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If you have changed your contact number, please contact Noelle Warner in the District Office to update your phone number!

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From The Desk of the Superintendent

William Derringer

I always enjoy the excitement that the start of a new school year brings. Having the students return and listening as they share the exciting things they did over the summer always brings a smile to my face. This year we have transitioned back to the three building concept. Mr. Finkbine will be the elementary (K-4) principal, Mr. Hoelzle will be the new middle school (5-8) principal and Ms. Mills will be the new high school (9-12) principal. I am excited with the enthusiasm that I have seen from our building administrators as they are preparing for the new school year. I have also crossed paths with many of our teachers this summer and they, too, are excited about this coming school year.

Something new this year for all of our students in grades 5-12 is that we will be totally one-to-one with technology. As the students return to school, every student in our middle and high schools will be receiving their own chrome book to use during the day in the classroom as well as at their homes in the evening. When you add in the additional computers and IPads that we have for our students in K-4, we feel really comfortable about the access that our students have to computers K-12.

When we return this fall, we will also have an additional full time Resource Officer in our building. This person will be a full time Lewisburg Police Officer who will be assigned to be in the school building each day that our students are in session. We have entered into an agreement with the Village where Tri-County North will pay for the Officer's time when they are in the school and the Village of Lewisburg will pay for the times when the officer is on patrol. Chief McGee will continue to be in our building when possible as he has been our part time Resource Officer for several years. We believe that this additional officer will greatly strengthen and provide additional safety for our students on a daily basis.

There have been numerous projects at the school this summer. New drinking fountains, updated security cameras, sound panels in the multipurpose room, handrails added to bleachers, a new roof on the District Office and new sidewalks down to our athletic stadium just to name a few. A major project that we recently put out for bid was to update our elementary playground. This project will be underway when the students return and should be completed by the first day of November. There have been many other projects, as well, that will be completed by the first day of school. As you can imagine, summer is a very busy time around a school.

As always, we hope that this newsletter provides you with some very important information that you can use for the first semester. It is our hope that the school calendar, the upcoming events section and the athletic calendar will help you with future planning of school events. Please be involved in what your child or grandchild does at school. With your guidance and support, I know that they will get off to an awesome start and that this will be a great year! Thanks for all that you do to make TCN a better place!

TCN Class of 2018



The Tri-County North Class of 2018 graduated on Thursday, May 24, 2018, at Salem Church of God. There were 77 graduates overall, 33 of which attended MVCTC. The TCN Class of 2018 Valedictorians were: Olivia Baldasare, Ethan Cooley, Lauren Koenig, Jacob Offenbacker, Hailey Thies, Emma Tobias and Kevin Tomlin. The Salutatorian was Ashley Johnson.

The Tri-County North Board of Education, Administration and staff would like to wish each grad-

uating 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!



Elementary School News

Joe Finkbine

"TCNES: Pride of our Community" will be the theme for our students and staff throughout the 2018-19 school year as we help commemorate the Lewisburg Bicentennial. This year we will be working on creating a sense of community not only within the school but also developing a sense of pride for our community. Each month we will have local speakers talk to our students about their role and how what they do impacts our community. We are excited to join the Lewisburg community in celebrating our past and our future! Our open house is on Thursday, August 16th from 5:00 – 6:30 PM so please come in and see our community in the elementary!

Middle School News Joe Hoelzle

It is an exciting time at Tri-County North Middle School! We have new classes and new faces as we start the new school year.

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Caroline Boeckman as our new 6th-grade language arts teacher. She comes to Tri-County North after teaching 6th grade at Beavercreek St. Luke's the last two year.

I also want to welcome Mr. Brett Slone who will be implementing a new Career Based Intervention program for grades 6-12. In grades 6-8, he will be teaching a career explorations specials class where students will investigate different careers and the education required for those careers.

The idea behind this increasing emphasis on careers is that if students have a better idea of what they want to do when they complete their schooling and understand the educational requirements for different occupations, then school becomes more relevant for these students. With an increase in relevance, motivation and effort should also increase.

Tri-County North Middle school also wants to involve parents and the community with our efforts to expose our students to different careers. We will be hosting a few "career fairs" where professionals will speak to middle school students about their job, including how they got involved in these careers, the education required, and other tips for lifelong success. If you are interested in spending a day with our middle school students and speaking about your career, please contact the middle school office so that we can create a spreadsheet of potential speakers.

Go Panthers!

High School News Kristen Milis

Hello TCN Family! I would first like to say how elated and humbled I am to be the Principal of Tri-County North High School. I have been working hard seeking the latest collaborative, creative and innovative forms of educating our students while maintaining the strengths, traditions and values that existed in this community long before I got here. I look forward to having students return to school on August 20, and hope each of you share this same passion to kick things off. Until then, continue to enjoy summer with family and friends.

Whether you are new to the building or a returning student/family, we look forward to you being a part of the Panther Family and hope you become involved at our school. I encourage parents and students to embrace this school year. These years go fast and there is no time like now to seize the moment and make a better you. Explore the many educational offerings at North.

Teachers and administrators have been busy over the summer to prepare for the 2018-19 school year. Our #1 goal is to improve student learning in a collaborative environment with technology embedded all around them. We want to help them in advancing their critical thinking, knowledge, skills, and ability to problem solve. The amount of technical information in the world continues to grow at a rapid pace. Integration of technology into schools is an essential and inevitable part of today's society. Students must learn and master how to access information, synthesize it, and evaluate. Graduating from North will ensure your child is ready to meet the demands of the workforce and/or college academics. The time is now to get college and career ready!

Represent your name, your family, your school and your town with pride...Panther Pride!!!

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Tri-County North Athletics *subject to change

August

- 9: Varsity Golf @ Brookville-9:00 am
- 10: Varsity Golf @ National Trail—8:30 am
- 11: Girls Soccer @ Botkins-5:00 pm
- 13: HSXC @ Tri-Village—4:45 pm Varsity Golf CCC Preview—8:30 am
- 16: Varsity Golf @ Mississinawa-4:00 pm
- 17: Varsity FB Scrimmage vs. Norrthridge-7:00 pm
- 20: Varsity Golf @ Bradford-4:00 pm
- 21: Varsity Golf vs. National Trail—4:00 pm JHFB @ Ansonia—5:30 pm HSVB @ Chaminade-Julienne—5:30 pm
- 23: Varsity Golf vs. Franklin Monroe—4:00 pm HSVB @ Brookville—5:30 pm JHVB vs. Bethel—5:30 pm Girls Soccer @ Dixie—5:30 pm Boys Soccer @ Dixie—7:00 pm
- 24: Varsity FB vs. Brookville-7:00 pm
- 25: Varsity Golf @ Beechwood—8:30 am Cross Country @ Milton Union—9:00 am JVFB @ Brookville—10:00 am
- 27: JHVB vs. Tri-Village-5:30 pm
- 28: Varsity Golf @ Newton—4:00 pm JHFB @ Ft. Loramie—5:30 pm HSVB @ Tri-Village—5:30 pm
- 30: Varsity Golf vs. Bethel—4:00 pm JHVB @ Newton—5:30 pm HSVB vs. Newton—5:30 pm Girls Soccer vs. National Trail—5:30 pm
- 31: Varsity FB@ Ansonia-7:00 pm

September

- 1: Cross Country @ Greenville—8:00 am JVFB vs. Ansonia—10:00 am HSVB @ Milton-Union—11:00 am
- 3: Girls Soccer vs. Greenon-5:30 pm
- 4: Varsity Golf @ Covington—4:00 pm JHFB vs. TVS—5:30 pm JHVB vs. Mississinawa—5:30 pm HSVB @ Mississinawa—5:30 pm
- 6: Varsity Golf vs. Arcanum—4:00 pm JHVB @ Franklin Monroe—5:30 pm HSVB vs. Franklin Monroe—5:30 pm Girls Soccer @ Franklin Monroe—5:30 pm Boys Soccer @ Franklin Monroe—7:00 pm
- 7: Varsity FB vs. TVS-7:00 pm
- 8: Varsity Golf Jet Invitational @ Turtle Creek—8:30 am Cross Country @ Brookville—9:00 am JVFB @ TVS—10:00 am JHVB vs. Dixie—10:00 am HSVB @ Dixie—10:00 am
- 10: Varsity Golf vs. Miami East—4:00 pm JHVB vs. Bradford—5:30 pm
- 11: Varsity Golf @ Ansonia—4:00 pm Cross Country @ Valley View—4:30 pm JHFB @ Covington—5:30 pm HSVB @ Bradford—5:30 pm
- 13: Varsity Golf vs. TVS-4:00 pm JHVB @ Arcanum-5:30 pm HSVB vs. Arcanum-5:30 pm Girls Soccer vs. TVS-5:30 pm Boys Soccer vs. TVS-7:00 pm
- 14: Varsity FB @ Covington-7:00 pm
- 15: Cross Country @ Eaton—8:50 am JVFB vs. Covington—10:00 am JHVB @ Ansonia—10:00 am

- Girls Soccer @ Union County—10:00 am Boys Soccer @ Union County—11:30 am
- 17: Varsity Golf @ Tri-Village—4:00 pm JHVB vs. TVS—5:30 pm HSVB @ Stivers—5:30 pm Girls Soccer vs. Northeastern—5:30 pm Boys Soccer vs. Northeastern—7:15 pm
- 18: JHFB vs. Bradford—5:30 pm HSVB @ TVS—5:30 pm
- Varsity Golf CCC Meet @ Stillwater—8:30 am Girls Soccer @ Bethel—5:30 pm Boys Soccer @ Bethel—7:00 pm
- 21: Varsity FB vs. Bradford-7:00 pm
- 22: HSVB @ Northridge—11:00 am Boys Soccer @ Preble Shawnee—1:00 pm Girls Soccer @ Preble Shawnee—2:30 pm
- 24: JHVB @ National Trail—5:30 pm HSVB vs. Dayton Christian—5:30 pm Girls Soccer vs. Stivers—5:30 pm Boys Soccer vs. Stivers—7:00 pm
- 25: Cross Country @ Tri-Village—4:45 pm JHFB @ National Trail—5:30 pm HSVB vs. National Trail—5:30 pm
- 27: JHVB @ Miami East—5:30 pm HSVB vs. Miami East—5:30 pm
- 28: Varsity FB @ National Trail-7:00 pm
- 29: Cross Country @ National Trail—10:00 am JVFB vs. National Trail—10:00 am Girls Soccer @ Chaminade-Julienne—2:30 pm

October

- 1: JHVB vs. Covington—5:30 pm HSVB @ Eaton—5:30 pm
- 2: JHFB @ Arcanum—5:30 pm HSVB @ Covington—5:30 pm
- 4: Girls Soccer vs. Miami East—5:30 pm Boys Soccer vs. Miami East—7:00 pm
- 5: Varsity FB @ Arcanum-7:00 pm
- 6: Cross Country @ Eaton—9:00 am JVFB vs. Arcanum—10:00 am
- 8: HSVB vs. Preble Shawnee—5:30 pm
- 9: JHFB vs. Bethel—5:30 pm HSVB @ Bethel—5:30 pm Girls Soccer @ Newton—5:30 pm Boys Soccer @ Newton—7:00 pm
- 11: HSVB vs. Ansonia—5:30 pm Girls Soccer @ TVS—5:30 pm Boys Soccer @ TVS—7:00 pm
- 12: Varsity FB vs. Bethel—HOMECOMING—7:00 pm
- 13: Cross Country CCC Meet @ Covington—9:00 am JVFB @ Bethel—10:00 am Girls Soccer vs. Carlisle—10:00 am
- 16: JHFB vs. Miami East-5:30 pm
- 19: Varsity FB vs. Miami East—SENIOR NIGHT—7:00 pm
- 20: JVFB @ Miami East-10:00 am
- 26: Varsity FB @ Ft. Loramie-7:00 pm

November

- 23: HSGB Tip Off Classic @ Northridge- 6:00 pm
- 24: HSGB Tip Off Classic @ Northridge 4:00 pm
- 26: JHGB @ Preble Shawnee-5:00 pm
- 27: JHGB @ Franklin Monroe-5:30 pm
- 29: HSGB vs Covington-5:30 pm

December

- 1: JHGB vs. Mississinawa—10:00 am HSBB vs. Mason—5:30 pm
- 3: JHBB @ Covington-5:30 pm

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School Payments Made Easy

Credit/Debit cards may 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 at 937-962-2671, ext. 257, with any questions.

Success Program

This school year, the Success Program is going into its third year at Tri-County North. Molly Schmidt, the TCN Success Liaison, is very excited to be back again and is ready to help families in our district. The Success Program helps to remove non-cognitive barriers to learning, such as lack of food, shelter or clothing, to promote school success, as it is recognized that education is the key to success for many children and a way for them to escape poverty. Mrs. Schmidt is able to help students and their parents/guardians by building relationships, assisting with navigating and accessing community resources, and encouraging families to become more invested in their children's education. The Success Program would not be possible if not for all of the support, collaboration, and partnership from the TCN school staff. Mrs. Schmidt relies on referrals from school staff to identify families who may be in need of assistance. Additionally, she appreciates working closely on teams with teachers and administrators to surround students and families with the best possible support overcoming barriers, such as attendance, homelessness, or hunger. To contact Mrs. Schmidt for more information or questions, please email her at molly.schmidt@tcnschools.org. Here's to another great school year!

2018 Scholarship Recipients

The Class of 2018 recently received over \$564,000 in scholarship money. Below are the recipients of the local scholarships that were awarded to TCN students:

Olivia Baldasare: Carolyn Anthony Memorial, Lewisburg Emergency Unit/Simone Hobbs, Thomas Lowell Bates Scholar-

ships

Ethan Cooley: Thomas Lowell Bates Scholarship

Gracie Douglas: Miriam Whilhem Memorial Scholarship

Amber Haney: PTO, OAPSE Union, Dale F. Koons Memorial Scholarships

Morgan Helman: Chris Tucker Memorial, Trailriders Sportsman's Club Scholarships

Megan Hemp: Trailriders Sportsman's Club Scholarship

Lauren Koenig: Ideal Chapter Order of Eastern Star Scholarship

Jacob Offenbacker: Franklin B. Walters Award, Cody Holp Memorial, Jordan Lynn Johnson Memorial, Lewisburg Chamber

of Commerce, PTO and TCNEA Scholarships

Cassandra Stinson: Jordan Lynn Johnson Memorial, TCN Athletic Booster Scholarships

Hailey Stupp: In Memory of Sarah Barker Scholarship

Hailey Thies: Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Kenneth J. Garber, Lewisburg Chamber of Commerce Scholarships

Emma Tobias: Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Omicron Sigma, PTO Scholarships Kevin Tomlin: In Memory of Sarah Barker, Tabie Booso Memorial Scholarship

Congratulations to all of the scholarship winners and we wish you well in all of your new endeavors!

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2018-2019 TCN CALENDAR

Start -Finish

(August 20 - May 30)

Summary of Calendar Days in classroom:

First Semester 84	4
Second Semester 96	3
TOTAL CALENDAR DAYS = 18	30
+ 3 TEACHER DAYS = 18	33

days in 1st Quarter = 42 ES - 241 hrs 30 min MS/HS - 259 hrs 41 min

days in 2nd Quarter = 42 ES - 241 hrs 30 min MS/HS - 259 hrs 41 min

days in 3rd Quarter = 50 ES - 287 hrs 30 min MS/HS - 309 hrs 9 min

days in 4th Quarter = 46 ES - <u>264 hrs 30 min</u> MS/HS - <u>284 hrs 25 min</u> 1035 hrs 1112 hrs 56 min

CALENDAR LEGEND

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

HOLIDAYS:

Labor Day (9/3)Columbus Day (10/8)Thanksgiving Day (11/22)Christmas Day (12/25)New Year's Day (1/1)Martin Luther King Jr. Day (1/21) President's Day (2/18)Good Friday (4/19)Easter (observed) (4/22)Memorial Day (5/27)

MAKE-UP DAYS:

(in no particular order, if needed) Martin Luther King Jr. Day President's Day March 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 April 19, 22 May 31 Additional Days as Needed

*Professional Development Dates: Contracted Days

Aug. 16, Aug. 17, May 31

Full-Day State Waiver Days

Oct. 9, 2018 & Feb. 19, 2019

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*Board Adopted: January 22, 2018

Memorial Day

Last Day for Students and

End of Fourth Quarter

Teacher Prof. Dev. Day

May 27

May 30

May 31

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Sixth Grade Dearborn, Michigan Trip

TCN sixth grade students enjoyed a wonderful trip to Dearborn, Michigan this past spring. They visited the Rouge Truck Plant, the Henry Ford Museum, and Greenfield Village. They rode the Model-T Fords and steam locomotive. They also saw a play about the Wright Brothers returning from Kitty Hawk and Thomas Edison inventing the light bulb. The students received many compliments on their behavior.



Taste of TCN

On Thursday, February 16, 2018, the 6-12 building was happy to host the second annual Taste of TCN during our regularly scheduled parent-teacher conferences. The students of the Family Consumer Science Department baked cookies and we were happy to host over 100 families during this evening event. Fostering a strong relationship between our families and teachers is one of the most important ways we can ensure student success. To encourage future attendance and to thank our current attendees, three raffle prizes were awarded. The grand prize went to Philip Anders while Mark & Kelly Heltsley and Vickie Woodyard won first and second prizes respectfully. Be sure to watch our Facebook page and read our electronic sign in front of the school and keep talking with your child about opportunities to be involved here at TCN. Parenting a middle/high school child is a great responsibility and reward, and we would like to continue to partner with you to help support your child's success here at TCN!

2018 Junior-Senior Prom

A Beauty and the Beast themed prom was held on Saturday, April 21, 2018, for all TCN juniors and seniors. The prom was held at Meadowbrook Country Club. The Prom King was Kevin Tomlin and the Prom Queen was Liv Baldasare. The Prom Prince was Gavin Sines and the Prom Princess was Madison Cox. The staff and students enjoyed an evening of great food and dancing.





Congratulations

Congratulations to Senior Hailey Thies for her accomplishments at the State Track Meet. Hailey finished third in the state in the Long Jump with a distance of 17 feet, 8.5 inches. She also finished 6th in the state in the High Jump with a height of 5 feet, 2 inches. TCN is so proud of her performance. Way to go, Hailey!

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Rotary Honor Scholars Banquet

The annual Preble County Rotary Honor Scholars Banquet was held on April 26, 2018. This banquet is to honor the top 5% of each grade level for grades 10-12. Students from all five of the Preble County Schools were in attendance. Tri-County North had the following students honored at the banquet: Olivia Baldasare, Ethan Cooley, Echota Henderson, Lauren Koenig, Jacob Offenbacker, Hailey Thies, Emma Tobias, Kevin Tomlin, Madison Cox, Riley Cruse, Mason Dreischarf, Sean Finnigan, Megan Herbert, Tessah Knisley, Kimberly Stacey, Grace Toth, Alaina Baldasare, Hailey Brumley, Megan Dennison, Emma Hale, Alexis Heck, Matthew O'Dell, Karley Stacey, Aubrey Stupp, Teanna Sykes and Emelia Warnecke. Congratulations to all of our TCN students!



History Day Competition

On April 21, six TCN students participated in the Ohio History Day state competition at Ohio Wesleyan College. Those participating were Parker Williams, Devin Corrington, Brianna Wagoner, Emma Cole, Carrie Baker and Bailey Hemmelgarn. Advancing to the National History Day competition at the University of Maryland on June 10-14 was Devin Corrington and Parker Williams. Both Devin and Parker were presented plaques by County Commissioners Rodney Creech and Chris Day at the Middle School awards assembly for their outstanding job at the state level competition. At the National History Day competition in Maryland, the boys received Silver Honorable Mention in their group heat, a first for Tri-County North Schools. Congratulations to Devin and Parker! We are so proud of you and your efforts!

















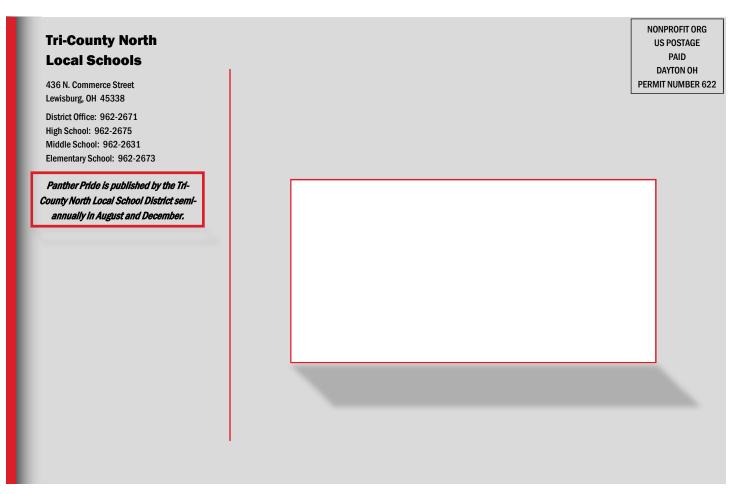


Spotlight On Our TCN Custodial Staff

Tri-County North would like to take a moment to introduce our TCN Custodial Staff—front row, left to right: Aaron Owens, Bill Hamby (Maintenance), Jim Rediger, Mark Shatto. Back row, left to right: Denny Dyer (Supervisor), Vicki Hite, Cindy Statzer and Tonya DeVilbiss.

These employees work hard each and every day, making sure the building is properly maintained for the countless students, staff, parents and visitors that enter our doors on a daily basis. And every summer they take on even more projects to beautify our school such as stripping and waxing floors and hallways, shampooing carpets, washing walls and countless other projects that help get the building in tip top shape for the new school year. We are so appreciative of their efforts. Please be sure to thank them for their dedication and hard work!





Upcoming Events

August

- 16: Open House-5:00-6:30 pm
- 20: First Day of School for Students
 TCN Board of Education Meeting—7:30 pm
- 24: Cemetery Walk—12:00-3:00 pm 27-Sept. 11: MAP Assessment Window

<u>September</u>

- 3: Labor Day-NO SCHOOL
- 5: Chief Blackhoof Assembly (ES)
- 7: Bicentennial Celebration-NO SCHOOL
- 13: MS & HS Picture Day
- 14-24: Elementary Fundraiser
- 17: TCN Board of Education Meeting-7:30 pm
- 28: Interims Sent Home With Students

<u>October</u>

- 3: Elementary Picture Day
- 8: Columbus Day-NO SCHOOL
- 9: Waiver Day-NO SCHOOL
- 10-12: Spirit Week
- 12: Homecoming Parade / Game
- 13: Homecoming Dance
- 15: TCN Board of Education Meeting-7:30 pm
- 18: MS & HS Picture Retakes
- 19: End of First Quarter
- 23-24: 3rd Grade Ohio State ELA Assessment
- 26: Report Cards Sent Home With Students
- 29: Panther Pride Assemblies

November

- 2: Elementary Picture Retakes
- 4: Daylight Saving Time Ends—Fall **BACK** one hour!
- 5: ES Parent Teacher Conferences—3:30-6:30 pm

- 6: Election Day
- 7: Parent Internet Safety Discussions-6:00 pm
- 8: ES Parent Teacher Conferences—3:30-6:30 pm MS/HS Parent Teacher Conferences—2:30-8:30 pm
- 9: Veterans Day Program—1:00 pm
- 11: Veterans Day
- 13-16: 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip
- 19: TCN Board of Education Meeting—7:30 pm
- 20: Interims Sent Home With Students
- 21-23: Thanksgiving Break-NO SCHOOL

December

- 3-14: MAP Assessment Window
- 17: TCN Board of Education Meeting-7:30 pm
- 17-20: HS Exam Week
- 20: End of Second Quarter / First Semester
- 21-Jan. 2: Winter Break-NO SCHOOL

January

- 3: Classes Resume
- 21: Martin Luther King Day-NO SCHOOL

