

July Parent Correspondence

Dear Parents,

It is with a heavy heart that I must let you know that TNS will not open on the scheduled start date, August 17th. After hearing the news of Turlock Unified School District's decision to stay closed, we can no longer plan to open in good faith.

(<https://www.turlock.k12.ca.us/schoolopening>)

I was really hoping we would be able to go back to school this fall, however at this time, we are uncertain about when we will be able to reopen. We will continue to follow TUSD's lead in scheduling and when schools in Stanislaus County are able to reopen, we will do the same. The Board of Directors will keep the school informed with monthly emails to all currently enrolled families. Orientation is cancelled, but we will reschedule before reopening.

If you have paid your registration fee, you have 2 options:

1. TNS keeps the registration fee to hold the spot for your child when reopening can occur.
2. TNS refunds the registration fee and your child's spot will not be held.

Please let me know which option you choose by Friday, July 17th.

During this time, TNS could use some extra help. Even though the school will not open traditionally, we need to keep it running. Our Board of Directors will continue to meet and we need more members. The positions available are: Vice President, Treasurer, and Historian. If you are interested in any of these volunteer jobs, even if you are new to the school, please contact Board President, Jason DeMuro at president.tns@gmail.com. While the school is closed, your duties on the Board will mostly entail attending monthly board meetings, helping with fundraising, and assisting with school functioning.

Also, we will need extra financial support this year, as we will not bring in tuition and we had to cancel our biggest fundraiser in April. If you can donate any funds to help TNS weather this storm, please go to our Go Fund Me link: <https://gf.me/u/yd4ni6>

Please reply to me by Friday, July 17th to let me know: 1. That you received this email, and 2. Which option you choose for your registration fee and child's spot. Of course, if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to ask me! If you still have your child's registration paperwork, you may hold on to it, or turn it in and I will add it to a locked cabinet at the school.

I am truly sorry that this year did not work out differently. I was really optimistic last week! However, we must continue to do what's best for the health of our community. Please remind your children that this will pass, but we will need to keep being tough and shelter in place for a bit longer. I hope you all stay safe and healthy.

Much Love,

Kelly Pangrazio

TNS Director