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Tri-County North Local Schools

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From The Desk Of The Superintendent William Derringer



So far it has been a mild winter and we have made it through the first semester without using any calamity days. Please be aware that Tri-County North will once again be utilizing the "One Call" system to notify you of school cancellations or delays in the event of inclement weather. If you have changed your phone number or would like for us to add a new number to your account, please notify Noelle Bruner in the District Office at 962-2671.

Tri-County North has made a major purchase of classroom equipment to enhance instruction. Using ARRA (American Recovery and Re-investment Act) funds, TCN has purchased thirty-four Smartboards which have been dispersed throughout the elementary, middle and high schools and twenty amplification systems, which have been installed into our elementary. These Smartboards were installed during the month of November and have created an atmosphere of enthusiasm and excitement with our students and teachers. Many teachers have found the ability for interaction that they can provide utilizing the Smartboard has allowed their students to be more engaged in their lessons. Several of our teachers have already received hours of training on the implementation of Smartboards in the classroom and many others plan on completing professional development in this area as well. We are very excited about the opportunity that this purchase provides for our students and the impact that



the use of this new technology can have on student learning.

This December we will be making our final payment on the Tri-County North School building. To honor and thank all of you for your support over the past twenty years, we would like to invite each of you to an open house/bond retirement reception on Monday, January 25, 2010 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. It is quite an accomplishment to have this debt paid in full and it



could not have been possible without the support of each of you. It is hard to believe that our building is twenty years old! Please take some time to stop by on the 25th to see how well the building has been maintained and enjoy some cookies and punch in the cafeteria. We will be providing more information about the open house in the near future.

I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! It is truly a pleasure working with your children here at Tri-County North!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR



2009 Homecoming King
Todd Delong and
Queen Dakota Arde



TCN Honors Our Veterans



On Wednesday, November 11, 2009, TCN honored all Veterans for their service to our country. There was a great turn out for the annual program. Students from all three buildings participated by preparing for and performing in the event. Even our teachers were involved. Mrs. Ruppert, Mrs. Dowdy and Mrs. Lee sang a tribute to our World War II Veterans. Mr. Kring spoke and reminded us of the true reason for Veteran's Day. The Preble County Honor Guard gave the 21 gun salute. Mr. Parker recognized our TCN staff members who are Veterans. Mr. Del Braund performed two songs on his bagpipe. Mr. Ruppert honored the Veterans with a song he and Mrs. Ruppert wrote together. A tribute was paid to Gail Miller and Mr. Reynolds who passed away this past year. Immediately following the program, a reception was held in the high school cafeteria.

Thank you to all of the Administrators and organizers of this event. The program would cease to exist without all of your assistance! And a special "thank you" to all of the men and women who have proudly served or are currently serving our country. We thank you for your dedication and commitment to our country!



Elementary School



With the coming winter months, we will begin to experience weather that could have an affect on the start of the school day, possible cancellation of school or an early dismissal from school. It is critical that we have accurate and up-to-date information from parents regarding addresses, phone numbers, emergency contacts, medical information and any changes that may have taken place since the beginning of school. Included is the location of where your child is to go IF we dismiss school early for some reason—PLEASE be sure this is up to date.

Our most recent fundraisers were very successful and we'd like to thank our parents for your support and participation. Our 3rd & 4th graders did a great job with the Market Day pie sale and McDonald's peelers, both to help offset individual costs for Woodland Altars. Several students have earned enough credit to pay for the entire cost of the trip.

Please note some recent additions to our calendar (also posted on the web page) that include: Waiver Days—no students in attendance; Kindergarten Registration for 2010-2011; Terra Nova testing for grades 2, 3 and 4; Ohio Achievement Assessments for grades 3 & 4; Parent—

Middle School



Tri-County North Middle School has made a commitment to give our students the opportunity to give back to the community. In today's often self-centered society, our VIP (Very Important Panthers) organization provides students the opportunity to see the benefits of focusing on others. VIP members are given the choice of the different activities they can participate in throughout the school year. Our students have embraced the activities that were made available to them through the leadership of Ms. Pierson, our VIP Advisor. TCNMS students have baked goods and provided snacks for the Lewisburg Fire and EMS open house. Students went to the local nursing homes and reversed the trick-or-treating, where they were the ones handing out candy while dressed in the appropriate attire. The VIP also sponsored a dance at the school where over \$700.00 was raised to give to the local food pantry. During the Christmas season, where some residents of the nursing homes may have only a limited number of visitors, our bus full of VIP students go and sing Christmas carols with a passion, putting smiles on many faces. In the season of giving, I thought it would be appropriate to mention all of the things and activities our VIP students and advisor give of themselves for the local community. Have a safe and happy holiday!

High School



All Tri-County North Seniors (who attend the North building) traveled to a four year college campus, a two year college campus and a College of Technology on Tuesday, November 24th. They were able to accomplish all of this AND return to TCN before the end of the school day. The students were able to take advantage of this opportunity because all locations are just 25 minutes from our doorstep....in Richmond, Indiana.

Indiana University: (www.iue.edu) offers nothing but four year degrees at the Richmond Campus (IU East). Students can save money by living at home, if they choose, and earn a four year degree from an outstanding academic institution. Please see Mrs. Norris (TCNHS Guidance Counselor) for a list of majors/degrees offered by IU East. **IU East is offering a total of \$128,000 in scholarships just to "qualified" TCN graduates.** The other great thing about IU East is that Preble County residents are able to pay **in-state tuition!**

Ivy Tech Community College: (www.ivytech.edu/richmond) offers a wide variety of two year degrees and certification programs. The Ivy

Denny Dyer

Teacher Conferences; Grade cards and interim reports; Spring Break; and several other activities. The dates are posted on the web page and some are listed in this newsletter as well.

In conclusion, I would like to add that it is very important that children are in attendance on testing days. PLEASE DO NOT SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS OR VACATIONS during the Terra Nova testing or the Ohio Achievement Assessments. Each student in their respective grade is required to take these tests and therefore, it is vital that they are in attendance.



Joe Finkbine



Jeff Parker

Tech campus is adjacent to the IU East campus and the two institutions cooperate on a number of activities and programs. Please see Mrs. Norris for a list of degrees/certifications offered by Ivy Tech.

Purdue College of Technology: (www.tech.purdue.edu/richmond) also located adjacent to the IU East Campus. Degrees offered include Computer Graphics Technology, Industrial Technology, Mechanical Engineering Technology and Organizational Leadership and Supervision. This opportunity isn't well known by residents in our area, but it is an area that seems to interest a lot of young people.

Please encourage HS students (even MS students) to take a look at these programs that are right in our backyard. On many occasions, I hear from students and parents alike that they cannot afford a post-secondary institute or they just didn't like going away from home. The above options are wide-ranging, inexpensive and right in our backyard!

Winter Athletics



January

- 2: Varsity Wrestling @ Greenview—10:00 am
JHBB @ home vs. TVS—10:00 am
- 4: JHBB @ home vs. Troy Christian—5:00 pm
JHGB @ Troy Christian—5:00 pm
- 5: Varsity Bowling @ home vs. Ansonia—4:00 pm
JHGB @ home vs. Arcanum—5:00 pm
- 7: HSGB @ Tri-Village—5:30 pm
JHBB @ home vs. Tri-Village—5:00 pm
- 8: HSBB @ home vs. Mississinawa—5:30 pm
- 9: JHBB @ Ansonia—10:00 am
JH Wrestling @ Northridge—TBA
HSGB @ home vs. Ansonia—12 noon
- 11: Varsity Bowling @ home vs. Greenville—4:30 pm
- 12: Varsity Bowling @ home vs. Franklin—4:00 pm
JHGB @ Bradford—5:00 pm
- 14: HSGB @ Bethel—5:30 pm
JHBB @ home vs. Bethel—5:00 pm
- 15: HSBB @ Franklin-Monroe—6:30 pm
- 16: Varsity Wrestling @ home (Panther Invitational) - 9:00 am
- 19: JHGB @ Mississinawa—5:00 pm
Varsity Bowling @ Mississinawa—5:30 pm
- 20: Varsity Wrestling @ East Clinton—5:30 pm
- 21: HSGB @ Covington—5:30 pm
JHBB @ home vs. Covington—5:00 pm
- 22: HSBB @ home vs. Bradford—5:30 pm
- 23: JHGB @ home vs. Franklin-Monroe—10:00 am
JHBB @ Miami East—10:00 am
HSGB @ home vs. Miami East—12 noon
- 25: Varsity Bowling @ Ansonia—3:30 pm
Varsity Wrestling @ Northridge—5:00 pm
JHGB @ home vs. Newton—5:00 pm
- 26: Freshman BB @ Arcanum—4:30 pm
HSBB @ Arcanum—5:30 pm
- 27: JH Wrestling @ Milton-Union—6:30 pm
- 28: HSGB @ home vs. National Trail—5:30 pm
JHBB @ National Trail—5:00 pm
- 29: HSBB @ home vs. TVS—5:30 pm
Varsity Wrestling @ Lima Central Catholic—5:30 pm
- 30: Varsity Wrestling @ Lima Central Catholic—9:30 am
JHGB @ Tri-Village—10:00 am



February

- 1: JHBB @ Newton—5:00 pm
- 2: HSGB @ Stivers—5:30 pm
JHGB @ home vs. Ansonia—5:00 pm
- 3: Varsity Bowling @ Lemon Monroe—4:30 pm



- 4: JH & Varsity Wrestling @ Brookville—TBA
HSGB @ home vs. Northridge—5:30 pm
- 5: Freshman BB @ Carlisle—4:30 pm
HSBB @ Carlisle—6:00 pm
- 6: Varsity Wrestling @ Triad—9:30 am
JHBB @ home vs. Mississinawa—10:00 am
Freshman BB @ home vs. Covington—4:30 pm
HSBB @ home vs. Covington—6:00 pm
- 8: HSGB @ Yellow Springs—5:30 pm
- 9: HSGB @ Preble Shawnee—5:30 pm
Freshman BB @ Northridge—4:30 pm
HSBB @ Northridge—6:00 pm
- 11: HSGB @ TVS—5:30pm
- 12: Freshman BB @ National Trail—5:00 pm
HSBB @ National Trail—6:30 pm
- 13: JH & Varsity Wrestling @ Covington—10:00 am
Freshman BB @ home vs. Brookville—4:30 pm
HSBB @ home vs. Brookville—6:00 pm
- 19: Freshman BB @ Miami East—5:00 pm
HSBB @ Miami East—6:30 pm



March

- 30: JVBB @ home vs. Benjamin Logan—5:00 pm



JHBB = Junior High Boys Basketball
 JHGB = Junior High Girls Basketball
 HSBB = High School Boys Basketball
 HSGB = High School Girls Basketball
 JVBB = Junior Varsity Baseball

Kindergarten Registration

TCN Elementary will be holding their Kindergarten Registration on:

Thursday, February 25: 9:00 am—12:00 noon

Wednesday, March 24: 4:00—7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 20: 1:00—4:00 pm

All registration will take place in the TCN District Office.

2010-2011 Kindergarteners must be five years old on or before August 1, 2010, and parents must provide the following:

1. Original Birth Certificate
2. Social Security Card
3. Physician's Immunization Records
4. Original copies of any child custody orders, decrees or modifications of order relevant to the child
5. Three forms of proof of residency (please refer to www.tcnschools.com for acceptable forms of proof)

Kindergarten screening will be held in August in the Elementary building and will be discussed at registration.

Please feel free to contact the District Office at 937-962-2671 with any questions pertaining to kindergarten registration.



Incentives! Incentives! Incentives!

Due to an increase in the amount of negative balance lunch accounts, Tri-County North has decided to give an incentive to each child who has zero charges in the cafeteria. Since the beginning of this school year, many students have charged items in the cafeteria which has placed them with a negative balance on their lunch accounts. Many of these children have accrued negative balances above \$10.00. In an attempt to clear this debt, the Tri-County North PTO has donated two Wii game systems and one Playstation III game system to be given away at the end of this school year. Students will earn one entry at the end of every week during the second semester that they do not have a negative balance on their lunch account. During the last week of school, a drawing will be held and one lucky student from each building will win one of the prizes. Hopefully, this will give our students an incentive to pay off the negative balances that they have accrued during the first semester. If you are a parent who knows that your child has a negative balance, please help us by getting these charges paid off. Who knows, your child might be one of the three students to take home a very nice game system at the end of the year!



Students using Smartboards

TCN Makes A High Rate of Return

The TCN High School Business classes competed in the Fall 2009 Ohio Stock Market Challenge created by The Ohio Centers for Economic Education & Financial Literacy. Students in grades 9-12 formed teams to create and manage a hypothetical portfolio of stocks, bonds and mutual funds listed on the major stock exchanges. Each team had \$100,000 in "imaginary funds" to invest over a ten-week period. Using software provided by Stock-Trak Group, students researched stocks, obtained quotes, looked up ticker symbols, submitted trades and reviewed their team's ranking. The Challenge ended on December 10, 2009. One TCN team ranked 9th out of 794 teams from across the state of Ohio. The TCN team included: Kelsey Kimbler, Jeris Getter, Chris Johnson and Kyle Gebhart. The team made \$16,201.07 over the period. Mrs. Carmean has used this simulation once before and found it to be a great team building activity and a resource that reinforces concepts and builds skills in Mathematics, Social Studies, Economics, Language Arts, Business Education and Technology.



Class of '09 Gives Back

The Class of 2009 was able to save \$2,046 after all expenses were paid for from prom and graduation! As a class, the class voted to donate the extra money to the community by donating it to the local food bank. This is a great amount of money that the class was able to give them. The Lewisburg Area Council of Churches manages our local food bank. Deb Cline, Teacher and Senior Class Advisor, set up a time to take the money to Trinity Lutheran Church. Dianna Ervin, Teacher and Senior Class Advisor, and Kaylee Conley, Class President, were able to drop off the money on December 9th. The ladies in charge were so pleased that the Class of 2009 gave their remaining funds to the food bank. They added that they feed about 60 families a month. They are able to buy food for 4 cents a pound. The funds donated by Class of 2009 will go a long way and be able to feed so many families in our community!



Elementary Fun Festival!

We would like to announce some exciting news...the Elementary Fun Festival will be held on Friday, April 30, 2010 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. We are in need of items for our raffle such as sporting event tickets, movie passes and new decorative household items. All proceeds made on the raffle go directly to the elementary and next year's fun festival. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Grube or Heather Means at 937-962-2673.



HS French Classes Events

The French II, III and IV classes will be filming videos in French that we plan to post on to TeacherTube. The students are very excited about this project.

The French II class will also be performing a rap video form taken from the "Bien Dit" textbook series.

The French III and IV classes will be performing a news report that they have composed themselves. They came up with the idea for this project from a video on TeacherTube.

All-CCC Teams Announced

The Cross County Conference Teams have been selected. Those receiving special recognition for their hard work and dedication to fall sports are as follows:

All-Conference Team

Dez Brown—Volleyball
 Cassi Hall—Volleyball
 Abbey Schlater—Volleyball
 Blake Thompson—Soccer
 Bailey Cruse—Soccer
 Shelby Eby—Soccer
 Kyle Booth—Football
 Makayla Conley—Cross Country
 Bridget Jones—Cross Country

Special Mention Team

Sara Bierly—Volleyball
 Kyle Gebhart—Soccer
 Cody Broughton—Football

Honorable Mention Team

Emily Broughton—Volleyball
 Dylan Hemmerich—Soccer
 Corey Rindler—Soccer
 Zack Biser—Football
 Todd DeLong—Football



Congratulations to all of the fall athletes for being selected to the All-County Conference Teams!

A special congratulations to Abbey Schlater who was named Cross County Conference Volleyball Player of the Year!

Also, a BIG Congratulations to Coach Aukerman, TCN Varsity Volleyball, who was selected as the CCC Coach of the Year!



TCN High School Volleyball



This season was a very successful season for our High School Volleyball teams! The TCN Varsity Volleyball team finished with an overall record of 21-1 and 12-0 in the league, earning them the title of Cross County Conference League Champions, a first in TCN history! A big congratulations goes out to all of the varsity volleyball squad! Abby Schlater was named the league's Player of the Year for all of her efforts on the court this year. Congratulations to Abby on all of her achievements! Coach Aukerman was also selected as the CCC Coach of the Year by his peers. Congratulations to Coach Aukerman on a job well done! Coach Aukerman commented, "What an outstanding season. The girls worked so hard to accomplish our goal of winning the league. The season was so much fun and I really enjoyed working with such a talented group of athletes."

Coach Schaar also experienced a very successful season with his Junior Varsity Volleyball team. They played extremely well together and finished the season 17-0. Coach Schaar added, "What a fun year! The girls worked hard and got along well. I'm very proud of both teams."



Abby Schlater
 CCC Player of the Year

TCN JV Volleyball Team



Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon

TCN recently hosted their annual Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon on December 3rd. Approximately 90 area senior citizens attended the event.

Seniors enjoyed a great meal prepared by TCN's food service department, which was served by the TCN FFA students. Following the meal, Seniors were entertained by music selections from the High School band, the High School and Middle School choirs and the 2nd and 4th grade music students.

After the entertainment, door prizes were given away to those in attendance. Door prizes were generously donated by the following businesses: Village Florist & Gift Shop, Sarah's Pizza & Subs, Subway, Dayton Dragons Organization, Rob's Restaurant, Loudy's Office Supply, The Brookville Grille, The Old Midway and McMaken's Car Wash.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity and time! Happy Holidays to all!



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Upcoming Events

January

- 1: New Years Day—NO SCHOOL
- 12: Senior Parent Financial Aid Night—6:30 pm
- 15: Grade Cards sent home with students
- 18: Martin Luther King Day—NO SCHOOL
- 19: Teacher In-Service Day—NO SCHOOL for students
Preble County Spelling Bee—6:00 pm
- 30: Preble County Spirit Day hosted by TCN—10:00 am—2:00 pm
Preble County Science Fair at TVS—8:30 am



February

- 5: Interim Reports sent home with students
- 8-11: OGT Sophomore Academy Week
- 9: 7th & 8th Grade Band to Schuster Center
- 11: ES Valentine Parties
5th & 6th Grade Band to Schuster Center
ES Parent/Teacher Conferences—3:30—7:30 pm
MS Parent/Teacher Conferences—2:30—8:30 pm
HS Parent/Teacher Conferences—2:30—8:30 pm
8th Grade Parent HS Transition/Scheduling Meeting—7:00 pm
FAFSA Hands-on Workshop for Senior Parents—7:00 pm
- 12: NO SCHOOL
- 14: College Goal Sunday at Wright State and UD—2:00 pm
- 15: President's Day—NO SCHOOL

- 16: Teacher In-Service Day—NO SCHOOL for students
- 18: TCN FFA Banquet—6:00 pm
- 23: All-County Band Concert at TVS—7:30 pm
- 24 & 25: 8th Grade to MVCTC
- 25: Kindergarten Registration—District Office—9 am—12 noon

March

- 1-5: Terra Nova Testing—2nd, 3rd and 4th Grades
- 2-3: 8th Grade MMGW Assessment
- 4: 5th & 8th Grade Terra Nova Testing—Social Studies
- 5: "College For A Day" at IU East (9th Graders)
- 8-11: 6th & 7th Grade Terra Nova Testing
- 9: High School Band and Choir Concert
- 10: National Honor Society Blood Drive
- 12: MS "Swinter" Fling—6:00—8:30 pm
- 14: Daylight Savings Time Begins (spring forward!)
- 15-19: OGT Testing for Sophomores
Terra Nova Testing (off-year OGT) for Freshmen
- 16: 4th Grade Science Fair
- 19: Grade Cards sent home with students
- 24: Kindergarten Registration—District Office—4—7 pm
- 25: NHS Induction
- 29—April 2: Spring Break—NO SCHOOL

