



MIDDLE MATTERS

Titusville Middle School



January/ February Recap 2026

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Titusville, PA

Reminders from the Main Office

✨ Important Dates ✨

- 🍿 Popcorn Days – 3/6 & 3/20
- 🕒 Daylight Savings Time – 3/8 🌦️
- TMS Musical Preview – 3/9
- 🎭 TMS Musical – 3/12, 3/13 & 3/14
- 🍀 Saint Patrick's Day – 3/17
- 🚌 Bus Evacuation Drill – 3/19
- 👢 Kick Butt Day – 3/20
- 🍿 Popcorn Day – 3/20
- 🏊 6th Grade Swim – 3/16–24
- 🏛️ Student Council Meeting – 3/25
- 📖 End of 3rd Quarter – 3/26
- 🏰 8th Grade Renaissance Faire – 3/31
- ✝️ Easter Break – 4/2–4/7
- 👋 Mission Trip 3 – 4/13

TMS MVT for January



Mrs. Keebler is the TMS Most Valuable Teacher for January 2026. She is the art teacher at TMS, where she teaches both art and life. While relatively new to teaching, she has created a program at Titusville Middle School that helps students feel comfortable in her space while learning to express themselves. Colleagues note her unique ability to connect with all students. She supports Titusville students by building trusting relationships as they grow as artists and individuals. Mrs. Keebler exemplifies a student-centered teacher in the modern classroom. Her care and kindness are evident in her interactions, and her support encourages students to take creative risks, interpret the world around them, and share their perspectives.

TMS MVT for February



Mrs. Evans was named the TMS Most Valuable Teacher for February 2026. She works as a PE teacher at TMS and is known for the positive energy she consistently brings to her students, colleagues, and the entire school environment. Throughout the day, she can often be seen in the hallways helping others, talking with students, or sharing an encouraging smile, making her an important and uplifting presence at TMS. Mrs. Evans is also strongly committed to teaching and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. She frequently runs many miles before school, setting a powerful example of fitness and dedication for her students. She genuinely cares about her classes and motivates students to make healthy choices while challenging themselves physically. As a member and leader of the Voyager team, she supports fellow teachers and helps guide newer educators to become strong professionals. Her colleagues admire her energy, generosity, and willingness to assist anyone in need. Mrs. Evans's dedication, positivity, and mentorship make her an invaluable part of the TMS community. For all these reasons, the school proudly recognizes her as this month's Most Valuable Teacher.

Inspired Visions Art Show



Eighth grade students from our school recently had the exciting opportunity to showcase their artwork at the “Inspired Visions” Art Show, held at University of Pittsburgh at Titusville. This special exhibit featured talented student artists from grades 7–12 across the region.

Students were hand-selected by their art teacher, Mrs. Keebler, to represent our school, with each student contributing one or two pieces of their best work. Featured eighth grade artists included Novalee Hodak, Andrew Gray, Trey Titus, and Dakota Lott. Their artwork reflected creativity, effort, and unique personal expression.



We are incredibly proud of these students for their hard work and for representing our school in this inspiring community art show. Their participation highlights the importance of the arts and the amazing talent of our students.



Olympic Spirit Takes Over Catalyst Classrooms

Eighth grade Catalyst students recently brought the excitement of the Winter Olympics to life by hosting their own Catalyst Olympic Games. Students competed in a variety of creative and energetic events, including luge, speed skating, snow action, biathlon relay, curling, and hockey. Each activity challenged students' teamwork, coordination, and perseverance as they represented their advisory groups.

Students showed great sportsmanship and enthusiasm throughout the competition, cheering on their teammates and giving their best effort in every event. After an exciting series of challenges, the final results were announced. Mr. Reynolds' advisory earned the Bronze Medal, Mr. Ledebur's advisory took home the Silver Medal, and Mr. Preston's advisory claimed the Gold Medal victory.

The Catalyst Olympic Games were a fun and memorable way to build community, encourage teamwork, and celebrate the Olympic spirit right here at school.



Gold Medals for TMS Staff



As Catalyst activities continue to keep everyone busy, students are taking time to recognize the people who make a difference in their daily lives. Through the Gold Medal Staff activity, students have the opportunity to honor staff members who support, encourage, and inspire them.

In this activity, students complete special "Gold Medal" recognition sheets to celebrate staff who go above and beyond. These will be proudly displayed on a new Staff Wall of Fame, which will replace the Veterans' Wall of Fame for this special Olympic-themed celebration.



This meaningful project gives students a chance to show appreciation and spread positivity during the winter season. It serves as a reminder that the dedication and hard work of staff members truly deserve gold medal recognition.



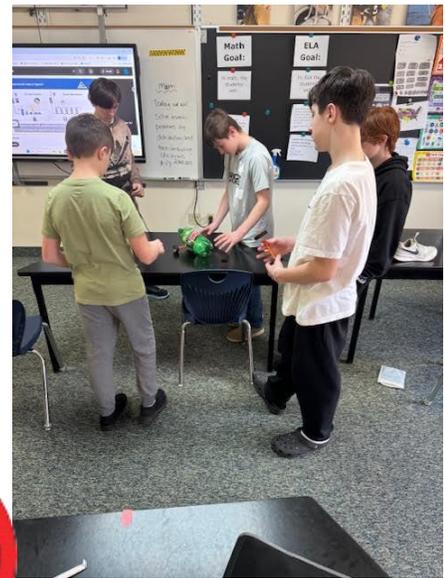
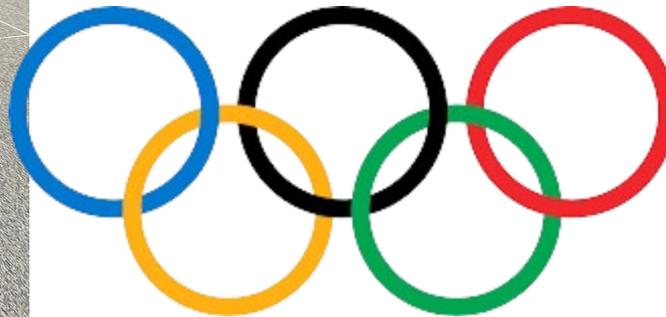
7th Grade Science Olympiad



Seventh grade students are putting their engineering skills to the test as they prepare to compete in the Catalyst Science Olympiad. Students will rotate through ten different stations, each designed to challenge their creativity, problem-solving, and understanding of scientific concepts.

One featured station focuses on designing and building a balloon-powered car. In this challenge, students must use simple materials to create a vehicle that moves using the force of escaping air from a balloon. Through this activity, students learn about engineering, motion, and the principles of force and propulsion.

This hands-on experience encourages teamwork, creativity, and critical thinking as students apply science concepts in a fun and competitive environment.



8th Grade ELA & WC

Rorschach Test - What do you see?

A Rorschach Test is a psychology test where a person looks at inkblots and says what they see. There are no right or wrong answers. The test helps psychologists understand how someone thinks and interprets the world.

Eighth grade students just finished Daniel Keyes' short story, "Flowers for Algernon". In "Flowers for Algernon", Charlie (the protagonist) struggles with this test before his surgery because he thinks there must be a correct answer. This shows he has difficulty with abstract thinking. After the surgery, he understands the test better, which shows his intelligence and thinking have improved.



Crusades Propaganda Project Brings History to Life

Titusville Middle School students are bringing history to life through a creative Crusades Propaganda Project. Working in small groups, students are writing one-act interview scripts that explore how propaganda influenced people during the Crusades.

Each script includes a cast of characters, props, stage directions, and a narrator to provide important background information. Through this project, students are strengthening their writing, collaboration, and critical thinking skills while gaining a deeper understanding of this important historical period.

This engaging assignment allows students to combine creativity and historical research, making learning both meaningful and memorable.

Level Up at TMS: Mission Trips Reward Hard Work and Positive Choices



Each quarter at TMS is marked by a mission trip that allows students who have met certain requirements in the areas of academics, behavior, and attendance to do something special during the day. The second-quarter mission trip allowed students to travel to the University of Pittsburgh at Titusville campus, where they were treated to lunch in the dining hall, viewed the TMS student art on display, and enjoyed a movie in the auditorium. The third-quarter mission trip is to Splash Lagoon. Students are working hard to level up their learning and behavior so they can qualify for this amazing opportunity. The school PTG has generously worked throughout the year to fund these trips for students, which is a great example of our school community coming together to provide meaningful experiences.

Brynn Spells Her Way to Victory... Again!

Titusville Middle School held its annual spelling bee on January 22, 2026, where eighth grade student Brynn Ammons was crowned champion after correctly spelling the word *Yiddish*. Her victory earned her a spot in the Western Pennsylvania Spelling Bee.

Brynn is no stranger to this level of competition. In 2025, she ranked among the top 15 spellers and traveled to Pittsburgh for the in-person bee, where she placed an impressive 11th overall.

This year, Brynn once again qualified for the Scripps Western Pennsylvania Spelling Bee, which will be held at Point Park University on March 15. To earn her place, she completed a timed online spelling and vocabulary test through Scripps, scoring a perfect 50 out of 50. Even more impressive, she finished the 30-minute test in just six minutes. The top 15 scorers were invited to compete in person, marking Brynn's second consecutive year qualifying for the event.

Congratulations, Brynn, on this outstanding achievement, and best of luck in the upcoming competition!



TMS Team Earns Second Place at Edge of Extinction Competition

On February 5, 2026, Titusville Middle School students traveled to Intermediate Unit 6 in Clarion to compete in the Edge of Extinction competition, sponsored by the Gifted Consortium. The event brought together talented students from across the region to showcase their critical thinking, teamwork, and problem-solving skills.

Representing TMS were Ethan Coulter, Garrett List, Carrig McQuiston, and Simon Ross. The team demonstrated outstanding collaboration and determination throughout the competition, earning an impressive second-place finish.

Congratulations to Ethan, Garrett, Carrig, and Simon on their achievement and for representing Titusville Middle School with pride!

TMS Academic Challenge Team Finishes Third at Finals Tournament



On January 12, 2026, the Titusville Middle School Academic Challenge team competed in the Finals Tournament held at Intermediate Unit 6. The event was sponsored by the Gifted Consortium and brought together seven talented teams from across the region.

TMS delivered a strong performance, earning a total of 715 points and finishing third overall. The team demonstrated impressive knowledge, quick thinking, and teamwork throughout the competition.

A special congratulations goes to Noah Reynolds, who scored 200 points for the team. Noah was the third highest individual point scorer in the entire competition — an outstanding accomplishment.

Team members include Simon Ross, Garrett List, Brynn Ammons, Ethan Coulter, Carrig McQuiston, and Noah Reynolds.

We are proud of the Academic Challenge team for their dedication and hard work, and for representing Titusville Middle School with excellence.



7th Grade Voices Rise Against Vaping



Seventh grade health students recently completed a creative project as part of their tobacco resistance unit by producing their own anti-vaping commercials. The goal of the project was to help students understand the dangers of vaping and nicotine use, while also practicing strategies for resisting peer pressure.

Working in groups, students wrote scripts, acted, and filmed commercials that encouraged others to say no to vaping and make healthy choices. Their messages focused on the risks of nicotine addiction, the importance of confidence, and ways to stand up to social pressure.

This project allowed students to combine creativity with important health education, empowering them to become informed decision-makers and positive role models for their peers.



Stepping into Winter: 8th Grade Takes Learning Outside

Eighth grade physical education students recently embraced the winter weather by going snowshoeing outdoors during class. This unique unit gave students the opportunity to stay active while experiencing a different form of cardiovascular exercise in the snow.

Before heading outside, students learned how snowshoes work and why they help distribute weight to prevent sinking into deep snow. Once geared up, they practiced proper walking techniques, balance, and endurance as they traveled across snowy fields and trails.

Snowshoeing not only built strength and stamina, but also encouraged students to enjoy outdoor activity during the winter months. It was a fun and refreshing way to stay active while trying something new.



8th Grade Superlatives

Most Likely to Brighten Your Day:

Trey Titus
Hannah Ringer

Most Likely to be Famous:

Sean Rose
Cameron Nelson

Most Likely to be an Artist:

Connor Daniels
Elizabeth Kaminski

Most Likely to be in the Olympics:

Noah Smith
Kennedy Schmader

Most Likely to Take Over the World:

Joshua Johnson
Chiya DeArment

Most Musical:

Chad Mott
Maddy Huth

Most Likely to be an Actor/Actress:

Tuf Proper
Mina Graham

Most School Spirit:

Tuf Proper
Chiya DeArment

Best Style:

Trey Titus
Mina Graham

Most Likely to be President:

Bowen Wakefield
Andrea Kay

Upcoming Events:

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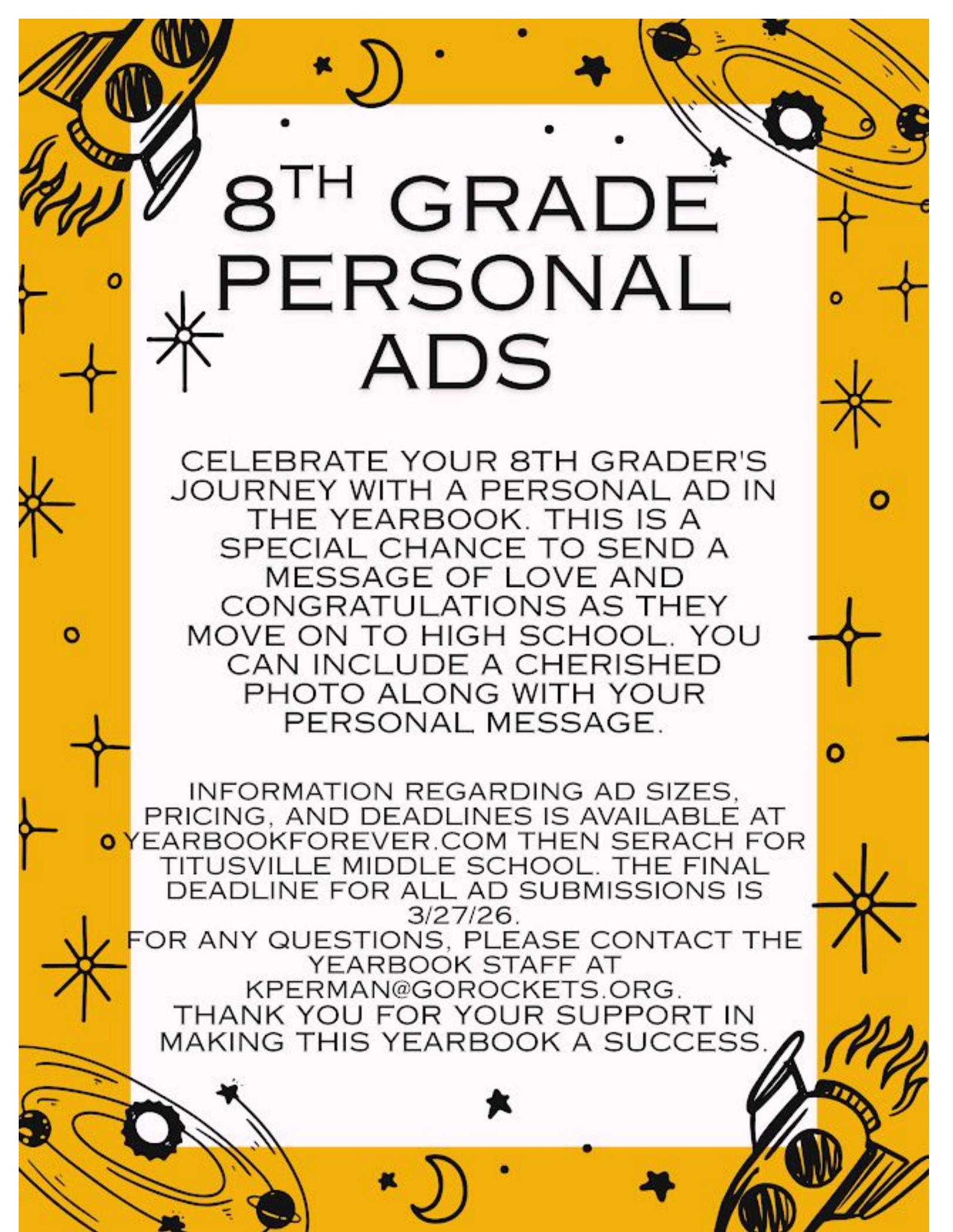


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