

Hello parents/guardians and students,

From our first week together, we noticed a few things you may need assistance with, and we are sending this message to review them with you.

Genesis:

Please check your contact information in Genesis. If you are not receiving communications from the school, it is likely your email or phone number are incorrect. There have been several instances where the numbers are old, the email addresses have changed, or parents no longer work at the number we have on file.

There is a parent portal for Genesis: <https://parents.twpunionschools.org/genesis/parents?gohome=true>

And a student portal for Genesis: <https://students.twpunionschools.org/genesis/parents?gohome=true>

Genesis should be checked daily by both parent and student. Genesis contains the daily attendance and grading for the student, as well as contact information for the teachers. You will not be able to access the student portal until all of the forms are filled out on the parent portal. If you forgot your password, or are having issues logging into either Genesis portal, please email parentaccess@twpunionschools.org.

Attendance:

Attendance is taken during homeroom each morning. **Parents DO NOT need to post attendance to Genesis** as we did last school year. In order to be marked present for the day, the student must attend the google classroom video chat between 8:00 and 8:10. Students can find a link for homeroom in their google classroom. Students that are not present will be marked absent, and a phone call will be made to your listed contact. If you need to report your student absent, please call 908-851-6499 or go into Genesis and comment that the student will be absent on that date, and the attendance personnel will adjust it.

Important Links:

This is a link that gives student and parent tutorials for Genesis, iReady, Edpuzzle, Flipgrid, Flocabulary, Nearpod, Newsela, Thinkcentral and Seesaw:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fjHvC3jiFzul6gYPpU4F8D1W9ah3H_62yKZI99O6TLs/edit#gid=0

We are pleased to announce that we are using [Clever](#) as an easy way for students to access all the learning applications they use at school in a single location. Clever brings all subject applications into one secure portal using just your Google sign-in. Clever will pop up when students log in with their district issued google username and password, and all of their applications and google classrooms are in one place **eliminating the need for multiple usernames and passwords**. Once they log in, students can then attend the Clever Academy for training.

Below are the links for each grade level google classroom. Please make sure your student has joined as important announcements are made here:

Grade 6: <https://classroom.google.com/c/MTUyMDUzMDg1Mjcw?cjc=zqpc7wi>

Grade 7: <https://classroom.google.com/c/MzgxNDO4NTk1NjFa?cjc=ydca6vo>

Grade 8: <https://classroom.google.com/c/MTg0MDY3MDc2NDRa?cjc=uqiov45>

This is the Burnet website where school information like A/B schedules, and class times can be found:
<http://burnet.twpunionschools.org/>

These are the previous links Mr. Shaw sent out in his communications in case you missed them:

[BMS Parent Communication 8/31/20](#)

[BMS Remote Learning FAQ](#)

[BMS Online Protocols](#)

Technology assistance:

If you are having any technology issues with school issued devices, please contact helpdesk@twpunionschools.org. In the subject line, put the student's ID number and the issue. In the body of the email, please explain the issue in detail. They will send you an email that they received your request and who it was assigned to. The IT person it was assigned to will reach out to you to assist.

Sports:

Fall sports started Monday, September 14th: boys/girls soccer, football, cross country, field hockey (volleyball has been postponed to the winter). Any student interested in participating in any sport must register on [Family ID](#), which is located on the District's website.

Students are required to have a current physical which is valid for 365 days. There is legislation that has been introduced to extend this, but it has NOT been approved to date. All [physical forms](#) are available on the district website to print and/or copies are located in the UHS foyer for your convenience.

All students must submit a health history questionnaire. The pre-participation physical examinations and health history questionnaires can be dropped off in the designated boxes Monday-Friday between 8:00-12:00 in the **UHS foyer**. Athletics can be contacted at (908) 851-6513.

7th and 8th grade parent sports letter:

<https://announcements.catapultcms.com/utilities/DownloadFile.ashx?cadocumentguid=e8d2f8b54eec44238637f60cd9a0f3cc>

Contacts:

Mrs. Regenye is the sixth grade counselor: HRegenye@Twpunionschools.org

Mrs. Hoffman is the seventh grade counselor: PHoffman@twpunionschools.org

Mrs. Henderson is the eighth grade counselor: LHenderson@twpunionschools.org

Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of us if you still have questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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