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December / January Newsletter

A NOTE FROM MR. HASKINS

As we conclude the first semester of the 2021/22 school year, I want to take time to thank our entire community for the continued support shown to our students and staff. This year, again, has created many new challenges for educators, so having positive backing from parents and guardians has helped to maneuver through these times. We all know that we have a way to go before returning back to normal, but working together for the betterment of our students will be what is best for all those involved.

There have been many exciting things happening throughout the first semester of the year. The beginning of the school year brought our school five new exchange students into the building. It has been so refreshing to watch our students interact, include and befriend this new group of students. It has turned out to be a great learning experience for everyone involved. We appreciate the families in our community for hosting these students.

We also learned at the end of October that four of our seniors were named finalists for the Lilly Scholarship. The group included one student from Jasper County and three from White County. Just getting to this point in the process is quite an accomplishment for these students. Congratulations to this group of seniors for their hard work and the chance to represent our community.

Although our academics continue to be the priority, it was so nice to see many of our students being able to participate in their fall extracurricular activities. Some of the accomplishments include:

- 7th & 8th girls White County Tournament Champs in volleyball
- Junior high cross country MWC champions
- Five of our varsity girls and boys cross country runners advancing to the regional at the Tippecanoe County Amphitheatre

All of our student-athletes and their coaches should be commended for their hard work and dedication to their sport.

Along with our athletics, many of our students were able to participate this fall in marching band and FFA competitions. Many of our FFA members were able to attend the National FFA Convention that was held in Indianapolis. This was a great experience for these students to be part of this year. To all the participants, coaches and sponsors, thanks for being involved and impacting our students in a very positive way.

Lastly, I hope everyone has a chance to spend some quality time with family members and friends during the holiday season. Our staff has earned the chance to relax, reflect and begin thinking of new ways to challenge our students for the balance of the school year. Everyone in the building looks forward to welcoming our students back on January 6th.

Best wishes for a healthy 2022!
Mr. Haskins

#BeKind

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Believe it or not, but it has already been more than 4 years since the Tri-County school community passed an operating referendum in 2017. The Tri-County community overwhelmingly voted to support a general fund referendum, allowing the school to work with its deficit and operate the school in its current fashion. The referendum passed at a historic rate of over 92% approval rate.

Due to the support of the Tri-County community, the referendum is able to support student learning by supporting 31 full-time positions, 17 certified teachers and 14 classified staff, within the corporation.

Tri-County Primary (TCP)/Tri-County Intermediate (TCI)

- Supports ten (10) certified positions between both TCP and TCI
- Hired nine (9) Instructional Assistants (IAs)
- Returned to one full-time principal at both TCP and TCI
- Full-time nurses at both TCP and TCI
- Full-time counselors at both TCP and TCI

Tri-County Junior High/High School

- Supports seven (7) certified positions at Tri-County Jr./Sr. High School
- Hired four (4) Instructional Assistants (IAs)
- Returned Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal to full time
- Returned Transportation/Athletic Director position to full time
- Hired additional counselor for Jr./Sr High School
- Art Teacher position moved to full time to include Art in the junior high and high school
- Jr./Sr High School Targeted Academic Intervention Coordinator

None of these results would have been possible without the support from the community in passing the general fund referendum in May 2017. As we continue to provide the best educational opportunities for our students, I thought it was important to let everyone know just how impactful the support of the referendum in 2017 was to Tri-County, and for that we thank you.

Thank you for the support to make Tri-County the best small, rural school in the state of Indiana. Go Cavs!

Yours in Education

Patric Culp, Superintendent



SCHOOL CHORUS

Mark your calendar for a grand Christmas concert featuring the bands and choirs of Tri-County! Due to our auditorium being remodeled, we will be performing in the main gym at TC. Tuesday, December 14, 2021 is the date, with a starting time of 6:00PM. At the time of this writing, Tri-County does not have a mask mandate, but please consider wearing a face mask for your safety and the safety of others. We will have both sides of the bleachers open so that everyone can spread out and be safe. . Even though this concert is free, we are asking you to consider bringing a toy that will be donated to the "Toys for Tots" program. Thank you!

The Elementary Schools are excited to be holding their Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at 1PM, also to be held in the Main gym at the Tri-County Junior-Senior High School. Please stay tuned, as "Back Together Again at Christmas" might have to be recorded and shared virtually instead of meeting in person. If we do meet in person, please kindly consider wearing a mask and leaving plenty of room between you and your neighbors for safety. Thank you! These are rather trying and uncertain times, so we really appreciate everyone's understanding and helpfulness.



FROM THE DESK OF MR. HAGAN

All of us at TCI would like to thank our parents and community supporters for all you do to help provide our students with the best 21st century learning opportunities. We appreciate our many parents who are flexible during this time to keep students at home when they aren't feeling well, and supporting our teachers when we have to do remote learning for the safety of our students. Keeping students in-person is our goal and we appreciate your help so we can continue to be in school as much as possible. You are amazing!

We have many great opportunities lined up for students this semester at TCI. Tri-County Schools understand the great benefits and outcomes STEM education brings to our students, and we are working together to enhance our STEM programming across all of our schools.

All students are immersed in STEM within each subject in the classrooms and attend our STEM Academy weekly. Thanks to Mr. Ewen, students are engaged in STEM activities weekly. Our robotics teams are off to a great start and we are working hard to provide them an outstanding experience with two in-person competitions starting January. We are working with Purdue University Horticulture Department to bring Hydroponics education starting January.



Thank you to everyone involved in making all of these experiences possible for our students, and we welcome you to come see for yourself!

Mark Your Calendar

December 14 - 6th Grade Christmas Band & Choir Concert
December 15 - Elementary Christmas Program

Every Day Is What You Make It! Make It A Great Day!

Mr. Hagan

IN THE KITCHEN



Our High School cooks baking the biscuits for their Thanksgiving meal.



As we are experiencing items being out of stock from our distributors, our staff is becoming more resourceful. Grains are one of the items difficult to get. The High school is looking for ways to expand the variety.

The High school will try to continue to add new items as we try new recipes. We are able to get most of the fruits so we will be adding Cinnamon-Cranberry Baked Pears to the Thanksgiving meal. Baked apples have become a favorite at the high school along with the Apple Crisp & Cherry Cobbler.

We have added to the fresh vegetable selection for lunch. They seem to be easier to get at this point. These fresh veggies can be taken in addition to the hot vegetables on the line. The Organic colored carrots don't last long. We were able to add sweet corn, fresh cucumbers, peppers, garden tomatoes & lettuce along with watermelons & Cantaloupes to our menu this Summer & early Fall thanks to the FFA & Community members gardens. We will look forward to next year when we can offer them again.

Happy Thanksgiving from all of us in the Food Service !



Tri-County Activity Calendar

DECEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 GB6 Frontier (A) 6pm BB6(A/B) Frontier (A) 6pm BB7(A/B) B.C. (H) 6pm BB8(A/B) B.C. (A) 6pm	3 BB(J/V/V) Rossville (H) 6pm	4 WR(V) Covington Invite (A) 9am
5	6 GB6 S.N. (H) 6pm BB6(A/B) S.N. (H) 6pm BB7(A/B) TL (A) 6pm BB8(A/B) TL (A) 6pm	7 BB7(A/B) NW (H) 6pm BB8(A/B) NW (H) 6pm GB(J/V/V) Carroll (A) 6pm	8	9 GB6 St. Boniface (H) 6pm BB6(A/B) St. Boniface (H) 7pm BB9(A/B) Rensselaer (A) 6:30pm GB(J/V/V) Frontier (H) 6pm	10 BB(J/V/V) TL (A) 6pm	11 WR(V) Caston (A) 9am BB7(A/B) WCT (A) 9am BB8(A/B) WCT (A) 9am GB(J/V/V) Rossville (H) 11am BB(J/V/V) Seeger (A) 6pm
12	13 School Board Meeting 7pm GB6 St.Lawrence (A) 6pm BB6(A/B) St.Lawrence (A) 7pm BB9(A/B) C.I.Prairie (H) 6pm GB(J/V/V) Cov Christian (H) 6:30pm	14	15	16 WR(V) SN (H) 6pm GB(V) W.Central (A) 7:30pm	17 BB(J/V/V) N.White (H) 6pm	18 WR(V) Seeger (A) 9am BB(J/V/V) Cov. Christian (H) 6pm
19	20	21 BB(J/V/V) Kitch.Class. (A) GB(J/V/V) Kitch.Class. (A) 12pm	22 BB(J/V/V) Kitch.Class. (A) GB(J/V/V) Kitch.Class. (A) 12pm	23 Christmas Break No School	24 Christmas Break No School	25
26	27 Christmas Break No School	28 Christmas Break No School	29 BB(V) Hebron Holiday Tourn. (A) Christmas Break No School	30 BB(V) Hebron Holiday Tourn. (A) WR(V) Bi-County Sup Dual (A) 9am Christmas Break No School	31 Christmas Break No School	
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Tri-County Activity Calendar

JANUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Christmas Break No School	4 BB9(A/B) TL (H) 6pm Christmas Break No School	5 Christmas Break No School	6 BB7(A/B) F.Christian (A) 6pm BB8(A/B) F.Christian (A) 6pm WR(V) Attica (H) 6pm GB(J/V/V) N.Newton (A) 6:30pm	7 BB(J/V/V) Cl.Prairie (A) 6pm	8 WR(V) Hawks Sup Dual (A) 10am BB(J/V/V) Attica (A) 6pm
9	10 School Board Meeting 7pm BB7(A/B) Pioneer (H) 6pm BB8(A/B) Pioneer (H) 7pm	11 BB7(A/B) St. James (H) 6pm BB8(A/B) St. James (H) 7pm BB9(A/B) Laf CC (H) 6pm GB(J/V/V) Seeger (A) 6pm	12	13 WR(V) Pioneer (H) 6pm BB7(A/B) Rossville (A) 6pm BB8(A/B) Rossville (A) 6pm BB9(A/B) Rossville (A) 7:15pm GB(J/V/V) Fountain Cent (H) 6pm	14 BB(J/V/V) W.Central (A) 6pm	15 WR(V) MWC (A) 10am GB7(A/B) Caston (A) 11am GB8(A/B) Caston (A) 12pm GB(J/V/V) Caston (A) 11am BB(J/V/V) LaCrosse (H) 6pm
16	17 BB9(A/B) KV (A) 6:30pm	18 WR(V) Rensselaer (A) 6:30pm BB7/8(A/B) W.Central (H) 6pm GB7/8(A/B) BC (A) 6pm GB(J/V/V) Cl. Central (A) 6pm	19	20 GB7(A/B) SN (H) 6pm GB8(A/B) SN (H) 6pm BB9(A/B) Frontier (A) 6pm	21 BB(J/V/V) Frontier (H) 6pm	22 GB(J/V/V) Covington (H) 12pm
23	24 WR(JH) Klondike/Wea Ridge (A) 5:45pm GB7(A/B) Rensselaer (H) 6:30pm GB8(A/B) Rensselaer (H) 6:30pm	25 GB7/8(A/B) Seeger (H) 6pm BB7/8(A/B) Rensselaer (A) 6:30pm BB9(A/B) Delphi (A) 6pm GB(J/V/V) Delphi (H) 6pm	26	27 WR(JH) Faith Christian (A) 6pm GB7/8(A/B) Klondike (A) 5:30pm/6:45pm BB9(A/B) Carroll (H) 6pm GB(JV) Harrison (H) 6pm GB(V) Faith Christian (H) 7:30pm	28 BB(J/V/V) SN (A) 6:30pm	29
30	31 WR(JH) North Newton (H) 6pm BB9(A/B) South Newton (H) 6pm	Notes:				

YOUR TRASH IS TRI-COUNTY PRIMARY'S TREASURE!

****NEW UPDATED LIST****

Help Tri-County Primary earn money by saving these items (that you would normally throw away). Different programs pay TCP for items sent in. Money is used to buy items for student use. In the past we have purchased new recess balls and games, library books, reading cubbies, school aquarium, Library Reading Treehouse, and much much more! If you would like to see how items are recycled visit: www.terracycle.net or search Terracycle on Youtube.com

New** Gerber Recycling Program accepts: All baby food packaging, including flexible plastic pouches, plastic lids, plastic shrink labels, plastic containers, and flexible plastic packaging (Please rinse out food packaging)

*NEW** Food Storage Containers: All brands of food storage containers (plastic and glass) This includes plastic to go containers!

New Bread & Buns Wrappers: From ANY brand. Please remove crumbs!!

New School & Art Supplies: All brands of empty pens, highlighters, mechanical pencils, glue sticks, watercolor dispensers, paint sets, and their packaging

* Any brand Personal Care Products. This includes (but not limited to) Lipstick tubes, shampoo, conditioner, body wash bottles, pump hairspray bottles, makeup cases or bottles, mascara tubes, lotion bottles, toothbrushes, deodorant, makeup containers, toothpaste tubes, floss, makeup containers.

* Boxtops A new App is available that will be taking the place of cutting the boxtops out. Download this APP and follow the easy directions on how to send a photo of your receipt. See the website for more information! www.boxtopsforeducation.com

* Coke Products. All Coke products bottle lids or rewards codes from INSIDE of 12, 20, 24, 36 pack cans

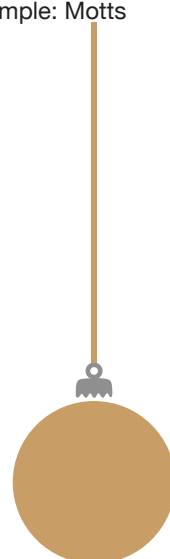
NEW Drink pouches: All brands of drink pouches, (please be sure they are empty)

New All of Kroger's store brands of flexible plastic packing! You can now recycle flexible plastic packaging from Simple Truth™, Private Selection®, Kroger® Brand, Comforts®, HemisFares®, Luvsome®, Abound® and more!

NEW Squeeze pouches. Any brand squeeze food pouches. This includes baby food squeeze pouches. (example: Motts applesauce squeeze pouch)

Don't forget to ask your friends, co-workers, family, and neighbors to help you save!!

If you have any questions email: andersong@trico.k12.in.us





TCP NEWS

December & January

It seems impossible that Christmas is almost here and soon we will be starting a new semester, but there is something special about the Primary building in winter time. Our young learners revel in the magic of the holidays and eagerly anticipate those first snowflakes, reminding us to take time to enjoy the season.

As this year comes to an end, I have to take a moment to reflect on the resiliency of our students and staff. They amaze me every day! We have definitely been dealt many challenges, but our staff remains committed to keeping their focus on the educational and health needs of our students. None of that could be accomplished though without such supportive families and communities. Thank you all for the many ways you support Tri-County students and staff!

Wishing you safe and happy holidays,
Ms. Hall

Christmas Program

The Elementary Christmas Program will be Wednesday, December 15th at 1:00 pm in the High School main gym. Students in grades Kindergarten-5th grade will perform in the program. I want to thank Mrs. Legler for all of her hard work in preparation of the program. The students have been practicing for weeks and are ready to spread some Christmas cheer!



Winter Recess

Please make sure your child is dressed for winter temperatures. If the temperature (including wind chill) is twenty degrees or more, students do go outside for recess. We often have many items in our lost and found area, so if your child is missing a jacket, gloves, or any other item, please have them check our lost and found.

Student Supplies

The beginning of our second semester is always a good time to do a mid-year check on your child's school supplies and see if any items need replenished for the rest of the year.



Menu Changes

As we continue to have difficulty getting certain items from our food suppliers, we appreciate your understanding and flexibility as menu items need to be changed from time to time.

Mark Your Calendar!

December

13th- School Board Meeting, 7:00 at the Corporation Office
15th- Christmas Program, 1:00 in the HS gym
23rd-Christmas Break Begins

January

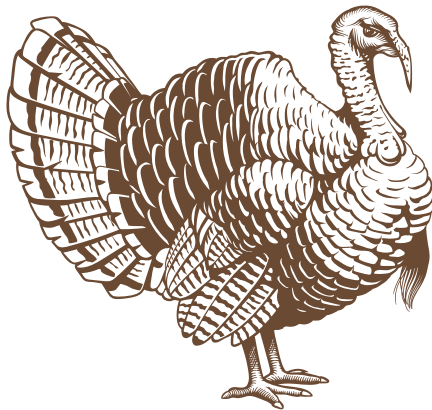
5th- Last day of Christmas Break
6th- Students return to school
10th- School Board Meeting, 7:00 at the Corporation Office
17th- Snow Make-up Day- school in session

Follow Tri-County on Facebook for pictures, announcements, and updates!

Any Tri-County School Organization wishing to make an announcement in the Newsletter, please have articles in the Superintendent's Office by the fifteenth of the month. If you would like to receive the Tri-County Newsletter or know of someone who would like to receive the Newsletter, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 219-279-2418

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**HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM ALL
OF US AT TRI-COUNTY SCHOOL
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TRI-COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Tri-County School Corporation has a policy which is currently being practiced. All courses are open to all students regardless of age, race, color, national origin, sex, and handicapped condition.

Educational services, programs, instruction and facilities will not be denied to anyone in the Tri-County School Corporation as the result of his or her age, race, color, national origin, sex, or handicapped condition.

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