

# News From Twality

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## District COVID resources

Please click [HERE](#) to access community resources.



## Message from Principal Kearl

Dear Twality Families,

We made it through the first week of school! Twality has an incredible, positive energy this year and it has been such a great feeling walking by classrooms and seeing students so engaged. We are having a lot of fun this week getting to know our students.

Here are a few updates from the coming week:

### **Winter is Coming**

As fall approaches, we know that our weather is going to turn and our outdoor spaces are going to be wet. Due to Covid-19, the safest place for students to be during many PE activities as well as lunch activity is to be outdoors. We are encouraging students to wear weather appropriate clothing (waterproof jackets, hats, umbrellas that fit in backpacks, and sturdy shoes are encouraged). Students will be going outside to get fresh air every day during lunchtime activity.

### **Affinity Group Morning Meetings**

Today students were introduced to Twality's Affinity Group Morning Meetings. Twality's affinity group morning meetings are for students who identify as being a part of or supportive of a particular cultural group. Joining an affinity group is **OPTIONAL**. Twality hosts an Asian Student Union, a Black Student Union, an LGBTQIA+ Alliance, an MEChA for Latine Students, SANAME Middle Eastern Affinity Group, and Pacific Islander Pride. If this is something that interests your student, please have them fill out the following form and submit by Friday, September 24: [Twality Affinity Group Morning Meeting Form](#). [Form in Spanish](#).

### **Taking Care of Our New Campus and Responsible Use of Social Media**

Please take a moment to talk with your students about how to take care of our community spaces. This week, we have learned about a trend on the social media app TikTok where students are challenged to vandalize or graffiti their school's bathroom. We have had a couple of incidents in our boys' bathrooms where soap dispensers were taken and graffiti was found. Our campus is brand new and our custodians work really hard to make sure it is a great environment for students and learning.

### **Back to School Night**

Our Back to School night will once again look very different from a typical school year. We truly cannot wait to bring families into our space, but due to Covid, teachers will be sending out presentations introducing themselves, their content, their excitement for the year, and ways you can support students in their learning. Please look for more information on Back to School Night next week.

### **Friends Riding Different Buses**

In the past, we have allowed students to ride home with other students on the bus after school. Due to the need for physical distancing and maintaining seating charts in all settings, we will not be allowing students to bring a friend home on their route. If there is a specific arrangement, where students need to ride home on a different route a certain day of the week for childcare or to go to a different household, please have the student reach out to an administrator, our dean of students, Gigi Escobar, or their counselor.

**Picture Day** is Thursday, September 23rd. Photos for 7th and 8th grade students will happen during PE/Health class. 6th grade students are spread throughout the day and will go down with one of their core teachers. If you have lost your photo packet, your student may pick up a new one in the main office, or you may also purchase photos online, visit [dorianstudio.com](http://dorianstudio.com), and search for Twality Middle School. If the form asks for a teacher name, please use your student's Morning Meeting teacher. Online purchasing is available until Monday, September 27th. Picture Re-Take Day will be Wednesday, November 3rd.

### **Do you have a shout out or appreciation for a staff member at Twality?**

Our teachers and staff would love to hear the ways they are supporting your children. Please take a moment to share an appreciation [here](#).

Have a great weekend, and thank you for all you do to support your student!

Andrew Kearl, Principal

## **After School Activities Begin 9/20**

After school activities are happening this Fall starting Monday, September 20 through November 4. Students will be receiving information at lunch about ASA offerings, and we will be communicating to parents and guardians via email next week. Please visit our website for info and forms, <https://www.ttsdschools.org/domain/740>

## **Message from Tualatin High School Packbackers**

Hello Twality and Tualatin Families, There will be no concessions at upcoming TuHS sporting events. We are coming soon, but we need to make sure we comply with all state and TTSD District Policies.

Thank you for your continued support and patience as we work through these unusual times.

Thank you, The Tualatin Packbackers

## Volunteer Opportunities at Twality

While we cannot invite volunteers into our building just yet, we do have two volunteer opportunities we are inviting Twality Families to participate in:

### ***Backpack School Supply Program***

We have need for new & gently used backpacks, pencils, colored pencil packs and Kleenex. If your family can make a donation, please drop off supplies at the marked bins located in the Twality main entrance between 7:30 AM and 3:30 PM. Thank you!

### ***Programa de mochila y útiles escolares***

Necesitamos mochilas nuevas y usadas ligeramente, lápices, paquetes de lápices de colores y Kleenex. Si su familia puede hacer una donación, deje los suministros en los contenedores marcados ubicados en la entrada principal de Twality entre las 7:30 a.m. y las 3:30 p.m. ¡Gracias!

### ***Tigard-Tualatin Packed with Pride Program Volunteers Needed***

We need Twality volunteers to support Packed with Pride programming for Twality families. If you are interested in volunteering contact our family partnership advocate Joel Aispuro at [jaispuro@ttsd.k12.or.us](mailto:jaispuro@ttsd.k12.or.us) or 503-431-5200.

### ***El programa Empaquetado con Orgullo "Packed With Pride" de Tigard-Tualatin necesita voluntarios***

Necesitamos voluntarios de Twality para apoyar el programa de Empaquetado con Orgullo "Packed with Pride" para las familias de Twality. Si está interesado en ser voluntario, comuníquese con el defensor familiar de Twality Joel Aispuro por [jaispuro@ttsd.k12.or.us](mailto:jaispuro@ttsd.k12.or.us) o 503-431-5200.



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Sept 23rd**

Picture Day

**Oct 8**

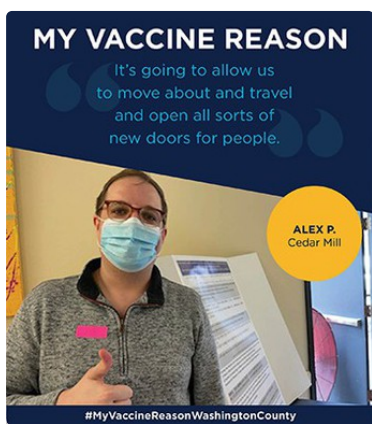
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## Free and Reduced Meals - Application needs to be filled out every year!

This year our district will be offering Free meals for all children 18 years and under through the Summer Seamless Food Program. The Free and Reduced Meals Applications are good for so much more than just free meals. With an approval Letter of Eligibility families can get discounted internet, waived fees at the high school level and other scholarship opportunities outside of the district. ***IF***

there is future funding for P-EBT our families in need could benefit from this greatly...but you need to apply!!!

Please fill out the [online application](#) in order to be approved for free and reduced meals. You can also pick up a paper copy of the application in our Main Office.



## Where can I get a COVID-19 vaccine?

Every Oregonian age 12 and up is eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine. Click [HERE](#) to find a vaccine clinic near you.

Washington County Crisis Line (503) 291-9111

This line is answered 24/7



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