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Hello, Middle School!

Welcome to the 2026/2027 school year at Tessie!

Consider 'the Compass' your guide to switching gears from summer to school by helping you get back into the swing of things ahead of our Orientation session next week! We can't wait to see you all!



MS Team

MS Leadership Team







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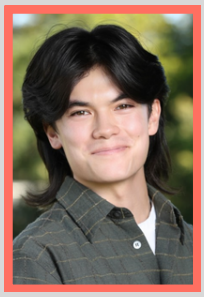
Join me in welcoming back our wonderful Faculty for the 26/27 school year at Tessie!

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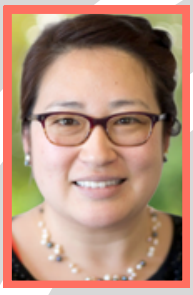
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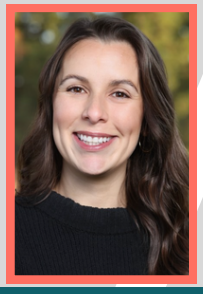
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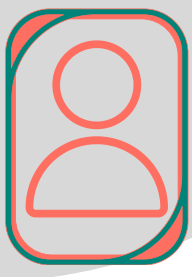





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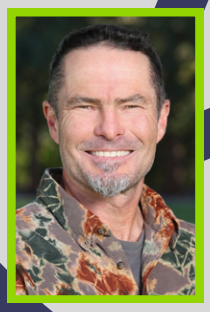


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Sophia Fox



Olivia Vandien

Ben Morgensen

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School Day reminders

- **Students arrive** between **8:15am-8:30am**
- **Classes start** with Advisory at **8:30am sharp!**
- **Dismissal** is at 3:30pm on **Monday to Thursday**
- **Dismissal** is at 3:00pm on **Friday.**

Equipment List



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Early Expectations...

- Uphold our Tessie Values
- Be punctual at the start of the day as well as to lessons
- Arrive '*ready with 3*' for lessons: Laptop, Planner, Pencilcase (composition books & folders will be mostly in classrooms) minimum expectation
- Keep your locker well-organised! Your Advisor will be working on this with you!
- Your Advisors will **guide you** through our expectations as we go, to make sure we are all contributing to our school community!



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Campus

Every year there are enhancements and tweaks to the campus to create a cohesive flow and intentional learning environment for you. This year the school has shuffled down the campus as we welcome a third section of TK to the Discovery Village at the youngest end of the school!

In Middle School, each grade will be custodians of their own courtyard, with their Advisory rooms opening onto their courtyards. We will be working with you to explore how best to use these spaces, maybe for break-out and reflection or outdoor classrooms. You will be the Custodians of your courtyard.

This year, we will connect frequently with our Grade 5 friends and welcome them to the Grade 6 Courtyard (5th/6th courtyard). Again, we will work together to finalise what this looks like when we are all back together.

A huge thank you to the Operations Team, Caroline, Hugo, Troy and Thomas who have make possible the enhancements you will see!



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Schedule

We can't wait to see you next week and wanted to give you a quick overview of the way the beginning of the year will roll out:-

first few weeks

The first 3 days: 12th - 14th August

The first 3 says is all about 'Connection, Community & Integrity' as we launch our year-wide focus with a collapsed schedule in our Grade bands.

What's new this year?	Why and How?
Recess and break are realigned with the Primary School	Feedback from our Middle School students to maintain connection and community

PRIMARY SCHEDULE			
Time	**Mon - Thur**	**Time**	**F**
8:15-8:30	Morning Circle	8:15-8:30	Morning Circle
8:30-9:30	Math	8:30-9:30	Math
9:30-9:45	Snack	9:30-9:45	Snack
9:45-10:15	Literacy	9:45-10:15	Literacy
10:15-10:45	Recess	10:15-10:45	Recess
10:45-12:15	Morning Block	10:45-11:30	Morning Block
12:15-1:00	Lunch	11:30-12:05	Tessie Gathering
1:00-3:00	Afternoon Block	12:05-12:15	Pack-up/CC
3:00 - 3:15	Closing Circle	12:15-12:30	Dismissal
3:15 - 3:30	Dismissal	1:30-3:00	PD
3:30 - 4:00	Meetings/Prep Wed: Staff Meeting		

SECONDARY SCHEDULE			
Time	**Mon - Thur**	**Time**	**F**
8:30 - 8:40	Advisory	8:30 - 8:40	Advisory
8:45 - 9:25	Lesson 1	8:45 - 9:25	MS Tessie Gathering
9:30-10:15	Lesson 2	9:30-10:15	Lesson 2
10:15 - 10:45	Recess	10:15 - 10:45	Recess
10:45 - 11:25	Lesson 3	10:45 - 11:25	Lesson 3
11:30 - 12:15	Lesson 4	11:30 - 12:15	Lesson 4*
12:15-1:00	Lunch	12:15-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:55	Lesson 5	1:00-3:00	Mind & Body
2:00-2:55	Lesson 6	3:00 -3:15	Dismissal
3:00-3:30	Office Hours		
3:30 - 3:45	Dismissal		*Regular whole school Tessie Gatherings will take place in the MPR during Lesson 4. Lesson 4 will take place at 8:45 on those days.
3:30 - 4:00	Meetings/Prep Wed: Staff Meeting		

The schedule will begin on **Monday 24th August**.

You will be given your Advisory grouping and schedule at Orientation on **Tuesday 18th August** when you work with your Advisors.

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What's new this year?	Who does this affect?	Why and How?
Recess and break are realigned with the Primary School *(30 minutes & 45 minutes)*	Grades 6-8	Feedback from our Middle School students to maintain connection and community.
Art theory and skills each week	Grades 6-8	Feedback from the Middle School students & foundational readiness for HS year.
X2 PE per week	Grade 6 & 7	Feedback from our Middle School students.
Speech & Debate each week	Grade 6 & 7	Building skills for overall Middle School confidence, public speaking and all aspects of human development at this stage.
Electives (One Elective & one Mind & Body Elective)	Grades 6-8	Following feedback from students and Families, the Elective offering has been simplified to go deeper. It is now x3 per week for 3 hours total!

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What's new this year?	Who does this affect?	Why and How?
Mastery Elective	Grade 8	This was successfully piloted in the Tessie High School to promote design thinking principles in pursuit of a personalised capstone project. If this interests you, it is also a great thing to speak to in your HS application process!
Office Hours	Grades 6-8	We have added Office hours to promote agency and connection with teachers. This is a 30 minute slot at the end of the day where students can request time with their teachers or teachers can request time with students to guide and support. This process will be shared with you in Advisory ahead of Monday 24th August. *For our students who have extra-curricular commitments after school (sports etc), your family can request an opt-out on specific days.*
Flex	Grades 6-8	All students will have at least one Flex session on their schedule. This is a flexible time for you to work on homework, dive deeper into a theory you are learning or pursue individual areas of learning. These sessions will be guided by a dedicated teacher who will set you up for success by supporting you with organisation methods, planning your time, documenting and meeting deadlines.
Tessie Gathering	Grades 6-8	Middle School Tessie Gathering will take place on Fridays at 8:45am. This is intentionally placed so that we can have extended time in Advisory groupings to use flexibly and appropriately as we move through the year. Whole school Tessie Gatherings will take place monthly on Fridays in the 11:30 am slot. On these occasions, your scheduled lesson 4 will take place during lesson 1. All Whole school Tessie Gathering dates will be shared with you by Advisors.

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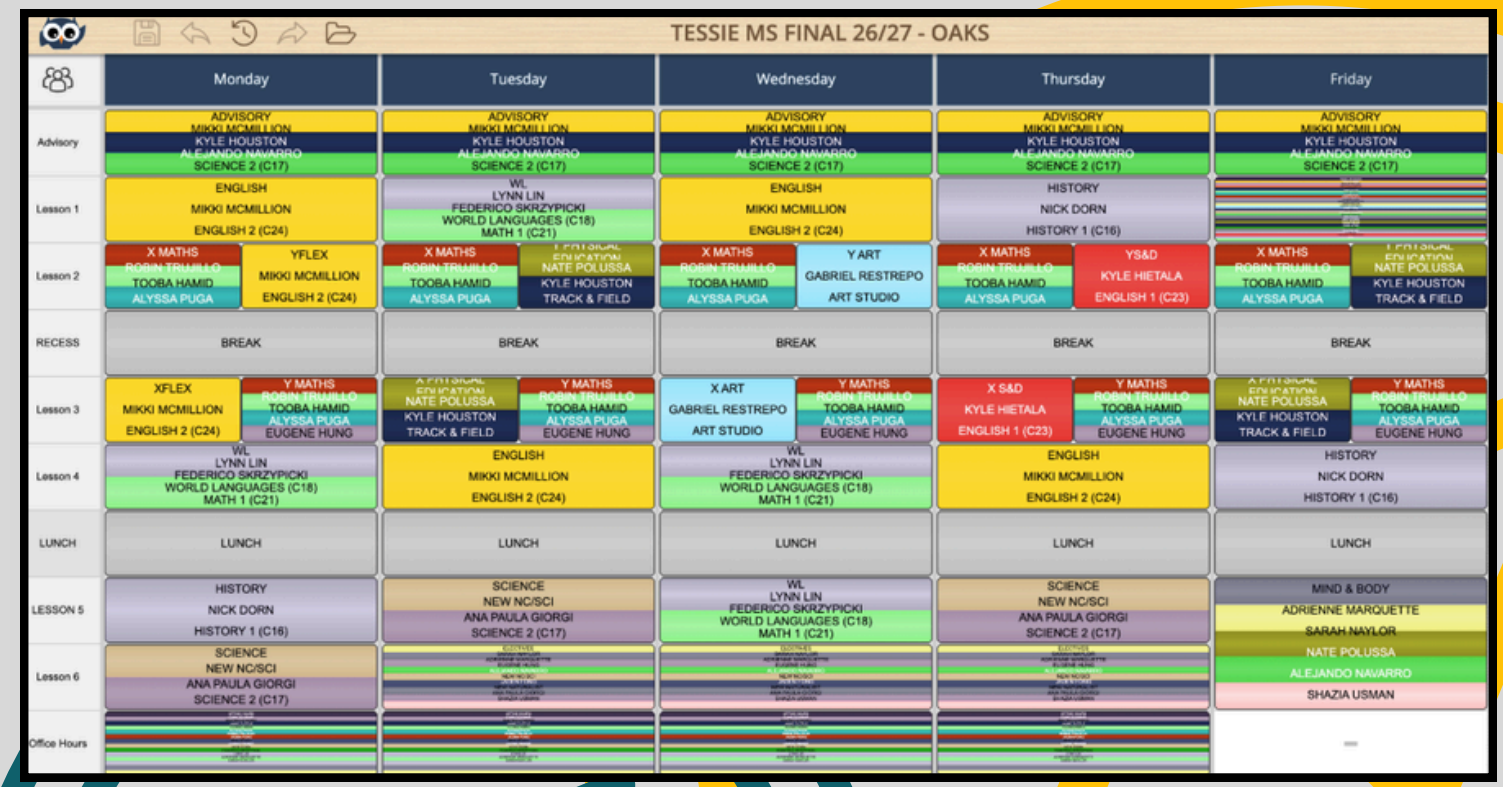
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Sample Schedules

You will be given your own schedule **at Orientation**. This will be when you will find out your advisory group allocation!

Here are some *sample schedules* so that you can visualise the flow of the day. Please know there may still be changes to the samples!

Grade 6



TESSIE MS FINAL 26/27 - OAKS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Advisory	ADVISORY MIKKI MCMILLION KYLE HOUSTON ALEJANDO NAVARRO SCIENCE 2 (C17)	ADVISORY MIKKI MCMILLION KYLE HOUSTON ALEJANDO NAVARRO SCIENCE 2 (C17)	ADVISORY MIKKI MCMILLION KYLE HOUSTON ALEJANDO NAVARRO SCIENCE 2 (C17)	ADVISORY MIKKI MCMILLION KYLE HOUSTON ALEJANDO NAVARRO SCIENCE 2 (C17)	ADVISORY MIKKI MCMILLION KYLE HOUSTON ALEJANDO NAVARRO SCIENCE 2 (C17)
Lesson 1	ENGLISH MIKKI MCMILLION ENGLISH 2 (C24)	WL LYNN LIN FEDERICO SKRZYPICKI WORLD LANGUAGES (C18) MATH 1 (C21)	ENGLISH MIKKI MCMILLION ENGLISH 2 (C24)	HISTORY NICK DORN HISTORY 1 (C16)	
Lesson 2	X MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA YFLEX MIKKI MCMILLION ENGLISH 2 (C24)	X MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA F. EDUCATION NATE POLUSSA KYLE HOUSTON TRACK & FIELD	X MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA Y ART GABRIEL RESTREPO ART STUDIO	X MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA YS&D KYLE HIETALA ENGLISH 1 (C23)	X MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA F. EDUCATION NATE POLUSSA KYLE HOUSTON TRACK & FIELD
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Lesson 3	XFLEX MIKKI MCMILLION ENGLISH 2 (C24) Y MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA EUGENE HUNG	F. EDUCATION NATE POLUSSA KYLE HOUSTON TRACK & FIELD Y MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA EUGENE HUNG	X ART GABRIEL RESTREPO ART STUDIO Y MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA EUGENE HUNG	X S&D KYLE HIETALA ENGLISH 1 (C23) Y MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA EUGENE HUNG	F. EDUCATION NATE POLUSSA KYLE HOUSTON TRACK & FIELD Y MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA EUGENE HUNG
Lesson 4	WL LYNN LIN FEDERICO SKRZYPICKI WORLD LANGUAGES (C18) MATH 1 (C21)	ENGLISH MIKKI MCMILLION ENGLISH 2 (C24)	WL LYNN LIN FEDERICO SKRZYPICKI WORLD LANGUAGES (C18) MATH 1 (C21)	ENGLISH MIKKI MCMILLION ENGLISH 2 (C24)	HISTORY NICK DORN HISTORY 1 (C16)
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
LESSON 5	HISTORY NICK DORN HISTORY 1 (C16)	SCIENCE NEW NC/SCI ANA PAULA GIORGI SCIENCE 2 (C17)	WL LYNN LIN FEDERICO SKRZYPICKI WORLD LANGUAGES (C18) MATH 1 (C21)	SCIENCE NEW NC/SCI ANA PAULA GIORGI SCIENCE 2 (C17)	MIND & BODY ADRIENNE MARQUETTE SARAH NAYLOR NATE POLUSSA ALEJANDO NAVARRO SHAZIA USMAN
Lesson 6	SCIENCE NEW NC/SCI ANA PAULA GIORGI SCIENCE 2 (C17)				
Office Hours					

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Grade 7

TESSIE MS FINAL 26/27 - 7 JACARANDAS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Advisory	ADVISORY ROBIN TRUJILLO FEDERICO SKRZYPICKI NEST (C20)	ADVISORY ROBIN TRUJILLO FEDERICO SKRZYPICKI NEST (C20)	ADVISORY ROBIN TRUJILLO FEDERICO SKRZYPICKI NEST (C20)	ADVISORY ROBIN TRUJILLO FEDERICO SKRZYPICKI NEST (C20)	ADVISORY ROBIN TRUJILLO FEDERICO SKRZYPICKI NEST (C20)
Lesson 1	HISTORY NICK DORN HISTORY 1 (C16)	SCIENCE AARON TINKER SCIENCE 1 (C19)	WL LYNN LIN FEDERICO SKRZYPICKI WORLD LANGUAGES (C18) MATH 1 (C21)	SCIENCE AARON TINKER ROBIN TRUJILLO SCIENCE 1 (C19)	
Lesson 2	X MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA YFLEX MIKKI MCMILLION ENGLISH 2 (C24)	X MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA PHYSICAL EDUCATION NATE POLUSSA KYLE HOUSTON TRACK & FIELD	X MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA Y ART GABRIEL RESTREPO ART STUDIO	X MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA YS&D KYLE HIETALA ENGLISH 1 (C23)	X MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA PHYSICAL EDUCATION NATE POLUSSA KYLE HOUSTON TRACK & FIELD
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Lesson 3	XFLEX MIKKI MCMILLION ENGLISH 2 (C24) Y MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA EUGENE HUNG	PHYSICAL EDUCATION NATE POLUSSA KYLE HOUSTON TRACK & FIELD Y MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA EUGENE HUNG	X ART GABRIEL RESTREPO ART STUDIO Y MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA EUGENE HUNG	X S&D KYLE HIETALA ENGLISH 1 (C23) Y MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA EUGENE HUNG	PHYSICAL EDUCATION NATE POLUSSA KYLE HOUSTON TRACK & FIELD Y MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA EUGENE HUNG
Lesson 4	SCIENCE AARON TINKER SCIENCE 1 (C19)	WL LYNN LIN FEDERICO SKRZYPICKI WORLD LANGUAGES (C18) MATH 1 (C21)	HISTORY NICK DORN HISTORY 1 (C16)	HISTORY NICK DORN HISTORY 1 (C16)	ENGLISH JADEN FONG INSPIRATION RM (C15)
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
LESSON 5	SCIENCE AARON TINKER SCIENCE 1 (C19)	HISTORY NICK DORN HISTORY 1 (C16)	ENGLISH JADEN FONG INSPIRATION RM (C15)	ENGLISH JADEN FONG INSPIRATION RM (C15)	MIND & BODY ADRIENNE MARQUETTE SARAH NAYLOR NATE POLUSSA ALEJANDO NAVARRO SHAZIA USMAN
Lesson 6	WL LYNN LIN FEDERICO SKRZYPICKI WORLD LANGUAGES (C18) MATH 1 (C21)				
Office Hours					—

TESSIE MS FINAL 26/27 - 7 JUNIPERS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Advisory	ADVISORY LYNN LIN AARON TINKER HISTORY 1 (C16)	ADVISORY LYNN LIN AARON TINKER HISTORY 1 (C16)	ADVISORY LYNN LIN AARON TINKER HISTORY 1 (C16)	ADVISORY LYNN LIN AARON TINKER HISTORY 1 (C16)	ADVISORY LYNN LIN AARON TINKER HISTORY 1 (C16)
Lesson 1	HISTORY NICK DORN HISTORY 1 (C16)	SCIENCE AARON TINKER SCIENCE 1 (C19)	WL LYNN LIN FEDERICO SKRZYPICKI WORLD LANGUAGES (C18) MATH 1 (C21)	SCIENCE AARON TINKER ROBIN TRUJILLO SCIENCE 1 (C19)	
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Lesson 6	WL LYNN LIN FEDERICO SKRZYPICKI WORLD LANGUAGES (C18) MATH 1 (C21)				
Office Hours					—

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Sample Schedules

Grade 8

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Advisory	ADVISORY EVAN SCHNAIR ANA PAULA GIORGI ENGLISH 1 (C23)	ADVISORY EVAN SCHNAIR ANA PAULA GIORGI ENGLISH 1 (C23)	ADVISORY EVAN SCHNAIR ANA PAULA GIORGI ENGLISH 1 (C23)	ADVISORY EVAN SCHNAIR ANA PAULA GIORGI ENGLISH 1 (C23)	ADVISORY EVAN SCHNAIR ANA PAULA GIORGI ENGLISH 1 (C23)
Lesson 1	X PHYSICAL EDUCATION NATE POLUSSA KYLE HOUSTON TRACK & FIELD	HISTORY NICK DORN HISTORY 1 (C16)	SCIENCE AARON TINKER ROBIN TRUJILLO SCIENCE 1 (C19)	SYNTHESIS EVAN SCHNAIR ANA PAULA GIORGI KYLE HIETALA MIKKI MCMILLION SIMONE ANNOVI SCIENCE 2 (C17)	
Lesson 2	X MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA YFLEX EVAN SCHNAIR ENGLISH 1 (C23)	X MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA Y ART GABRIEL RESTREPO ART STUDIO	X MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA YFLEX ANA PAULA GIORGI ENGLISH 1 (C23)	X MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA Y MUSIC COMP SARAH NAYLOR MUSIC	X MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA YFLEX JAMIE TUTTLE ENGLISH 1 (C23)
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Lesson 3	XFLEX EVAN SCHNAIR ENGLISH 1 (C23) Y MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA EUGENE HUNG	X ART GABRIEL RESTREPO ART STUDIO Y MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA EUGENE HUNG	XFLEX ANA PAULA GIORGI ENGLISH 1 (C23) Y MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA EUGENE HUNG	X MUSIC COMP SARAH NAYLOR MUSIC Y MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA EUGENE HUNG	XFLEX JAMIE TUTTLE ENGLISH 1 (C23) Y MATHS ROBIN TRUJILLO TOOBA HAMID ALYSSA PUGA EUGENE HUNG
Lesson 4	HISTORY NICK DORN HISTORY 1 (C16)	SCIENCE AARON TINKER SCIENCE 1 (C19)	ENGLISH EVAN SCHNAIR ENGLISH 1 (C23)	ENGLISH EVAN SCHNAIR ENGLISH 1 (C23)	WL LYNN LIN FEDERICO SKRZYPICKI WORLD LANGUAGES (C18) MATH 1 (C21)
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LESSON 5	WL LYNN LIN FEDERICO SKRZYPICKI WORLD LANGUAGES (C18) MATH 1 (C21)	WL LYNN LIN FEDERICO SKRZYPICKI WORLD LANGUAGES (C18) MATH 1 (C21)	HISTORY NICK DORN HISTORY 1 (C16)	SCIENCE AARON TINKER SCIENCE 1 (C19)	MIND & BODY ADRIENNE MARQUETTE SARAH NAYLOR NATE POLUSSA ALEJANDO NAVARRO SHAZIA USMAN
Lesson 6	ENGLISH EVAN SCHNAIR ENGLISH 1 (C23)				
Office Hours					—

TESSIE MS FINAL 26/27 - 8 DAWN REDWOODS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Advisory	ADVISORY NICK DORN JADEN FONG KYLE HIETALA SCIENCE 1 (C19)	ADVISORY NICK DORN JADEN FONG KYLE HIETALA SCIENCE 1 (C19)	ADVISORY NICK DORN JADEN FONG KYLE HIETALA SCIENCE 1 (C19)	ADVISORY NICK DORN JADEN FONG KYLE HIETALA SCIENCE 1 (C19)	ADVISORY NICK DORN JADEN FONG KYLE HIETALA SCIENCE 1 (C19)
Lesson 1	X PHYSICAL EDUCATION NATE POLUSSA KYLE HOUSTON TRACK & FIELD	ENGLISH EVAN SCHNAIR ENGLISH 1 (C23)	HISTORY NICK DORN HISTORY 1 (C16)	SYNTHESIS EVAN SCHNAIR ANA PAULA GIORGI KYLE HIETALA MIKKI MCMILLION SIMONE ANNOVI SCIENCE 2 (C17)	
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Electives Sign-up

You may have already signed up for your Elective and Mind & Body Elective. You need to have made 2 choices uaing the links below!

This is an overview so that you have all your information for Semester 1 in one place.

1. **Elective (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)** 2. **Mind & Body Elective (Friday)**	
Grade 6/7 Elective Offerings	Gr6/7 Course Descriptions Gr6/7 Sign-up link
Grade 8 Elective Offerings	Gr8 Course Descriptions Gr8 Sign-up link

.The deadline for elective sign-ups is **Wednesday 20th August 2026**!

Any questions, please reach out to Bec!

Student Advisory Council

- Information about the Student Advisory Council will be rolled out at the beginning of the year and is a great opportunity for you show leadership in our Middle School Community.
- If this sparks your interest, let Jamie know!
- The joining process will be shared and begin soon!

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Summer Reading Reminder

You Purpose

Reading over the summer is an opportunity to reflect on oneself and our world perspectives. As a community, we will start the year well by sharing the joy of reading in community, describing our perspectives, and gleaning wisdom to launch another year! Each book on this list explores some aspect of INTEGRITY that we hope will stir up discussion when school resumes in August.

Books

Students will select one of the following books to read. They are not limited to just one, however the expectation is that students read one book in its entirety and be prepared to have a discussion.

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind, Bryan Mealer and William Kamkwamba
I am Malala (Young Readers Edition), Patricia McCormick and Malala Yousafzai
Hidden Figures, Margot Lee Shetterly
Quiet Power: The Secret Strengths of Introverts, by Susan Cain, Gregory Mone, Erica Moroz
The Story of More, Hope Jahren
Wings in the Wild, Margarita Engle

Note: One book per student is available for pick up from the front office. If you find that you will not be available, please use your local library to borrow a copy or visit an independent bookstore to purchase a book.

Directions: This was assigned for the Summer break!

This summer please r**ead one of the books** above and be ready to share about your reading experience in small groups when we return to school in the fall. Some ways to engage actively with your reading is to:

- **Select a passage(s) you're excited about that reveal integrity**
- **Write a discussion question you want to explore about integrity based on what you've read**
- **Identify connections to themes of integrity**

Thank you!

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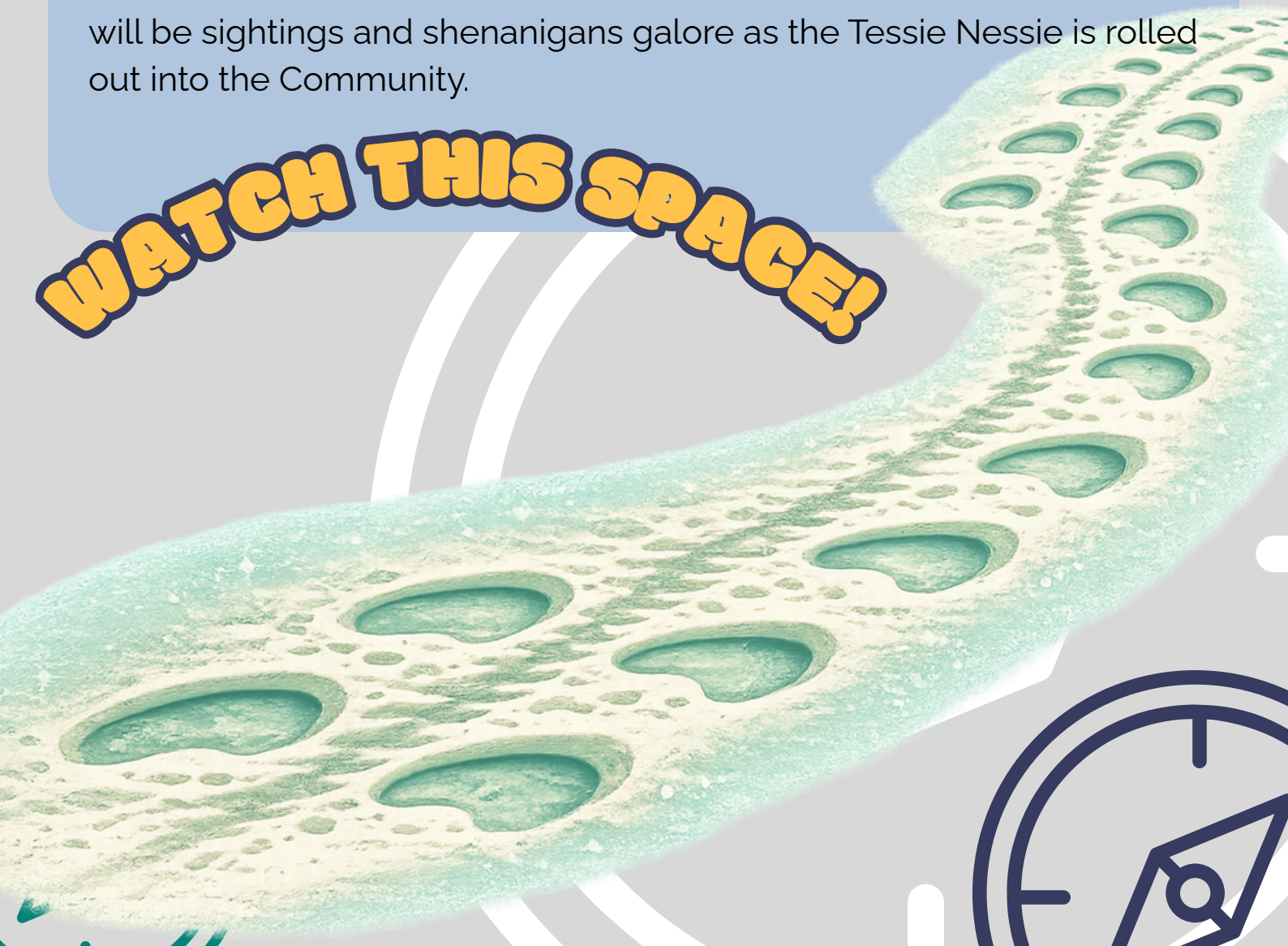
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The Tessie Nessie

After last semester's school-wide vote for our first **school mascot**, there will be sightings and shenanigans galore as the Tessie Nessie is rolled out into the Community.

WATCH THIS SPACE!



DATES FOR YOUR *diary*

Semester 1

AUGUST	10-14	All Fac & Staff in-service week
	17	Primary School Orientation
	18	Middle School Orientation
	19	Students back to school
	19-21	Collapsed Schedule: Community, Connection & Integrity Focus
	24	Schedules classes & Electives begin
SEPTEMBER	7	LABOR DAY: SCHOOL CLOSED
	10	Middle School Back to School Night: 6-7:30pm
	Fri 11	**NC Electives Field Trips (Both Groups)**
	18-20	TPA Family Camping
	23-25	**MS Camping (Grades 6-8)**
OCTOBER	**Thurs 1**	**NC Electives Field Trips (Both Groups)**
	7	School Picture Day
	9-12	FALL BREAK (SCHOOL CLOSED)
	12	INDIGENIOUS PEOPLE'S DAY
	17	Admissions Open House
	19-23	International week
	23	International Festival
	29	Costume Parade
	30	PARENT CONFERENCES: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
NOVEMBER	6	PARENT CONFERENCES: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
	11	VETERAN'S DAY: SCHOOL CLOSED
	13	MS Fall Dance: 6:30-8:30pm
	18 & 19	Dinner Theatre Performance
	Fri 20	**NC Electives Field Trips (Both Groups)**
	23-27	FALL BREAK: SCHOOL CLOSED
	30	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
DECEMBER	1	Students back to school
	Thurs 3	**NC Electives Field Trips (Both Groups)**
	1-8	Scholastic Book Fair: MPR
	2	Make-up Picture Day
	16	Winter Concert
	18	Last Day of Semester 1: Half Day for all
	21-4 JAN	WINTER BREAK: SCHOOL CLOSED

See you soon!

Bec