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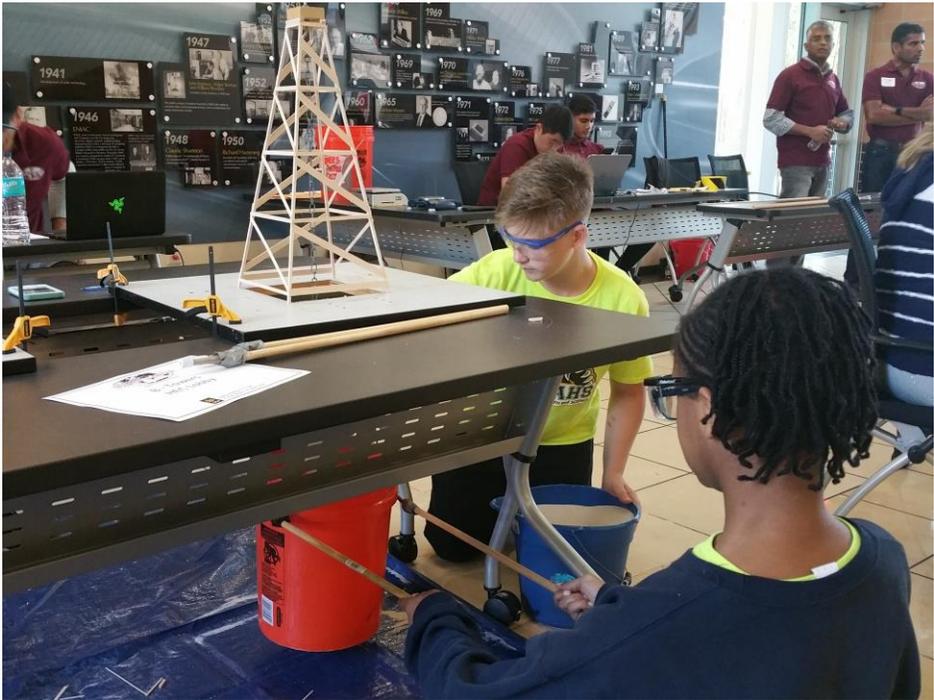
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*Week 32  33 March 25th-April 1st*

*Tallahassee School of Math and Science*

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Science Olympiad State Tournament





TSMS would like to congratulate our Science Olympiad Students who had the opportunity to compete at the State Tournament over the weekend in Orlando, we are very proud!

## ***International Night***

**THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH**

**6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**Food, Music, and Fun for EVERYONE!**



International Night is a magical night of sharing cultures, excellent food, talents, and entertainment. The evening involves all students and families. Its main goal is to learn more about the lifestyles and cultures within the United States and around the world. It's free and open to all our TSMS families.

**WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO COME DISCOVER SOMETHING NEW!**

### ***Calling all TSMS Families***



Whether you just arrived in the United States, or are a third-generation American, you can help us make this event a success by contributing crafts, posters, artifacts, performing a traditional dance, song, or even showing off a folk costume from your country when you attend. Please contact Ms. Sullivan ([JSullivan@tsmas.org](mailto:JSullivan@tsmas.org)) if you would like exhibit space.



**\*\*FOOD TRUCKS WILL BE ON SITE FOR YOU TO PURCHASE A VARIETY OF CULTURAL CUISINES THAT CELEBRATE DIVERSITY.\*\***

Wear-Green-Dress-Down-Day fundraiser!



WEAR GREEN DAY  
or a FLOWER, BEE,  
or BUTTERFLY PRINT!

BRING \$1  
and DRESS DOWN on  
FRIDAY, APRIL 7<sup>th</sup>  
TO SUPPORT THE TSMS GARDEN!



**Attention Students and Parents! Next Friday, April 7th, we will celebrate the school garden and butterfly garden with a Wear-Green-Dress-Down-Day fundraiser!**

**Bring \$1 to your Homeroom Teacher next week then on Friday: wear green OR clothing that depicts our garden friends: flowers, bees or butterflies.**

**Be creative, have fun and help support the beautiful TSMS gardens!**

## Parent Staff Soccer!



Dear TSMS parents,

We are excited to invite you to our parent/staff soccer games. We will have a parent-staff soccer game every Tuesday at 4:30pm in the field across cafeteria. We are excited to spend more time with our families and hope to see you there. Bring that winning attitude and come show off those soccer skills. We have just purchased some professional goals and we are ready to put them to use.

Our first game is on Tuesday , April 4th !!

We will provide cold drinks !!!

Kids can join us as well !!

Please sign up in this link :<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090844aaa722aafd0-tsms6>

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Queridos padres de TSMS,

Vamos a tener un partido de fútbol cada Martes a las 4:30 de la tarde en el campo enfrente de la cafetería.

Nuestro primer partido es Martes, 4 de Abril !!

Tendremos bebidas frías!!!

Niños pueden participar tambien !!

Por favor regístrese en este enlace:<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090844aaa722aafd0-tsms6>

## TSMS Made the News!

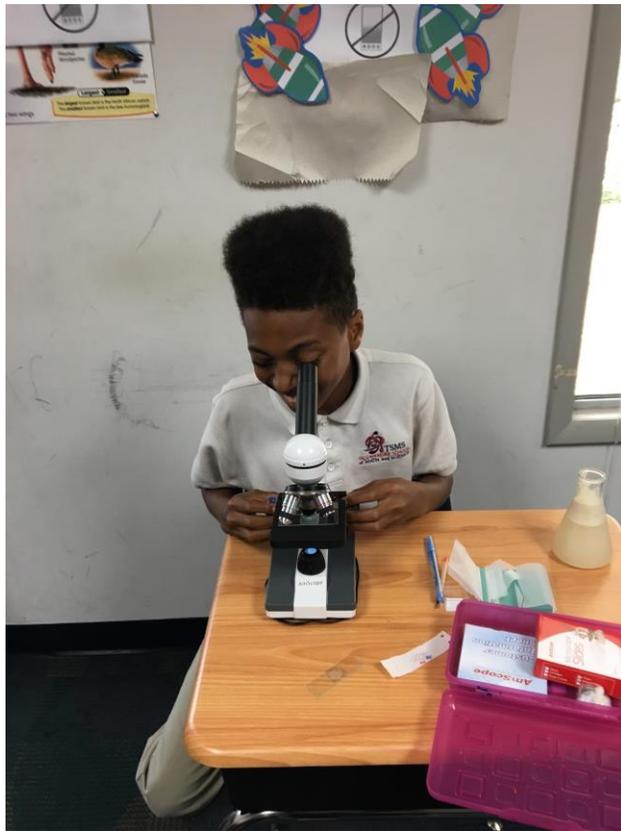


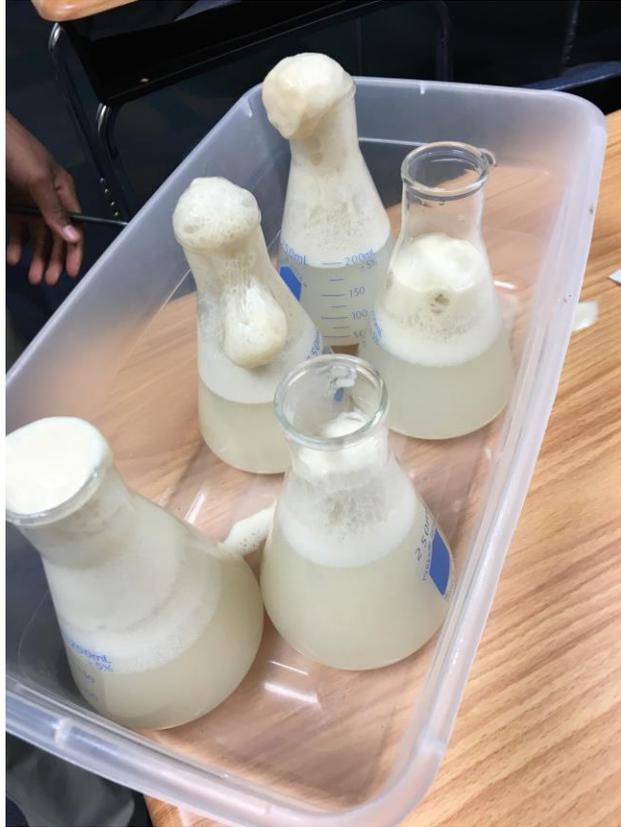
1 - <http://www.wctv.tv/content/news/TPD-Host-Bike-Rodeo-to-Teach-Students-Bike-Etiquette-on-Roadways-417683693.html>

The Tallahassee Police Department bike patrol came to TSMS to work with our students, teaching them safe biking practices during the Bike Rodeo!

## Ms. Burns Science







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This week, all of Ms. Burns' science classes had a great hands-on activity. In 6th grade, we are learning about Newton's Laws of Motion. We demonstrated the 3rd Law, that of equal and opposite forces, with rocket balloons.

In 8th grade biology, we covered a chapter on fungi this week. We grew colonies of yeast in beakers and looked at the cells under a microscope. We observed them using the sugar as food and producing carbon dioxide bubbles- a few beakers even overflowed!!

In 5th grade, we are continuing our unit on electricity and circuits. We made open and closed circuits with wires, batteries, and light bulbs. Watch them light up!

Great Opportunity at FSU!!



Explore MagLab summer camps, where kids have fun with field trips, hands-on learning and face-time with real scientists. Options include Maglab Camp Tesla, a co-ed, 1 week camp for rising middle schoolers who are interested in physics. The Scigirls Summer Camp is 2 weeks long, with a focus on middle and high school girls interested in STEM careers. Scigirls Coding Camp is one week, and focusing on computer science. Costs vary, and all the camps go from 9am to 4pm on the scheduled weeks.

There is also a middle school mentorship program opening in July, so keep checking back on the website.

If you have any questions, or need any help with the application, please contact Ms. Burns at [kburns@tsmas.org](mailto:kburns@tsmas.org)

<https://nationalmaglab.org/education/k12-students/summer-camps>

## Music Reminders



### **Important Dates to Remember:**

Thursday, April 13th – **Talent Show (Chosen Finalists) TSMS Cafeteria, 1:30-2:30pm**

Saturday, April 22nd – **Honors Chorus (Chosen 5th Grade Students)**

----8:30-9:00 - Students check-in at Chiles H.S. Auditorium

-----9:00-11:30 - Clinic / Rehearsal

-----11:30-12:00 - lunch

-----12:00-1:30 - Rehearsal

-----1:30 - Dismissal (go home, rest, get primed up!)

-----6:30 - Students report to Chiles H.S. choral room for pre-concert instructions

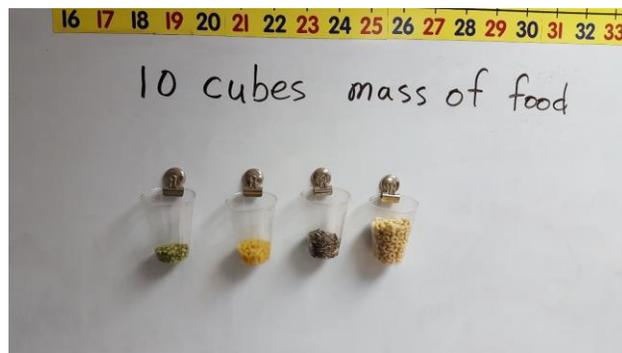
Thursday, May 4th – **Spring Concert (K-4th Grade)**

Monday, May 8th – **Opera Outreach (Elementary Students)**

Thursday, May 18th – **Spring Concert (5th-7th Grade)**

Tuesday, May 23rd and Wednesday, May 24th – **Link Up Concert (4th Grade Students Only)**

Ms. Stanisc 1st Grade





- Students are learning about volume and practicing advanced mass-measuring skills. We are also learning about different habitats and plants. We also learned a little bit about
- Students are learning about the important people and events in history.

- We are exploring shapes and their attributes in math. We are also starting to explore number patterns with “in and out” boxes.
- Students are reading more challenging texts now and analyzing content on a deeper level. They are learning about points of view as well as reviewing old concepts. Students are also learning to write instructional pieces.

## 4th Grade News



In 4th grade, we are working hard while Mrs. Moody is out enjoying her new bundle of joy. We had several 4th graders who received a Book It certificate for a free personal pan pizza. These students received an awesome grade on their March book reports. Good Job Cheetahs! The next book report is due, Monday, APRIL 3rd!!!!

Also, March is recognized as Women’s History Month. In Social Studies, we discussed a few important women in the world or even at the school. The students named Michelle Obama, Hilary Clinton, Ms.

Priore, and Mrs. Moody. The students celebrated by illustrating a woman who has had a major impact in their life. They also had to write why the woman was important to them.

**\*REMINDER\***

Students are required to take an AR test every week. It is for a grade.

## The Physics of Ping Pong



To review for a test on forces and motion, Ms. Burns class learned about how Newton's Laws apply to ping pong! As it turns out, unbalanced forces can act on ping pong balls as well as textbook problems. Equal and opposite forces act on the paddle and the ball, but the ball, having much less mass, accelerates a lot more. Watch them go!

## Guest Speaker Kim Rigano



For our 8th grade biology class, we had a guest speaker this week! Kim Rigano is a wildlife technician who has worked with snakes, grizzly bears, piping plovers, spotted owls, and nesting sea turtles. What an amazing career!

The students got to ask about how she got to where she is, with college experiences, internships, and research.

## Car Models!



4th grade science class have now completed their car models! They began with building a car design that was given to them. From there, they came up with a list of materials they wanted to use for their own cars. After, they drew out their designs using the pieces they had chosen. To make sure they knew how they were going to build their designs, they wrote out a step by step procedure to guide them. Finally, they had their prototypes build!!

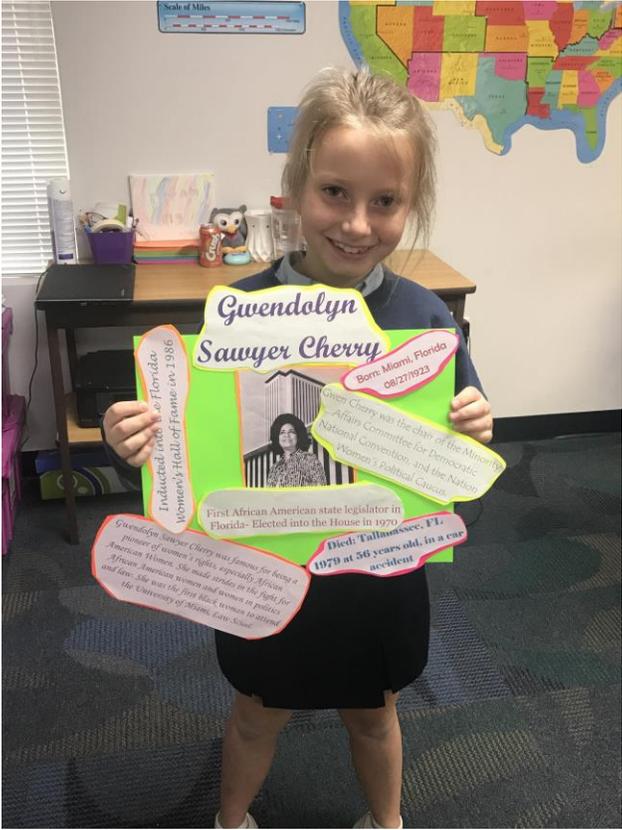
## Ms. Wrinkle's Third Grade News Letter

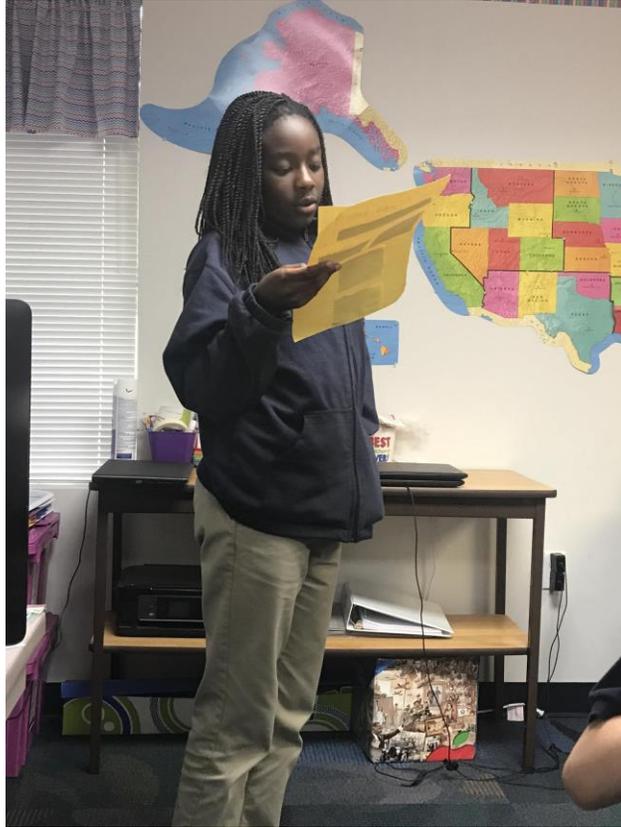


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Life is happy in this third-grade classroom. Half of our FSA is complete! Reading down, and math to go. Keep working those skills. I know this class is ready for that math FSA. Math is my favorite subject to teach! This third-grade classroom is overjoyed at having a brand-new Chrome Cart in our classroom. What does that mean? It means every single student in the class room has a lap top now. We are jamming to Reflex math, Success Maker, and Study Island! Oh, Yeah! We have potatoes growing in the garden. Life is good! Bring on the Spring Time! We love it. In further news, we are now working on our end of year class project. The kids have been broken into groups and they are each building a model of part of our TSMS campus. When it is complete we should see a replica of the TSMS campus. Does that sound like fun or what!

Ms. Zuschlag 3rd Grade





Students did a great job on their African-American projects. The students are becoming more confident with speaking in front of the class during oral presentations.

I am so proud of my 3rd grade students for working so hard on their first state assessment. I noticed students using strategies we have learned including underlining important information and going back into the story.

We are working diligently on Study Island assignments. Students who complete each lesson on all four subjects with a 70% or higher will get to participate in a pizza and ice cream party in May. Please make sure your child is working on Study Island at home as it is part of their homework assignments.

Students will be taking the Math FSA on April 17th and 18th. Please make sure your child arrives at school no later than 7:55 each day. Students who arrive late will not be able to test with us and will test in the afternoon or another day.

## Social Media Club Videos!



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## FSA Testing



Dear Parent/Guardian,  
2017

January 9th,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will be participating in the statewide assessment program as required by statute. Exceptional education students will be administered assessments in compliance with their individualized education plan (IEP).

Overview of Testing Dates:

\*PBT= Paper Based Testing CBT= Computer Based Testing

**3rd Grade:** ELA PBT March 27th ◆ 28th, Math CBT April 17th ◆ 18th

**4th Grade:** Writing PBT February 28th, ELA CBT April 19th ◆ 20th , Math PBT April 24th ◆ 25th

**5th Grade:** Writing PBT February 28th, ELA CBT April 26th ◆ 27th , Math CBT April 10th ◆ 11th,  
Science PBT May 1st- 2nd

**6th Grade:** Writing PBT February 28th, ELA CBT April 17th ◆ 18th , Math CBT April 26th ◆ 27th

**7th Grade:** Writing PBT February 28th, ELA CBT April 19th ◆ 20th , MATH CBT May 2nd ◆ 3rd , Civics  
EOC CBT May 8th

**8th Grade:** Writing CBT February 28th, ELA CBT April 24th-25th , SCIENCE PBT May 1st, MATH CBT May  
4th ◆ 5th

**\*Algebra 1 ◆ Geometry EOC CBT May 4th -5th**

**\*Biology EOC May 8th**

For more information about the FSA program please visit the FSA portal at [www.FSAssessments.org](http://www.FSAssessments.org).

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **Electronic Devices-** Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including but not limited to cell phones and smartphones at any time during testing OR during breaks (e.g. restroom), **even if they are turned off and students do not use them**. If your student is found with an electronic device, his or her test will be invalidated. The best practice is for students to leave devices at home or in their lockers on the day of testing.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment-** All FSA tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgement that reads, "I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated." Prior to testing, students will have the rules read to them and

acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by signing below the statement on their ELA Writing planning sheet, ELA Reading worksheet, and/or their Mathematics work folder.

- **Discussing Test Content After Testing**-The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they sign the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states, "After the test, you may not reveal details about the passages or items to anyone. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting online, for example, on websites like Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram."
- **Test Invalidations**- Students are responsible for working on their own during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated. FDOE employs a test security company, Caveon Test Security, to analyze student test results for unusually similar answer patterns. If cheating is detected through this process, it will also result in test invalidations.
- **Leaving Campus**- If your student leaves campus during a test session (for lunch, an appointment, illness, etc.) he or she WILL NOT be allowed to complete the test session. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact our Assistant Principal, Patricia Pagozalski, at [ppagozalski@tsmas.org](mailto:ppagozalski@tsmas.org).

## Parents For Charter Schools



### Say no to words that hurt

Many parents have rules against swearing, but swear words aren't the only words that hurt. Take your rules a step further and don't allow family members to use insulting words, such as "dumb," "stupid" and "idiot," about themselves or anyone else. Your child will have to get creative to express her frustration and may even enlarge her vocabulary!

[Read more.](#)

[Lea en español.](#)

## Get Your Winter Gear!



Winter is coming! Get over to ALL UNIFORM WEAR to purchase the Dress Code approved pieces. Make sure your students stay warm with the TSM pull-over sweater, cardigan, and the zip-up fleece jacket.

ALL UNIFORM WEAR is located on 1989 Capital Circle Northeast, Tallahassee, FL 32308. For more information you can contact them at (850) 629-4144.

## TSM Uniforms



2 - Shoes on the left are in the appropriate colors-- Black, White, Navy, and Brown; they do not have flashy colors or logos that stand out. Shoes on the right are not in the appropriate colors, they have logos that stand out, and boots/Uggs are not permitted.



The graphic features a blue header with the TSMS logo and icons for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Below the header, the text "Dress Code" is written in red. The central area displays images of school-appropriate clothing: a navy polo shirt, a navy short-sleeved shirt, a navy long-sleeved shirt, navy shorts, khaki shorts, a pair of black dress shoes, a pair of brown dress shoes, and a pair of navy trousers. A globe logo with the text "ALL UNIFORM WEAR" is positioned in the center. To the right, a black rectangular box contains the text "TSMS". Below the clothing images, the following contact information is provided: "Address: 1989 Capital Cir NE, Tallahassee, FL 32308" and "Phone: (850) 629-4144". At the bottom of the graphic, a note states: "Each article of clothing will have to have the 'TSMS' embroidery".

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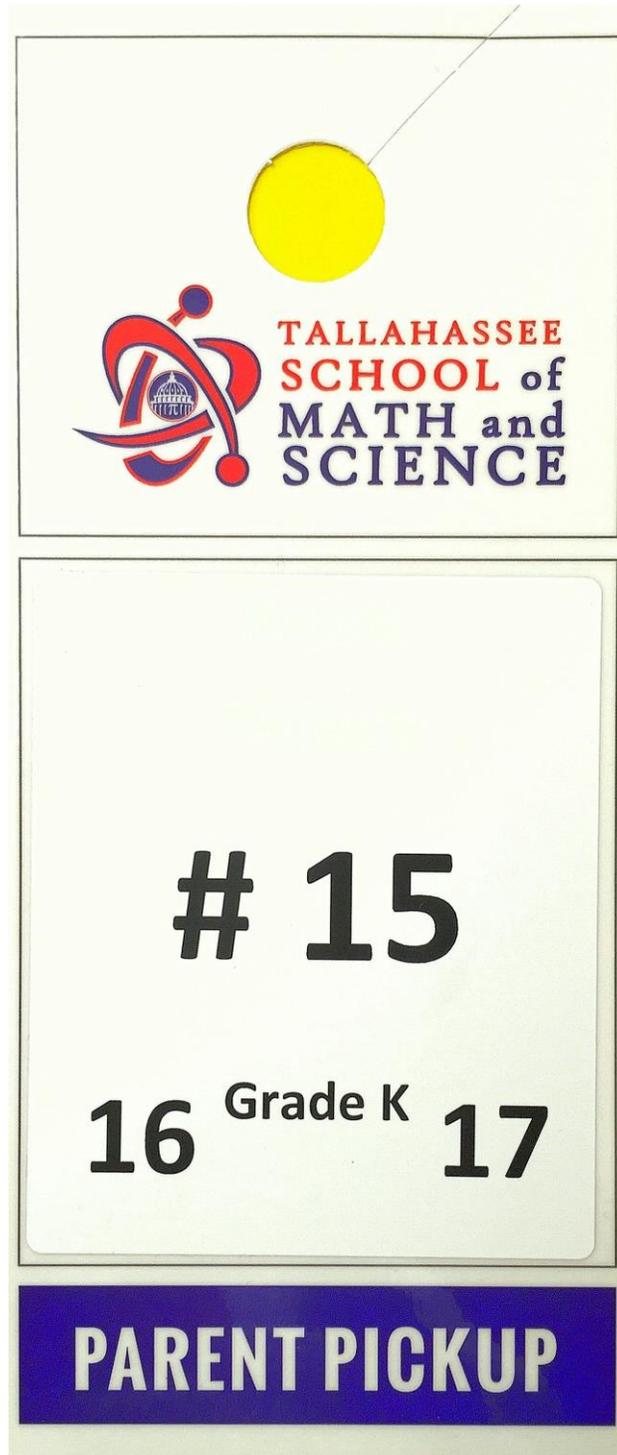
850-629-4144

[www.alluniformwear.com](http://www.alluniformwear.com)

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\*Please refer to pages 25-29 in the Student Handbook for more information.

Dismissal: Parent Pick-up Cards



**To help combat heavy traffic, please park in the parking lot and walk up to pick up your student.**

Dismissal is from 2:45-3:00pm, after 3:00pm students will be sent to EDP.

Please displayed Pick-up card clearly on the dashboard for car pickup. If you do not have a Pick-up card,you will be directed to park your car and show your photo ID to the front office to release your student. EDP also requires Pick-up card for dismissing a student through the front office.

Transportation change or any afternoon change will need to be submitted in writing via letter or email to the secretary Ms. Meriweather

Parents MUST notify front office by 2:30pm– at the latest if there is an emergency and transportation needs to be changed for the day. –If after 2:30pm student will go home as arranged.

## Contact Us

### TSMS

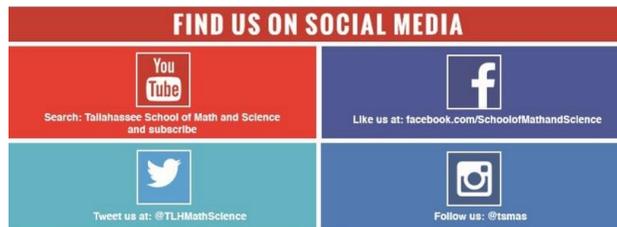
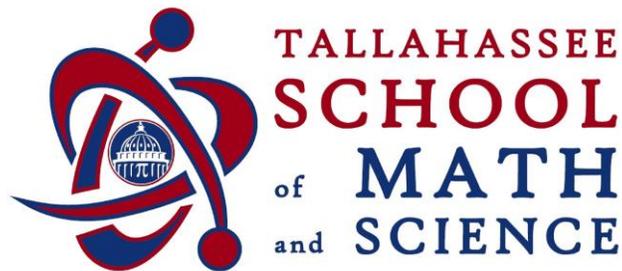
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