



On behalf of the Tri-County School Corporation, we would like to thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide quality education to your students. The first semester of the 2020-2021 school year has been unlike any other. So many things have been inconsistent with our daily schedules, activities, and events.

During times when few things are constant, one thing that has remained constant is the support from the Tri-County community for our schools, students, teachers, and staff. The continued and unwavering support of the Tri-County school corporation is not found in every school community, and it helps make Tri-County the best, small rural school in Indiana.

As we have progressed through the first semester, remote learning has become an integral part of the educational experience for our students. Tri-County is committed to the continual improvement of remote learning, but we need your input! Please complete the [survey](#) on remote learning. We would like input from you as parents, as well as the students. So, please share this link with your students as well.

In addition to the survey for remote learning, we would also like to provide an update on final exams at the Jr/Sr High School. End of semester finals have been a point of recent conversation, and the last thing our teachers and administrators want for our students is unnecessary stress. We all have enough stress right now, and we do not want finals to be another burden or stressor for our students.

Finals are a method to measure student learning, but we know finals are not the only way to measure student learning. In fact, our teachers and administrators realize student learning occurs at various levels, rates, and forms. With that being said, finals will look different this year compared to in years past. The current plan is for Tri-County Jr/ Sr High School to return Monday, December 14, 2020 for in-person learning. A chapter/unit test or small project may be assigned during the regular daily schedule the last two days of the fall semester. The grade for this assessment will be counted into the second quarter grades. So, the students' semester grades will simply be an even split of the two quarters. The first quarter will be calculated at 50% and the second quarter at 50% of the overall grade. Assessments will take place on Thursday, December 17th, and Friday, December 18th. What this means is that these final chapter/unit tests or projects given at the end of next week will not be weighted more heavily into the semester grade as the final grades usually are.

The idea to alter the finals schedule is credited to our teachers. Our teachers wanted to reduce stress for students and began thinking and discussing different ways to help students, while breaking away from traditional practices.

Once again, to the Tri-County community, thank you for the patience, flexibility, perseverance, and continued prayers during the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year.

Go Cavs!

Yours in Education,
Patrick Culp