

CHESTNUT TAG

Parent Newsletter

Oct 2018

Principal's Message

Hello, TAG Families.

You can make a huge difference in your child's academic success this year by doing these two things:

- 1) Make sure you child has 1 1/2 to 2 hours of focused time at home to complete homework Monday-Thursday nights.
- 2) Support your child through the new parent support tips in this, and every TAG newsletter.
- 3) All students chose a high interest personal reading book that they can read if they have less homework on a given night, or on the weekends. Please encourage them to read their book and discuss it with you.

Also, this year we are seeking to improve our communication with you and we hope our efforts are reaching you and meeting your needs. One way is through Principal and emergency text messages that you can opt into by texting the text message @tagfamily to the phone number 81010. If you haven't, I hope you will opt into my messages that let you know when progress reports or report cards are going home with students as well as other important messages. We also have this monthly newsletter and calendar to keep you informed of upcoming events.

I look forward to seeing you at our next school event.

Sincerely,

Principal O'Connor

Hola familias de TAG.

Puede hacer una gran diferencia en el éxito académico de su hijo haciendo estas dos cosas:

- 1) Asegúrese de que su hijo tenga 1 1/2 a 2 horas de tiempo concentrado en casa para completar las tareas de lunes a jueves por la noche.
- 2) Apoye a su hijo a través de los nuevos consejos de apoyo para padres en este y en cada boletín de TAG.
- 3) Todos los estudiantes eligieron un libro de lectura personal de alto interés que pueden leer si tienen menos tarea en una noche determinada o en los fines de semana. Anímelos a que lean su libro y lo discutan con usted.

Además, este año buscamos mejorar nuestra comunicación con usted y esperamos que nuestros esfuerzos lo alcancen y satisfagan sus necesidades. Una forma es a través de los mensajes de texto de emergencia y de la principal, a los que puede optar enviando el mensaje de texto @tagfamily al número de teléfono 81010. Si no lo ha hecho, espero que opte por mis mensajes que le informen cuando el reporte de progreso o las notas van a casa con los estudiantes, así como otros mensajes importantes. También tenemos este boletín y calendario mensual para mantenerlos informados sobre los próximos eventos.

Espero verlos en nuestro próximo evento escolar.

Sinceramente,

Principal O'Connor



Jackie Adam-Taylor

Shanique Brown

Jahaira Gonzalez-Florez

Welcome New Staff

We are pleased to welcome three new members to the TAG family (see above)!

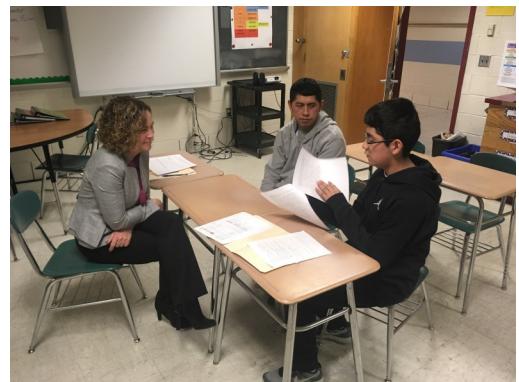
Jackie Adam-Taylor will be joining our Administrative team as an Assistant Principal. She will take on teacher coaching as well as student needs.

Shanique Brown will be joining our Student Support team. She will be supporting students from academic support to social/emotional support.

Jahaira Gonzalez-Florez will be joining our Family Engagement team. She will help support student and parent needs in and out of the classroom.

Student-Led Family Conference

In November and December we will be hosting our Fall Student-Led Family Conferences. Student-Led Family Conferences give the student the opportunity to lead their conference and speak about their strengths and struggles. Please find the parent letter attached with more in-



A Student-Led Family Conference in action

Student Spotlight

students were selected by the Math team for exhibiting TAG PREPP traits

8th Grade: Bella M. has grown incredibly in Math. She takes responsibility and stays focused, always going the extra mile to improve her math skills



7th Grade: Jannely V. gives 100% of her efforts. She consistently participates in Math and is always ready to take on new information.



6th Grade: Ny'Jaela J. exhibits all PREPP traits. She perseveres through the challenges while maintaining a positive attitude!



Upcoming Events

Oct. 24-8th Grade Hiking Trip

Oct 31-Treat & Meet

Nov 6-No School (Teacher PD)

Nov 9-Early Release @ 1pm

Nov 12-No School (Veteran's Day)

Nov 13-Math Connections Night

Nov 27-Fall Student-Led Family Conference round 1

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Sidebar Story Headline

Sidebars complement a main article. Use them when you want to keep your main articles direct and information packed, but you still want to share extra or supplementary content.

For example, if your main story is about your new building plans, consider using the sidebar to talk about the history of the land plot, or to tell a story of your first encounter with the property.

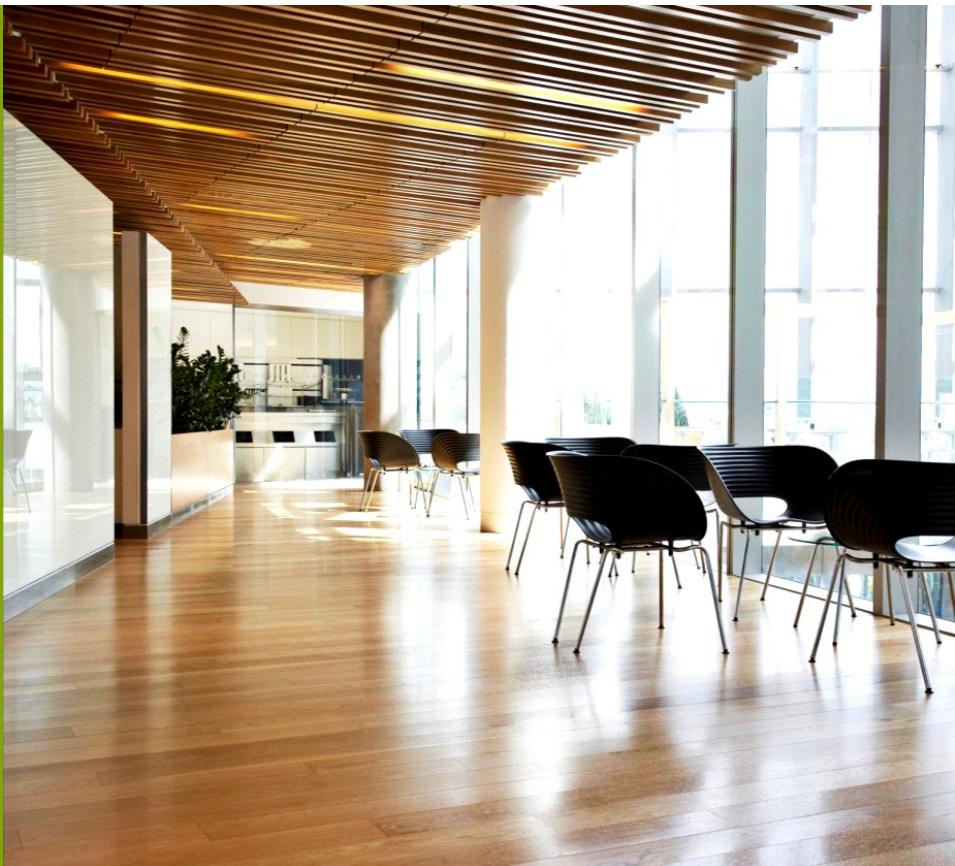


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Another Story Headline

Your headline is an important part of the newsletter and should be considered carefully.

In a few words, it should accurately represent the contents of the story and draw readers into the story. Develop the headline before you write the story. This way, the headline will help you keep the story focused. Examples of possible headlines include *Selling Your Home* and *New Office Opens Near You*.

If you have to break a headline into two rows, try to find a natural break in the content. Each line should stand alone so that your readers can easily understand what is in the story even while skimming.

Newspaper editors consider headline writing like poetry. How can you get the reader's attention and draw them into the story in only a few words?

Meanwhile, you don't want to give too much away, or the reader doesn't even have to read the story to understand the content.

Back Cover Story Headline

Use paragraphs often. A wall of white text makes it hard for the reader to skim a story and find a way to quickly drop in and out of your content. White space gives the user an opening into your information. Don't be afraid to leave spaces open.

You might also designate a consistent spot on the page for lighter, or more editorial content. That way the reader always knows where to look for a certain type of content.

Most successful publications include a mix of content types to satisfy a wide range of tastes. Consider putting your most serious content on the front page, and your lighter content inside.

It's called a story for a reason

Integrate frequent headlines to announce different sections of your story. Consider writing your content in a personal tone, in the same way you might talk to someone sitting across from you at a restaurant.

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