



Cougar News

Upcoming Events

JANUARY

Jan 16 (Mon)

- NO SCHOOL

Jan 18 (Wed)

- 5-7pm 8th Grade Dance

FEBRUARY

Feb 1 (Wed)

- Parent Info Night - Attendance 5-6pm

Feb 15 (Wed)

- Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30pm

Feb 16 (Thurs)

- No School
- Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30pm

Feb 17 (Fri)

- No School

Feb 20 (Mon)

- No School

Feb 22 (Wed)

- Family Movie Night 5-7pm

MARCH

March 1 (Wed)

- Parent Info Night - Fighting 5-6pm

March 20 - March 27

- NO SCHOOL Spring Break

Dear Thornton Middle School Families,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a nice Winter Break. We are ready for a successful and engaging second semester.

One goal of ours this year is to increase Thornton Middle School's value to the community. Part of increasing the value of Thornton Middle to the community is to ensure that every student feels connected to the school's positive culture. In order to know this we need to hear from the students. One way we are getting student input is from the Panorama Student survey they took in September. This survey asks questions about:

How well students think they are able to persevere through setbacks to achieve their goals
How well students believe they can manage their emotions
How confident students are in their ability to succeed in school
How students feel about their school's social and learning environment
How valued students feel in their school community

In previous years, this survey was anonymous, meaning no one at our school or school district could see an individual student's answers. This year, a small number of staff members will be able to view students' answers. Over the course of the school year, these staff members may review this information to help them better serve students as they interact with them as part of their normal work (i.e. counselor check-ins with students).

We have many fun and exciting activities planned for the rest of the school year, so please be sure to utilize these important communication resources. You don't want to miss out on the fun! I invite you to participate in your student's education and look forward to working with you.

Thank you for taking the time to read this month's newsletter. I hope you have a wonderful rest of your month.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, or clarifications.

Your partner in education,

Martin McCarthy
Principal
martin.mccarthy@adams12.org
720-972-5160



Check out what our students are doing!





Check out what our Thornton Middle School Clubs!

Late bus available, contact main office for details.

Learn more about these clubs by visiting the TMS Website

esports club

Day: Tuesday & Thursday
Time: 4:45-5:30
Place: M193
Sponsor: Ms. Burkel

SPIRIT CLUB

Day: Thursday
Time: 4:20-5:15
Place: L152
Sponsor: Ms. Kellog

Math Counts

TMS MATH TEAM

Day: Monday
Time: 4:20-5:15
Place: U107
Sponsor: Ms. Minik

FITNESS CLUB

Day: Tuesday & Thursday
Time: 4:20-5:15
Place: Gym
Sponsor: Mr. Gutierrez

pride Club!

Day: Thursday
Time: 4:20-5:15
Place: L152
Sponsor: Ms. Burkel &
Ms. Pulzone

ART CLUB

Day: Tuesday
Time: 4:20-5:15
Place: L152
Sponsor: Ms. Kellog

POP/ ROCK CLUB

Day: Thursday
Time: 4:30-5:15
Place: L138
Sponsor: Mrs. Starbuck

YEARBOOK CLUB

Place: M104
Time: 8:00am-9:00am
Day: Tuesday
Sponsors:
Mrs. Bair & Ms. Brisch

ACT, SING, DANCE *Performing Arts Club*

Day: Thursday
Time: 4:20-5:15
Place: M155
Sponsor: Mrs. McKercher &
Mrs. Rotman

Orchestra Club

Day: Thursday
Time: 4:20-5:15
Place: L142
Sponsor: Ms. Gooch
7th & 8th grade ONLY



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Boys Basketball

Boys Basketball will be available for all 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys - will start in February!

Students will need to fill out a registration packet, we have these packets in the main office or you can fill out **the packet here**. Students must have proof of sports physical in order to participate, if students have a physical on file with Cross Country they do not need a new one.

Please have packets to main office by January 20, 2023. If your student is interested in playing basketball please fill out this form ASAP so we can get them registered and ready for some basketball fun.

Let's go Cougars!!

Athlete Expectations:

Participating in athletics is a privilege and we want our student-athletes to demonstrate great character both in sports and in the classroom.

- *Attendance: A student-athlete with 3 or more unexcused absences or 6 or more unexcused tardies will not be eligible for the next scheduled game.*
- *Behavior: If a student-athlete is suspended (ISS or OSS) at any time during the season, they will not be eligible for the next scheduled game.*

Contact Angelina Jaimes with Questions 720-972-5161



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Fill The Teacher Lounge



[**Sign Up Form Here**](#)

Next month (February 15th & 16th) we will be hosting our spring parent teacher conferences, this means our staff will be putting in some extra time in the building.

Let's fill the staff lounge with drinks and packaged treats/snacks for a little extra energy.

We appreciate you and our TMS community. Looking forward to seeing you all for Parent Teacher Conferences.

Spring Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday February 15th

4:30pm- 7:30pm

Thursday February 16th

4:30pm - 7:30pm



No School 2/16, 2/17 & 2/20



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Upcoming Informational Nights

Wednesday February 1st 5-6pm
Thornton Middle School
All About Attendance



Wednesday March 1st 5-6pm
Thornton Middle School
Let's Stop The Fighting

Family Movie Night!

Wednesday February 22nd 5-7pm

\$1.00 per family

Snacks will be sold (cash only)

**Students MUST be
accompanied by an ADULT**





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The Voices of the Comadres Parent Group

Parents and Guardians, we want your input and help. Join the Comadres Parent Group.

- Plan upcoming events
- Help improve our school
- Engage with the TMS community

**Meetings: 1st Wednesday of the month
9am-10am @ Thornton Middle School**

For more information contact Ms. Laura.
720-972-5176 laura.bowman@adams12.org



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Community Closet



Our Closet is available for you and your family needs!

- Jeans/Pants/Leggings/Socks/Shoes/Belts
- Shirts/sweatshirts
- Winter hats & gloves/Jackets
- Canned goods/dry goods/snacks
- Hygiene items/cleaning supplies

**Closet is open every
Wednesday 3-4pm.**

For more information or for an appointment contact Ms. Laura.
720-972-5176 laura.bowman@adams12.org



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ATTENDANCE



Contact Information:

Attendance Line - 720-972-5198

Nancy Bender - Attendance Secretary
720-972-5169 -
Nancy.L.Bender@adams12.org

If your student arrives more than five minutes late for school, please have them stop at the Attendance Office to get a late pass. They should do this as soon as they walk in the school building. The reason this is an important step is to make sure that your student's attendance is updated and corrected.

Checking Your Student Out Early



We understand that there will be times you will need to check out your student from school early. When doing this you **MUST** come inside to the main office window to sign them out. You will need a **picture ID** and you must be on the authorized pick-up list for the student you are checking out in the Infinite Campus system.



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Buy A Yearbook

Purchase your 2022-2023 Yearbook today!

Starting at \$25.00. [CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE!](#)

Chromebook Policies

If a Chromebook is turned in by a custodian:

- 1st time-Warning
- 2nd time-Lunch Detention
- 3rd time-Call home and after school tutorials/ detention

If a Chromebook is lost:

Students should report it to the media tech in the library to have the device disabled/ locked.
Student will then be notified to come retrieve their device when found.

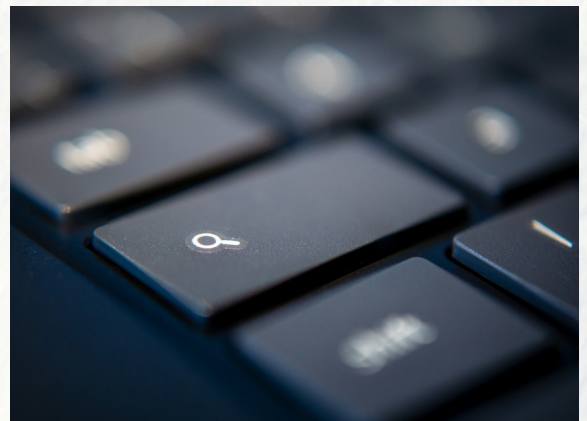
If damages are assessed they will be determined as intentional or non-intentional:

Fines escalate by incident. The first incident will be documented and fined for \$5 until the damage intent is determined.

Fines will be removed if determined to be non-intentional.
Non-intentional damage includes software issues and normal usage wear and tear.

Any physical damage outside of normal wear and tear will be classified as intentional.

- 1st Incident -\$5
- 2nd Incident -\$50
- 3rd Incident -\$75
- 4th Incident or lost -\$150





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Thornton Middle School



[TMS Website](#)

[TMS Facebook](#)

[TMS Instagram](#)



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District Weather Policy

Process for School Closures and 1-hour Delayed Starts:

In the event of inclement weather, Adams 12 Five Star Schools uses a variety of resources to determine if conditions exist that warrant a 1-hour delayed start or closure of schools.

If conditions pose a concern for student and staff safety, the district will make every effort to announce a decision by 5:30 a.m. to close or delay opening schools. A 1-hour delayed start or closure will be communicated in several different ways, including:

- District website
- School websites
- Local media outlets
- Email and text message to parents
 - Ensure your information is up-to-date in Infinite Campus
 - In order to receive text messages, opt-in today by texting "YES" to 67587
- District's hotline (720) 972-4000
- Social media (Facebook - Twitter)
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Keep in mind, you will only receive alerts if schools are closed or operating on a 1-hour delay. If schools are open and operating on a normal schedule you will not receive an alert.

If schools are open but a parent feels, based on personal circumstances, that conditions pose a safety concern for their child getting to or from school they can call the school for an excused absence.



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Infinite Campus - Parent Portal



Did you know that Parent Engagement has a direct correlation to student success?

Students with engaged parents are more likely to have higher self-esteem, lower absenteeism and earn high grades or test scores. So what are you waiting for? Log into Campus Parent and get engaged today!

PARENT FAVORITES:

- Accessing student grades
- Give that praise and encouragement for that A or B they studied hard for!
- Review attendance and absences
- Get real-time notifications if your student is absent
- Seeing assignments due or upcoming exams

Connect Today

Campus Parent can be accessed on the web (login information is received from your district), using the Campus Parent mobile app.

- [Link #1 Adams 12 Parent Portal Signup to create Infinite Account](#)
- [Link #2 Access Infinite Campus and change Password](#)
- [Link #3 Infinite Campus Video how to access IC for Parents, Grades, Attendance, etc](#)



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Free Counseling Sessions for Youth



The Office of Behavioral Health has launched **IMatter**, a program to provide up to three free counseling sessions for Colorado youth, as a part of House Bill 21-1258 (more information below). Parents can sign up and get resources and therapy sessions for their child. Youth, ages 12-18, can sign up for mental health sessions. Check out this article from [Chalkbeat for more information](#). You can order I Matter materials free of charge through this [form](#).

The Colorado Office of Behavioral Health and its partners have launched IMatter, a program that provides up to three free counseling sessions for Colorado youth.

Get Connected

Youth and their parents can visit the I Matter platform to take a confidential online survey about their mental health and schedule sessions with a licensed behavioral health clinician, primarily online over telehealth. All Colorado youth ages 18 or younger—or 21 and younger if receiving special education services—are eligible to receive free services.

Contact Information

- For general inquiries about the program, contact elizabeth.owens@state.co.us.
- To inquire about being a provider within the program, contact providers@imattercolorado.org.
- To receive help with the website or support in scheduling a session, email support@imattercolorado.org.

Free/Reduced Benefits

Apply now for meal benefits for the 2022-23 school year. We are asking all families to apply to support potential funding or benefits that go beyond meals. Remember all families must reapply every year.

Apply today at www.adams12.org/myschoolapps. Please be sure to submit an application. Your household's free and reduced-price lunch program (school meals) application can help your family access discounted internet and phone costs and secure additional funds for your school. If your household qualifies for school meals, you might also qualify for P-EBT.