve ideas to promote Science camp as well as fundraiser to help reduce the cost of camp. Contact Mrs. LeBlanc - Room 505

Astronomy - Weekly meetings focused on learning about telescopes and the solar system. Monthly Star parties where all are welcomed to explore the night sky. Contact Mrs. Kenison - Room 503

Library Club - For students who are passionate about reading, and who want to help raise funds for new and exciting books. Contact Mrs. Seymour - Library



After School

Think Together - Applications in Front Office Join us for Homework Support, Competitive Sports (Volleyball, Flag Football, Basketball, Soccer) along with various other sports throughout the year, Clubs (Dance, Pinterest, DIY, Culinary, Sports, Arts& Crafts, Student Leadership Squad and More!)