



## TWAIN HARTE SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER

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Parent Newsletter for the week of September 12<sup>th</sup>

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

September 14 – 16

8<sup>th</sup> Grade LAIR

September 21

Minimum day dismissal, 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 1:35 p.m.

Did you know that last year our chronic truancy rate was 20% of our students? Chronic truancy is defined by the state as students who miss, for any reason, 10% of the school year. At first, 10% sounds like a lot, but that work out to only 2 days a month. This year our goal is to reduce our chronic absentee rate to ensure that students are in class learning and mastering their grade level standards. Please make sure that, as much as possible, you schedule family vacations and doctor or dentist appointments in such a way that they don't interfere with school. Thank you for your help on making sure your students are here!

Good luck to Mrs. Bickley and our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students as they head over to Sierra Outdoor School for their LAIR (Life's Activities Involving Risk) trip later this week. This three-day, two-night trip is a highlight of students' time at Twain Harte School, and our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will have a lot of time to work on leadership, self-discovery and bonding as a group that will benefit them throughout their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year and beyond. Thank you to Mrs. Bickley who organizes and heads up this valuable experience for our students each year.

Cub Scouts are starting up! Pack 71 meets regularly on the second Thursdays of each month. The first pack meeting was this past week, and the next will be on October 13<sup>th</sup>. They meet at 6:00 PM in the cafeteria. If you have a boy in grades 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> and you are interested joining Cub Scouts, please contact Crystal Daily at 415-577-1023. Registration packets are also available in the school office.

Please remember that our cafeteria opens for breakfast at 7:35 in the morning. We have had students getting to school very early in the morning, and we do not have supervision for them until 7:35. Thank you for your help!

Our after school tennis program is starting up again! Coach Ron Jacobs will be bringing the HITS program back to Twain Harte for the 4<sup>th</sup> year, and we're very pleased to have him here. There are two programs, and the cost is \$10 to cover the USTA program fees. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be from 2:35-3:30 and 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades will be from 3:30-4:30. The program meets every Tuesday starting September 20<sup>th</sup>. The deadline to register is Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. To register, go online to [www.justaceit.net](http://www.justaceit.net).

Go Braves!

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