

## ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Chess
- Christians in Action
- Drama
- Ecology
- French and Spanish
- Jazz Band
- Mighty Mu Math Team
- National Junior Honor Society
- School newspaper
- Sports (volleyball, basketball, track, cheerleading)
- Strings
- Vibrations (choral performance group)
- Peer Connectors
- Winter Guard

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA)
- School Advisory Council (SAC)
- 5,000 Role Models of Excellence mentoring program
- Partnerships: Tarpon Springs Chamber of Commerce, Citizens Alliance for Progress, St. Petersburg College, local civic clubs

### SCHOOL MISSION

The mission of Tarpon Springs Middle School is to fully engage all students in their education. Through effective teaching practices and the students' application of knowledge, students will be prepared for high school.



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# Tarpon Springs

MIDDLE SCHOOL

2009-2010



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# QUICK facts

**Principal:** Susan Keller

**Grade Levels:** 6-8

**Enrollment:** 1,194

**School Hours:** 9:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. (Early release on Wednesdays – 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)

**Attractor/focus:** Writing, technology, MEGSSS and IMAST programs

**Before/after-school care:** Proposed for 2009-10

**Average Class Size:** District average class size complies with the class-size reduction amendment with “core” academic courses for middle school at 22:1.

**Teaching Staff:** Approximately 49 percent of faculty members have advanced degrees.

## **Exceptional Student Education:**

**Full time:** Independent Varying Exceptionalities (IVE), Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities (EBD)

**Part time:** Varying Exceptionalities (VE), Speech Impaired (SI), Language Impaired (LI), Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH), Visually Impaired (VI), Occupational Therapy (OT), Physical Therapy (PT) and Gifted

**English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program:** Yes

**Academic Information:** Visit [www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/schools](http://www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/schools)

**Computers and Technology:** More than 350 computers, a technology and computer lab

## SCHOOL BACKGROUND

Tarpon Springs Middle is the northern-most middle school in Pinellas County. The school has a rich tradition of quality leadership and community support since opening in 1980. Many faculty and staff members attended Tarpon Springs Middle and are professionals who create an inviting place to teach and learn. They move beyond traditional instruction by incorporating research-based teaching strategies. The campus presents itself as a safe and secure facility to meet the needs of our students and parents.

## SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- Writing workshop model
- Instructional technology lab
- Nationally recognized yearbook
- Youth Crime Watch
- Crisis Prevention Institute Model
- Television production program

## POINTS OF PRIDE

- Five Star Schools Award
- Silver Crown Award for yearbook
- Pacemaker Award for Journalism, selectee, 2005
- Girls and Boys Northern Division track champs, 2007
- Superior/excellent ratings for choral and band, 2004, 2006
- Battle of the Books, first place, 2008-09



## CURRICULUM

- Core courses: language arts, math, science and social studies
- Other required courses in various grades: reading, physical education, health
- Elective courses: band, chorus, foreign language, computers, orchestra, art, technology, etc.
- High school credit classes in math, science, English, French and Spanish
- Advanced science, math and language arts at all levels
- Gifted education elective for eligible students
- Integrated Mathematics and Science with Technology (IMAST) and Mathematics Education for Gifted Secondary School Students (MEGSSS)
- Introduction to World Languages, grade 6

## SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

- Extended Learning Program
- Corrective Reading Program
- Read 180 programs