



Panther Pride

From The Desk Of The Superintendent *William Derringer*



Don't Forget!

The 2012/2013 school year begins August 22nd!



2011-2012 Prom King and Queen: Joe Askins and Katie Whitaker

Last Thursday the students of the twenty-ninth graduating class from Tri-County North walked across the stage and received their diplomas. These students were the first group to attend all day, every day kindergarten thirteen years ago. They have earned many honors and awards and I would personally like to take this opportunity to congratulate each of our graduates as well as their family and friends. We wish them the best of luck as they enter college, the workforce or whatever field they choose to pursue. I know that they will be successful if they set goals for themselves and then work hard at achieving their goals.

As always, we will have many improvement projects occurring around the school this summer. Resurfacing the gym floors, scrubbing and waxing the hallways, and cleaning all of the classrooms are normal summer events. The biggest project that we will complete is the replacement of all three front entry doors. The steel doors that we currently have are now 22 years old and are rusting at the bottom. This

project will be paid for with Permanent Improvement dollars.

In an attempt to save energy costs, the entire district will be closed every Friday during the months of June and July. We have done this the past three years and it has worked very well. The exact hours of operation are listed on the last page of this newsletter for your convenience.

We have four employees, Don Kring, Susan Ross, Karen Olwine and Carl Walter, who will be retiring this year. Combined, they have 130 years of service to Tri-County/Twin Valley North schools. We wish each of them the best and hope that they take some well deserved time to spend with their family and friends.

I hope each of you have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer. As always, please feel free to contact me at the district office, 937-962-2671, if you have questions, comments, or concerns. See you in the fall!



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The Tri-County North Class of 2012 graduated on Thursday, May 24th, at the Salem Church of God. There were 84 graduating seniors overall, 43 of which were MVCTC graduates as well. This year's Valedictorians were Bailey Cruse, Sam Judd, Morgan Silvers and Samantha Ward. The 2012 Salutatorian was Ariel Clark. 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 best of luck to you!



Elementary School

Denny Dyer

2011-12 was another great year at the elementary school and we would like to wish our 4th graders the best as they embark on the middle school experience next fall. We would like to remind all of our students to keep sharp this summer by reading and exercising for the next three months so that everyone will come back ready for a great start in August!

A few reminders for this summer: Kindergarten registration is still being held at the District Office over the summer (except Fridays), and students MUST be registered before they can attend the screenings on August 3rd & 6th. Please call the District Office at 962-2671 for more details. The Elementary office will be open from 8am to 4pm through June 12th, closed from June 13th through July 31st, and will reopen on August 1st. New students to the district and incoming

kindergarten students need to register at the District Office. Summer School for incoming grades 1-4 will be held from 9am to 11:30am, August 6-10th and August 13-16th. Meet the Teacher for next year will be held on Monday, August 20th, from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. Kindergarten Parent and Student Orientation will also be held on Monday, August 20th, at 6:30pm in the multipurpose room and the kindergarten classrooms. Class lists for next year will be posted on August 20th at 3:30 pm on the front doors of the elementary school.

The first day of school next year will be Wednesday, August 22nd. Have a great summer!!! Remember to check our website regularly for updated information.

Middle School

Joe Finkbine

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 2011-12 school year. The closing months have brought about a great amount of work and effort. I want to thank all the students, parents and staff for a great year!

The Ohio Achievement testing was administered the weeks of April 23rd and 30th. In the middle school, we administered ten tests which included over six hundred test and answer booklets. This year we included an incentive for students to use their good test taking strategies during testing. Teachers monitored the test and noted which students used the strategies they had been taught. These names were included in a drawing at each grade level. Prizes for each grade level included four free LaRosa's pizzas or calzones, two \$5 gift cards to Sarah's Pizza, two \$5 gift cards to Subway, \$10 gift card to K-Mart and a \$50 I-Pod Shuffle. Each of these prizes were donated to the school. Teachers spoke about the students' effort and overall, teachers were very pleased. We are expecting great results from our students. I want to thank all of the teachers and aides for the smooth administration of the test and a special thank you to Mrs. Kathy Gevedon for coordinating the testing for the middle school.

We concluded our school year with a fun-filled day. We started with a school wide awards assembly. We recognized students for their academic performance and attendance. We then moved into our field day. Students participated in a variety of events ranging from water balloon relays to tug-of-war. Students had a great time and it was a great way to conclude our school year.

Here is some information for next school year. We will have an Open House / Meet the Teacher on August 20th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Our first day of school for the 2012-13 school year is August 22nd. I hope each and every one of you has a great summer. I am looking forward to another great year at Tri-County North Middle School!

High School

Doug Dunham

On Monday, May 14th, Tri-County North held their annual Senior Awards Program. Mrs. Norris, Guidance Counselor, did an excellent job of organizing the event and having the guest presenters. Scholarship recipients were:

Katie Whitaker: Lewisburg Lions Club, Lewisburg Area Council of Churches, Lewisburg Chamber of Commerce/Bill Sewert and Joe Freedman Memorial, TCN Athletic Booster Club, Cody Holp Memorial, OHSAA Courageous Student Winner.

Kendra Mullins: Carolyn Anthony Memorial, Chris Tucker Memorial, Larry Harmon Honorary Scholarship.

Joseph Askins: PTO Scholarship, IUE East Scholarship.

Kayla Ray: Lewisburg Area Council of Churches, Pearl Mt. Castle Book Grant Award.

Samantha Ward: Lewisburg Chamber of Commerce/Bill Sewert and Joe Freedman Memorial, Lewisburg Emergency Unit, OHSAA Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award.

Eli Davidson: Lewisburg Chamber of Commerce/David Scott Memorial, TCN Athletic Booster Club, Preble County Pork Festival, Pearl Mt. Castle Book Grant Awards, Cody Holp Memorial, Larry Harmon Memorial Scholarship, Preble County College Club, OAPSE Scholarship, Trailrider's Scholarship.

Mallorie Ullery: Delta Theta Tau.

Adam Obringer: Delta Theta Tau, TCNEA Scholarship, IUE East.

Cole Williams: TCN Athletic Booster Club.

Katie Gingry: Cody Holp Memorial, IUE East Scholarship, Tabbie Booso Memorial.

Wesly Hart: Kenneth Garber Memorial, Darke County Electrical Scholarship, Trailrider's Scholarship.

Sam Judd: Miriam Wilhem Memorial, Darke County Electrical Scholarship, OHSAA Scholar Athlete Award.

Bailey Cruse: Ideal Chapter Eastern Star, Darke County Electrical Scholarship, OHSAA Scholar Athlete Award., University of Dayton Scholarship.

Shana Lewis: IUE East Scholarship.

Cameron Gayheart: OHSAA Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award.

Mallory Fisher: Anderson University Scholarship.

Christopher Johnson: Franklin B. Walters Scholarship.

Four year TCN letter winners in sports were: Bailey Cruse—2, Hannah Krull, Samantha Ward, Jasmine Weaver, Mallorie Ullery, Michael Olinger, Ronni Vanmeter, Kindra Mullins—2, Jacob Schlater, Joseph Askins, Derek Treadway, Katie Whitaker, and Thomas Bailey.

Overall, TCN students received nearly \$700,000 in scholarship money to aid them in furthering their education. Congratulations and best wishes to all of our Seniors!

Summer/Fall Athletics

June

- 4-6: Grades 7-12 Boys Basketball Camp—9:00-11:30 am
 Grades 4-6 Boys Basketball Camp—12:30-2:30 pm
 25-28: Grades 5-8 Girls Basketball Camp—9:00-11:30 am

July

- 16-19: Grades 9-12 Volleyball Camp—9:00 am—2:00 pm
 Grades 7-8 Volleyball Camp—4:30—6:30 pm
 16-20: TCN Band Camp—8 am—3 pm, then 6 pm—9 pm
 17-28: HS Football Camp—4:30-8:30 pm
 23-26: Junior Varsity Volleyball Camp—9:00-12 noon
 Varsity Volleyball Camp—12:30-3:30 pm
 23-27: MS Football Camp—4:30—7:30 pm
 30&31: Varsity Volleyball Camp—9:00-12 noon
 Junior Varsity Volleyball Camp—12:30-3:30 pm

August

- 7: Varsity Football Scrimmage vs. Anna—10:00 am
 11: Varsity Football Scrimmage @ Dixie—10:00 am
 13: Varsity Golf @ Preble County Meet—9:00 am
 17: Varsity Football Scrimmage vs. Northridge—7:00 pm
 Varsity Golf CCC Preview @ Stillwater—9:00 am
 20: Varsity Golf vs. Franklin-Monroe—4:30 pm
 21: Boys Varsity Soccer @ Madison—5:30 pm
 Girls Varsity Soccer @ Madison—7:30 pm
 MS Football vs. Ansonia—5:00 pm
 Varsity Golf @ Bethel—4:30 pm
 23: Boys Varsity Soccer @ Dixie—5:30 pm
 Girls Varsity Soccer @ Dixie—7:15 pm
 Varsity Golf vs. TVS—4:30 pm
 24: Varsity Football vs. Brookville—7:30 pm
 25: JV Football vs. Brookville—10:00 am
 27: JH Volleyball @ Newton—5:00 pm
 HS Volleyball @ Madison—5:30 pm
 28: Girls Varsity Soccer vs. TVS—5:30 pm
 Boys Varsity Soccer vs. TVS—7:15 pm
 MS Football @ Arcanum—5:00 pm
 Varsity Golf @ National Trail—4:30 pm

Athletic Reminders



- Sports physicals, emergency medical forms and the Code of Conduct signature page **must** be turned into the coach or the Athletic Office prior to the first day of practice in order to participate in any sport.
- Participation fees of **\$40** per sport **must** be turned into the Athletic Department prior to the first regular season competition in order to participate in any sport.
- Up-to-date schedules can be located at www.highschoolsports.net.

REMEMBER!!! Athletes will NOT be permitted to participate in a sport until all required paperwork and participation fees are turned in!

- 30: JH Volleyball @ Franklin-Monroe—5:00 pm
 HS Volleyball vs. Franklin-Monroe—5:30 pm
 Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Bethel—5:30 pm
 Boys Varsity Soccer @ Bethel—7:00 pm
 Varsity Golf @ Miami East—4:30 pm

- 31: Varsity Football @ Arcanum—7:30 pm

September

- 1: JV Football vs. Arcanum—10:00 am
 JH Volleyball vs. Mississinawa—10:00 am
 4: JH Volleyball vs. Bradford—5:00 pm
 HS Volleyball @ Bradford—5:30 pm
 MS Football vs. Mississinawa—5:00 pm
 Varsity Golf @ Covington—4:30 pm
 6: JH Volleyball @ Arcanum—5:00 pm
 HS Volleyball vs. Arcanum—5:30 pm
 Girls Varsity Soccer @ Miami Valley—5:30 pm
 Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Tri-Village—5:30 pm
 Varsity Golf vs. Arcanum—4:30 pm
 7: Varsity Football vs. Mississinawa—7:30 pm
 8: JV Football @ Mississinawa—10:00 am
 JH Volleyball vs. Eaton—10:00 am
 Varsity Volleyball @ Miamisburg Invitational—TBA
 10: JH Volleyball vs. TVS—5:00 pm
 HS Volleyball @ Eaton—5:30 pm
 Varsity Golf @ Tri-Village—4:30 pm
 11: HS Volleyball @ TVS—5:30 pm
 MS Football @ Bethel—5:00 pm
 Varsity Golf vs. Newton—4:30 pm
 13: Girls Varsity Soccer @ Miami East—5:30 pm
 Boys Varsity Soccer @ Miami East—7:30 pm
 Varsity Golf vs. Mississinawa—4:30 pm
 14: Varsity Football @ Bethel—7:30 pm
 15: JV Football vs. Bethel—10:00 am
 17: JH Volleyball @ National Trail—5:00 pm
 HS Volleyball @ Dixie—5:30 pm
 Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Carlisle—5:30 pm
 18: HS Volleyball vs. National Trail—5:30 pm
 MS Football vs. Covington—5:00 pm
 Varsity Golf @ Ansonia—4:00 pm
 20: JH Volleyball @ Miami East—5:00 pm
 HS Volleyball vs. Miami East—5:30 pm
 Boys Varsity Soccer @ Newton—5:00 pm
 Girls Varsity Soccer @ Newton—7:00 pm
 Varsity Golf CCC Tournament—9:00 am
 21: Varsity Football vs. Covington (Homecoming) - 7:30 pm
 22: JV Football @ Covington—10:00 am
 JH Volleyball @ Preble Shawnee (Quad) - TBA
 24: JH Volleyball vs. Brookville—5:00 pm
 Girls Varsity Soccer @ Trotwood-Madison—5:00 pm
 Boys Varsity Soccer @ Trotwood-Madison—7:00 pm

Zumba!

On Thursday, March 22, 2012, the P.E. department held it's first Fit Day Fundraiser: Zumba! It was held in the gym and offered to students in grades 5-12. It was a huge success! The event instructors were a former graduate from TCN, Kristina Burkett, and Dr. Neena Tan, who both volunteered their time to TCN from Studio Fitness in Vandalia. These ladies did a fantastic job coordinating outstanding fitness routines that the students really enjoyed.

Zumba is a Latin dance craze that has become a very popular way to exercise your cardiovascular system. Students and teachers participating in the event paid a dollar to exercise for 90 minutes of their school day. The energy level on this day was through the roof! The students and teachers were challenged and very excited to take part in such a fun form of exercise. A big thanks to all involved in making this day such a big success!



We would like to wish a very "Happy Retirement" to the following TCN staff members: Don Kring—24 years of service, Physical Education and Health; Karen Olwine—37 years of service, Elementary and Title I Teacher; Susan Ross—22 years of service, Computer Science Teacher; and Carl Walter—47 years of service, Buildings & Grounds/Maintenance/Transportation Supervisor. Your presence will definitely be missed! Thank you for your dedication to Tri-County North through the years. Wishing you all the very best in all of your future endeavors!

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Elementary School Family Fun Night



The Elementary Family Fun Night was held on April 13, 2012. Approximately 200 students and their families came to enjoy the games, food and prizes. A special thank you to everyone that donated items for the auction. The auction raised just over \$400 to make next year's fun night even better for the students. We would also like to say thank you to the teachers and to Mrs. Frank and her student volunteers. Without the student volunteers, we would not have all the exciting games to play! We had such a great time this year; we can't wait for next year's Family Fun Night!

Have a great

Summer Vacation

NHS Blood Drive

The Tri-County North annual Blood Drive, sponsored by the National Honor Society, was held on Friday, April 20, 2012. Once again, we were able to meet our donation goal. Eighty-eight people went through the registration process. From those eighty-eight people, sixty-two pints of blood were collected. Those sixty-two pints have the potential to save 186 lives! This year's drive was dedicated to the memory of Brittney Ward, a TCN senior who was lost tragically in an auto accident this spring.

The Community Blood Center awards "Red Cords" to seniors who have given at least three times during their high school career. This year, twelve TCN seniors were honored: Joe Askins, Thomas Bailey, Bryan Bolen, Kelsey Bowman, Joshua Diehl, Katie Gingry, Chris Johnson, Kourtni Meyers, Brandon Moody, Michael Olinger, Mallorie Ullery, and Jasmine Weaver.

The NHS would like to thank all persons who participated in this year's drive.



NHS Induction

On Tuesday, May 8th, the Tri-County North chapter of the National Honor Society held its annual induction ceremony for new members. This year, fifteen students were selected. They are as follows:

Six Seniors: Adrian Bayer, Casey Dearth, Mallory Fisher, Katie Gingry, Matt Louthan, and Kindra Mullins

Three Juniors: Savannah Butcher, Mikaela Craycraft, and Roxanne Miracle

Six Sophomores: Alyssa Askins, Jesse Cavendish, Aaron Koenig, Megan McClain, Urmil Patel, and Savannah Smith

This year's guest speaker was Mr. Don Kring who is retiring this year from Tri-County North. He spoke on the importance of being a leader within the community and how important it is to stay involved.



6th Grade Michigan Trip

On May 10th and 11th, 2012, fifty-seven of the students from the 6th grade class (as well as five chaperones) went on a field trip to Dearborn, Michigan. Both days in Michigan consisted of two stops where students were able to enjoy fun, educational activities. The first day of the field trip began at the Ford Truck Plant. There, students saw the assembly line of the F150, as well as learn the history of the plant. Then the students went to the Henry Ford Museum where they viewed historical items from different time periods. On the second day of the trip, the students went to the Greenfield Village. They enjoyed seeing the homes of historical people and craftworks of the past. Also, many students were able to have the experience of riding in a train or one of the Model T cars as they traveled to the different parts of the village. Overall, the students had a fun trip filled with many lifelong memories.



Seniors Honored For Outstanding Achievement

Twenty members of the Tri-County North Class of 2012 have received the *High Schools That Work (HSTW)* Award of Educational Achievement. The Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) gives this award to high school seniors who have completed a challenging program of study and demonstrated readiness for employment and for college. Award recipients are: Joseph Askins, Thomas Bailey, Adrian Bayer, Jesse Butcher, Shane Chowdhury, Ariel Clark, Bailey Cruse, Mallory Fisher, Tyler Gallaher, Cameron Gayheart, Wesley Hart, Chris Johnson, Shana Lewis, Nick Moore, Laura Newsome, Adam Obringer, Morgan Silvers, Derek Treadway, Samantha Ward, and Cole Williams. These students will receive a book award/gift card.

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

National Financial Capability Challenge

Tri-County North High School business students took the Financial Capability Challenge offered by the President's Advisory Council on Financial Literacy. The National Financial Capability Challenge is an awards program designed to increase the financial knowledge and capability of high school aged youth across the United States. Over 80,000 students from around the country participated. Twenty-four students took the test and five students scored in the top 20% from across the nation. The following students scored in the top 20%:

Nathan Blust, Brett Kearney, Gonzalo Naya Pita, Urmil Patel and Walter Weist

Congratulations to these five students on their outstanding performance on the Financial Capability Challenge!



Elementary Field Day



Tri-County North Local Schools

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Upcoming Events



June

- 17: Father's Day
- 25: TCN Board of Education Meeting (in District Office) - 7:30 pm

July

- 4: Independence Day
- 16: TCN Board of Education Meeting in Verona—7:30 pm
- 16-20: TCN Band Camp—8:00 am—3:00 pm, and 6:00-9:00 pm
- 28-Aug. 4: Preble County Fair

August

- 3: Kindergarten Screening (elementary school library)
- 6: Kindergarten Screening (elementary school library)
- 6-17: Elementary Summer School—9:00—11:30 am
- 16-18: Derby Days
- 20: Teacher In Service Day
 - TCN Open House (1-12) - 5:00-6:30 pm
 - Kindergarten Parent & Student Orientation—6:30 pm
 - Freshman Orientation in HS Gym—6:30 pm
 - TCN Board of Education Meeting—7:30 pm
- 21: Teacher In Service Day
- 22: Student Classes Begin (Kindergarten will attend on a staggered schedule Wednesday, Thursday & Friday)



Summer Hours of Operation

June 4th—June 29th

6:00 AM-4:00 PM

CLOSED EVERY FRIDAY

July 2nd—July 27th

6:30 AM-2:30 PM

CLOSED: July 4, 5, 6, 13, 20, 27

Regular hours of operation resume on Monday, July 30th