

Spartan Monthly



Staff of the Month

November 2024

Teacher:

Mr. Kociba

8th Grade Science Teacher

We are thrilled to welcome Mr. Kociba to TSMS in his first year with us! His positivity and enthusiasm are truly infectious, and his can-do spirit lifts everyone around him. Whether he's coaching our cross-country team or stepping in to lend a helping hand, Mr. Kociba always goes the extra mile. The students are loving his class, and he has quickly become an irreplaceable part of our Spartan family! We're so lucky to have him on our team!

Support Staff:

Ms. Shook

Bookkeeper

Ms. Shook is an essential part of our Spartan family! When she's not busy crunching numbers, she's always stepping up to help in countless ways around the school. With her vast knowledge and willingness to do anything for anyone, she's a true asset to our community. Her dedication doesn't stop at the office—Ms. Shook is actively involved in athletic events and other student activities, showing her commitment to making TSMS a great place for everyone. We are so fortunate to have her on our team!

Students:

6th Grade: Skylar A.

7th Grade: Alessandra M.

8th Grade: Isaac T.

The November Students of the Month demonstrate Spartan PRIDE and are leaders on campus, with a strong focus on academic success.

Upcoming Events

Veterans Day Assembly: Nov 8

Great American Teach In: Nov 13

School Fall Dance: Nov 13

High School Planning Day: Nov 21

Canned Food Drive: Nov 1-22

Spirit Week: Nov 18-22

Faculty vs. Student VB game: Nov 22

Basketball Season

Our Spartan basketball season is underway!

November Home Games:



November 12th vs. Carwise

November 14th vs. Palm Harbor Middle

November 19th vs. Dunedin Middle

November 21st vs. Safety Harbor Middle

Tutoring & ELP

TSMS offers tutoring daily. If a student needs extra help in any class, they can see their teacher or school counselor to find out more information on when their subject meets! The ELP flyer is also attached.

High School Planning Day

Attention all 8th grade families! Students and parents are invited to an exclusive opportunity to explore area high school programs presented by both staff and students! Parents will have a dedicated session before school, while students participate during the school day.

AVID Career Speaker

Coach Kippen's AVID classes study a different career each month. October was Law Enforcement, so our very own Officer Locascio came to class to discuss her career and answer student questions.



Peanut's Pantry

In honor of the community service of her 95 year old grandmother, Ms. Hole has opened up "Peanut's Pantry" in her classroom. This pantry is to instill the lesson of common good with our children and ensure that no child goes hungry. If you'd like to donate, please send snacks in with your child or drop them in the front office with the label "Peanut's Pantry."



Spartan Cross Country

The TSMS Cross Country team ran their first race at Dunedin High on October 22nd. Great job, team!



Peer Mediation

The Tarpon Springs Peer Mediator Team met on 10/23 and participated in an activity to improve positive communication and understanding others' perspectives. The students are learning different strategies to help minimize peer-to-peer conflicts and promote a positive school climate!

Student Government Elections

The TSMS students participated in the political process by engaging in a school-wide election. Students who ran for office created campaign posters and made speeches to explain their platform.

8th Grade President: Jordyn B.

7th Grade President: Mila M.

8th Grade VP: Nina H.

7th Grade VP: Emma K.

Sergeant at Arms: Grady A.

Secretary: Harper L.

Treasurer: Sarah W.



Extracurricular Activities Highlights:

The Rock n' Roll club meets every Monday after school. Students in this club listen to rock music, design album covers, and discuss rock n' roll! If you're interested in joining, see Mr. Dury for a permission slip and ROCK ON!

TSMS is participating in the Scripps Spelling Bee! Students took a spelling test in their ELA class, and the top spellers are practicing for the school-wide bee. The winner of the school spelling bee will go on to compete in districts!

TSMS All-County Honor Choir

The All-County choir will perform at Ruth Eckerd Hall on November 19 at 7pm. You can purchase tickets using the QR code below.

Amelia B.	Savannah G.
Mia C.	Anthony G.
John C.	Jenari J.
Alexandra D.	Josuet M.
Melissa L.	Loki M.
Brittan P.	Cayla R.
Sydney S.	Bella S.
Shayna T.	Gwyneth V.
	Summer W.



Positive Behavior Intervention:

This initiative helps us host events, purchase items for our school store, and reward students for meeting school-wide expectations. Your donations will directly contribute to creating a positive and motivating environment for our students.

