

Middle School Newsblatt

Innovative education of the whole child through German immersion.



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Innovative Education of the Whole Child has never been more important. These are concepts I am hearing my admin team, my MS Team and the School Board talk about so often this year. This mission is helping to keep us grounded and I offer it up to you as well. **Innovative**. We have reinvented school. I invite you to look at school differently as it is happening in your house now. Flexibility is key. **Whole child**. We are seeing an alarming number of kids struggling with mental health. Those that were fraught with it before are struggling more and some that never were are now experiencing it for the first time. Watch for signs of concern. Reach out to TCGIS for support and we can help point you in the right direction. And visit the TCGIS Virtual [calming room](#) if needed. **German Immersion**. As a High School teacher, I was always reminded that everything around me in German was my curriculum. Commercials. Magazines. Websites. Movies. Music videos. Please remind or help your child to visit the [German Immersion Enrichment site](#). But also encourage exploration. The availability of German on the internet has changed the learning of it remarkably. And for those families that have Netflix, I recommend *Nailed it, Germany* as a family night viewing event. Stay Strong, TCGIMS families.

~Elizabeth Zehnpfennig, Middle School Dean





Middle School Schedule

K-8	K-4	5-8
Nov. 30 - Dec. 18	Distance Learning	Distance Learning
Dec. 21 - Jan. 1	NO SCHOOL Winter Break	NO SCHOOL Winter Break
Jan. 4 - Jan. 22	Distance Learning	Distance Learning

Schedules

December Family Schedules: I have seen students still struggling with the schedules and I know there are different places to get the Zoom links for classes. So I am including them again here.

[Family Schedules by Class](#)

Distance Learning Support

One clear take away for me is that Distance Learning takes a village. Please reach out to teachers and send your kids to office hours in the mornings or afternoons for help on homework, organization or getting caught up. Teachers want to help. Teachers want kids to succeed. We, at TCGIS, are here to help.

Office Hours for teachers Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Fri are: 7:30-8:15 and 2:30-3:30.
Wednesdays are 7:30-9.

Here is a list of [Teacher's Office Hours and their Zoom links](#).

Here are a few other key players in your kids education right now:

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Yours in the work,

Elizabeth

