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From The Desk Of The Superintendent William Derringer

Each year as we enter the start of another school year we have new employees that we recognize during our opening day meeting. This year will be no different as we will greatly miss the seven wonderful employees who retired at the end of last school year. They are: Sue Finton with 28 years of service, Rhonda Horn and Kathy Marshall with 27 years of service, Kathy Brown with 18 years, Glenda Bean with 17 years, Beverly League with 11 years and Larry Finton with 10 years of service. Total, they represent 138 years of service to the Tri-County North Local School District. We would like to thank them for all that they have done to make our school a better place and wish them the best as they enter into their retirement. TCN will greatly miss each of them!

As always, summer is a busy time around the school. Last year we replaced the sidewalks in front of the school and added a new courtyard/main entrance. This summer we have been working down at the stadium to replace the nearly 30 year old retaining wall that was constructed from old railroad ties which have been deteriorating over the years. We have decided to put a second tier in for lawn chairs and also pour concrete where there used to be gravel across the top of the hill. As this has truly been a community project, I would like to thank Jeff Sewert and the Village of Lewisburg, especially Josh Meyers and Josh Harry for the hours that they have spent working on the project. I would also like to thank Bryan Stutzer, Woodyard Electric, Anderson Pallet, Ed Rike Plumbing, Harrison Township, Lewisburg Village Employees, the TCN Football Team, and all of the other volunteers who have donated their time to help with this project. Lastly, I would like to thank Stinson Concrete for the extra time and effort that they have put into the concrete work to make the project a success. The improvements that we have made with this project were long overdue and really make "The Hill" one of the nicest places to watch an event in our area.

This summer we also decided to purchase a new truck and van to replace the 1996 truck and the 1994 van that have been inadequate for the past several years. We utilized the competitive bidding process from the Educational Purchasing Coop of Southwest Ohio and received a great price on both of these vehicles. We also used Casino Revenue money to pay for these purchases. By utilizing money that we receive from the state when people enjoy Ohio casinos, we were able to buy these vehicles without using any taxpayer dollars.

We will, once again, be utilizing the "One Call" system this year should we have any type of inclement weather which would require our school to be delayed or cancelled. If you have changed your phone number or would like an additional phone added to our list, please call Noelle Warner at 962-2671 and she will add your new number to the system. We will also use the "One Call" system to contact you in the event of a crisis or emergency situation so please be sure to keep us up to date with accurate phone numbers.

2017-2018 Lunch Fees

Effective the 2017-2018 school year, lunch fees will be increasing by ten cents each. This is the first increase TCN has seen in three years and is required as part of the federal lunch program. Prices will be as follows: K-5—\$2.60, 6-8—\$2.85, and 9-12—\$3.10. Breakfast prices will remain the same at \$1.75.

K-5 News

Joe Finkbine

Welcome back to another exciting year at Tri-County North Elementary School! I can't believe another summer has come and gone and that it's time to start another great year at TCNES!

This year, the Tri-County North Elementary School's theme will be "*TCNES: Mission Possible*". This theme will continually drive our students and staff throughout the 2017-2018 school year. You will notice the theme as you pull up and see the entrance to the elementary. Every student who enters the building will have the attitude that anything is possible with our new "Mission Possible" theme.

Our Open House will be held on Monday, August 14th, from 5:00—6:30 p.m. We encourage all students and parents to attend to see what the excitement is all about!



6-12 News

Joe Hoelzle

Excitement and anticipation is in the air with the school year about to begin. The maintenance staff has been working hard over the summer to have a clean and fresh building for staff and students to enjoy. As students return, they will notice a few changes we have made to improve the academic environment here at Tri-County North. A few of these changes I will touch on in this newsletter include increasing the learning expectations of our students through advanced course offerings, providing extra help for our students, and scheduling an advisory period to further develop positive relationships between our staff and students.

Did you know that starting next year a Tri-County North graduate could earn up to 24 semester hours of college credit, along with advanced placement credit in English and Calculus, while taking classes taught by Tri-County North faculty? Along with the expansion of our college credit plus (CCP) course offerings, Tri-County North also offers math acceleration to students who qualify in grades 6 and 7, resulting in 8th graders being able to study high school algebra. The increase in course offerings at Tri-County North will result in more academic rigor, while also reducing the amount of study halls and student aide positions available.

Tri-County North is also excited about programs designed to offer extra help to our students. Next school

year, the media center will be open until 3:00 every day for students to study and work on homework after normal school hours. This past school year, we offered an exam boot camp where students had a place to prepare for their semester exams, and this is a practice we will continue this school year. We are also working on a remediation program to assist students with meeting their graduation testing requirements.

A daily 15 minute advisory period will be added to each students schedule this school year to increase positive relationships between students and staff and work on the development of the whole child. During this time, teachers will have conversations with students about their academic progress, utilizing progress book as a data source. Non-cognitive skill work, such as character development and addiction awareness will also be addressed during this time. One of the goals of this advisory period is to develop activities to improve student pride in being a panther.

I believe that these improvements to the Tri-County North curriculum will be a great addition to our school. I am looking forward to the new school year and the hallways being filled with spirit and energy.

Tri-County North Athletics ** subject to change*

August

- 10: Varsity Golf @ Brookville—9:00 am
- 17: Varsity Golf vs. Bradford—4:00 pm
- 21: Varsity Golf @ National Trail—4:00 pm
- 22: Varsity Golf @ Franklin Monroe—4:00 pm
- 24: JHVB vs. Ansonia—5:30 pm
HSVB @ Brookville—5:30 pm
Girls Soccer vs. Dixie—5:30 pm
- 25: Varsity FB @ Brookville—7:00 pm
- 26: MS/HS Cross Country @ Milton Union—9:00 am
JVFB vs. Brookville—10:00 am
- 28: Varsity Golf vs. Newton—4:00 pm
JHVB vs. Newton—5:30 pm
Girls Soccer vs. Yellow Springs—5:30 pm
- 29: Varsity Golf @ Bethel—4:00 pm
JHFB vs. Fort Loramie—5:30 pm
HSVB @ Newton—5:30 pm
- 31: Varsity Golf vs. Covington—4:00 pm
JHVB @ Mississinawa—5:30 pm
HSVB vs. Mississinawa—5:30 pm
Girls Soccer vs. Franklin Monroe—5:30 pm

September

- 1: Varsity FB vs. Ansonia—7:30 pm
- 2: MS/HS Cross Country @ Greenville—8:00 am
JVFB @ Ansonia—10:00 am
HSVB @ Milton Union—11:00 am
- 5: Varsity Golf @ Arcanum—4:00 pm
JHVB vs. Franklin Monroe—5:30 pm
JHFB @ TVS—5:30 pm
HSVB @ Franklin Monroe—5:30 pm
Girls Soccer @ Greenon—6:00 pm
- 7: Varsity Golf @ Miami East—4:30 pm
JHVB @ Bradford—5:30 pm
HSVB vs. Bradford—5:30 pm
Girls Soccer @ TVS—7:00 pm
- 8: Varsity FB @ TVS—7:30 pm
- 9: Varsity Golf @ Franklin Monroe—8:30 am
MS/HS Cross Country @ Brookville—9:00 am
JVFB vs. TVS—10:00 am
Girls Soccer @ Miami Valley School—1:00 pm
- 11: Varsity Golf vs. Ansonia—4:00 pm
JHVB vs. Arcanum—5:30 pm
- 12: Varsity Golf vs. TVS—4:00 pm
MS/HS Cross Country @ Valley View—4:30 pm
HSVB @ Arcanum—5:30 pm
JHFB vs. Covington—5:30 pm
- 14: Varsity Golf vs. Tri-Village—4:00 pm
JHVB @ TVS—5:30 pm
HSVB vs. TVS—5:30 pm
Girls Soccer vs. Bethel—5:30 pm
- 15: Varsity FB vs. Covington—7:30 pm
- 16: MS/HS Cross Country @ Eaton—8:50 am
JVFB @ Covington—10:00 am
HSVB vs. Dixie—10:00 am

- Girls Soccer @ Union County—10:00 am
JHVB @ Tri-Village—5:30 pm
- 18: Varsity Golf vs. Mississinawa—4:30 pm
- 19: Varsity Golf @ Milton Union—4:00 pm
JHFB @ Bradford—5:30 pm
- 21: JHVB vs. National Trail—5:30 pm
HSVB @ National Trail—5:30 pm
Girls Soccer vs. Stivers—5:30 pm
- 22: Varsity FB @ Bradford—7:30 pm
- 23: MS/HS Cross Country @ Bellbrook—9:00 am
JVFB vs. Bradford—10:00 am
HSVB vs. Northridge—10:00 am
- 25: JHVB vs. Miami East—5:30 pm
- 26: MS/HS Cross Country @ Tri-Village—4:45 pm
JHFB vs. National Trail—5:30 pm
HSVB @ Miami East—5:30 pm
- 28: JHVB @ Covington—5:30 pm
HSVB vs. Covington—5:30 pm
Girls Soccer vs. Miami East—5:30 pm
- 29: Varsity FB vs. National Trail—7:30 pm
- 30: MS/HS Cross Country @ National Trail—10:00 am
JVFB @ National Trail—10:00 am
Girls Soccer vs. Madison—11:00 am

October

- 2: JHVB @ Bethel—5:30 pm
- 3: JHFB vs. Arcanum—5:30 pm
HSVB vs. Bethel—5:30 pm
- 5: Girls Soccer vs. Newton—5:30 pm
- 6: Varsity FB vs. Arcanum—7:30 pm
- 7: MS/HS Cross Country @ Eaton—9:00 am
JVFB @ Arcanum—10:00 am
Girls Soccer @ Carlisle—12:00 pm
- 9: HSVB @ Preble Shawnee—6:00 pm
Girls Soccer vs. TVS—7:00 pm
- 10: JHFB @ Bethel—5:30 pm
HSVB @ Ansonia—5:30 pm
- 12: Varsity Golf @ TVS—4:00 pm
HSVB vs. Tri-Village—5:30 pm
Girls Soccer @ National Trail—5:30 pm
- 13: Varsity FB @ Bethel—7:30 pm
- 14: MS/HS Cross Country @ Covington—10:00 am
JVFB vs. Belmont—10:00 am
HSVB vs. Carlisle—10:00 am
- 17: JHFB @ Miami East—5:30 pm
- 20: Varsity FB @ Miami East—7:30 pm
- 21: JVFB vs. Miami East—10:00 am
- 27: Varsity FB vs. Ft. Loramie—7:30 pm

November

- 24: HSGB @ TVS—6:00 pm
- 25: HSGB @ TVS—6:00 pm
- 28: JHGB @ Mississinawa—5:30 pm
HSGB vs. Brookville—5:30 pm
- 30: HSGB vs. Miami East—5:30 pm



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2017-2018 TCN CALENDAR

Start –Finish

(August 16 - May 24)

Summary of Calendar Days in classroom:

First Semester 86
 Second Semester 93
TOTAL CALENDAR DAYS = 170
 + 4 TEACHER DAYS = **183**

- # days in 1st Quarter = 46
- # days in 2nd Quarter = 41
- # days in 3rd Quarter = 45
- # days in 4th Quarter = 48

CALENDAR LEGEND

- Start/End
- Quarter
- P/T Conf/Breaks
- Prof. Dev.*
- Holidays
- Recess Days

HOLIDAYS:

- Labor Day (9/4)
- Columbus Day (10/9)
- Thanksgiving Day (11/23)
- Christmas Day (12/25)
- New Year's Day (1/1)
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day (1/15)
- President's Day (2/19)
- Good Friday (3/30)
- Memorial Day (5/28)

MAKE-UP DAYS:

- (in no particular order, if needed)*
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 - President's Day
 - April, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
 - May 25, 29, 30, 31
 - Additional Days as Needed*

***Professional Development Dates:
Contracted Days**

Aug. 14 & 15, Sept. 5, May 25

Full-Day State Waiver Days

Oct. 10, 2017 & Feb. 20, 2018

August 2017					Student Days
M	T	W	Th	F	
14	15	16	17	18	3
21	22	23	24	25	8
28	29	30	31		12
September					
				1	13
4	5	6	7	8	17
11	12	13	14	15	22
18	19	20	21	22	27
25	26	27	28	29	32
October					
2	3	4	5	6	37
9	10	11	12	13	41
16	17	18	19	20	46
23	24	25	26	27	51
30	31				53
November					
		1	2	3	56
6	7	8	9	10	61
13	14	15	16	17	66
20	21	22	23	24	69
27	28	29	30		73
December					
				1	74
4	5	6	7	8	79
11	12	13	14	15	84
18	19	20	21	22	87
25	26	27	28	29	
January 2018					
1	2	3	4	5	89
8	9	10	11	12	94
15	16	17	18	19	98
22	23	24	25	26	103
29	30	31			106
February					
			1	2	108
5	6	7	8	9	113
12	13	14	15	16	118
19	20	21	22	23	122
26	27	28			125
March					
			1	2	127
5	6	7	8	9	132
12	13	14	15	16	137
19	20	21	22	23	142
26	27	28	29	30	146
April					
2	3	4	5	6	
9	10	11	12	13	151
16	17	18	19	20	156
23	24	25	26	27	161
30					162
May					
	1	2	3	4	166
7	8	9	10	11	171
14	15	16	17	18	176
21	22	23	24	25	180
28	29	30	31		

183 Day Calendar

Date Events

- Aug. 14 Teacher Prof. Dev. Day
- Aug. 15 Teacher Prof. Dev. Day
- Aug. 16 Classes begin for students

- Sept. 4 Labor Day (No School)
- Sept. 5 Teacher Prof. Dev. Day

- Oct. 9 Columbus Day (No School)
- Oct. 10 Waiver Day (No School)
- Oct. 20 End of First Quarter

- Nov. 22 No School In Lieu of Conferences
- Nov. 23 Thanksgiving (No School)
- Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)

- Dec. 20 End of Second Quarter and First Semester
- Dec. 21-Jan. 3 Winter Break (No School)

- Jan. 1 New Year's Day (No School)
- Jan. 4 Classes Resume
- Jan. 15 Martin Luther King Day (No School)

- Feb. 16 No School in lieu of Conferences
- Feb. 19 President's Day (No School)
- Feb. 20 Waiver Day (No School)

- Mar. 9 End of Third Quarter
- Mar. 30 Good Friday (No School)

- Apr. 2-6 Spring Break (No School)

- May 24 Last Day for Students and End of Fourth Quarter
- May 25 Teacher Prof. Dev. Day
- May 28 Memorial Day

*Board Adopted: May 15, 2017

Curriculum Corner

Beth Manor

As we begin a new school year, it is with great pride that we are able to report that we have seen significant growth in our tested subject areas. While the official district report cards won't be released by the Ohio Department of Education until mid-September, we are already hard at work reflecting on what worked well and continuing to plan on how we can do better. One of the most important factors in a child's educational journey is the relationship between the parents/community and the school. Over the past three years, our district leadership team has made a conscious effort to engage with our parents and community more. As we have moved our district to school-wide Title I schools, we have been constantly trying to figure out more ways to make our students and your children more successful here at TCN. So, please keep a close tab on our district's Facebook page and website as we plan to continue to bring your more information on how we (You and Us!) can strengthen this relationship for the betterment of all of our kids.

In the areas of curriculum and instruction, we also have been making some changes so that we can better serve our students as they prepare to lead our community into the middle of the 21st century. As I am sure you have heard on the news and social media, there is a lot of talk about preparing kids to be college and career ready for the 21st century. We are very excited to be able to share with you that we will be launching our 1 to 1 digital pilot this year and will be gearing up to move our 6-12 students to being 1 to 1 with a chromebook by the beginning of the 18-19 school year. This planning year is going to consist of the district working closely with our teachers, media specialist, and technology coordinator to ensure that we have the policies and procedures ready for us to embrace a blended learning environment that will undoubtedly help our students become more engaged in their learning. However, we need to be clear, there is still tremendous benefit from opening a traditional printed book, participating in an actual lab dissection in science class, completing that math problem without a calculator, and creating that hands-on history project. In addition, though, we are very excited to be able to bring new web-based programs that can be used here at school and at home to help our students improve their knowledge base. Here's an overview of just a few of the new resources we will be using K-12!

Newsela PRO—This program provides high interest reading content and instruction in all content areas. This will be primarily used at the middle and high school levels. <https://newsela.com>

Membean—This program builds a student's vocabulary by exposing them to written, audio, video, and graphic/artistic explanations of thousands of words. The game-like format also helps students succeed in overcoming short attention spans. <http://membean.com>

GIZMOS—This program is a web-based science experimentation and math site that allows teachers to explore scientific and mathematical simulations that would not be able to be addressed in the confines of a normal classroom. www.explorelearning.com

While this not an complete list of the new technology enhanced resources that our teachers and district will be using, it does provide you with a sample of the new types of engaging (and really cool!) resources that we are bringing to TCN. Check out the links, and please contact me if you have any questions. Look for the curriculum demonstration table at Open House. The instructional vision for our district is to be able to serve our students with the best of both worlds and open our students' eyes to what it means to be able to critically think, collaborate, and create in a rapidly changing world.

Lastly, in terms of assessment, the Ohio General Assembly and Governor Kasich will undoubtedly have some changes that apply to public education. Please keep an eye out for future updates on our Facebook page and our website. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, principal, or myself at 937-962-2671 ext. 265 or via email at: beth.manor@tcnschools.org.

Class of 2017

The Tri-County North Class of 2017 graduated on Thursday, May 25, 2017, at Salem Church of God. There were 78 graduates overall, 36 of which attended MVCTC. The TCN Class of 2017 Valedictorians were: Marley Judd, Jacob Louthan, Kaila McGee, Lindsay Owens, Chelsey Strawser, John Stubblefield, Tim Stubblefield and Kyle Sykes. The TCN Class of 2017 Salutatorian was Trenton Napier

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 in your futures!





Spotlight On Our TCN Bus Drivers

Tri-County North would like to take a moment to introduce the TCN Bus Drivers. From L-R in the front row: Nikki Isaacs, Tracy Croley, Cheryl Todd and April Hobbs, Head Bus Driver. From L-R in the back row: Bill Hoff, Karen McElroy, Jeff Barney and Michelle Isaacs.

These employees have a huge responsibility transporting our children safely to and from school each day. They take great pride in their work and form lasting relationships with our students each and every year. Please be sure to thank them for their dedication and hard work!

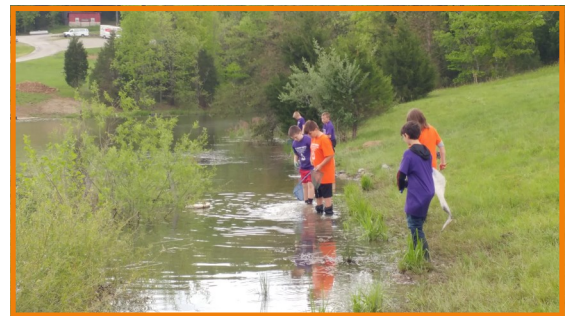


TCN utilizes One Call Now for all of our outgoing messages to our parents concerning closings, delays, emergencies, upcoming events, etc. If you have changed your contact number over the summer or would simply like to add a number, please contact Noelle Warner in the District Office to update the number.

TCN Stadium Project



Woodland Altars Fun!



School Payments Made Easy!



Attention, parents! Please keep in mind that credit/debit cards may now be used at Tri-County North to pay for school fees, school meals, yearbooks, field trips, athletic fees, latchkey fees and more! You may also continue to pay online at www.myschoolbucks.com.

Payments can be made in the Elementary and High School offices, as well as the Treasurer's office in the District Office. To use this service, MySchoolBucks charges a processing fee of 3.95%. Please contact Brenda Lawson in the District Office with any questions at 937-962-2671 or 937-833-2974.



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Upcoming Events

August

- 14: Teacher In-Service Day
K-12 Open House/Meet The Teacher —5:00-6:30 pm
- 15: Teacher In-Service Day
- 16: First TCN Student Day
- 17: First Day for Juniors at MVCTC
- 18: First Day for Seniors at MVCTC
- 21: School Board Meeting—7:30 pm

September

- 4: Labor Day—NO SCHOOL
- 5: Teacher In-Service Day—NO SCHOOL
- 7: MS/HS Picture Day
- 8: Elementary School Picture Day
- 15-29: Elementary Fall Fundraiser
- 18: School Board Meeting—7:30 pm
- 22: Interims Sent Home With Students
- 25-29: Spirit Week
- 29: Homecoming Ceremony and Game
- 30: Homecoming Dance

October

- 9: Columbus Day—NO SCHOOL
- 10: Waiver Day—NO SCHOOL
- 12: Picture Make Up Day
- 16: School Board Meeting—7:30 pm
- 20: End of First Quarter
- 24-25: 3rd Grade ELA State Assessment

- 25: College and Career Fair at National Trail
- 27: Report Cards Sent Home With Students

November

- 5: Daylight Savings Time Ends—Fall **BACK** One Hour!
- 6: ES Parent/Teacher Conferences—3:30-6:30 pm
- 9: ES Parent/Teacher Conferences—3:30-6:30 pm
MS/HS Parent/Teacher Conferences—3:00-8:30 pm
ES Fall Fundraiser Pick Up—3:30-5:00 pm
- 10: Veterans Day Program—1:00 pm
- 11: Veterans Day
- 14-17: 8th Grade Washington DC Trip
- 15-17: Preble County Manufacturing Day
- 20: School Board Meeting—7:30 pm
- 21: Interims Sent Home With Students
- 22-24: Thanksgiving Break—NO SCHOOL

December

- 18: School Board Meeting—7:30 pm
- 18-20: MS/HS First Semester Exams
- 20: End of 2nd Quarter / 1st Semester
- 21-Jan. 3: Winter Break—NO SCHOOL

January

- 4: Classes Resume
- 15: Martin Luther King Day—NO SCHOOL

