

TAMPA PREP

Welcomes New Families

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HEAD OF SCHOOL
Kevin Plummer



MISSION

A PLACE TO:

think

Where a rigorous grounding in skills and knowledge is just the beginning – where teachers and students share inquiry, reflection and analysis on the path to personal understanding.

create

Where people celebrate the imagination in geometric proofs and formal essays, on canvas, computer and stage, in poetry readings and morning assemblies.

be yourself

Where people respect differences and can find their place in a diverse community.

aspire to excellence

Where students develop winning attitudes in academics, athletics and arts.

go beyond

Where Florida Keys, North Carolina mountains, museums, concert halls and community service become classrooms that foster deeper understandings of one's self, others and the world.

**MORE THAN JUST A COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL ...
A PREPARATION FOR LIFE WITH A HIGHER PURPOSE THAN SELF**



CORE VALUES

- CURIOSITY - inquisitiveness, ask questions, explore
- HONESTY - truth, integrity, honor
- KINDNESS - exhibit caring & compassionate behavior, WE ARE NOT MEAN
- RESPECT - act with tolerance, courtesy, thoughtful regard for all persons
- RESPONSIBILITY - hold yourself & others accountable for their actions



IMPORTANT DATES

JUL - You will receive additional Back-to-School information

AUG - First Week (More detailed information to follow in July):

Tue, August 17 - Tech and iPad Training*

New students 6th Grade: 8:50 am - 12:30 pm

New students 7th & 8th Grade: 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Wed, August 18 - MyTampaPrep & Notability Training, Other**

All students: 8:50 am - 3:30 pm

Thu, August 19 - MyTampaPrep / Notability Training, Other**

All students: 8:50 am - 3:30 pm

Fri, August 20 - Schedule Run Through, Other

All students: 8:50 am - 3:30 pm



SUMMER TO DO's

NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT TECH/iPAD TRAINING

New middle school students will complete their required technology training on August 17. At this training session, students will get his/her student credentials and receive training on the apps used at Tampa Prep. Students will need to come with their fully charged iPads, set up with an Apple ID and password. They will need to know their Apple ID and password in order to install apps during training. Screen Time restrictions, specifically allowing the ability to install apps, may need to be modified in order to allow students to fully participate in this training. If you have any questions about the technical requirements for the iPad, please contact Suzy Lassacher at slassacher@tampaprep.org.

ALL STUDENT MYTAMPAPREP AND NOTABILITY TRAINING

All students will receive training on the new MyTampaPrep LMS (Learning Management System) on August 18 and 19. Students must bring a fully charged iPad to the training.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS



SUMMER TO DO's

HEALTH FORMS IN MAGNUS

Tampa Prep is in the process of updating required student forms and beginning the transition to MyTampaPrep, our new student information system. Additionally, the FHSAA has informed us that they are updating the EL-2 and EL-3 forms for the 2021-22 school year. All required forms will be available later in the summer on your student's Magnus Health account. You will receive an email detailing any changes that have been made, and instructions on how to complete all of the necessary forms.

Physicals are still able to be updated in Magnus. The EL-2 (Physical) form that is in your student's Magnus account will be accepted until the new form is released by the FHSAA. You can access the blank EL-2 through your student's Magnus account or at [this link](#). Once completed, please upload the form to your student's Magnus account. Student physicals are current for 365 days. The expiration date of your student's physical can be found on their Magnus account.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we update these important documents.



COURSE SELECTION

ACADEMIC COURSES

English, History, Language, Math, Science

ELECTIVES

Grade 6: (6th Grade Wheel): Art, Robotics, Band and Chorus.

Grades 7 & 8: Select an elective and two alternates for each term (Fall and Spring)

ATHLETICS (Fall, Winter, Spring)

Students must play at least one team sport

Tennis is the only sport in which there are tryouts (choose an alternate)

Study Hall and SHAC (Study Hall/Athletic Conditioning) may only be chosen one time for the school year

SCHEDULES

Access to schedules in MyTampaPrep for the 2021.2022 school year will be available via MyTampaPrep on Monday, August 9. Note: New students should access MyTampaPrep using their parents' login information. For assistance with anything in MyTampaPrep email MTPinfo@tampaprep.org or call 813-251-8481 ext. 4055



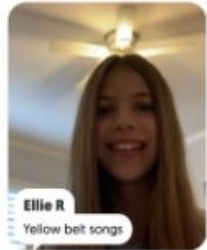
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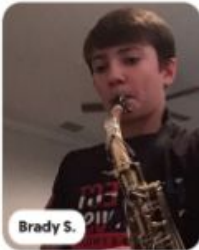
Zoe T.



Galen P.
Good king Wenceslas



Ellie R.
Yellow belt songs



Brady S.

THIS IS WHAT WE WILL LEARN

Students in 6th Grade Band Class will work towards developing the following skills:

- Students will work towards developing good tone production on a wind instrument
- Students will work towards developing playing instrument with a steady tempo/beat
- Students will work towards developing music literacy - working towards learning to read musical notation
- Students will work towards developing proper articulation on a wind instrument
- Students will work towards developing proper playing position and finger technique

Welcome to 6th Grade Band



Pinton M.
Good King Wenceslas



Lukas R.
Yellow Bell Songs



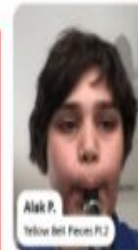
Sabella P.
Lightly Row



Leela P.
Jolly old St. Nicholas



Leela P.
Lightly row-good king
wenceslas-song of the birds



Alak P.
Yellow Bell Peers P12



Alak P.
Yellow Bell Peers



Anna S.
Songs 24, 26, 27, and 32



Cedric T.



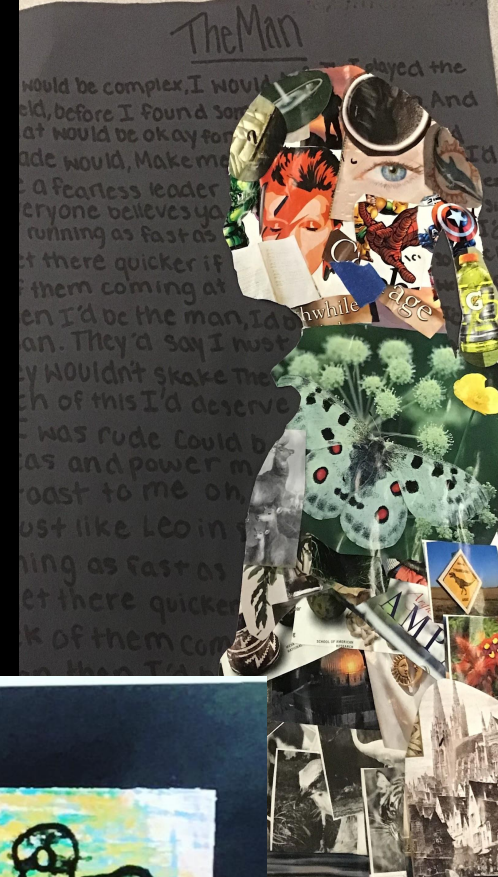
Jai Padhya
Yellow bell recordings



CHORUS

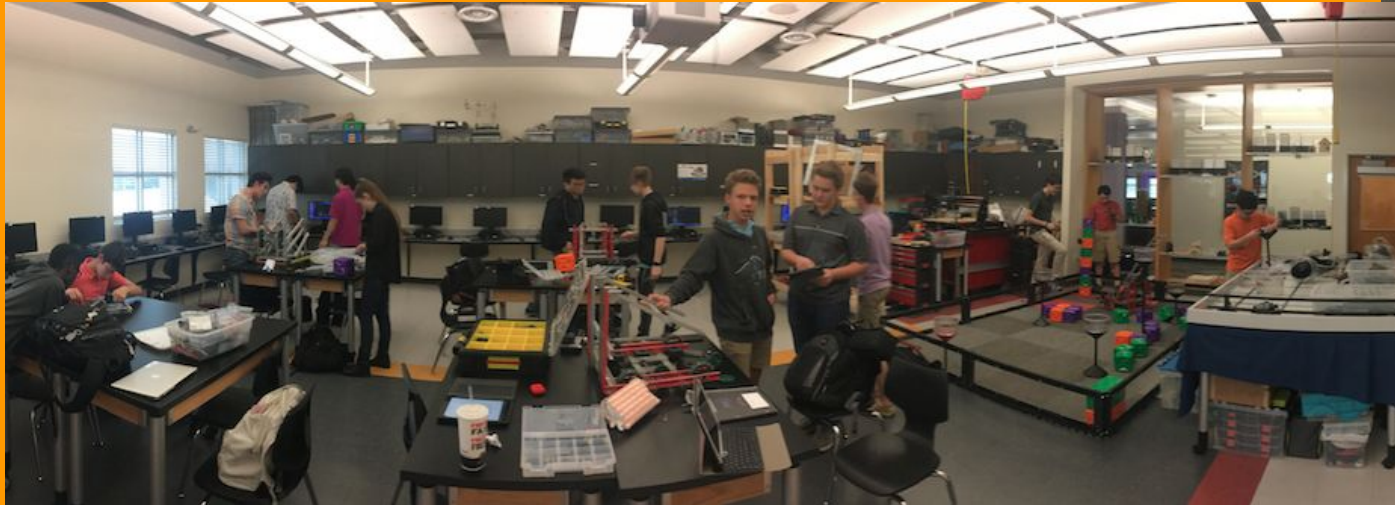
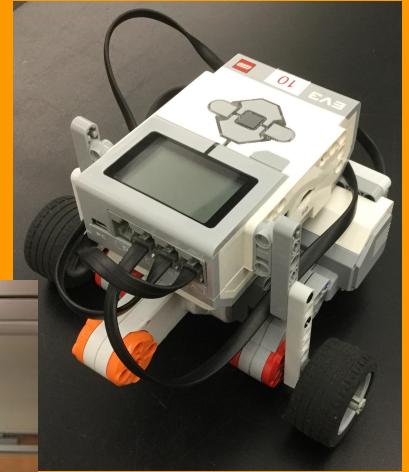


ART





ROBOTICS





ATHLETICS

Middle School athletics are part of the academic day. Students may choose to take the following during the Fall, Winter and Spring seasons:

- **Sports** - bowling, cross country, basketball, soccer, baseball, lacrosse, tennis, rowing (by season)
- **SHAC** - Study Hall/Athletic Conditioning. A combo of study hall and athletic conditioning.
- **P.E.**





MATH PLACEMENT

- “Learning Well” is not the same as “Learning Fast”. Consequently, the decision to advance a student in the mathematics sequence is taken with great care.
- “Skipping” or “Advancing” a course may cause gaps in the student’s knowledge. Those gaps may not become apparent until a year or two later when that topic is necessary to master a new concept or answer a SAT question.
- Consideration is given to the student’s maturity, ability to handle the increased pressure and comfort level in being an active participant in a classroom with older students.
- Each decision is personal and made with input from the student, family, teacher and administration.

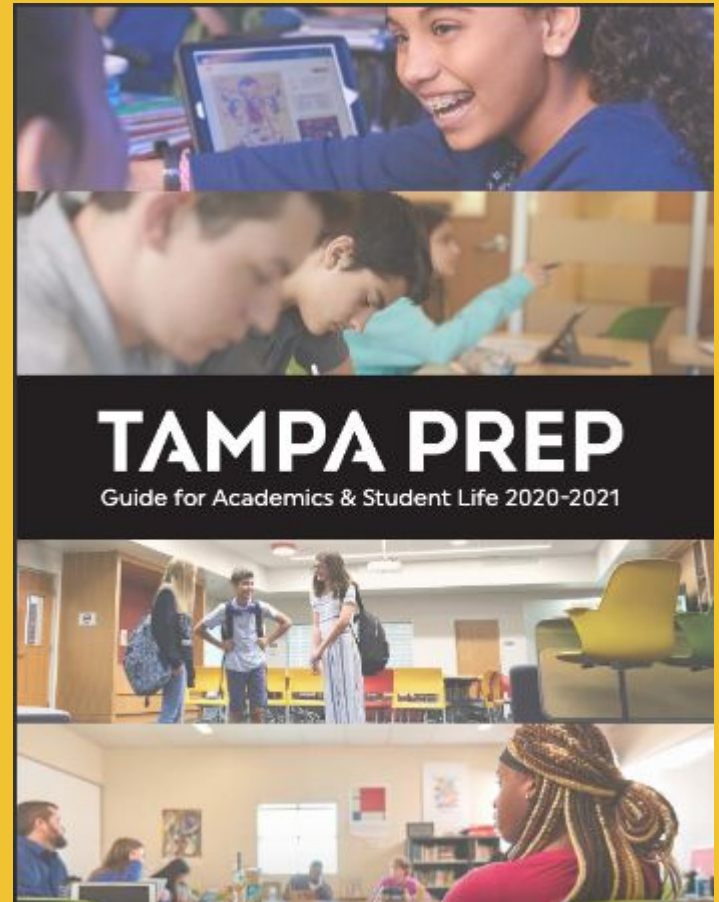


ACADEMIC GUIDE

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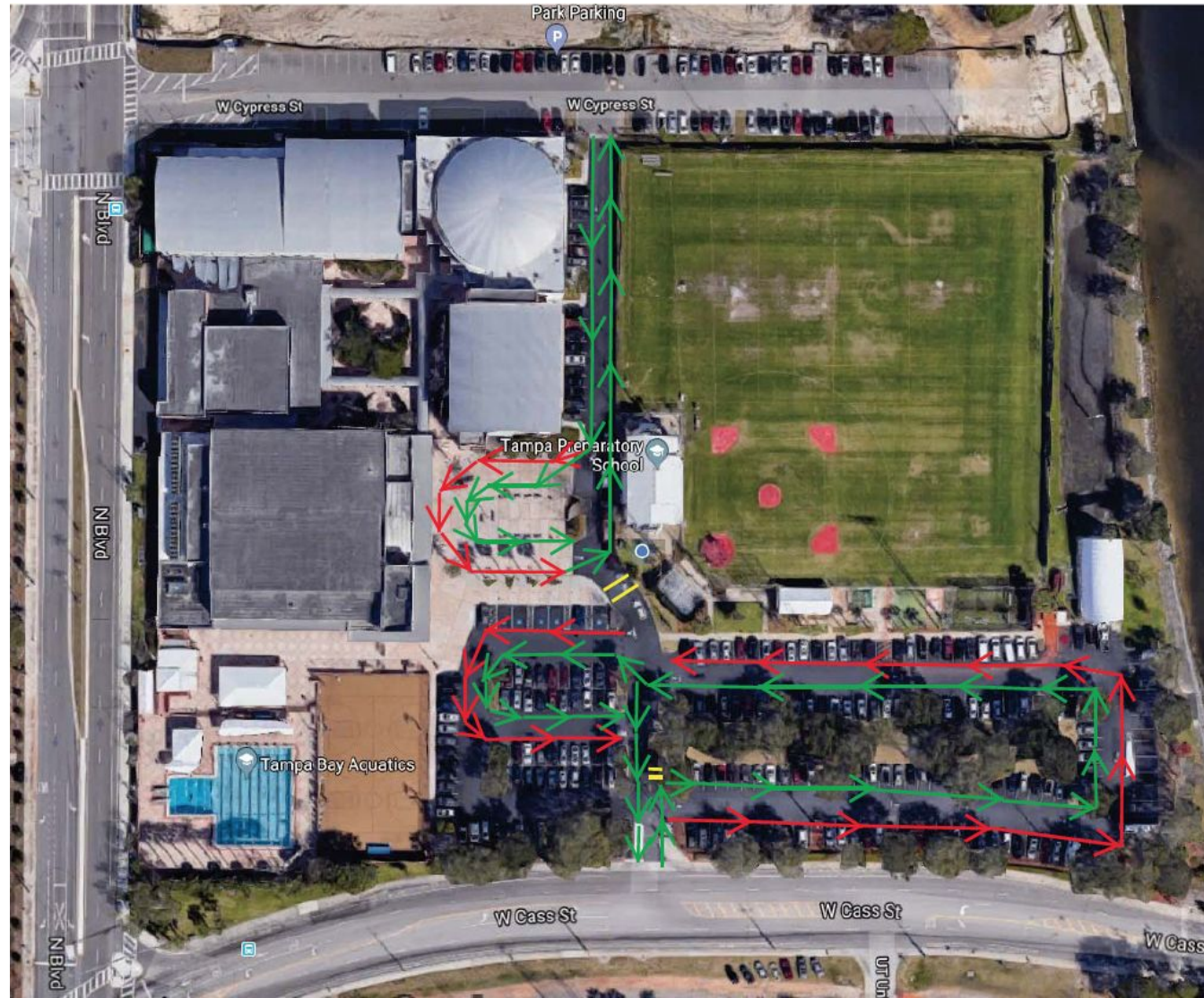


SCHOOL HOURS

- Gates open 6:30 a.m.
- School building opens 8:35 a.m.
- Students expected at school by 8:45 a.m.
- Classes begin at 8:50 a.m.
- Students picked up no later than 5:00 p.m. unless engaged in a school related function
- Summer office hours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



DROP-OFF & PICK-UP



Red Outer Lanes are where parents park to pick up students, and move forward as soon as the opportunity arises.

Green Inner Lanes are for through traffic only.

Yellow Lines represent traffic cones blocking a lane.

ADVISING

Advising is grade specific

Advisors do not advance with the students

EXTRA HELP

All teachers stay in their classrooms until 4:15 p.m. every day
to be available for extra help





MS DRESS CODE



Special dress days include:

Convocation, Spirit Week, Grandparents Day, Awards Day



LUNCH OPTIONS

- Evos
- Panera
- Subway
- Dominos
- Kelp
- Bring lunch from home (microwaves available)

NOTE: No third party delivery services (Uber Eats, Bite Squad, etc.) are allowed on campus.



ACADEMIC PLANNERS

Every student will receive a planner which includes a Student Open and Close Dates Calendar, WHERE STUDENTS GO WITH QUESTIONS, and the Daily Schedule

SCHOOL OPEN AND CLOSE DATES 2019-2020

August		
12-16	M-F	School Begins
September		
2	M	Labor Day - School Closed
October		
11	F	Faculty Writing Day - No Classes
14	M	Columbus Day - School Closed
18	F	Faculty Meetings - Classes Dismissed at 11:50 a.m.
29	Tu	Family/Advisor Conference Day - No Classes
30	W	PSAT/Admissions Open House - Classes Dismissed at 11:50 a.m.
November		
8	F	FDIS Convention- No Classes
		Thanksgiving Break - November 25 - 29
December		
2	M	Classes Resume
18-20	W-F	Faculty Writing and Work Days - No Classes
		Winter Break - December 18 - January 3
January		
6	M	Classes Resume
20	M	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - School Closed
22	W	Admissions Open House - Classes Dismissed at 11:50 a.m.
February		
17	M	Presidents' Day- School Closed
March		
9	M	Faculty Writing Day - No Classes
12	Th	Faculty Meetings - Classes Dismissed at 11:50 a.m.
13	F	Spring Break Begins
13-23	F-M	Spring Break - No Classes
24	Tu	Classes Resume
April		
10	F	Spring Weekend - School Closed
24	F	Last Day of Classes for Seniors
May		
20	W	Last Day of School Grades 6 - 11
25	M	Memorial Day - School Closed

WHERE STUDENTS GO WITH QUESTIONS

DESCRIPTION	UPPER SCHOOL	MIDDLE SCHOOL
Absence, Tardy, Leave Early & Ill	Mrs. Zollinger	Mrs. Zollinger
Academics	See your Grade-Level Dean (9) Mrs. Jisha (10) Mr. Clements (11) Mr. Morrison (12) Mr. Carlson	Mr. Fenlon
Academic Concentrations	Arts - Ms. Calandra Global Studies - Mrs. Pereira Humanities - Mr. Hill STEM - Ms. Morrow	Not Applicable
Academic Support & Accommodations	Mrs. Johnson/Ms. Greseth	Mrs. Johnson/Ms. Greseth
Athletics	Mr. Lavoie	Mr. DeTringo
Campus Store	Mrs. Thomason	Mrs. Thomason
Clubs & Student Organizations	Mr. Clements	Ms. Souza
College Counseling	Ms. Leonhardt	Mrs. J. Rodriguez
DH (Disciplinary Holdover)	Mr. Clements	Mrs. Embry
Dress Code	Mr. Clements	Mrs. Embry
Educational Concerns	Advisors	Advisors
General Questions	Mrs. Steel	Ms. Souza
Locker Assignments	Mrs. Steel	Ms. Souza
Lost & Found	Jewelry - Mrs. Thomason Technology - Ms. Lassacher Other - Bins in Lobby & Gym	Jewelry - Mrs. Thomason Technology - Ms. Lassacher Other - Bins in Lobby & Gym
Parking Decals	Mrs. Zollinger	Not Applicable
Schedule Adjustments	Mrs. Jisha	Mr. Fenlon
Senior Internships	Mrs. Steel	Not Applicable
Social & Emotional Support	Mrs. Cole	Mrs. Cole
Student Records/Transcripts	College Requests - Ms. Leonhardt All Other Requests - Mrs. Jisha	Ms. Souza
Technology	iPad - Ms. Lassacher Lost & Found - Ms. Lassacher My Backpack - Mr. Couchman PowerSchool Learning - Ms. Lassacher	iPad - Ms. Lassacher Lost & Found - Ms. Lassacher My Backpack - Mr. Couchman PowerSchool Learning - Ms. Lassacher
Textbooks	Individual Classroom Teacher	Individual Classroom Teacher

Daily Schedule

Upper School

	A	B	C	D	E
8:50 - 9:45	P 1	P 1	P 1	P 1	P 2
9:50 - 10:45	P 2	P 2	P 2	P 3	Advising/Assembly
10:45 - 10:55	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
10:55 - 11:50	P 3	P 3	P 3	P 4	P 4
11:55 - 12:50	P 4	P 4	P 5	P 5	P 5
12:50 - 1:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:30 - 2:25	P 5	P 6	P 6	P 6	P 6
2:25 - 2:35	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
2:35 - 3:30	P 7	Class Seminar	P 7	P 7	P 7

Middle School

	A	B	C	D	E
8:50 - 9:45	P 1	P 1	P 1	P 1	P 2
9:50 - 10:45	P 2	P 2	P 2	P 3	Assembly/Advising
10:45 - 10:55	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
10:55 - 11:50	P 3	P 3	P 3	P 4	P 4
11:50 - 12:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:30 - 1:25	P 4	P 4	P 5	P 5	P 5
1:30 - 2:25	P 5	P 6	P 6	P 6	P 6
2:30 - 3:30	Athletics	Athletics	Athletics	Athletics	Athletics



LOCKERS

- Students receive their locker number on their schedule
- Locks are provided by Prep and will be handed out the first week
- Students may bring a lock from home
- Students should always lock their iPad in their locker when not in use (i.e. lunch, athletics, etc.)



SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

PARENT PORTAL

Log into the Parent Portal (accessed through the homepage of the website) for links to resources and FAQ.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

An e-newsletter is sent to all parents each week on Thursday with upcoming event information and “news stories” about things happening at school throughout the week.

SCHOOL BLOG

Subscribe to our school blog, Being Earnest, which is posted every other Monday throughout the school year by our faculty, administrators and sometimes even students!

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on social media to see what’s happening daily.



BUS INFORMATION

The School offers morning bus service from Brandon, Carrollwood, Tampa Palms and Westchase. For details, visit info.tampaprep.org/bus or contact Wes Burns at wburns@tampaprep.org

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

MYTAMPAPREP



Over the summer, we will be adding more useful information to our new *student information and learning management system* called [MyTampaPrep](#). You are welcome to login now using the same credentials you used to enroll/re-enroll. Detailed onboarding instructions will be emailed to you later in the summer. MyTampaPrep is where you will:

- View student grades, schedules, and attendance
- Manage your account balance
- Keep your contact information up to date
- Access class pages and resource boards
- Access link to Magnus to upload all your student's health forms

For assistance, email mtpinfo@tampaprep.org or call (813) 251-8481 x4055.



SCHOOL TRIPS

GRADE 6 - FLORIDA ADVENTURES, Sept 22 - 24 (Wed - Fri)

Trip includes Disney's Youth Education Series Program, Medieval Times and Kennedy Space Center and more.

GRADE 7 - FLORIDA KEYS, Apr 25 - 28 (Mon - Thu)

Seventh graders culminate their study of life science in the Florida Keys.

GRADE 8 - BOSTON, MA, Oct 4-7 (Mon - Thu)

Students further enhance their study of American History and American Literature at historical sites.

To alleviate the burden of the trip costs our Business Office will begin billing your child's student account in even increments for three consecutive months prior to the trip. Exact trip dates, trip costs and dates for parent information meetings regarding these trips will be provided at a later date.



GRADE 6 CLASS TRIP

Florida Adventures - Students spend three days visiting local sites such as Tree Trek Ropes Course, Medieval Times, Disney's YES Program, and Kennedy Space Center.





GRADE 7 CLASS TRIP

Florida Keys - Students spend a week in the FL Keys, exploring wildlife and experiencing nature through a variety of hands-on activities.





GRADE 8 CLASS TRIP

Boston - Students spend four days exploring the roots of the American Revolution by hiking the Freedom Trail and visiting sites such as the Boston Massacre, Walden Pond, Salem and more.





DECLAMATIONS

Grade-level public speaking competition





HEADMASTERS' CHALLENGE

The Headmaster's Challenge only comes once a year. It's the day we play our peer school, a rival, in every winter sport at every grade level on the same day for The Headmaster's Cup. We practice, we prepare, we compete, we celebrate, we cheer, we support and we have fun!





MS GAMES

Middle School Games are a multi-dimensional, cross-curricular project created by Tampa Prep Middle School teachers to encourage 21st-century learning skills and cultivate leadership. Each year, throughout a three-year cycle, students team up to battle it out in a two-day competition amongst grade level teams.

Themes: Pirate Games, Global Games, Escape Games





TERRAPIN DAY

Service Day + Field Day (Metropolitan Ministries, A Brighter Community, Rosa Valdez Early Childhood Learning Center)





8th GRADE CRUISE

End-of-year celebration for students moving on to Upper School.



TPPA (Tampa Prep Parents Assoc.)

So many events and special interest groups!

- Book Club
- International Parents
- Terrapin Dads
- Outings Group
- PEC (Parent Education Council) Guest Speakers
- Grade-level socials for parents
- Grade-level lunches for students
- Grade-level representatives
- Spring Fam Jam
- Faculty Appreciation Luncheon
- Community Service
- End-of-Year BBQ





DEVELOPMENT

Our Development Office hosts events throughout the year:

August - New Parent Shindig

October - Grandparents' Day

October/November - Terrapin Society (\$1000+) Donor Appreciation Event

February - Golf Outing (tentative)

March - Gala @ Armature Works

April - 1974 Society (\$5,000+) Donor Appreciation Event

May - Senior Celebration (for seniors and their families)

Several alumni and TPPA events throughout the year.

Annual Fund

The Annual Fund is an unrestricted fund which allows the School to use the money in whatever area of the budget it is most needed. Giving to the Annual Fund is a great way to have an immediate and positive impact on Prep. Plus, giving to the Annual Fund is the only way the school can double your money (through company matches) or gain thousands of dollars in valuable program grants that benefit all of our students! We aim for a minimum of 70% parent participation in the Annual Fund, and hope everyone will give annually at whatever level they are comfortable.



NEW PARENT GUIDE

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