



TWAIN HARTE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Parent Newsletter – September 25, 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

9/29-10/1- Parent Teacher Conferences- Half Days- ALL GRADES release at 12:00pm

10/15- PATHS Meeting- 3:00pm-4:00pm- Room 3

10/19- Picture Retakes

10/30- Halloween Parade 12:00pm SHARP-Under the Arch

10/30- Fall Festival- 5:00pm-7:00pm- More Details Coming Soon

11/6- End of 1st Trimester

SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 1 will be half days. **Dismissal will be 12:00 noon for all grades.** Teachers will be completing parent/teacher conferences during this time. Please watch your parent communication app, and your student's backpack, for conference scheduling and important information from your student's teacher.

SCHOOLWISE ALERT SYSTEM is our primary means of communication to families for announcements, reminders, weather related information, and any other important updates throughout the school year. Alerts are sent through the system via text, email and phone call. **To receive text alerts** please opt-in by texting **YES** to **79041**

MAKEUP/RETAKE PICTURE DAY will be Monday, October 19th. If your student was absent on picture day, new envelopes will be sent home close to picture day with a code to pre-order; envelopes may also be sent on picture day with payment. If your student is doing a retake please send their picture packet to school with them that day. Only students needing a picture or a re-take will have pictures taken.

INDEPENDENT STUDY is available, by request, for absences that are a minimum of 3 days and no longer than 15 days. Approval will be dependent on previous number of independent study days used and the level of completion of previous Independent Study assignments. If you would like to request IS please do so by contacting the school office at least **two weeks** prior to the scheduled absences. This allows time for the paperwork to be completed and sent to teachers, and also provides time for teachers to gather needed assignments and materials. Incomplete Independent Study may result in denial of future Independent Study requests.

ATTENDANCE is important to help your student build good school habits. Missing 10% (1-2 days every few weeks) can make it harder for your student to gain reading and math skills, build relationships, and develop good attendance habits. Please call the office when your student is absent from school. Without verification your student's absence will be marked as unexcused.

EVERY WEDNESDAY IS A MINIMUM DAY – DISMISSAL IS 1:40 PM FOR GRADES K-8.