



# TEANECK COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear TCCS Community,

As September comes to a close, I want to thank everyone for doing their part to ensure that we were able to have a successful first month of entirely in-person instruction. Your flexibility and strict adherence to our [Covid-19 protocols](#) has been extremely helpful and is greatly appreciated. I am looking forward to continued success this school year with your ongoing cooperation!

Please take note of the following important updates and reminders:

### **Lunch Service and Outdoor Lunch / Recess**

Lunch service will begin tomorrow, October 1st. If you did not place an order for your child, please be sure to continue sending them in with lunch, as all meals must be ordered in advance and we can not offer point of sale lunches. Additionally, as the weather continues to get cooler into the fall, we will continue to have lunch and recess outdoors as frequently as possible, as outlined in our Covid-19 protocols. Please be sure to send your child to school with appropriate clothing / layers every day (including hats and gloves, as necessary).

### **TCCS Parent Handbook**

As a reminder, the TCCS Parent Handbook for the 2021-2022 school year is available under the “Parent Resources” page of the TCCS website, in the “Documents” section of the parent portal, and directly online at <https://bit.ly/tccsph2122>. Please be sure to refer to it if you have any questions about various school policies and procedures.

### **TCSCO Meeting**

The TCSCO will be having a virtual meeting at 7:30pm TONIGHT to discuss the election of officers and various upcoming events for the fall. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend and get involved. Visit <https://bit.ly/tcsco93021> to log into the meeting!

### **TCCS Board of Trustees Meeting**

The next meeting of the TCCS Board of Trustees will be held at 7pm on Monday, October 4 in the Music Room (Room 302). All are welcome to attend this in-person meeting. Note: Masking and distancing protocols must be followed.

## **Week of Respect and Social Media “Challenges”**

Finally, as shared by Ms. Torres earlier this week, next week is the “Week of Respect” at TCCS! Not only is this a fun and exciting way for our students to work on team building and to engage in friendly competition with their peers and classmates, but it is also a great opportunity to highlight and promote the important ideals of positive behavior and respect for each other and ourselves. Please see attached for details, including our themes and activities for each day.

On the topic of positive behavior and respect, I would like to take a moment to address a topic that has been receiving significant media coverage in recent weeks. You may be aware of a number of “challenges” that are circulating on TikTok and other social media apps, where students are encouraged to record themselves committing acts of vandalism, mischief, or other forms of disrespect in school and posting them online.

While internet “challenges” are not a new phenomenon, this is a good opportunity to have open discussions with your children (especially those with their own phones or other personal internet devices) regarding the ramifications of participating in such activities. As a school, we promote positive behavior first and foremost (as highlighted by our PBIS program), but are committed to holding students accountable when they break the rules. You can refer to the above mentioned parent handbook for additional information on our code of conduct and other behavioral expectations.

Please be aware of what your children are doing online and make a point of having conversations with them regarding internet safety and making good decisions. For your reference, here are a few articles with suggestions for talking to your kids about these issues:

[Washington Post: How to talk to your kids about the Devious Licks school TikTok challenge](#)  
[HealthyChildren.Org: Dangerous Internet Challenges – Understanding Their Appeal to Teens](#)  
[Common Sense Media: Online Challenges Your Kid Already Knows About](#)

Thank you for your attention to this issue, as well as the other updates and reminders that have been shared above. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at [rgallo@tccsnj.org](mailto:rgallo@tccsnj.org). Otherwise, have a good afternoon and a great Friday. It’s going to be an excellent October!

Thanks and Best Regards,



Ralph Gallo

Lead Person / Director

# TCCS Week Of RESPECT

## October 4-8 2021

**1 Point will be given by homeroom teachers for each student who participates. The homeroom with the MOST points at the end of the week will be awarded the TCCS Spirit Trophy.**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>World Day of Bullying Prevention - Blue Shirt Day</b></p> <p>Blue Shirt Day is a time when we ask everyone to wear a BLUE SHIRT and join us in solidarity to stop bullying and cyberbullying and STOMP Out Bullying around the world!</p> <p><b>Activity - Clap in Kindness</b> - During AM homeroom: Discussion to Kick off Respect Week - everyone claps together.</p> 	<p><b>Give Peace a Chance</b></p> <p>Tie-Dye Day Students should wear tie-dye or peace inspired clothing to school.</p> <p><b>Activity -What steps can I take to welcome kindness...</b> will be printed on a cutout blue foot print... students will each finish the sentence. Footprints will be hung throughout the school.</p> 	<p><b>Hats Off to our First Responders</b></p> <p>Let's support, celebrate, honor and most importantly say Thank You to our Nation's First Responders.</p> <p>Wear your craziest hat to school!</p> <p><b>Activity - Chain of Kindness</b> - On pre-cut strips of color paper, write messages that offer <b>ACTS OF KINDNESS</b>. Each homeroom will create a chain and each chain will be attached together and hung from the ceilings in the hallways.</p> 	<p><b>You Got a Friend in Me!</b></p> <p>Come to school dressed up in Disney themed clothes or in costumes of your favorite characters. Let your friends/ teachers know you've got a friend in me. You can always count on me!</p> <p><b>Activity - TCCS Sticks Together Against Bullying.</b> - Students sign their name to a piece of duct tape and place it on an anti-bullying banner. - Play song over intercom.</p> 	<p><b>Put Bullying to BED!</b></p> <p>Come to school dressed in your favorite pajamas. Remember you are in school, not at home; even though you are wearing pajamas, your attire must follow TCCS dress code.</p> <p><b>Activity - Clap out bullying</b> - to be completed in PM homeroom.</p> 