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January Was Board Recognition Month!

January was National School Board Recognition Month and Tri-County North would like to introduce and recognize their current Board Members.

Larry Seibel, Board President, has served on the Tri-County North Board of Education for the past ten years. Gene Moyer, Board Vice-President, has served on the Board for sixteen years. Roy Anderson, Board Member, has served on the Board for sixteen years as well. Dennis Roberts, Board Member, has served on TCN's Board for eighteen years. And Susan Steck, Board Member, has served on the TCN Board for ten years.



Larry Seibel, Susan Steck, Gene Moyer, Dennis Roberts, Roy Anderson

We appreciate the Board's dedication and commitment to the success of Tri-County North through the years.

From The Desk Of The Superintendent

William Derringer

The winter weather that we have experienced over the past couple of months has forced us to use two days above and beyond the five calamity days that are granted each year by the State of Ohio. For this reason we are required to make up two days in order to meet the state's minimum number of student days. We made up one of the days on February 16th and we will be making up the second day at the end of the school year on May 29th. We have also utilized several two-hour delays in order to give our bus drivers and students daylight and also to allow more time for our county and township snowplows to clear the roads. Although these two-hour delays are inconvenient, they do allow us to have school and still meet the minimum number of hours to count as a full day. I hope that the worst of the inclement weather is behind us and that we do not have to cancel school for the remainder of this year. If we do have more calamity days, we will be forced to make these days up over Spring break starting with Monday, then Tuesday and so on, until all days have been made up. If this situation arises, we will notify each of you at the earliest possible date by utilizing the "One Call" system.

I know that I provided this information in our last news letter but I did want to mention again that our building will be paid off in December of 2009. On May 5, 2009 we will be asking our voters to approve

a 2.8 mil operating levy to replace the 2.8 mil bond levy that the community has currently been paying. This change **will not** increase the amount of money or taxes that you have been paying, but will allow Tri-County North to utilize the money for operating expenses as our building debt would be paid off. In essence, we are asking for you to continue to pay what you have been paying, nothing more; we would now use the money for operating expenses instead of paying for our building.

Our teachers have been working extremely hard to prepare their students for the upcoming Ohio Achievement Tests (OAT) and the Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT). Please be sure that you discuss these tests with your children and make sure that they are well rested the night before the test. Your support and involvement with your child's education is the most important thing that you can do to help them be successful in school.

This year has gone extremely fast! It is my wish that each child has a positive experience throughout the remainder of the school year. I also want to thank you for supporting our efforts here at Tri-County North. As always, if you have questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to give me a call at the District Office at 937-962-2671 at any time.



Daylight Savings Time Begins March 8th!

We're On The Web!



www.tcnschools.com

www.tcnschools.org

www.tcn.k12.oh.us

Be sure to check out the TCN website for all of the latest information on the happenings in our school!

Elementary School

Denny Dyer

Our 3rd and 4th graders are preparing for the upcoming Ohio Achievement Test in reading, math and writing on April 20-24th. Several students have been coming to school at 7:30 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday for assistance in reading, math and test taking skills. The results from these tutoring sessions have been very encouraging the last couple of years and our students' test scores and improvement are a direct reflection of the staff and students' efforts. The sessions last through April.

On April 29-May 1, our 4th graders will be traveling to Woodland Altars. Students participated in fundraisers and raised money for their trip. It is a wonderful out-

door experience and is always the highlight of the school year for our 4th graders. To attend, students MUST have all school fees paid up and current. We are looking forward to another great trip with our students.

The month of May will see more field trips for some of our students, including trips to the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery and the Indianapolis Zoo. These are always great learning experiences for our students.

May 4-8 is National Staff Appreciation Week and we always like to take time to honor ALL of the people who work with our students. They are the reason that TCN is a great school and district, and we appreciate their efforts each and every day!

On May 14th, our 2nd and 4th graders will perform in their annual musical program. Our musicals are always very professionally done and it is great to see so many of our students participating in the activity. Mr. Lear, Mrs. Hake, Mrs. Kramer, Mrs. Shields and the 2nd and 4th grade teachers work very hard to prepare the students for the musical.

The Elementary will be having our annual Field Day on Wednesday, May 27th and Mrs. Kramer is coordinating the event.

Please note that the last day of school for students is now Friday, May 29, 2009, due to making up calamity days because of the winter weather we experienced.

Middle School

Joe Finkbine

The Middle School held Spirit Week February 9th—12th. Students participated in PJ Day, Western Day, Mix-n-Match Day and Panther Day. Both students and staff participated and enjoyed the atmosphere of the week. Pictured are our class winners from Western Day.

On February 12th, we held a meeting for 8th grade students and parents that went over what their children would be doing over the next several weeks when registering for high school classes. Mrs. Imhoff, 8th grade Language Arts teacher, reviewed with parents that student have already worked on the Kuder Career Planning System (KCPS) during career class with her. The KCPS gives students information on careers they may have an interest in pursuing, provides them with resume building information and allows them to establish a career portfolio. This is an online system that students can access the rest

of their lives. Mr. Parker then reviewed requirements for high school graduation, what it takes to graduate with honors and options at Miami Valley Career Technology Center. To finish the evening, Jack Grubb from Preble Promise spoke about the Preble Promise organization. The Preble Promise organization has been established to assist students in Preble County with the process of getting students into post-secondary options after high school, whether it would be help in filling out college entrance forms, financial aid forms or even providing some financial assistance to students. More information about the evening is available in the high school office (see Mrs. Norris, High School Guidance Counselor).



High School

Jeff Parker

How can my child earn college credit while attending TCN? This question is continually asked and I would like to take this opportunity to outline, in general, how your child can earn college credit while attending TCN HS:

Advanced Placement English 11 & 12—Students who have shown success in language arts and who are willing to read extensively over the summer months can take these courses during the school year. The Advanced Placement (A.P.) test is administered in May and depending on the results and standards of the college the student

decides to attend, the student may earn college credit.

Foreign Language Proficiency Exam—This is a brand new opportunity for TCN students. Spanish IV and French IV students can take a proficiency exam through Sinclair Community College and earn up to 12 college credits, which are transferrable to any public university in the state of Ohio! Presently, this is a FREE opportunity!

Miami Valley CTC—MVCTC currently offers a number of programs for students who attend MVCTC during their junior and senior years that allow them to earn college credits, mainly through Sinclair Community College.

Post-Secondary Educational Option Program—Students may choose to attend a local college during part or all of the school day during the school year. Each college decides the criteria for entrance into their program. The minimum GPA is 3.0. Students must apply before March 31st each year for the following school year.

We are currently exploring other avenues through Sinclair Community College that will allow TCN students to earn college credit while they attend high school. Please do not hesitate to contact Cathy Norris, TCNHS Guidance Counselor or myself at 937-962-2675 if you have any questions regarding earning college credits.

Spring Athletics



March

- 30: HS Track @ Franklin-Monroe—4:30 pm
- 31: MS Track @ home—4:30 pm
 - Varsity BB & SB @ Milton-Union—5 pm
 - JV BB & SB vs. Milton-Union—5 pm

April

- 2: HS Track @ home—4:30 pm
- 3: HS Track @ Preble Shawnee—4:30 pm
- 4: Varsity BB & SB vs. Preble Shawnee—12 noon
 - JV BB & SB @ Preble Shawnee—12 noon
- 7: HS Track @ National Trail—4:30 pm
- 9: JH Track @ Covington—4:30 pm
- 14: HS Track @ Brookville—5 pm
 - JH Track @ Eaton—4:30 pm
 - Varsity BB & SB @ Ansonia—5 pm
- 15: JV BB @ Tipp City—5 pm
- 16: HS Track @ Twin Valley South—4:30 pm
 - Varsity BB & SB vs. Bethel—5 pm
 - JV BB @ Bethel—5 pm
- 17: JH Track @ Preble Shawnee—4:30 pm
 - Varsity BB & SB vs. Covington—5 pm
 - JV BB @ Covington—5 pm
- 18: JV BB & SB @ Ft. Recovery—11 am
- 20: JH Track @ Arcanum—5 pm
 - Varsity BB & SB @ Madison—5 pm
 - JV BB & SB vs. Madison—5 pm
- 21: Varsity BB & SB @ Miami East—5 pm
 - JV BB vs. Miami East—5 pm
- 22: Varsity BB & SB @ National Trail—5 pm
 - JV BB & SB vs. National Trail—5 pm

- 24: JH Track @ Dixie—4:30 pm
- 25: HS Track @ Eaton—9:30 am
 - JH Track @ Franklin-Monroe—TBA
 - Varsity BB vs. Dayton Christian—12 noon & 2 pm
 - Varsity SB @ Dayton Christian—12 noon
 - JV BB @ Dayton Christian—12 noon & 2 pm
- 27: Varsity BB & SB vs. Northridge—5 pm
 - JV BB & SB @ Northridge—5 pm
- 28: Varsity Track @ home—Preble Cty Meet—4:30 pm
- 29: JV BB vs. Tipp City—5 pm
- 30: JH Track @ Twin Valley South—4:30 pm
 - Varsity BB & SB @ Arcanum—5 pm
 - JV BB & SB vs. Arcanum—5 pm

May

- 1: Varsity BB & SB vs. Bradford—5 pm
 - JV SB @ Bradford—5 pm
- 2: Varsity BB & SB @ Eaton (Preble Cty Tourney) - TBA
- 5: JH Track @ National Trail (Preble Cty Meet) - 4:30 pm
 - Varsity BB @ Franklin-Monroe—5 pm
- 7: Varsity BB & SB vs. Mississinawa—5 pm
- 8: HS Track @ Middletown Madison—4:30 pm
 - Varsity BB @ Carlisle—5 pm
 - JV BB vs. Carlisle—5 pm
- 9: Varsity BB @ Eaton—TBA
- 11: HS Track @ Tri-Village—4:30 pm
- 12: JH Track @ Tri-Village—4:30 pm
- 14: HS Track CCC Meet @ TVS—TBA (semi-finals)
- 15: JH Track CCC Meet @ TVS—TBA
- 16: HS Track CCC Meet @ TVS—TBA (finals)

Kindergarten Registration

TCN Elementary will be holding their Kindergarten Registration on:

Wednesday, Feb. 25: 4—7 pm

Thursday, March 19: 9 am—12 noon

Tuesday, April 14: 1—4 pm

All registration will take place in the TCN District Office.



2009-2010 Kindergarteners must be five years old on or before August 1, 2009, and parents must provide the following:

1. Original birth certificate
2. Social Security Card
3. Original copies of any child custody orders, decree or modifications of order relevant to the child
4. Physician's immunization records

5. Three forms of proof of residency (please refer to www.tenschools.com for acceptable forms of proof)

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

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

Middle School Students Perform Well In Spelling And Geography Bees

Congratulations to some of our Middle School students who recently participated in the Tri-County North and Preble County Spelling and Geography Bees!

At TCN, Macey Dennison took first place in the spelling bee. Macey is a 5th grader at TCN. Margaret Myers, 7th grader, finished second and Scotty Buthker, 8th grader, finished third. Macey moved on to compete in the County spelling bee, where she finished second overall! Great job Macey!



The TCN Geography Bee winner was 7th grader, Urmil Patel. Second place went out to Carly Fink, 6th grader, and Margaret Myers, 7th grader, took third place. Urmil went on to win first place in the Preble County Geography Bee on February 9th at National Trail. Students had to answer questions about states, capitals, geographic regions and significant landmarks. Contestants had to answer both oral and written questions throughout the bee, which is sponsored by the Preble County ESC. Urmil also has a chance to

win a \$25,000 college scholarship through The National Geographic Society. Way to go, Urmil!



“Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty and persistence”
~ Colin Powell

Band News



Congratulations to the following students who participated in the High School District 13 Solo and Ensemble Contest. The following groups received a Superior rating: Percussion Trio of David Sink, Steff Rushing, and Samantha Cornaire, Brass Quartet of Christina Barnes, Amber Bevington, Chelsea Brooks, and Chelsea Hite. The following students received an Excellent rating on their solos: Rose Stidham, Amber Bevington, and Nadine Wilson.

There will be a band and choir concert on March 5th at 7:00 pm in the High School Gymnasium. This concert will include the High School and Junior High choirs as well as the 5th Grade Band and High School Band. All are welcome to attend.

The High School Band will be competing at District Contest March 7th at Fairfield High School. They will perform at 1:00 p.m. Junior High Solo and Ensemble Contest will be held on March 21st at Springboro Middle School and we have great musicians representing our school at this event.

The High School Band will be traveling to Florida April 3-8, 2009. They will perform at the Magic Kingdom and participate in a recording studio workshop. Thanks to all the community members that helped support the band through the countless fundraisers we have done to help earn the money to make it to Florida. The Tri-County North band will represent our district with pride as we travel to Florida this spring.

Clicking With Clickers

Our 5th, 6th, & 7th grade math students are using electronic responders to enter their answers to PowerPoint multiple choice questions. Students enjoy the interaction of the clickers because every single student gets to answer each question when it's displayed on a large screen. One student said, "Clickers rock and they're easy to use." The teachers like them because they can quickly analyze which students still need help with a concept.

Mrs. Dearth, Mrs. Horn, Mrs. Finnigan & Mrs. Wysong received a \$3,000 Martha Holden Jennings Foundation grant which funded 7 classroom sets of Turning Point clickers. Teachers of other subjects are learning how to use the clickers just in time to begin reviewing for the Ohio achievement tests.

TCN Yearbooks Now Available!

2008/09 Yearbooks are now on sale! The cost will be approximately \$63.00. Payment goes to Jostens and may be purchased online at www.jostensyearbook.com. You may also purchase by phone at 1-866-282-1516 (24 hours) or by mail at P.O. Box 172328, Denver, CO 80217. You should be receiving a letter from Jostens in the mail in the near future.

We also have some past yearbooks available for purchase. If you are interested in purchasing a yearbook from a former school year, please contact the High School office at 937-962-2675.



2009 TrigStar Exam

The TrigStar Exam is an annual high school mathematics competition sponsored by the National Society of Professional Surveyors based on the practical application of Trigonometry. The program recognizes the best students from high schools throughout the nation. TCN students will be taking the TrigStar exam on March 25, 2009. Savings bonds are issued to those with the highest score in each participating high school and in the state. The first place winner in each state is eligible to participate in the National contest. For more information, contact Shari Ferguson at 937-962-2675.



All-CCC Teams Announced

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

All-Conference Team

Rachel Heindl
Sarah Whitaker

Special Mention

Mallorie Ullery
Cody Burnside

Honorable Mention

Brandon McAdams

Congratulations to all on being selected to the All-County Conference Teams!

And a BIG Congratulations goes out to Rachel Heindl who was selected as the girl's Player of the Year for the Cross County Conference! This is quite an accomplishment and TCN is so proud of Rachel and we thank her for her dedication to the game.



TCNHS Business Class News

In the Fall, nineteen high school business students from Mrs. Carmean's class took the 2008 Financial Literacy Challenge and six students received scores in the top 25th percentile in the United States. The Challenge is offered by the U.S. Department of Treasury and recommended by the President's Advisory Council on Financial Literacy. The Charles Schwab Foundation offers college scholarships to students with the highest scores. More than 75,000 high school students around the world took the Challenge. Congratulations to our TCN students!

Choir Notes



The Middle and High School will be holding a Choir / Band Concert on Thursday, March 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym.

Also, a big congratulations goes out to Rose Stidham who auditioned for and was selected to perform in the District 13 High School Honor Choir. Rose performed with the Honor Choir on Saturday, February 21st at Kings High School.

"Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen"
~ Michael Jordan

Recognition In Sports



Congratulations to Rachel Heindel who, on January 31st, joined a select few in achieving 1,000 career points in basketball at Tri-County North. Rachel is the first Lady Panther to ever achieve this accomplishment. On February 3rd, she also set a school record for most points scored in a girls game with 40 against Stivers. Rachel then set another school record for 18 rebounds in a single game on February 9th. Way to go, Rachel!

Congratulations also goes out to TCN's Varsity Cheerleading Squad. On February 8th, they participated in the annual Preble County Spirit Day at National Trail High School. The Varsity squad earned 1st place in the dance division, 3rd in the cheer division and 2nd overall. Those who competed were Kyn-dal Reindel, Adie Foster, Kelcey Lebo, Ashley Molina, Danielle Thompson, Roni VanMeter, Jenna Kessler, Jessie Downey and Danielle Bennett. Congratulations to all the girls and Coach Johnson for all of their hard work and spirit!



Congratulations also goes out to the Girls Varsity Basketball Team who finished 8-4 in the CCC (13-7 overall) during the regular season! The Lady Panthers had a great season and worked well together on the court under the direction of Coach Music. With only three Seniors leaving, the Lady Panthers are looking forward to yet another successful season next year! Congratulations Girls!

Bengals vs. Area All-Stars Basketball Game

On Saturday, March 14th, TCN will once again be hosting an exhibition basketball game between the Cincinnati Bengals and area all-stars from years past. Doors open at 6:30, with the game beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 and can be purchased ahead of time at Subway, Eaton National Bank and Heeter Insurance in Lewisburg and Hip-Stirs Coffee House



in Brookville. All proceeds will go to the Cody Holp Memorial Baseball / Softball Complex. Bring your friends and family out to enjoy the game!

For more information, please visit www.codyholpmemorial.com or email codyholpmemorial@yahoo.com.



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Upcoming Events



April

- 4: ACT
- 6-10: Spring Break—NO SCHOOL
- 12: Easter
- 14: Final Kindergarten Registration—District Office—1-4 pm
- 16: Middle School Spring Picture Day
- 17: Elementary School Spring Picture Day
- 18: Prom at Meadowbrook Country Club—6:30 pm
- 20: TCN Board of Education Meeting—7:30 pm in Lecture Room
- 20-May 1: Ohio Achievement Testing—Grades 5-8
- 20-24: 3rd & 4th Grade OAT Testing (9-11:45 am)
- 23: Earth Day
Preble County Honor Scholars Banquet @ TVS—6:00 pm
- 27-28: OAT Makeup Testing
- 29-May 1: 4th Graders to Woodland Altars

May

- 1: Interim Reports Sent Home
- 4-8: Staff Appreciation Week



- 4: Kindergarten to Boonshoft Museum
- 5: 1st Grade to Indianapolis Zoo
- 10: Mother's Day
- 13: MS Choir to LaComedia
- 14: 2nd & 4th Grade Music Program—6:30 pm in HS Gym
- 14-15: 6th Grade to Dearborn, Michigan
- 15: 2nd Grade to Boonshoft Museum
- 16: 7th & 8th Grade Band to Kings Island
- 18: TCN Board of Education Meeting—7:30 pm in Lecture Room
- 19: Senior Awards Night—6:30 pm
- 25: Memorial Day—NO SCHOOL
- 27: Elementary Field Day
Baccalaureate—6 pm (location TBA)
- 28: Graduation @ Salem Church of God—7:00 pm
- 29: Last Day for Students (**calamity makeup day**)
Report Cards Sent Home (MS)



Enjoy Your Summer!