

# SPARTAN MONTHLY

## OCTOBER 2024



### Staff of the Month

While PMI testing meant we couldn't fully celebrate our September winners at the time, we now have the perfect opportunity to shine a spotlight on their achievements this month!

#### Teacher: Ms. Medina

"Ms. Medina goes above and beyond to make our TSMS community a better place! Over the summer, she spent time beautifying our campus, working with students to paint a mural. Both in and out of the classroom, Ms. Medina provides her students with opportunities to get creative and express themselves."

#### Support Staff: Ms. Wilson

"Ms. Wilson makes amazing connections with our students at TSMS. She worked tirelessly during the first two weeks of school to make sure that all registered students were in attendance and had the resources they need! She is also sponsoring clubs & sports, making the school experience better for all of our Spartans!"

#### Students:

Keira O.- 8th Grade

Lucia G. - 7th grade

Chance T.- 6th grade

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

### Cultivating Excellence

#### A word from Mrs. Thomas:

The first round of FAST PMI data is in, and now the real work begins. Administration will use the data to develop plans to support both teachers and students. Teachers will use it to plan targeted instruction, while students will gain insight into their current standing and what they need to work on. Parents will be able to see how their child is progressing. Together, we will set goals focused on improving student learning. Most importantly, we will all work as a team to build a school community that supports our students' growth and success.

### Upcoming Events

- October 3/6:00pm: PTSA General Meeting
- October 14: Hurricane Make-up Day- School in session!
- October 17: PSAT for 8th graders
- October 21/4:45pm: Home VB game vs. Carwise
- October 23/6:30pm: Beginning Band Concert @ TSHS

### AVID School-wide

#### COLLEGE WEAR WEDNESDAY

Every Wednesday, students and staff are invited to wear college shirts to celebrate post-secondary planning and inspire college awareness! Let's show our school spirit!

### Out of Field Assignments

Our outstanding teachers are dedicated to the highest level of student achievement, but sometimes it becomes necessary to assign a teacher a subject for which he/she is not certified. Teachers assigned out-of-field are carefully chosen, given additional district support, and are expected to work toward certification in a timely manner.

Mr. Wood- ESOL Endorsement  
Mr. Haasch- Gifted Endorsement  
Mr. Weis- ESOL Endorsement



## Spartan PRIDE

### National Junior Honor Society

Our 2024-25 National Junior Honor Society members recently held an exciting election for their officers! Each nominee delivered a speech outlining their vision for the five pillars: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Character, and Citizenship. It was a fantastic demonstration of commitment and teamwork!



### AVID Focused Notes in Action!

Coach Kippen's AVID classes are learning to take focused notes to support their learning in all classes!



### Crate Explorations Escape Room

Students in Ms. Janosek's class explored cells by solving puzzles in an escape room! Here are some of the winners.



## Extracurricular Opportunities

**Girlfriends Club:** Attention lady Spartans! If you're looking for an opportunity to build confidence and get involved in your community, join Girlfriends Club! The club meets on Tuesdays in room 5-214 from 4:15pm-5:00.

**Greek Language Club:** Want to learn Greek? Join the Greek club to learn simple vocabulary, Greek games, music, and food tasting. The club meets on Wednesday morning from 8:00am-8:50 in room 4-218.

**SAVE Club:** SAVE Club sponsored our first spirit week, "Start with Hello Week" to encourage students to branch out, spread kindness, and support one another. Great work!



## Spartan Athletics



Spartan pride was truly on display during open house in September as our cheerleaders brought the house down!

## Let's connect!

### TSMS Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/tarponmiddle](https://www.facebook.com/tarponmiddle)

### TSMS Website:

<https://www.pcsb.org/tarpon-ms>