

TEQUESTA TRACE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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NOVEMBER 2025:
A SEASON TO BE THANKFUL, A TIME TO ROAR LOUDER



- 11/3 VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS
- 11/3 MATH COMPETITION CLUB MEETING
- 11/6 SAC/SAF MEETING
- 11/7 COUGAR FUN FIELD
- 11/3-11/20 HARVEST DRIVE
- 11/11 - NO SCHOOL (HAPPY VETERAN'S DAY!)
- 11/12 VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS
- 11/13 Q2 INTERIMS ISSUED
- 11/13 LITERACY & SOCIAL STUDIES FAMILY NIGHT @ 5:30PM
- 11/14 PICTURE MAKE-UP DAY
- 11/20 NJHS MEETING
- 11/24-11/28 SCHOOL CLOSED

As we step into November, we are well into Quarter 2 and just 23 days away from FAST PM2! The school year is moving quickly, and we're proud to share that it's been a smooth and successful start. Our Cougars continue to show dedication, effort, and a true commitment to excellence every single day.

We'd like to remind our families that students must be in dress code and wearing their ID badges daily. ID badges are free through the fourth one, but beginning with the fifth badge, a \$5 replacement fee will apply. Your support in reinforcing these expectations helps us maintain a safe and orderly learning environment for everyone.

As we approach midyear assessments, we encourage our students to stay focused on their grades, ask questions, and reach out for help whenever needed. Every day is an opportunity to prepare, grow, and show what they know. Together, we'll continue to build a strong foundation for success and keep our Cougars Climbing Higher and Roaring Louder!

Spanish | Kreyòl Ayisyen | Portuguese

BROWARD County Public Schools
2025/26 SCHOOL CALENDAR

For an ADA accessible version of this calendar, visit <http://browardschools.com/accessiblecalendar>.

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Severe Weather / Make-up Days: 10/10/25, 12/19/25, 3/12/26, 5/22/26 & 6/3/26

- Employee Planning (no school for students)
- Schools and Administrative Offices Closed
- Schools Closed
- Report Cards Issued
- Interim Reports Issued
- Early Release Day
- First and Last Day of School

A TIME TO BE *thankful*

This month, we pause to reflect on all that we're thankful for at Tequesta Trace Middle School. We are truly grateful for our Cougars, whose hard work and determination make us proud every day; for our dedicated staff and administration, who give their best to support student success; and for our families and community, whose partnership helps make TTMS such a special place to learn and grow.

As we enter this season of thankfulness, we encourage everyone to take time to slow down, recharge, and spend quality time with family and loved ones. Moments of connection remind us what truly matters — togetherness, gratitude, and the shared joy of community.

From our TTMS family to yours, we wish you a safe, happy, and meaningful Thanksgiving season! 🐾❤️

CAMPUS BUZZ

We are proud to celebrate two extraordinary members of our Cougar family — Ms. Parsons, our Teacher of the Year, and Ms. Bartley, our Employee of the Year!

Ms. Parsons, our Reading Teacher Extraordinaire, is loved by students and admired by staff. She has a heart for students, inspires a love for learning, and demonstrates excellence in all that she does. Her passion, positivity, and dedication shine brightly in every lesson she teaches.

Ms. Bartley brings the same light and warmth to our community each day. Always smiling, always pleasant, and ever ready to assist, she goes above and beyond to make Tequesta Trace a welcoming and supportive place for all. There is truly never a day she isn't shining!

We are so grateful for both of these incredible women who represent the very best of #CougarPride. Congratulations, Ms. Parsons and Ms. Bartley — we celebrate you! 🐾❤️

Teacher of the Year



Employee of the Year



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

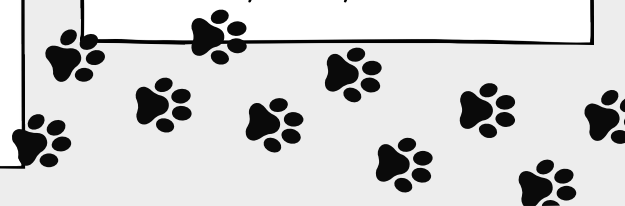
Regular attendance is a key factor in a child's academic success.

Regular attendance is when a student attends more than 95% of the academic school year; this may include up to 8 absences in a 180-day school year.

COUGAR TIP OF THE MONTH

Ask Questions Early

Don't wait until the day before a test! If something is unclear, ask your teacher or classmate right away — curiosity is key to success.



Counseling

Happy second quarter! So many of you made it through first quarter with flying colors. Keep up the great work!

- Who's your one? All students should be able to identify a trusted adult on campus they can go to when they need help.
- School counseling canvas page: Please check canvas global announcements and enroll in your grade level specific canvas page to stay up to date with grade level happenings.
- Mrs. Johnson wants all 8th graders and their parents to be aware that school choice starts November 3 at midnight. Check SBBC website and email blast for details.
- School counselors will be in classes again for the month of November to go over XELLO your college and career readiness program available on canvas. Feel free to go on and explore.
- Lastly our doors, phones, and emails remain open to students and parents as we navigate are way through middle school.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy Thanksgiving.

English Language Arts

- 6th Grade – Unit 1: Discovering Your Voice
Focus: Structure, central idea, figurative language, vocabulary, and argumentative writing.
- 7th Grade – Unit 4: Inspired by Nature
Focus: Figurative language, rhetoric, argument, conventions, researching, and vocabulary.
- 8th Grade – Unit 6: The Legacy of Anne Frank
Focus: The state Holocaust mandate, figurative language, rhetoric, argument, and argumentative writing.

Congratulations to Our Top Readers!

A big shoutout to Giada L., Maisie R., and Luciana S.—our Top 3 Readers in the 2025 TTMS Fall Reading Challenge (so far)!

Each received a book fair gift certificate for their outstanding reading achievements.

The Fall Reading Challenge began on September 8th and will continue through December 5th. Keep reading, Cougars!

Visit our school's website for details on reading challenges and upcoming activities.

CURRICULUM UPDATES

Math

We're excited to share what your child is currently learning in their math class. Across all grade levels, students are engaging in meaningful problem-solving, building mathematical reasoning, and applying concepts to real-world situations.

6th Grade students are working with numeric and algebraic expressions. They're learning to write, evaluate, and simplify expressions, and explore how different forms can represent the same value. These foundational skills help students transition from arithmetic to algebraic thinking and prepare them for more complex problem-solving.

7th Grade students are tackling two major areas: percent problems and inequalities. They're solving percent change, percent error, markup/markdown, and simple interest problems—connecting math to everyday financial decisions. They're also learning to solve two-step inequalities, which helps them understand how to work with conditions and constraints in algebraic contexts.

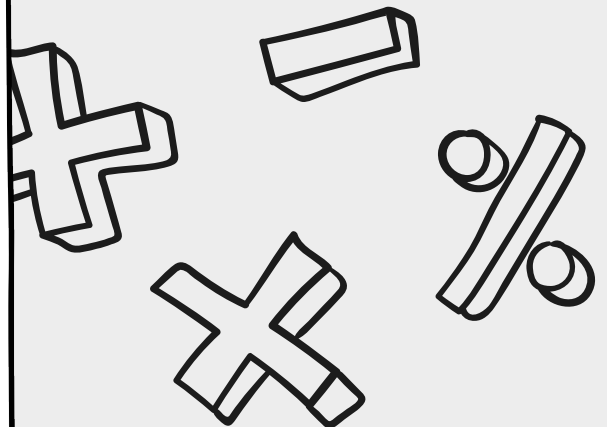
Pre-Algebra students are exploring how equations and inequalities behave. They're learning to identify when equations have no solution or infinitely many solutions, and how to solve two-step inequalities. These skills help students think critically and understand how math models real-life situations.

Algebra I students are working with systems of linear equations and inequalities. They're learning to graph linear inequalities and determine solution regions, then combine multiple inequalities to analyze systems. This topic encourages students to think about how different conditions interact and how to represent those relationships visually.

Geometry students are focused on triangle congruence. They're using criteria like SSS, SAS, ASA, and AAS to prove triangles are congruent, and applying these ideas to right triangles using the HL theorem. These lessons help students develop logical reasoning and proof-writing skills, which are essential in higher-level math.

Chess

Chess Club is off to a great start! Our second meeting we gathered to play exciting matches, share strategies, and sharpen critical-thinking skills. It was wonderful to see everyone engaged, learning, and building lasting friendships over the chessboard. We're looking forward to more great moves ahead!



Science

The results of the Quarter 1 Tests administered in GEARS 2, Physical Science, and Biology indicate that as a school we are well on our way to meeting and possibly exceeding our SIP Goal for student science achievement.

If you have a GEARS 2, Physical Science or Biology student who is in need of some extra help encourage your student to attend our Science Morning Review sessions every Tuesday.

Ms. Cooper is again hosting our Cambridge Club. Please see Ms. Cooper in R. 713 if you would like to participate.

A quick sampling of the great things happening in our science classes. Sixth grade is studying weather patterns, weather, and climate and are learning to be novice meteorologists. GEARS 1 students are wrapping up Earth's systems and heat transfer. Seventh grade is studying body systems. 8th grade is using the interactive lessons/virtual labs as they explore pure substances and mixtures and physical and chemical changes. Biology students are getting ready to look at plant structures and functions.

CURRICULUM UPDATES

Social Studies

6th Grade World History

Students are now journeying through the ancient civilizations of India and China. They'll explore early religions, geography's role in cultural development, and how innovations in areas like government, architecture, and trade shaped each civilization. Lessons highlight cultural exchange and the lasting impact of early societies on today's world.

7th Grade Civics

Civics classes continue studying the three branches of government, focusing on the Judicial Branch and the Rule of Law in early November, followed by the Bill of Rights and Amendments later in the month.

🎉 **Celebration:** A huge congratulations to our Civics teachers and students for achieving the highest Quarter 1 BSA scores in the county! Teachers are already preparing students for the upcoming Quarter 2 BSA, which will review and assess content from this grading period to ensure all students are EOC-ready.

8th Grade U.S. History

Eighth graders are wrapping up the American Revolution—examining major battles such as Saratoga and Yorktown and the Treaty of Paris—before moving into the Articles of Confederation and the Constitutional Convention. Students are connecting how early government debates laid the foundation for modern democracy.

🌐 November Recognitions

🕯️ Holocaust Awareness Week (November 3–10)

Students across all grade levels will participate in lessons honoring Holocaust Awareness Week and the Kristallnacht Anniversary (November 9–10).

🇺🇸 Veterans Day (November 11)

Schools will be closed in observance of Veterans Day. Leading up to the holiday, students will take time to recognize and reflect on the service of our nation's veterans and learn about their lasting contributions to American history.

💬 A Note of Gratitude

Thank you, families, for your continued involvement and encouragement. Your support at home strengthens our students' success and helps bring history and civics to life every day!

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PARENT CORNER

**SAFETY
FIRST**

**IF YOU SEE
SOMETHING,
SAY
SOMETHING.**



Safety is everyone's responsibility!

To report information:

1. Download any of the apps from any app store to your phone.
Use them to send any safety concerns.
2. Call our school at 754-323-4400.
3. Email anyone on our staff with information.



Friendly Reminders

- ID badges are required daily. Badges should be on & visible all day, every day.
- Dress code matters every day. Please follow BCPS guidelines for dress code.

Tequesta's Schoolwide Expectations:

Cougars ROCK

- Be Respectful
- Be Organized
- Be Cooperative
- Be Kind



ALL WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES SHALL BE TURNED OFF OR PLACED ON AIRPLANE MODE FROM THE FIRST BELL OF THE DAY UNTIL THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY, INCLUDING PASSING PERIODS AND LUNCHTIME. IT IS IMPORTANT TO DISTINGUISH THAT THIS IS NOT A BAN ON CELL PHONES OR OTHER TECHNOLOGY; IT IS MEANT TO ELEVATE STUDENT LEARNING AND ALLOW STUDENTS TO DISCONNECT TO RECONNECT IN A DISTRACTION-FREE ENVIRONMENT.



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Middle School



Cougar Life



Don't limit your challenges — challenge your limits.

Buzzworthy News

★ Cougar Mentors Begin Tutoring at Gator Run Elementary! 🐾🐾

Our Leadership Skills Honors students, now proudly known as the Cougar Mentors, kicked off their tutoring and classroom support visits to Gator Run Elementary this week!

These students are paired with elementary classrooms across various grade levels, where they provide reading and academic support to younger learners. Their enthusiasm, professionalism, and leadership truly shined during their first visits — we are so proud of how they represented Tequesta Trace!

👏 Way to go, Cougar Mentors! Keep up the amazing work making a difference in our community.



Believe you can and you're halfway there!
-Theodore Roosevelt

Junior Achievement Field Trip

Our students had a fantastic time exploring a variety of careers and learning about local industries! ★

This meaningful experience wouldn't have been possible without the dedicated instruction and preparation of our amazing U.S. History teachers, and the wonderful parent volunteers who showed up to support our students every step of the way. 👏



Join Our SAC Team!

Parents, your voice matters! Our School Advisory Council (SAC) is where families, staff, and community members come together to share ideas, discuss school updates, and help shape the future of Tequesta Trace Middle School. Be part of the exciting changes and great additions happening at TTMS—your involvement makes a difference!

Climb higher. Roar Louder