"Take care of yourself, take care of each other, take care of this place"
Hello Bulldogs!

I want to take a moment to thank all of our parents, students and staff for all the patience, flexibility and grace you have shown while we navigate these strange times! While I am absolutely LOVING having the students back in the building in-person, I know that our new COVID-19 precautions and protocols have been a challenge. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation when we need to send children home unexpectedly. Thank you for advocating for your child's learning needs.

Please know that we take this situation very seriously. I am asking all parents and guardians to take a few minutes each morning to screen your child for symptoms. Please see the screener document linked below.

As we continue through the rest of this semester, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school with any questions or concerns. We are happy to help you and your family in any way we can.

Best,
Mr. Ross Pippin

SCHOOL HOURS

7:30am-2:30pm

Regular attendance and tardy policies are in place this school year, even virtually. If you need to report your child's absence, please contact the school at 317-226-4215 by 8:30am.

SCHOOL MESSENGER

Parents/Guardians can take advantage of the text messaging service to receive important school-based and district news. It is really simple to just follow three easy steps:
You can also opt-out of these messages at any time by simply replying "Stop" to any of the messages.

TGNS is so very proud to have earned an "A" grade from the state of Indiana!

TGNS IS AN "A" RATED SCHOOL

COVID-19 Resources for the 2020-21 School Year
Recursos de COVID-19 para el Año Escolar 2020-21

QUICK REFERENCES FOR COVID-19 GUIDANCE

Please see the documents linked below for guidance around TGNS and IPS's protocols for monitoring student health and attendance during this pandemic.
BULLDOG STRONG! STAY SAFE EVERYONE!

Remember the 3 Ws to reduce the risk of COVID-19

- **Wear** a Mask
- **Wash** your Hands
- **Watch** your Distance (6ft apart)


WHO'S BEHIND THE MASK

Students in Ms. Hedge 2nd grade class give 3 clues to guess who is behind the mask.

- I am a basketball player, football player, and have a dog.
- I have a dog, a bike, and a brother and sister.
- I am quiet, my name starts with a “K”, and a student in Ms. Hedge class.
- I am playful, have a brother, and like to learn.
- I am a girl, have a dog, and cat.
- I am a kid, have a cat, and favorite book Dog Man.
- I like playing games, have friends that are girls, and can drive a car.
- I have a dog, two sisters, and favorite color is blue.
- I have a cat, like to share, and favorite color is green.
- Note: This is just a few students. Several more students shared great clues about their identity.

WHY I MASK UP?

TGNS Community Partners were asked to share why they wear a facemask.

**Mike Doran**
(Creek Church Mentor)
“I am Mike Doran, a mentor at TGNS from The Creek. I wear a mask to help my friends and I all to stay safe. Safer is always better!”

**Steve Stangel**
(Horace Mann)
“I wear a mask to be a team player and help protect those who are at-risk if they get the virus”.

**Susan Vogt**
(NEAR & TGNS Board Member)
“I wear a mask to protect my friends, family & others”.

**Christina Proulx**
(Indy Reads)
“I wear a mask to keep myself, my friends, my family, and my neighbors safe and strong”

**Coach Patrick**
(Playworks)
“I mask up to protect everyone around me and so the kids can get back in school as soon as possible!”

**Mary LaFlower**
(Creek Church Mentor)
“I wear my mask to keep all of my friends and family healthy. Please wear yours to keep your friends and family healthy, too. We do not want anyone sick!”

**Monty Hulse**
(TGNS Board Member)
“I wear my Black Panther mask, because it’s so cool!”
also wear it to keep other people and myself healthy!".

Jamie Tedford
(Westminster)
“I wear a mask because I care about everyone”.

Temara Payton
(Girl Scouts)
“I wear a mask because I am committed to doing my part to keep myself, my family, and my community safe”.

Important Dates and Information
**November**

November 2-6
- Spirit Week

Thursday, November 5
- Day 12
- Food Group

Wednesday, November 11
- Daystar Kindergarten Fair - 4:00-5:30 @ Daystar Child Center

Friday, November 13
- Day 6

Saturday, November 14
- Coat Drive
- Location: John Boner Center
- Time: 9:00am until coats are gone

Thursday, November 19
- Food Group

Monday, November 23
- Day 6

November 25 - 27
- Thanksgiving Break (No School)

**December**

Thursday, December 3
- Food Group

Friday, December 4
- Day 6

Monday, December 14
- Day 12

Thursday, December 17
- Food Group

Friday, December 18
- End of 2nd Grading Period

December 21 - January 1
- Winter Break (No School)

**January**

Monday, January 2
- Students Return to School

Tuesday, January 5
- Day 6

Thursday, January 7
- Food Group

Wednesday, January 13
- Day 12

Thursday, January 14
- PIT Day #2 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (E-Learning Day for Students)

Thursday, January 15
- Staff Professional Development (E-Learning Day for Students)

Monday, January 18
- MLK Day (No School)

Thursday, January 21
- Food Group

Friday, January 22
- Day 6
Mr. Evan Bennett

Mr. Bennett began his teaching career in Physical Education just two months after receiving his BS in PE/Health for grades K-12. Since he has enjoyed teaching at Thomas Gregg for some six years now. Bennett discovered a creative approach to teaching PE in a virtual setting. In an effort to keep kids engaged and moving, he decided to have silly themed workouts where the kids could follow along.

The costumes made it more light-hearted and entertaining for students participating, which increased activity levels through all grades! Bennett enjoys spending time with family and
FOOD RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY

IPS /Gleaners Family Meal Box (TGNS)
Food Distribution (Every Mon./Wed)
Time: 12:00pm-3:00pm
Address: 2302 E. Michigan
Location: School Parking lot

John Boner Center
Food Distribution (Every Mon.)
Time: 1:00-3:00pm
Address: 2236 E. 10th Street
Location: Door#2

Westminster
Food Distribution
Time: Mon. 9:00am-12:00pm/
Thurs. 8:30am-11:30am
Address: 2325 E. New York Street

COMMUNITY COMPASS APP
Community Compass connects Indianapolis residents to critical food resources and nutrition assistance. The Community Compass contains a finder for such resources as food pantries, Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) retailers and clinics, hot meal sites, farmers’ markets, and other food related events, and more.

URBAN LEAGUE FRESH FRUIT AND VEGGIES
Every Tuesday at 10:00am
Address: 777 Indiana Ave.
Drive-Thru Food Distribution
*No ID required. For more information call 317-693-7603

anything guitar related. During morning arrival, Bennett plays a tune or two on his guitar for the students in the hallway as they grab breakfast before heading to class.
DIAL 211 FOR RESOURCES

- Supplemental food and nutrition programs
- Shelter and housing options
- Utility assistance
- Employment and education opportunities
- Service for veterans
- Healthcare, vaccination, and health epidemic information
- Addiction prevention and rehabilitation programs
- Re-entry help for ex-offenders
- Support groups for mental illness and domestic violence

UPCOMING EVENTS

JOHN BONER NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS
COAT DRIVE

**When:** Saturday, November 14th
**Time:** 9:00am to until everything is gone
**Where:** John Boner Neighborhood Center
2236 E. 10th St. (Door #2)
**Parking:** Park in the rear of the building

***This event is for kids 17 and under***

CUB SCOUT EVENT
Date: Monday, November 9th
Time: 4:00 - 6:00pm
Location: Blackburn Terrace Apts. (Front Office Parking Lot)

TO RSVP: TEXT "SLIME" TO 317-732-8935

"If your dreams don't scare you, they are too small."
HELPFUL LINKS

TGNS Website
TGNS Student Handbook 20-21
2020-2021 School Calendar
Virtual Learning Information
In Person Daily Schedule
TGNS Staff Contact List
Indianapolis Public Schools
John Boner Neighborhood Centers

Questions?: Should you have any questions, please email info@thomasgregg.org or call the school at 317-226-4215! We will be happy to assist you in any way we can.

STAY CONNECTED!

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