

Torey J. Sabatini School

PARENT
HANDBOOK



2011-2012

Introduction

The TJS Parent Handbook was developed thanks to the tireless efforts of the Torey J. Sabatini PTO. In this handbook you will find valuable information about our school. This will be a worthwhile resource to you and your family during this school year.

The relationship between home and school is a critical connection that impacts strongly on your child's success in school. TJS will continue to work to make home and school communications as efficient, effective, and convenient as possible. Publications such as this handbook are a good example of our dedication to that goal.

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SCHOOL DAYS...coming, going and in-between

Here are handy tips and facts that are useful if you have them...and drive you crazy if you don't. See the district and school website (madisonpublicschools.org) for additional detail, including vacations, holidays, staff in-service days, and other important dates. For specific TJS news and dates, see our calendar both on the district website and in the school newsletter.

Absence

It is easy and important to notify the school each day that a child is absent. Phone the Roll Call number (973-593-3182 ex. 7490, 1st choice on the menu) between 6:30 and 8:30 AM. Leave a message with your child's name, teacher, and reason for the absence. When your child returns to school, send in a signed note to your child's teacher stating the reason for the absence, as required by state law.

The Jaguar Jungle

Located on the ground floor, this space is aptly named. It is used for lunch, gym, assemblies, stage productions, music rehearsals, and a variety of other activities.

Arrival and Dismissal

Classes start promptly at 8:40. It helps teachers and students if everyone is in class and ready to begin the school day on time.

Doors to the school open at 8:30, with a staff member directing children into the building. Please don't have your child arrive before 8:25. *There is no supervision available prior to this time.*

Classes are dismissed at 3:15. It is a good idea for you and your child to arrange where to meet. Grades K, 1 and 2 enter and exit through the Glenwild entrance. Grades 3 and 4 enter and exit through the Woodland Rd. entrance, under the

portico. Grade 5 enters and exits directly into the Jaguar Wing, nearest to the Board of Ed. building.

Please note that after 8:40 you can only enter the building using the door that leads directly into the main office. If your child has to arrive late or leave early, please sign the student in or out at the office.

Kindergarten parents - see Kindergarten tips on p. 7 for specific arrival and dismissal information.

Before and After-School Care

The Madison Community House offers childcare at TJS before and after school. For more information, contact the Community House (973-377-0244)

Emergency Closing

Bad weather or other emergencies may result in the cancellation, delayed opening or early closing of school. After a decision to close or delay opening school is made by Dr. Rossi, the Superintendent of Schools, a number of communication channels are activated:

- Parents are notified by the Honeywell Instant Alert system. It is the parents' responsibility to sign up for this valuable service. Directions are attached.
- Information will be posted at www.madisonpublicschools.org. To receive e-alerts, follow the sign-up procedure as outlined on the website.
- stations WMTR-AM 1250 and WDHA-FM 105.5
- The Madison Fire Horn will sound at 6:45 and 7:45 in the morning. Two series of seven blasts indicate a cancellation and two series of five indicate a delayed opening.
- *A child will be released during early closing only if a parent or other emergency contact has been reached. Be sure to include your work, cell phone and/or beeper number on the emergency cards at the beginning of the year.*

Health Services

Our school nurse, Mrs. Crescas, is available full time for general health services and health instruction. Students in all grades are screened annually for height, weight, vision and hearing. A complete physical is required in grades K, and 3, preferably by your own physician. The school physician is available to provide a physical if necessary.

First aid and emergency care is provided for accidents or illnesses that occur at school. Mrs. Crescas can also administer medicine if you send a note from the doctor and the medicine is in its original container with the child's name and dosage. This policy applies to both over-the-counter **and** prescription medicine.

Kindergarten

Mrs. Waryha is our kindergarten teacher. Kindergarten is a half day session, with children attending in either the morning (8:40-11:25) or the afternoon (12:30-3:15). It is recommended that kindergarten students arrive no earlier than 10 minutes prior to the start of class.

The morning class arrives and the afternoon class is dismissed at the Glenwild door.

Lost and Found

Check for missing items in the school office. At regular intervals, clothing and lost items are placed on display on a table.

Lunch and Recess

Students are encouraged to remain at school for a recess and lunch period. Grades 2 and 4 have recess from 11:20 to 11:45 and lunch from 11:45 to 12:10. Grades 1, 3, and 5 have recess from 11:55 to 12:20 and lunch from 12:20 to 12:45. Kindergarten students do not eat lunch at school

Children can either bring lunch from home or purchase lunch. There are also snacks available for the children to purchase. Menus for hot and cold lunches are sent home monthly in advance. Menus can also be viewed on the district website (www.madisonpublicschools.org). Parents can establish an account for their children's lunch charges by going to www.payforit.net (or through the school website) to create and monitor the account. If you have questions about the lunch program, please call 973-593-3117.

Students go outside for recess whenever possible. Please be sure your child is dressed for the weather, including hats, gloves and boots (if there is snow on the ground) for cold days. Parent volunteers are a welcomed help for recess and lunch. To enroll in the parent volunteer program, contact Tara Rosselli (misst0772@yahoo.com) to get on the schedule.

School Office

Mrs. Empson manages the school office located on the first floor. This is the place to go to sign in and out of school, check the lost and found, or pick up an extra copy of a notice or flyer. Mrs. Empson can take messages if you want to reach the Principal and can answer a variety of questions about policies or logistics.

When a child forgets to bring something to school, the item can be sent in and the child will get the item at an opportune time.

Whenever there is a change involving dismissal plans, please contact Mrs. Empson along with the teacher via e-mail.

School Supplies

Backpacks are the most popular and universal accessory for children in every grade. **Please do not purchase backpacks with wheels. Our facility cannot accommodate them and they are a potential safety hazard.** The

PTO provides student planners distributed by all teachers for use throughout the year.

If your child needs to bring in any specific supplies, you will be notified by the teacher. A supply list by grade/class can be found on the district website.

Early Dismissal Days (Half Days)

Early dismissal days are scheduled during parent-teacher conference weeks in the fall and spring, prior to the major holiday breaks in November and December, and on the last day of school.

Please refer to the District Calendar for specific dates. *On early dismissal days, school runs from 8:45 until 12:45 for grades 1-5 and does not include a lunch session.*

The kindergarten schedule is as follows:

Morning class:	8:40AM - 10:30AM
Afternoon class:	10:40AM - 12:45PM

Delayed Opening

If there is a delayed opening, school runs from 10:40 - 3:15 for grades 1-5.

The kindergarten schedule is as follows:

Morning class:	10:40AM - 12:30PM
Afternoon class:	1:25PM - 3:15PM

Transportation

Students who do not utilize the school bus service (see below) are encouraged to walk to school. Six crossing guards assist TJS students between 8:00 - 8:45 AM and 3:00-3:45 PM. They are posted at the intersections of:

- Green Village Road and Woodland Road*
- Green Village Road and Glenwild Road
- Glenwild Circle at the parking lot entrance*
- Woodland Road and Orchard Street*
- Orchard Street and Lathrop Avenue
- Green Avenue and Woodland Road
- Hillside Avenue and Prospect Street

*These intersections are also staffed between 11:30 and 1:00

Parking is available on any of the streets near the school. Parking is not permitted in the TJS parking lot. There is not space available.

Students in Grades 4 and 5 are permitted to ride bicycles to school. Bicycles must be walked on school grounds and locked in one of the racks. Of course, helmets are required for all bike riders. If you would like your younger student/s riding their bikes to school, please contact Mr. Post to discuss.

If you are eligible for school bus service, you will receive a bus pass in the mail. If you have any questions about this, please call the school office.

An arrival/dismissal form must be completed by the parents of each student attesting to how they plan to arrive to school and how they will leave school for home in the afternoon. Dismissal is a challenging time, since there are so many individual plans and methods for going from school to home. The school asks that parents notify the school's main office whenever there is a deviation from the stated plan.

Visitors

Parents are welcome to visit and/or volunteer at TJS. When visiting our school, please use the main office's entrance on Glenwild. Please ring the buzzer of our security camera system in order to gain admittance. Once you have identified yourself to our staff, the door will be opened for you.

Everyone who visits the school needs to stop by the school office to sign the visitor's log and pick up a visitor badge. It is also necessary that the parent state their purpose for visiting the school.

If a student forgets something (i.e. lunch, musical instrument) the item can be left at the main office by the parent. The student will then be called down to the office to pick the item up at an opportune time.

Food Allergy Guidelines

Food Allergies are a very real concern. To maintain an environment that is safe for all students, the following guidelines have been developed. This is a simple, general reference. A more extensive set of food allergy guidelines is available on the district website. All parents are asked to read these guidelines and conform to them in order to maintain a safe school environment.

Snacks and Celebration in the Schools:

- All students are required to bring their own snacks from home. The school district will not supply snacks for students.
- Parents of food-allergic students will provide safe snacks and treats to be kept in the classroom. These safe snacks may be used by the food-allergic child during classroom celebrations. Freezer space will be offered for long-term storage of safe snacks.

- Sharing of food is discouraged in all elementary schools. This is the case in all classes - not just classes with food-allergic students.
- **Unscheduled celebrations which include food will not be permitted.**
- Teachers will make every effort to inform the parents of food-allergic students in advance of a planned celebration.
- Any food that is served as part of a classroom event or celebration must be consumed in the classroom. No food should leave the school to be consumed in unsupervised situations. To that end, distribution of "goody bags," i.e. candy intended to leave the classroom on holidays (Halloween, Winter Holiday, Valentine's Day, etc) is forbidden.
- A notice reminding parents of the food policy and the presence of a food-allergic child will be sent home by the school prior to Halloween, Winter Holiday and Valentine's Day.
- Unsafe food which is clearly visible will be removed from students, if necessary.
- Under no circumstances will peanut butter or tree nut products be used in classrooms or on school property as part of lessons, demonstrations or craft projects. This rule will apply to all areas of school building use, including after school enrichment programs and scouting activities.

Lunchroom:

Nut-free tables will be designated in the cafeteria for students with allergies. The tables will be washed before and after lunch with a separate disposable cloth and cleaner.

Field Trips:

Students are not permitted to bring snacks on the bus for field trips. Lunches must not contain peanut butter or tree nut products.

“Specials”...rounding out the curriculum

The Madison schools aim to provide a challenging curriculum that meets the needs and abilities of all students. With this goal in mind, a variety of programs are provided at the school and district levels. Here are a few...

Art Program

All students take class once a week with Mr. Watson, our art specialist. It is a good idea for your child to keep a smock in his or her school locker. Awesome Art is an in-classroom program delivered by parent volunteers. Every class gets two lessons a year, focusing on a specific artist. The students then do a project modeled after the artist's style. When you visit the school, check out the students art work. Displays are rotated throughout the hallways during the year.

Cultural Arts Assemblies

The PTO sponsors special assemblies of theater, dance and music throughout the year. Watch the newsletter for notices of upcoming assemblies.

Enrichment

Educational enrichment is a strong focus of PTO spending. Responding to faculty input, the PTO has funded visits by authors, illustrators, poets, and Native Americans, as well as assemblies related to science and social studies.

Books, hands-on materials, and other tools are also purchased or borrowed for classroom use.

Field Trips

Teachers plan occasional field trips to enrich and supplement classroom curriculum. Parents are required to sign a permission slip and, if necessary, cover costs for entrance and transportation. Teachers often ask the classroom parent to help recruit chaperones, so let them know if you are interested in participating. Fifth graders attend a special field trip each year. They raise money throughout the year to finance the outing. Please see the food allergy guidelines for information on food restrictions during a field trip.

Library (Media Center)

The library supports the academic curriculum in all grade levels. In addition to books, magazines, tapes and other resources, the library has an online card catalogue, software, collection, and a networked, internet-connected computer lab. In a weekly class visit to the library, Mrs. Taylor, our school librarian, helps students find books for reading or research and teaches them how to use library resources. In addition, classroom teachers may bring in students to use the computer lab.

Students can check out books on a weekly basis during their class visit. Students may also see Mrs. Taylor to choose a book before or after school until 3:45.

Parents may volunteer to help in the library. The PTO also sponsors a book donation program. For more information, contact Mrs. Taylor.

Music Program

All students receive music instruction in Grades K - 5. Beginning in 4th grade, students may choose to learn to play an instrument. Group lessons are provided weekly during the school day by Ms. Marallo or Mrs. Quinlan. In 4th and 5th grade, students are encouraged to participate in chorus, band and/or orchestra. Participating students rehearse once a week before School and perform in school concerts and recitals. Ms. Altieri is our choral director.

Physical Education

Students in Grades 1-5 participate in Physical Education two times a week under the direction of Mr. Gerenstein. Sneakers are required and comfortable clothes are recommended.

The PE program has a concentration on fitness and recreation. Mr. Gerenstein has many games and activities that focus on movement and long-term health. The PTO has sponsored a rock-climbing wall that the students use on a daily basis.

Responsive Classroom

The Responsive Classroom is a character education program that is employed at TJS. Many staff members at TJS have been formally trained and the program is used district wide (k - 5).

Each morning, every class begins with a morning meeting to build a sense of classroom community. Additionally, the school uses many of the guiding principles espoused by Responsive Classroom.

To learn more about this wonderful program, view their website at www.responsiveclassroom.org

LEARNING SUPPORTS...bringing out the best in every child

Many children benefit from our additional support programs. Your child's teacher is a good information source about the programs.

Basic Skills Instruction

Basic skills instruction (Title 1) is available from Mrs. Ginocchio for students whose test scores and classroom work indicate a need for additional academic support. If you have questions or concerns, contact your child's teacher.

English as a Second Language

An E.S.L. teacher provides instruction in English as a Second Language to those who qualify. For more information, contact the Principal or your child's teacher.



Intervention and Referral Services

Students may be referred to the I&RS Committee by a teacher or parents. This committee works cooperatively with parents and teachers to identify and assist students who may need assistance with academic or social issues. Please feel free to call the school office if you have any questions about I&RS.

Special Services

Individual Education Programs (IEPs) are provided for students with learning disabilities. Children may be referred for evaluation based on a written request from their parents, teacher or principal. For a qualified student, an IEP is developed with the cooperation of the Child Study Team and the student's parents. A parent committee helps keep families informed about policies, and sponsors monthly speakers that are open to all parents. For more information contact the Department of Special Services (973-593-3153).

Mrs. Dawn McNichol is the school psychologist and case manager for students at TJS who are on IEPs.

Speech

Speech services are provided by our speech and language specialist, Mrs. Finn. Teachers may refer students for speech services. Students who require speech and language services meet with Mrs. Finn individually or in small groups during the day. If you have a question or concern about your child, contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Finn.

ACADEMIC CHECKPOINTS...assessing progress and staying on track

We value ongoing communication between home and school. Never hesitate to contact your child's teacher with a question or concern - whether it is about academic progress, social issues, homework or anything else. Each teacher has an e-mail address you can use for communication. The addresses are last name, first initial @ madisonpublicschools.org. For example: Empsonj@Madisonpublicschools.org for Mrs. Empson. Each teacher also has voicemail they check regularly. Feel free to call their voicemail and leave a message. A voicemail listing is attached.

Conferences

Parent-teacher communication is encouraged, and conferences are scheduled twice a year. Refer to the district calendar for the weeks in the fall and the spring when conferences are held. Your child's teacher will contact you in advance to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

It is not necessary to wait until the conference weeks to schedule a meeting with the teacher. Contact your child's teacher any time you have something to ask or discuss.

Homework

Homework helps reinforce the materials learned in the classroom and fosters the good study habits and self-discipline that students will need to succeed academically. Students in all grades receive homework, although the extent and nature of homework will vary from grade to grade and from teacher to teacher. If you have any questions or would like any advice about homework, contact your child's teacher.

Junior School Orientation

During the spring, the fifth graders will visit the junior school for a tour. An orientation session for parents and their 5th graders will also be scheduled during an evening.

Kindergarten Registration

Children who turn 5 years old on or before October 1 are eligible to enroll in kindergarten. Registration is held in January, and an orientation is held in May for parents and children.

Progress Reports

Progress reports are issued four times a year (except kindergarten, who receive their first report in January) to provide you and your child with a guide to progress and accomplishments. In the fall and spring there are scheduled parent-teacher conferences. In January progress reports are sent home with students, and you are asked to sign and send back the progress report envelope. The final progress report for the year is sent home with students on the last day of school.

Standardized Tests

Students in the Madison schools participate in standardized testing beginning in second grade. Students in grade 2 take a standardized assessment in the spring. Third, fourth, and fifth grade students take the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJ ASK) in the spring as required by the state. Information about tests is sent home in advance, and results are mailed home after the school receives them. Remember that standardized tests are only one indication of your child's progress and abilities. To discuss test results, contact your child's teacher.

COMMON SENSE CONDUCT

Student Conduct Philosophy

At TJS, we applaud good behavior and seek to actively praise the positive. We encourage students to solve problems through conflict resolution. We strive each day to serve as positive role models for our students.

Students are expected to treat all member of our school family with respect and kindness. Students must be responsible for their own actions. In addition, all students are to be enthusiastic and conscientious about their learning. TJS students respect school property and materials and work cooperatively to keep our school clean and use materials wisely.

Our goal is to maintain an atmosphere at our school where students enjoy learning, and grow in their self-concept. Open lines of communication between home and school facilitate this purpose.

PARENT CONNECTIONS...staying informed and getting involved

Our students, staff and parents all benefit from an informed and involved parent community. Here are some of the key communication vehicles and forums available throughout the year.

Back-to-school night

In September, parents are welcomed "back to school" for an open house visit. Our faculty is introduced to all. A brief PTO presentation is made, with officers providing highlights of key issues for the year and presenting the annual budget for approval. The rest of the evening is devoted to visiting your child's classroom, where you will have an opportunity to meet

Teachers and receive important information about curriculum and classroom routines. Parents with more than one student have the opportunity to move from class to class throughout the evening.

Board of Education

Board meetings are open to the public, and all are encouraged to attend, Meetings are held generally at 7:30 in the Madison High School library on the first and third Tuesday of the month. The Board does not normally meet in July and August, and there are occasional changes - so check the District calendar.

Agendas are posted at school entrances the Friday before each session, and meeting summaries called Board Bits are published a few days later. Copies of the agenda are available at the school office, in municipal buildings around town (including the library, Post Office, and train station) and on the district's web page (www.madisonpublicschools.org).

Classroom Parents

Each class has volunteer classroom parent/s. They organize class parties at Halloween and Valentine's Day, run the class booth at the spring Jamboree, and coordinate parent volunteers when the teacher or PTO requests help. Let your classroom parent know how you would like to help.

Home/School Communication

Nearly all formal home/school communication is electronic at TJS. Parents need to make sure they have submitted a current e-mail address to the TJS office that they will check on a regular basis. E-mails from TJS will arrive through the e-mail address "TJS News". Announcements will often be sent to the entire school population or individual classes.

TJS has a newsletter that is published monthly. It is e-mailed to parents.

The Madison Schools' website also is a valuable resource. The web address is <http://www.madisonpublicschools.org/toreyjss/site/default.asp>

The website is chockfull of school news. It is the best place to check for everything from curriculum information to school closings to important dates. Every teacher at TJS maintains a website including a monthly newsletter contained within the school's website.

The TJS PTO also maintains a website on the TJS site. Their website includes important announcements, ordering information for fundraisers, a biweekly newsletter (Jaguar Tales) and many other bits of useful information.

To access important announcements from the website, it is imperative to sign up for "e-alerts". This is a function that sends out relevant new announcements to subscribers as soon as it is posted on the website.

To Submit a notice in the Jaguar Tales

The Principal, Mr. Post, must approve all notices before they are included in the Jaguar Tales. You may send (via e-mail) the document(s) to Mrs. Empson to get approved. Once approved you will be notified and send it to:

jaguartailssubmissions@gmail.com. Please allow for plenty of time.

Website

The District website, www.madisonpublicschools.org, provides a wealth of information, from notice of an emergency closing, to special events, curriculum news, PTO updates and BOE information. Every teacher maintains their own web page as well.

All district curriculum is now available on the website. Take advantage of this valuable source of information.

District Calendar

A district calendar will be posted on the district website, supplementing the information in this handbook. In addition to vacations, holidays, scheduled closings, single sessions, PTO and Board of Ed meetings, it includes a wealth of information about policies, services, special events, contact names and phone numbers - and other useful data.

Family Directory

Each year the PTO compiles a directory with the names, addresses and phone numbers of TJS families. It is an easy way to contact friends and classmates throughout the year.

If you want to be included, be sure to complete the information and permission form that is sent home in the beginning of the year. You will also find a roster of your child's class, including home contact information in the directory.

New Family Welcome

To help new families feel welcome and comfortable settling into our community, the PTO will organize informal get togethers. TJS families who are new to our school or Madison can meet each other and meet PTO members who can answer all kinds of questions. We also provide assistance to families whose first language is not English. For information or to get involved, contact the PTO president or school office.

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

The Parent Teacher Organization is comprised of TJS parents and teachers. Its primary objectives are:

- To provide programs and activities that will enrich the students' educational experience
- To promote a close relationship between home and school
- To promote the welfare of children
- To encourage the school to provide each child with a quality education, to help the child reach his or her full potential-physically, mentally, emotionally and socially.

The PTO meets its objectives through organizing a variety of school activities, home-school communication opportunities, and purchasing needed material gifts. The PTO thrives on parent involvement, offers a wide array of opportunities to contribute time and talent and will help you match your interests, skills and schedule with a way to contribute.

For more information contact PTO co presidents Louise Pierce or Karen Tom.

All parents and faculty are invited to attend PTO meetings. Meetings provide a way to contribute ideas, articulate concerns, have a voice in decisions, and meet other members of the TJS community. You don't have to be an active volunteer to attend meetings (nor do you have to attend meetings to be an active volunteer)! Meetings are typically held every other month on Mondays, alternating morning and evening. Specific meeting dates and times will be sent home as notice in the Jaguar Tales.

TJS TRADITIONS

Here is a glossary of some old and new traditions that are centered around two of TJS's favorite areas of focus - reading and family. If you have a suggestion for our school, contact the Principal, Mr. Post, or the PTO.

The Joy of Reading

Reading is celebrated in many ways in every grade throughout the year. Here are some of the activities that foster out joy of reading.

DEAR Time - Standing for Drop Everything and Read, DEAR time is used in many classrooms as "free reading" time. Also known as RABBIT (Read A Book Because It's Terrific). Once or twice during the year, parents are invited for Family DEAR Time in the morning before the start of school. Parents and children find a quiet spot to share a favorite book together before joining with friends and classmates for juice and coffee.

Book Fair - Each fall, the PTO sponsors a book fair. The Jaguar Jungle becomes a well-stocked store, with books for every grade and area of interest. Each teacher brings his or her class to visit the fair, and parent volunteers help children select and purchase books. This is one of the most popular PTO fundraisers for parents, teachers, and children.

Reading Buddies -For this wonderful program, the 5th and 1st grade students are paired under the supervision of their teachers. The older students are responsible for deciding how to spend the time. It is a valuable experience for the younger and older readers and the relationships often spill over into the playground. It's not unusual to hear someone proudly say, "That's my reading buddy".

Rose City Readers - This district-wide program encourages summer reading. Each student keeps a book log and brings it to school in

September. Special Rose City Reader event take place in classrooms early in the school year, celebrating the stories and characters that children enjoyed during summer reading.



Family Celebrations

Children love when their families come to school, and it's a proven way to strengthen our school community and encourage learning. Here are some of the opportunities you and your family will have throughout the year.

Curriculum Night - On a spring evening, usually in late May or early June, TJS families are invited to an open house. Your children will want to show off their work, and visit the classes of friends and siblings. It's a great time to stop by and say hello to favorite teachers from past years. Student art-work decorates the school hallways. To top off the festivities, the PTO serves frozen treats in the Jaguar Jungle (all-purpose room).

Family Fun Event - Families are invited to a "fun for all ages" event, a great way to meet and mingle with other TJS families. Watch for information about upcoming events - and contact the PTO if you would like to help plan one.

Halloween Parade - Halloween is celebrated in style at TJS. Children change into their costumes at lunchtime for the afternoon. (Many students go home for lunch; others get costume help from teachers at school.) Led by the kindergarten

class, the entire school marches through the playground as parents wave and cameras click. The parade is followed by a party in each classroom, organized by classroom parents with the help of parent volunteers. The PTO schedules an afternoon cultural arts assembly.

Holiday Workshop - A Saturday morning family activity is offered at school during December. Students and siblings participate with their parents in a low-keyed fun activity such as making gingerbread houses.

Jamboree - Everyone at school gets involved in the Jamboree, a Friday afternoon/evening fair held on the school grounds in the spring. Each class sponsors a game or activity booth, staffed by parent volunteers. The PTO sells food and beverages and sponsors a popular raffle of gift baskets. Watch for the notices and the posters drawn by TJS students that spring up throughout the town. This is not only a fun family event but also a fund raiser for the PTO.

Parent Visitation - During a few designated days in October, parents are invited to sit in and observe the activities in their child's classroom. It's a great way to "get the feel" of being in class. The pre-arranged visits last about a typical class period.

FACULTY & STAFF ROSTER

Principal:	Mr. Michael Post
Kindergarten:	Mrs. Meredith Waryha
1 st Grade:	Ms. Ashley McDonald, Mrs. Carol Starke, Ms. Karen Natunen
2 nd Grade:	Mrs. Kathleen Wallace, Mrs. Megan Niper, Ms. Caitlyn Kolarsick
3 rd Grade:	Ms. Maria Mascia, Ms. Francesca Pisano

4 th Grade:	Mrs. Marisa Caruso, Mr. James Stricchiola
5 th Grade:	Ms. Judy Kingsley, Ms. Lauren Lee, Mrs. Beverly DeFabiis
Art:	Mr. Michael Watson
Vocal Music:	Ms. Jaclyn Altieri
Instrumental Music:	Ms. Adriana Marallo, Mrs. Laurie Quinlan
Physical Education:	Mr. Adam Gerenstein
Library/Media Center:	Mrs. Sherrie Taylor
Basic Skills Instruction:	Mrs. Kathy Ginocchio
Reading Specialist:	Mrs. Marlene Ryan
School Nurse:	Mrs. Colette Crescas
English as a 2 nd Lang.:	Mrs. Debbie Neely
Speech:	Mrs. Dana Finn
School Secretary:	Mrs. Joanne Empson
Custodial Staff:	Mr. Joseph Cecala (head custodian), Mr. Pasquale (Pat) DeNegri , Mr. Dennis Keelty
Special Education Staff:	Mrs. Carolyn Rommeihs (1 st and 2 nd), Mrs. Corinne Babich (3 rd and individual instruction), Mr. John Beekman (4 th and 5 th).
Teacher Assistants:	Mrs. Janet Silverstein, Mrs. Linda Whipple, Mrs. Doris Mutascio , Ms Cady Cash and Mr. Alan Leiner

USEFUL CONTACT INFO

TJS Office	Phone	973-593-3182
	Fax	973-966-1925
	Roll call	973-593-3182 (ext. 7490)
	Mailing Address:	359 Woodland Rd., Madison, NJ 07940
	Website -	WWW.madisonpublicschools.org

Teacher e-mail addresses: The teachers last name and first initial
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Every teacher also has a voicemail extension that can be accessed by calling the school's main number and dialing the mailbox number. A listing of the staff mailbox numbers is attached.

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ABOUT OUR NAME...

Our school was opened in 1970, for the second semester of the 1969-1970 year. It is named for Torey J. Sabatini, a lifelong Madison resident, and a Board of Education member for 27 years. He was first elected in 1941. Torey Sabatini was a local building contractor whose knowledge made him a valuable member to the Board during a time of school district growth. His years of service included the construction of Kings Road School, Green Village Road School, and Madison High School, along with additions to four elementary schools and the high school.

School pride...Torey J's mascot is the Jaguar. You'll spot Jaguar t-shirts and sweatshirts on students wearing them proudly in school hallways and around town

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Babich	Corinne L.	7401
Beekman	John	7402
Caruso	Marisa	7408
Crescas	Colette	7409
DeFabiis	Beverly	7407
Empson	Joanne	7432
Finn	Dana	7702
Gerenstein	Adam	7410
Ginocchio	Kathleen	7518
Iuvone	Jamie	7424
Keuhn	Britt	3156
Bletcher	Judy	7412
Kolarsick	Caitlyn	7433
Gambino	Lauren	7415
Marallo	Adriana	7238
Mascia	Maria	7403
McDonald	Ashley	7420
McNichol	Dawn	3166
Natunen	Karen	7431
Neely	Deb	3156
Niper	Megan	7423
Pisano	Francesca	7424
Rommeihs	Carolyn	7419
Ryan	Marlene	7421
Starke	Carol	7425
Stricchiola	James	7426
Taylor	Sherrie	7427
Wallace	Kathleen	7428
Waryha	Meredith	7429
Watson	Michael	7538