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TEMS is proud of its co-curricular activities. Students will have many opportunities to meet people and participate in a wide variety of activities including sports, music, Entertainers, Student Government, outdoor education, computers, yearbook, ski & snowboard club, TE TV, and many others. We believe that every student should have the opportunity to participate in the total school program which includes co-curricular activities. Participation in co-curricular activities is a privilege. A student must accept responsibility for his/her own actions and meet the academic guidelines for participation.

Students should watch and listen to the morning announcements for information about the clubs, activities and sports at TE. An activities bulletin which describes after school opportunities can be found in the main office.



Extra Curricular and Co-Curricular Activities

Extra Curricular Activities (These activities require either a tryout or an audition)	Co-Curricular Activities (These activities require a nomination and/or sign up)
Chamber Orchestra	Ambassador Club
Entertainers	Leo Club
Festival Jazz	Library Assistants
Interscholastic Sports	Magic Club
Main Event	Math Counts
Peer Mediation	Mentoring
Science Olympiad	Outdoor Ed.
Student Government	Ski/Snowboard Club
TE Singers	Intramurals
TE TV News	Students Tech Team
Wrestling	Yearbook
	Jazz Band

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

At the beginning of a new school year, all students are eligible to tryout or audition for any extra curricular activity. Beginning after trimester one, students must possess a minimum GPA of 2.0, in addition to passing grades (no F's in any subject areas), in the trimester prior to the tryout to be eligible for tryouts or auditions. Failure to maintain a 2.0 GPA during the course of the season or activity will result in the following interventions:

1. A two week probation period will be implemented in which the student will be disqualified from any practices, games, rehearsals, etc. related to their activity.
2. An academic hearing will be scheduled by the student's guidance counselor. Members of the review board may include; the student, a parent, a team teacher and/or encore teacher, guidance counselor, the activity supervisor, and an administrator.
3. After the two week probation, the review board will determine whether or not the student qualifies to resume participation based on progress toward targeted academic goals and positive work habits.
4. Lack of progress toward the established goals will result in dismissal from the activity.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT FOR STUDENT ATHLETES

The Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) and the South Windsor Board of Education require a physical examination each year for students participating in our interscholastic sports program. Students may not attend try-outs or practice until they have completed and signed the sports participation agreement forms which include evidence of a physical examination and/or a physician's statement signed by the doctor.

Chamber Orchestra

Contact – Mrs. Fausel

The Timothy Edwards Chamber Orchestra is an auditioned ensemble for orchestra students in grades six through eight. The group rehearses once a week on Tuesday evenings. This award-winning ensemble will perform at a concert called TE Unplugged. Auditions for this ensemble will occur in September. The audition music will be the same music that should be prepared for the Eastern Region auditions, so only one piece of music will be needed to be eligible for two separate auditions.

Entertainers

Contact Mr. Connolly

TE Entertainers puts on a musical production each spring. Approximately 150 students and staff members participate in Entertainers. In addition to acting and singing, students learn about set design and construction, sound and lighting and all facets of producing a musical. Auditions take place in early December and rehearsals run throughout the winter culminating in an early spring production. Students not wishing to perform on stage may be involved with the production behind the scenes as stagehands and crewmembers. **All** students in grades six through eight are accepted into the program providing they go through the audition process, attend rehearsals and keep up with their schoolwork.

Festival Jazz Band

Contact Mr. Savage

The Festival Jazz Band is an elite, audition-only group open to any instrumental performance student in grades six through eight. The group meets Monday mornings before school from 7:00 – 7:45 a.m. This group represents TE at community events and music festivals throughout the school year. This group has received numerous prestigious awards at adjudications.

Jazz Band

Contact Mr. Savage (grade 7) Mr. Marci (grades 6 & 8)

The Jazz Band is an advanced group comprised of wind, brass and rhythm section instruments. Swing, pop, rock and ballads are all offered as performing pieces in this unique band. The band is open to all students in grades six through eight and does not require an audition. Members meet once a week before school from 7:00 – 7:45 a.m.

Leo Club

Contact Ms. Gasparino and Ms. Simcic

The Leo Club is affiliated with the Lions Club of South Windsor. The Leo Club is a community service organization that provides the opportunity for social interactions and outings for members. Students choose fund raising activities (such as car washes and dances) and donate funds raised to charities of their choice. The Leo Club is open to all interested students in grades six through eight.

Library Advisory

Contact Mrs. Longo

The Library Advisory is a group that offers assistance in the Library Media Center. Members of the advisory may assist with everything from clerical tasks to creation of library displays. Members are all volunteers and the advisory is open to all students in grades six through eight.

M.A.G.I.C. Club

Contact Mr. Bean

The M.A.G.I.C. Club (Making America Great Involves Commitment) provides community service opportunities for students and stresses the importance of volunteerism. The club aims to mesh the social studies curriculum with service learning and foster an awareness of the importance of civic duty and community. It is open to all students in grades six through eight.

MATHCOUNTS

Contact Mr. Denker

MATHCOUNTS is a co-curricular math competition program. This program is endorsed by the Connecticut Society of Engineers with the purpose of challenging students with difficult word problems in an academic atmosphere and at the same time make it fun. Interested students meet and share their problem solving methods once a week from the end of October through March. The top scoring students in an "In-School" competition at TE are selected for regional competition. This challenging academic club is open to all students in grades six through eight.

Mentoring Program

Contact Mrs. Wrenn

The Mentoring Program is designed to provide students with an adult role model to speak with, share their concerns or simply talk about items of interest. Mentors are recruited from the community, screened and trained prior to being matched with a mentee. Activities include eating lunch on a regular basis with a mentor to planned outings and group activities. Students are recommended to participate in the program by teachers, counselors, administrators and parents. Students can also request to be paired with a mentor. The Mentoring Program is open to students in grades six through eight.

Outdoor Education Club

Contact Ms. Breene or Mr. Wilkinson

The Outdoor Education Club provides a wide variety of beginning and intermediate outdoor-educational experiences for students at TE. The club meets and plans activities throughout the school year. Most of these activities and adventures take place on weekends due to time constraints. In the past, trips have included excursions to Block Island, hiking on Connecticut trails, and cross country skiing. Every attempt is made to keep cost at a minimum and a fundraising dance is held to help defray expenses. The Outdoor Club is open to all students in grades six through eight.

Peer Mediation Program

Contact Mrs. Gerich

This leadership program is based on a team of students trained in mediating conflict among their peers. Peer Mediation is a service offered to all students at TE. It provides a safe neutral place to work out a conflict with another student preventing the escalation of a

problem. The student mediator's role is to guide disputants in exploring the conflict and help them reach a mutually beneficial solution. Each peer mediator receives approximately 12 hours of training in conflict resolution in both the fall and spring. The Peer Mediation Program is open to all students in grades six through eight.

Science Olympiad

Contact Mr. Anderson, Mr. Arntsen, Ms. Breene, Mrs. Chestone, Mr. Goric, Mr. Guida, Mrs. McCulloch and Mrs. Stamper

Science Olympiad is a co-curricular national science competition open to all students in grades six through eight. Interested students meet once a week in the morning at 6:45 a.m. and with their coaches for specific events at mutually agreed upon times. Students work on a team to address topics identified by the National Science Olympiad. The teams then compete at the State level. Last year TEMS placed first at the State level earning the team a trip to the National competition in Champaign, Illinois. All interested students with a B average or better are encouraged to apply for a spot on this challenging and exciting team.

Ski and Snowboard Club

Contact Mrs. Baker

The Ski and Snowboard Club is designed to introduce students to an individual lifetime sport. Day trips to Vermont and Massachusetts, Wednesday night skiing at Mt. Southington and a weekend trip to Sunday River highlight the schedule. The Ski and Snowboard Club is open to all students in grades sixth through eighth.

Sports Interscholastic (grades 6 - 8)

Contact Mr. Edwards – Activities Coordinator

Timothy Edwards has an extensive and successful Interscholastic Sports Program with dedicated student athletes and coaches. Games and meets are held against other area middle schools with both "home" and "away" competitions. Transportation is provided to away meets and games. The goal of the Interscholastic Sports Program is to provide playing experience, skill development, foster teamwork and promote competitive spirit. Most teams practice daily after school during the season. In all cases the sports are open to any interested TE student. Some teams require tryouts with a limited number of positions open. Students must have a completed sports form with a doctor's note and sports participation fee turned in prior to the first day of practice/tryouts. The TE Interscholastic Athletic Teams are listed below by season along with their respective coaches.

Sports

Fall

Cross Country	(Boys)	<i>Contact</i> Mr. Denker
	(Girls)	Mrs. Nelson
Soccer	(Boys)	Mr. Chandler
	(Girls)	Ms. Gasparino
Field Hockey	(Girls)	Mrs. Custer & Mrs. Hall

Winter

Basketball	(Boys)	<i>Contact</i> Mr. Edwards
Basketball	(Girls)	Mr. Chandler
Cheerleading	(Girls)	TBD

Spring

Track and Field (Girls)
(Boys)

Contact

Mrs. St. Arnauld & Mrs. Velasquez
Mrs. Nelson & Ms. Simcic

Softball

(Girls)

Contact

Miss Gasparino

Sport Intramural**Contact Mr. Edwards – Activities Coordinator**

The TE after school intramural program offers students an opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities. Students learn new skills, practice game strategies, meet new friends and have fun. Some of the intramural offerings are listed below, but the program is not limited to these activities. Rather, intramural athletics are geared towards student interest and the availability of proper supervision. Intramural activities are held on late bus days from 2:40 until 4:10 and are open to all interested students in grades six through eight unless otherwise noted.

Fall

Basketball	(Boys and Girls Gr. 6)	Mr. Swierczynski
	(Boys and Girls Gr. 7)	Mr. Swierczynski
	(Boys and Girls Gr. 8)	Mr. Edwards
Homerun Derby	(Boys and Girls)	Mr. Swierczynski
Flag Football	(Boys and Girls Gr. 8)	PE Staff

Contact**Winter**

Volleyball	(Boys and Girls, all grades)	PE Staff
Wrestling	(Boys and Girls, all grades)	Mr. Gaucher

Contact**Spring***

Tennis	(Boys and Girls, all grades)	Mrs. Baker
Golf	(Boys and Girls, all grades)	Mrs. Hall

Contact

*Please note that intramural offerings are subject to change from year to year, based on student interest, staff availability and weather.

Star Spangled Singers**Contact Mr. Savage**

The Star Spangled Singers is an auditioned group of students who perform the national anthem at all Timothy Edwards girls and boys home basketball games, school events and community events. Auditions will occur in December.

Student Government**Contact Mr. Barresi, Mrs. Brezel and Mrs. Bassilakis**

Student Government is an active and vital part of the TEMS community. Students are elected by their academic teammates and represent their teams in a variety of ways. The focus of Student Government is to promote school spirit and a sense of community as well as to provide public service to our town, state, country and world. Some popular activities include the sixth grade social, school spirit week, sports half time shows and the Spring Fling. Numerous fundraisers have included an annual food drive and the holiday candy gram sale. Proceeds are donated to a charity chosen by TE students. Visits to local soup kitchens and nursing homes are other important experiences. All activities are planned and run by Student Government representatives to foster leadership skills. Meetings are held on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 7:15 to 7:55 for the Executive Board and

General Body respectively. Student Government is open to all interested students through the election process in grades six through eight.

Student Tech Team

Contact Mrs. Drury

Student Tech Team members help to maintain the computer labs, set up hardware/software and serve as technology resources for teachers and other students. Students are recommended by their team teachers in the fall. It is helpful for students who wish to participate to have a study hall, but if they do not they can still join the Tech Team and attend after school meetings. Most students remain with the program throughout their TE years.

TE Singers

Contact Ms. Rux

The TE Singer's is an auditioned vocal ensemble selected from the sixth, seventh, and eighth grade. Students in TE Singers will be exposed to a wide variety of music, including classical vocal repertoire and pops music. The TE Singers rehearse on Friday mornings and Tuesday afternoons (as needed) throughout the school year and dedicated rehearsal attendance is mandatory for continued membership in the ensemble. TE Singers will be performing holiday concerts in December, The Main Event, TE Unplugged, and at the Great East Music Festival where they will be adjudicated. All TE students who are in a performing ensemble are encouraged to audition for TE Singers in September of the school year. Criteria for membership in the ensemble includes demonstration of a good voice and musical ability, a willingness to work hard, commitment and continued academic achievement.

T.E. TV News Team

Contact Mr. Potter

Members of the TE TV News Team learn about the intricacies of broadcast journalism including videography, editing, news reporting, audio and computing. Students have an opportunity to take part in the exciting field of television. Team members participate in producing the TE TV news show broadcast throughout the school each morning. Experience and skill are not required for membership. The news team produces a daily news show, which is viewed by the entire school. Every member of the team must be punctual, responsible, eager to learn new concepts, and have the ability to work well with others. A full school year commitment is also required. TE TV News is open to interested students in grades six through eight.

T.E.A.M. (Timothy Edwards After-School Matinee)

Contact Mrs. Blezard

T.E.A.M. is an after school program offered to students after February vacation. Students may select a six to eight week course of their choice and participate for a nominal fee. The activities are generally of a high interest level and are taught by trained instructors. T.E.A.M. is open to students in grades six through eight.

Yearbook

Contact Mr. Canova

Each year a hard cover yearbook is published for all students to purchase. TE students who apply to be members of the yearbook staff are involved in all aspects of book production. This includes photo selection and placement as well as book sales and distribution. Open to students in grades 6-8 who are accepted through an application process.