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From The Desk Of The Superintendent William Derringer



It is hard to believe how quickly this school year has passed. Last Thursday evening, eighty-nine seniors walked across the stage and received diplomas for the Class of 2008. What a unique and talented group they have been! Many of them excelled in and out of the classroom, as well as on and off the playing fields. Lead by five valedictorians, the Class of 2008 earned approximately one million dollars in scholarships, grants and financial aide. Currently, seventy percent of the graduating seniors are planning on furthering their education by attending some type of post-secondary school next fall. We wish the graduates the best of luck and extend them an invitation to come back to Tri-County North to share their successes with us.

The TCN Board of Education has adopted a new mission statement for our school district. When our district received the prestigious award of NCA District Accreditation last year, one of the recommendations from the visiting North Central team was that we revise and update our district's eighteen year old mission statement. At our Board retreat in April, many ideas were tossed around, which led to condensing our cur-

rent mission statement into one that was easy for our parents, students and community to remember. The new mission statement is "Preparing for Tomorrow by Expecting Excellence Today". This statement is truly our mission! With our community's continued support, I am confident that we can be successful in preparing our students for tomorrow by expecting excellence today.

As you are well aware, when something negative happens within a school district, word travels quickly. One of our goals this year was to try to better inform our community of the many positive things that happen each day at TCN. This newsletter arose from the need to spread the good news about TCN. I would like to thank my Administrative Secretary, Noelle Bruner, who has done an outstanding job of collecting information and creating the newsletters for this year. This, along with the addition of our One Call system, are just some of the ways that we have attempted to keep you informed. As always, feel free to call me at 937-962-2671 at any time. I hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable summer!

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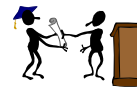
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The 2008/09 school year begins on August 20th!

Class of 2008...Farewell & Good Luck!



The Tri-County North Class of 2008 graduated on Thursday, May 22nd at the Salem Church of God. There were 89 graduating seniors overall, 14 of which attended MVCTC. The TCN Class of 2008 Valedictorians were Lindsay Bussard, Dennis Duncan, Greg Eley, Lane Hart and Lauren Perry. The Salutatorian was Shelly Seibel.

The Tri-County North Board of Education, Administration and Staff would like to wish each graduating senior the very best in all of their future endeavors. It has been a pleasure having you represent TCN! Congratulations and good luck!



'08 TCN Valedictorians & Salutatorian



Congrats to the 2008 Prom King & Queen, Garrett Gray & Theresa Hallstein



Elementary School

TCNES recently finished another great year and our best wishes go out to our 4th graders as they prepare for the middle school next year.

We would also like to wish Mrs. Phyllis Crum, 3rd grade teacher, the very best; she is retiring and will be missed by all. Mrs. Crum was with us as a Title I and 3rd grade teacher for the past five years.

Summer school for grades 1-4 will begin on August 4th and continue through August 14th. Registration was held the last week of school.

Summer latchkey has begun and runs

from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. No latchkey will be held on July 4th and the program will run through August 15th and pick up again on August 20th, the first day of school. Students who attend summer latchkey will need to bring a sack lunch each day.

Thanks to Mr. Lear, Mrs. Hake, Mrs. Kramer and Mrs. Shields for a great spring music program with our 2nd and 4th graders. A special thanks to the Lewisburg boys and girls baseball and softball teams for their cooperation in scheduling during the program. Next year's programs will be held in Decem-

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ber (1st & 3rd graders) and May (2nd & 4th graders).

Kindergarten screening will be held on August 8th & 11th, but parents must first register their child in order to be screened. Students cannot start kindergarten without being screened. Please stop in the District Office immediately to register your child if you haven't already done this.

We would like to wish all of our students and parents a great summer and thanks to all of you for your support and encouragement this year! Please remember to access our website by clicking on the elementary tab for parent information and a calendar of events!

Middle School

The end of school has come so quickly that it doesn't seem as though summer should be starting. Students and staff have worked extremely hard to wrap up the 2007-08 school year. The closing months have brought about a great amount of work and effort. Two of the things I wanted to highlight in this edition of the newsletter are the Ohio Achievement tests and staff appreciation week.

The Ohio Achievement testing was ad-

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ministered the weeks of April 21st and April 28th. In the middle school, we administered thirteen tests which included over seven hundred test and answer booklets. Teachers spoke about the students' effort and overall, teachers were pleased with the effort students put into the test. We are expecting great results from our students. I want to thank all the teachers and aides for the smooth administration of the test and a special thank you to Ms. Karla Brandts for coordinating the testing for

the middle school.

Staff Appreciation week was May 5-11. We are very fortunate to have such a hardworking and caring staff that works with your students. They put extra effort in every day in one way or another. This community and the students get a quality education from this staff and they are to be commended for all the work they do. Again, thank you to all the staff members who make Tri-County North a special place!

High School

It has been another outstanding year at Tri-County North! I would like to take this opportunity to share some of the academic recognition earned by TCNHS students. Congratulations to all of these students!

National Financial Literacy Challenge: the following students scored in the top 25th percentile of the National Financial Literacy Challenge (a total of 46,000 students across the U.S. took the challenge). Nathan Arnold, Mathew Barnes, Cody Broughton, Cori Burnside, Greg Eley, Cody Farley, Ryan Gebhart, Ian Hunter, Kasey Miller, Brittany Mullins, Lauren Perry, Helena Petrova, Stephanie Rushing, Branden Wallace and Nadine Wilson participated in the challenge.

HSTW Assessment Student Results: Alex Baker, Lindsay Bussard, Greg Eley, Micah Hammaker, Lane Hart, Garrett Lawson, Shelly Seibel earned the High Schools That Work (HSTW) Award of Educational Achievement. HS Seniors who complete a challenging and focused program of study and demonstrate readiness for employment and for college studies receive the award. Students qualify for the award by completing

Jeff Parker

a college-preparatory course of study in at least two of three subject areas (English/language arts, mathematics or science); completing a concentration in a career/technical area, mathematics/science or the humanities; and meeting readiness goals in all three subject areas on the HSTW Assessment.

State of Ohio Science Fair: the following students qualified for the District Science Fair at the University of Cincinnati: Dylan Hemmerich (Excellent), Emily Broughton (Excellent), Victoria Flora (Superior) and Aaron Patrick (Superior). Victoria and Aaron advanced to the State Science Fair where they received Superior ratings. Victoria achieved a perfect score, while Aaron was within two points of a perfect score. Over 1,000 students competed.

TrigStar Exam: the TrigStar Exam was given to over 150 high school students across the state. TCN continued the recent tradition of having students place in the state. Helena Petrova scored a perfect score and finished 2nd in the state. Amanda Roberts finished 3rd in the state and Lindsay Bussard scored a 4th place finish!

Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer!

4th Grade Woodland Alters Trip



On April 2nd, 72 fourth graders and their teachers departed for Woodland Alters, which sits on 450 acres of rolling hills, woodlands and prairie in southeastern Ohio. Once at Woodland Alters, the students were divided into their trail groups and each group was assigned a t-shirt color. This helped the naturalists in charge of the group identify the students as well as giving them a souvenir from the trip. For this shirt, a contest was held to design the front of the t-shirts. Jesse Kehr won first place, while Logan Elmore and Alyse Schaar came in second and third respectively. Each was given a cash amount to spend at the camp store, as a reward.

While at Woodland Alters, there were many activities ranging from hiking, habitat investigating, as well as studying reptiles. Two activities that many of the students liked were the Underground Railroad and visiting Serpent Mound. The Underground Railroad activity was held at night and students learned how slavery impacted Ohio first hand.

According to the campers, the food was excellent! Three meals a day were served with a variety of kid-friendly food. The students were allowed to eat as much as possible, but there was a goal of

zero waste for each meal. Students had a light snack and a drink before retiring for the evening. While there, the students stayed at two different lodges. The smaller lodge, Sugar Grove, held 20 students, while Heritage Lodge accommodated the remaining 54.

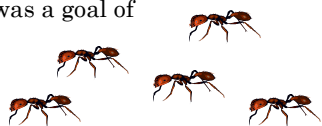
Many of the fourth graders said if they could change anything about the trip, it would have been the lumpy mattresses on the bunk beds and the amount of hot water available for the showers! Several students suggested that we stay longer.

All in all, a good time was had by all who attended. Thanks to the parents, PTO and the fall fundraiser that made this trip possible. Each student took a unique memory that they will be able to carry with them into the future.

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams"
~ Eleanor Roosevelt



Field Trips Galore!



TCN's second grade recently traveled to the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery where they visited the Planetarium. After watching a show in the planetarium, the students went to Golden Gate Park in Brookville for lunch and play time.



Stidham Performs National Anthem

On March 31st, Rose Stidham, a 9th grader at TCN, performed the National Anthem and the Air Force Song at the United States Air Force 591st Supply Chain Management Group's Activation Ceremony at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Mr. Richard Reed, a graduate of Twin Valley North and Director of the 591st Supply Chain Management Group, requested a TCN student do the honor of performing the National Anthem at their activation ceremony and Rose volunteered her time and voice for the event. Rose received many compliments on a job well done! A great big "thank you" goes out to Rose and Mrs. Kathleen Parr, Chorus Teacher, for assisting our Air Force!

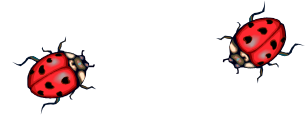


Sixth Grade Students Visit Dearborn, Michigan

The 6th grade took an overnight field trip to Dearborn, MI on May 15th-16th. Prior to leaving, the students completed an interdisciplinary unit on Henry Ford and his contributions. In language arts, students were assigned a person who would be showcased in either the Henry Ford Museum or the Greenfield Village to research. Students researched their assigned person looking for basic biographical information as well as information about the invention or contribution that the person made. The information was then made into PowerPoint presentations. The students really enjoyed seeing the homes, inventions or other pieces of history that related to their historical figure. In science, the students studied the assembly line and the advancements it provided for production and industry. In social studies, students mapped the countries that provide raw materials that are used to make Fords.

Finally, in math, students discussed the importance and significance of the \$5 a day that Henry Ford implemented. They then compared the cost of cars versus salary then and now.

The students had a great time on the trip and were able to see some unique pieces of history. While in Dearborn, the students had the opportunity to learn more about some of the most important men and women in history. Their first stop was at the Ford Rouge Truck Plant where the Ford F-150 is manufactured. After touring the plant, students spent the afternoon at the Henry Ford Museum. Some highlights of the museum were the Rosa Parks Bus, the Oscar Mayer Weiner mobile, John F. Kennedy's limousine and the chair that Abraham Lincoln was assassinated in. The next day, students visited Henry Ford's estate where they learned about what a truly amazing



inventor Henry Ford was. They also spent the afternoon at Greenfield Village where they saw a number of famous homes including the Wright Brothers' birthplace, George Washington Carver's birthplace and Thomas Edison's laboratory.

The trip was educational, fun and a great opportunity for all students! We would like to thank the school board, parents and the community for their support in making this trip possible.



Excellent State Results In Recent TrigStar Exam

On March 20th, the Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus and Calculus classes participated in the TrigStar Exam. The exam is sponsored by the American Society of Professional Surveyors as a means of promoting surveying and mapping as career choices. TCN has participated for the last three years. We recently received the state results and are excited to announce that three of the top five scores in the state of Ohio were TCN students! Taking 2nd in the state was Helena Pet-

rova, a foreign exchange student from Czech Republic. Helena received a perfect score, but she took more time to complete the test than the 1st place winner. Helena will receive \$100 from the state. Amanda Roberts, a senior, placed 3rd in the state and will receive \$75. Lindsay Bussard, also a senior, will receive \$50 for placing 4th in the state. Mr. Brad Kramer was present at the underclassmen awards ceremony on May 22nd to hand out the cash awards and a plaque

for Helena. TCN is so proud of all of the students who participated. It's exciting to have students place at the state level and even more so to know that three of the top five scores were from our school! A big "thank you" goes out to Brad Kramer, of Kramer and Associates in Eaton, for bringing us this wonderful opportunity for our students. Congratulations to Helena, Amanda and Lindsay for a job well done!!!



Band & Choir Notes

On May 2nd, the HS Band and HS Choir performed at the United Methodist Church for the Lewisburg Area Council of Churches fundraising event.

On May 3rd, the JH and HS Bands participated in a band contest in Mason, Ohio where they received an Excellent rating and 1st place for their category. The HS Choir participated in a choir contest, as well, where they received an Excellent rating for their performance. A trip to Kings Island followed the performances and was enjoyed by all who attended!

"The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can do, well"
~ Henry W. Longfellow

The choir held their last choir concert of the year on May 6th. Many family and community members attended the event.

The band finished their school year strong by holding their final concert for the year on May 8th.

The band and choir departments would like to thank everyone for their continued support! Have a great summer!

Summer/Fall Athletics



June

2-5: High School Girls Basketball Camp—9 am—1 pm

July

7-11: Varsity Volleyball Camp—9 am—1 pm

7-11: 7th & 8th Grade Volleyball Camp—2—4 pm

14-17: High School Boys Basketball Camp

14-17: Boys Basketball Camp (4th, 5th & 6th) - 9—11 am

14-17: Boys Basketball Camp (6th, 7th & 8th) - 1—3 pm

15-17: Football Camp (MS/HS) - 6—8:30 pm

21-25: Varsity Volleyball Camp—9 am—1 pm

21-25: 7th & 8th Grade Volleyball Camp—2—4 pm

22-24: Football Camp (MS/HS) - 6—8:30 pm

August

8: Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Milton-Union @ home
(Scrimmage) —TBA

Boys Varsity Football @ Dixie (Scrimmage) - 7:30 pm

11: Girls Varsity Golf @ Vandalia @ Cassel Hill—TBA

12: Girls HS Volleyball @ Sidney Lehman (Scrimmage) - TBA

15: Boys Varsity Golf @ Ryder Cup @ Stillwater—TBA

Girls HS Volleyball vs. Trail @ home (Scrimmage) - 10 am

Boys Varsity Football vs. Northridge @ home (Scrimmage)
- 7:30 pm

18: Boys Varsity Golf @ Tri-Village—4:30 pm

Girls Varsity Soccer @ Preble Shawnee—5:30 pm

Boys Varsity Soccer @ Preble Shawnee—7:30 pm

Girls HS Volleyball @ Greenville (Scrimmage) - TBA

19: Boys Varsity Golf vs. TVS @ home—4:30 pm

20: Boys Varsity Golf @ Twin Valley South—4:00 pm

Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Northeastern @ home—5:30 pm

Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Northeastern @ home—7:30 pm

21: Boys Varsity Golf vs. Miss. Valley @ home—4:30 pm

Girls 7/8 Volleyball vs. Northmont @ home (Scrimmage) -
4:00 pm

Girls HS Volleyball @ Northmont (Scrimmage) - 4:00 pm

22: Boys Varsity Football vs. Midd. Mad. @ home—7:30 pm

23: MS/HS Cross Country @ Milton-Union—9:00 am

Boys JV Football @ Madison—10 am

Girls Varsity Volleyball @ Troy—10 am

Girls JV Volleyball vs. Tecum./Troy @ home—10 am

25: Boys Varsity Golf vs. Covington @ home—4:30 pm

Girls 7/8 Volleyball vs. Bradford @ home—5:00 pm

Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Eaton @ home—5:30 pm

Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Eaton @ home—7:15 pm

26: Boys Varsity Golf vs. Ansonia @ home—4:30 pm

Girls Varsity Golf @ Tri-Village—4:30 pm

Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Yellow Springs @ home—5:30 pm

28: Boys Varsity Golf @ Nat'l Trail—4:30 pm

Girls Varsity Golf vs. Nat'l Trail @ home—4:30 pm

Girls 7/8 Volleyball @ Arcanum—5:00 pm

Boys Varsity Soccer @ Southeastern—5:30 pm

Girls Varsity Soccer @ Miami East—5:30 pm

Girls HS Volleyball vs. Arcanum @ home—5:30 pm

29: Boys Varsity Football @ Bethel—7:30 pm

30: MS/HS Cross Country @ Greenville—9:30 am

Boys JV Football vs. Bethel @ home—10:00 am

Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Miami East @ home—12 noon

TCN Educators Retiring

With the closing of the 2007-2008 school year, it saddens us to say that we have three educators retiring from Tri-County North. Phyllis Crum, 3rd grade teacher, has been with TCN since 2003 and has many years of service in the teaching field. Karla Brandts, Middle School Guidance Counselor, has 24 years of service at TCN. Mary Beth Vogue, Middle and High School Librarian, has over 36 years of service with TCN. Tri-County North would like to thank Phyllis, Karla and Mary Beth for their dedication to our students and the community. We wish them all a happy and healthy retirement! You will be greatly missed next year and many years to come!



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Upcoming Events

June

9-20: 21st Century Summer School in Eaton

July

4: Independence Day

14-18: Band Camp

7/26—8/2: Preble County Fair

August

4-14: Elementary Summer Intervention (grades 1-4)

8: Kindergarten screening (elementary school)

11: Kindergarten screening (elementary school)

14-16: Derby Days

18: Teachers In Service Day

Elementary class lists posted at 3:30 pm

Meet The Teacher—5:00—6:30 pm (grades 1-4)

3rd Grade Parent Meeting—5 pm in the lecture room

1st Grade Parent Meeting—5:30 pm in the lecture room

Kindergarten Student & Parent Meeting & Orientation

—6:30 pm in the multipurpose room

19: Teachers In Service Day

20: Student Classes Begin (kindergarten will attend on a staggered schedule)



TCN Class of '08