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**Music News**

The fourth graders at Tri-County Intermediate are excited to be attending a live symphony performance in February! It will give them a chance to both view the instruments and enjoy hearing music in the beautiful Long Center. They have been studying instruments since they were kindergartners, so it's fun for them to finally see the instruments in person.

Fifth graders are excited and thankful to the Wolcott & Remington Chapters of Psi Iota Xi, who have sponsored their trip to the Indianapolis Symphony for many years now. We are grateful to visit the Hilbert Theatre on the Circle in downtown Indianapolis: many students have never visited Indiana's capitol city, and they are in for a treat! They will also be enjoying a live performance and will find themselves surprised how exciting the music is! This year's theme is "From the Earth to the Moon, and Beyond!" Our trip is in March and we are "over the moon" previewing the music we'll be hearing at the Symphony.



## ***From The Desk of Ms. Hall***

We are well into our second semester now. This time of year provides many opportunities for our families to be active in our schools. February 10th at 3:00 is the Harlem Wizards vs. TC basketball game, sponsored by our PTO. This is the first time we have hosted the Harlem Wizards, and this year the game replaces our usual spring carnival. There is a great group of TC staff, community members, and former students that have signed up to participate. It is sure to be a fun-filled afternoon! March 14th will be our preschool open house, and March 20th will be our spring parent/teacher conferences. More information on these events will be sent out closer to time.

Since we are more than halfway through the school year, now is a great time to make sure your child still has plenty of school supplies to finish out the year. Pencils, crayons, glue sticks, and notebooks all get plenty of use and your child may be running low. This is also a great time of year to make sure we have current phone numbers in order to contact you. If you have changed a cell phone or work number, please call in to the main office or send in a note to us.

As we patiently wait for warmer weather, please make sure you are sending your child to school dressed appropriately. Illness during the winter months almost seems unavoidable, but taking precautionary measures like dressing warmly and getting plenty of rest can greatly decrease those odds and help keep students from missing days at school. We have a growing collection of coats, hats, and gloves in our lost and found. If your child is missing items, have them check the lost and found down by the cafeteria.

I want to use part of this newsletter to express my thanks to the many volunteers we have at TCP. We have a wonderful group of volunteers that give of their time on a weekly basis. Volunteers are going over word lists with students, helping students practice skills, running copies for teachers, and many other helpful tasks. Thank you all for giving of your time and helping our staff and students. If you would like to volunteer, please talk to your child's teacher or call the office to see how you can help.

Sincerely,

Ms. Hall

## ***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 dedicate their time to work with students weekly during Enrichment, and our community and business partners who mentor students and provide weekly opportunities for students to explore interests in club day.

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 Mrs. Ewen, students utilized our butterfly gardens provided by Bayer (formerly Monsanto) to observe the life cycle and tag butterflies for monitoring migration to Mexico. This year we have four robotics teams who will be competing in several competitions this year. All students are involved in one of twenty different clubs this year to explore their interests and be provided real-world application. Each club includes a 6th grade leader and staff or community sponsor. We are currently working with Purdue University on a grant partnership for acquiring hydroponics systems in our building. Purdue is currently building a system for each grade to get started, and through the grant students will be included in research at Purdue to determine larger scale hydroponics systems to be built at TCI.

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

January 26 - TCI Cavbots hosting robotics competition at TCJSHS 8a-4p

February 10 - PTO will be hosting Harlem Wizards at TCJSHS 3p

March 20 - Spring Conferences

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

Mr. Hagan





## ***Harlem Wizards Basketball Team***

The Tri-County Cavaliers will be hosting the Harlem Wizards Basketball team on Sunday, February 10th. The Wizards have played “awe-inspiring” basketball for over 50 years and we are excited to have them visit our school and compete against a hand-picked group of Cavaliers. You can see some of your favorite teachers and coaches including Coach Gretencord, Mr. Hagan and former Cavalier basketball stars.

Students will enjoy a free pep-rally on Wednesday, January 16 at the elementary schools and junior high school. Players will be visiting to give a taste of what excitement is in store for the game in February. Students can expect to witness amazing basketball talent combined with hilarious comedy.

The game is expected to be a thunderous show of sky-high slam dunks by star-studded athletes and tricksters who are veterans of the Globetrotters and national basketball championships. This 2-hour show is ideal for all ages. Fans won’t just be spectators, they can be part of the show with tons of audience high-energy participation and audience interaction.

Check them out at [harlemwizards.com](http://harlemwizards.com) and buy your tickets today online or at any of the Tri-County Schools.

\$10/ticket in advance or \$12 at the door. Age 2 and under are admitted free of charge.



**Jasper County Preview Beef Show**  
**Sponsored by the Tri-County FFA and**  
**Jasper County Fair Association**  
**Sunday, April 14, 2019**

Jasper County Fairgrounds

\$40 Entry Fee

Weight-in is 7-10:00 AM CST

**IJBCA Points Show!**

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***Support Staff Positions***

Tri-County Schools is looking for you! We are currently looking for passionate, engaging individuals who would like to make a difference by working with students in a caring and supportive school environment on a flexible schedule. Applications are being sought for substitute teachers, substitute custodians, instructional assistants and kitchen staff with competitive pay and benefits. Applications can be downloaded at our website: [www.trico.k12.in.us](http://www.trico.k12.in.us) and brought into our Corporation Office at 105 N 2nd Street, Wolcott, IN 47995

# FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 GB7(A&B) WCT (H) 9:00 BB(JV&V) Kouts (T) 12:00 Choir Solo and Ensemble District Contest (Harrison HS) TBA
3	4 GB7(A&B) TL (T) 6:00 GB8(A&B) TL (T) 6:00	5 WR(JH) ProWin (TBA) 6:00 GB8(A&B) WCT (TBA) 9:00	6	7 GB7(A&B) Ross (H) 6:00 GB8(A&B) Ross (H) 6:00 FFA Fund Drive FFA Ag Advisory Board Meeting (TCHS Ag Rooms)	8 BB(JV&V) BC (T) 6:30	9 *ACT TEST
10 Harlem Wizards BB Game 3:00 PM HS Gym	11 GB7(A&B) Carroll (H) 6:00 GB8(A&B) Carroll (H) 6:00 School Board Meeting 7:00	12 GB7(A&B) NW (H) 6:00 GB8(A&B) NW (H) 6:00 WR(JH) NW (H) 6:00 BB(JV&V) Gary 21st Century (T) 6:30 P.M.	13	14 GB7(A&B) St. James (T) 6:00 GB8(A&B) St. James (T) 6:00 WR(JH) Fro/C. Prairie (TBA) 6:00	15 BB(JV&V) Faith Christian (H) 6:00 P.M.	16 BB(JV&V) Lebanon (H) 6:00 WR(JH) NW INV (TBA) 9:00 Choir State Solo and Ensemble (Perry Meridian HS)
17	18 GB7(A&B) Faith Christian (H) 6:00 GB8(A&B) Faith Christian (H) 6:00 WR(JH) CP/Ross (H) 6:00 NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day National FFA Week	19 GB7(A&B) WC (H) 6:00 P.M. GB8(A&B) WC (H) 6:00 P.M. National FFA Week	20 National FFA Week	21 GB7(A&B) Fro (H) 6:00 GB8(A&B) Fro (H) 6:00 National FFA Week	22 BB(JV&V) Pioneer (H) 6:00 National FFA Week	23 WR(JH) WC Invite (WC) 9:00 FFA Ski Trip—Timber Ridge Resort—Michigan Band State Solo & Ensemble Contest (North Central HS) National FFA Week
24 National FFA Week	25 GB7(A&B) Caston (H) 6:00 GB8(A&B) Caston (H) 6:00	26	27	28 WR(JH) Fro/TL (TBA) 5:00 GB7(A&B) NN (T) 6:30 GB8(A&B) NN (T) 6:30		



## MARCH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 WR(JH) RCMS Invit (T) 9:30 Jazz Band Contest (TBA)
3	4	5	6	7 WR(JH) Rens (H) 6:00 Musical Tech Night (TCHS Auditorium) 3:30—10:00 PM	8 WR(JH) MWC (TBA) 5:00	9  <b>*SAT TEST</b>
10 BPA STATE	11 Musical Tech Night (Auditorium) 3:30—10:00 PM School Board Meeting - 7:00	12 Musical Tech Night (TCHS Auditorium) 3:30—10:00 PM End of 3rd Nine Weeks BPA STATE	13	14 Musical Tech Night (TCHS Auditorium) 3:30—10:00 PM PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE	15 Spring Musical 7:00 TC Auditorium	16  JH Band Contest (TBA)
17 Spring Musical 4:30 TC Auditorium	18 BPA STATE	19 NHS Inductions 7:00 P.M. TC Auditorium	20 ELEMENTARY SPRING CONFERENCES	21 HS Boys BB Awards 6:30 P.M.	22 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	23
24 31	25 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	26 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	27 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	28 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	29 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	30

# **Tri-County FFA Parent Connections Pork Chop and Fish Dinner**

Friday, February 22nd, 2019  
Tri-County High School Cafeteria  
5:00-7:00 pm



Fish or Pork Loin Dinners are \$7.00  
Pork Burger Dinners are \$5.50

Come to Dinner... Stay for Senior Night and a TC Victory!

All Proceeds go to Scholarships!!!!



## **Benefit Consignment Machinery Auction** **Tri-County FFA Parent Connections**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6th AT 10 AM EDST**  
**AT TRI-COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, WOLCOTT, INDIANA**

The Tri-County FFA Connections and the Tri-County FFA Chapter will be accepting consignments for their eleventh annual benefit machinery auction. Farm machinery, livestock equipment, trees, shrubs, trucks, cars, garden equipment, lawn mowers, landscaping tools and large tools will be accepted. No household items, tires without rims, or chemical containers will be accepted. Please bring items from 8am- 8pm on Wednesday, April 3rd to Friday, April 5th at the Tri-County High School west parking lot. All proceeds will go towards student scholarships.

Consignment rates will be as follows:

Over \$1500	5%
\$501-\$1500	7%
\$101-\$500	10%
\$6-\$100	15%
Under \$5	Donation

All no sales will have \$25 maximum donation

If you would like your item to be advertised on the sale bill, please mail the following form or call the Tri-County FFA. Mail to: 11298 W 100 S, Wolcott, Indiana 47995 by **March 20th**. FFA advisors school number: 219-279-2105 ext. 3439 for Travis Scherer or ext. 3503 for Haley Verhaeghe. Feel free to call for any questions you may have about the auction.

### **Tri-County FFA Parent Connections Benefit Auction Consignment Form**

11298 W 100 S, Wolcott, IN 47995

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Phone Number:**

**Description of item(s):**

Can also email form to [scherert@trico.k12.in.us](mailto:scherert@trico.k12.in.us)

## ***From The Desk of Dr. Cathy Rowe***

Welcome to the second semester of the school year! Tri-County Jr/Sr High School has accomplished much in the first part of the school year and is eager to keep the momentum going into the second semester.

The district was notified recently that we were awarded a \$30,000 planning grant through North Central Health Services to engage in the evaluation of programs and supports for students in the area of social-emotional needs and substance use/abuse. We look forward to learning additional ways in which we can support our students throughout the district by evaluating evidence based programs and engaging in rich dialogue with mental health professionals. Teams of teachers and administrators will be participating in regional and national conferences as well in order to learn effective and research based strategies to help all students.

Tri-County Jr/Sr High School has been working to increase the percentage of our students who are involved in co-curricular and extra-curricular organizations and school clubs. Last year, roughly 80% of our students were involved in one or more of these organizations. This year, our numbers have increased to approximately 83% of our student body being involved. We know that for students to be successful in school, we must get them involved. We hope YOU will be involved in our school by attending school events, asking your child about school, checking grades in PowerSchool and showing an interest in your child's academic progress. Working together, students thrive!

The Junior/Senior High School has been undergoing several facilities improvements over the past few months. Most noticeably are new student lockers, band area lockers, carpet and paint, AC/cooling tower, Agriculture Education shop improvements and the pool area. We are very appreciative of these improvements and the opportunities they provide our students!

Parents of 2019 graduates are reminded that graduation commencement exercises will be held on Sunday, June 2nd at 2:00pm at Tri-County High School. The date of graduation has been moved to June 2nd due to the ending date of school and forecasted inclement weather which will/could impact the end of the school year. Please share this date change with family and friends.

Finally, we welcome Mr. Patrick Culp to Tri-County as our new superintendent! We look forward to his steadfast leadership for many years to come!

Dr. Cathy L. Rowe



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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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***FROM THE DESK OF MR. PATRICK CULP***

In the book, *Agents of the Apocalypse*, by Dr. David Jeremiah, Denis Lyle (a Baptist minister) tells of a tourist who visited a beautiful mansion in Switzerland. The house was surrounded by well-kept gardens, connected by tidy pathways. There was not a weed in sight.

"How long have you been caretaker here?" the tourist asked the gardener.

"I've been here twenty years."

"And during that time how often has the owner of the property been in residence?"

The gardener smiled, "He has been here only four times."

"And to think," the visitor exclaimed, "all these years you've kept this house and garden in such superb condition. You tend them as if you expected him to come tomorrow."

"Oh no," replied the gardener, "I look after them as if I expected him to come today."

The gardener worked with a thankful heart, taking pride in his property, anticipating the homeowner to come at any minute. When working with students as a teacher, coach, or administrator, I remain thankful for the opportunity to have such influence on their lives. I also realize the enormity of that opportunity. I am extremely thankful to serve the wonderful Tri-County community. Thank you to all for the warm welcome and supportive comments.

Patrick Culp, Superintendent