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**6th Grade News**

The new tradition of Camp Tecumseh has carried on for year number 2. Because of a pay it forward initiative from last year's 6th grade, this year's 6th grade was provided the opportunity to attend Camp Tecumseh for an overnight experience. The students, staff, and parents completed a program called Foundations for Success. It focused on leadership, problem solving, self confidence, trust, and communication. These skills are life skills that will carry over into the classroom and beyond for years to come. Once again, camp did not disappoint. It was a magical experience where new friendships were made, old ones were strengthened, hidden talents surfaced, and laughter was abundant.

In the upcoming days of 6th grade, students will be getting Club Day up and running, and we are also looking forward to our Challenger field trip in October.

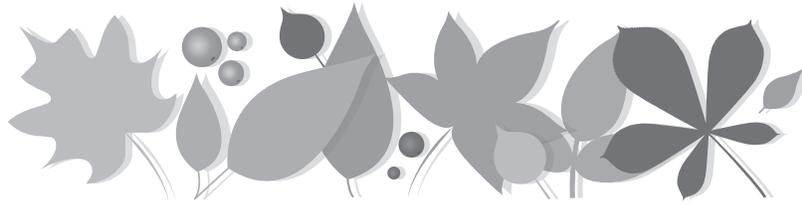
The 6th grade teaching team consists of teachers Mrs. Bahler and Mrs. Taulman, and the wonderful instructional assistants, Mrs. Clark and Mr. Prater. Volunteers are always welcome and much needed. If you are interested in seeing if there is a place for you, please contact Mrs. Taulman at [taulmanm@trico.k12.in.us](mailto:taulmanm@trico.k12.in.us). Volunteers can always be utilized for Club days as well as just some extra one-on-one reading time with students.



## **FFA does well in area contest**

Tri-County FFA has had a busy start to the school year with Livestock Skillathon and Milk Quality and Products area competition at McCutcheon High School. Members competing in livestock skillathon identify feedstuffs, breeds, livestock equipment, and retail meat cuts. The junior high team of Morgan Taulman, Taylor VanMeter and Grayson Schneider placed first and the team of Ava Woods, Laurel Clark and Hanna Arvin placed second. The high school team of Blayne Vandever, Bailey Kyle, Blake Pilotte and Tyler Vandever placed second overall and the team of Devin Reynolds, Abigail Arvin and Will Getz placed 6<sup>th</sup> overall. In Milk Quality and Products, students identify cheeses, determine if the product is dairy or nondairy, determine milk flavor defects and take a knowledge test. The team of Anna Douglas, Mackinley Myers, Alyssa Kirby and Tyler Kilmer placed first and the team of Lilly Sterk, Addison Sterk, Berenize Del Real and Summer Stoller placed second.





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

We have had an amazing start to the school year! Our teachers have filled these first few weeks with activities that allowed our students to be creative, collaborative, and use critical thinking skills. I want to thank our entire staff for making the beginning of the year so successful.

It does not seem possible that the first quarter is almost over. Trees are already starting to transform into their fall colors, and the snow will be falling before we know it. With the thought of colder weather, I want to remind everyone that Tri-County will once again use eLearning days as a way to continue our students' learning during days we cannot be at school. Our first eLearning day will take place on October 22nd for our fall Parent-Teacher Conferences. If your child will be missing school due to illness, we ask that you please call our office or let the teacher know.

Other upcoming events you will want to mark on your calendars are:

- October PTO Meeting, October 1st, 7:00pm at TCP
- Grandparent's Night: October 3rd, 4-6 pm TCP, 5-7 pm TCI
- Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences- October 22nd, 1-8 pm at Jr/Sr HS
- Fall Break October 24th-25th
- November PTO Meeting, November 5th, 7:00pm at TCP
- Thanksgiving Break- November 27th-29th

I would like to remind everyone of our arrival and dismissal procedures. In the morning, our doors do not open until 7:45 am. Students can then enter the building and eat breakfast in the cafeteria or be supervised in the gym until 8:00 when they can walk to their classrooms. We appreciate everyone's cooperation with our new visitor procedures and allowing your child to walk to class on his/her own. This allows us to control how many visitors are in the building and helps your child grow in their independence, as well.

There are great things happening in our building every day. Make sure to follow us on Facebook to get extra announcements, see pictures of school activities, and information on upcoming events. If you would like to volunteer and be a part of some of these great things, we would love to have you come in. Call or stop by to see how you can get involved.

Miss Hall

## ***From the Desk of Mr. Haskins***

The school year has gotten off to a great start! It is so good to be back and working with our students at Tri-County Jr/Sr High School. As I talk to students in the hallways and during lunch, it is obvious that almost everyone is ready to get back to being with their classmates, seeing the staff and focusing again on learning. It is has been especially nice to see how much our senior class has grown since their elementary days. From our discussions in early class meetings, it is nice to know that this group is ready for all that awaits them over the next nine months.

Tri-County is fortunate to welcome three new teachers into the building. Each one brings their own personality into the classroom, which helps our students to develop and grow. The following is a brief introduction of each new staff member:

- Mathew Bowman - Social Studies Department - Mr. Bowman lives in Lafayette and did his student teaching in the TSC School Corporation.
- Lioneil Cabada - Science Department - Mr. Cabada lives in Lafayette and comes to us from the business world where he worked as a medical scribe.
- Scott Luesse - Junior High Social Studies Department - Mr. Luesse is from Rensselaer and was a former case worker for Wabash Valley.

During parent-teacher conferences later in the semester, please introduce yourself to these new staff members. All three care about are students and have become very involved with them both inside and outside of the classroom. They all are a great fit for our students!

Our counselors are working hard to find new and exciting ways to help our students advance their technical skills. Recently, we have placed five students in a work based learning environment. These students are using skills learned in the classroom and taking into real world scenarios. I feel this is a great start to more opportunities for other students to have this opportunity in the future. The five students are very aware that they will be laying the groundwork for future students and have shown great excitement just in the first few weeks. I look forward to observing these students in the work force and plan to continue to update their progress in my newsletter.

Mr. McCracken continues to work on ways of making our school secure and keeping our students safe throughout the day. In August, we executed all of our required safety procedures, which included fire, emergency weather and lockdown drills. All of the students and staff did an outstanding job of taking these drills seriously, while following proper directions. At the beginning of September, we had a non-scheduled fire drill due to a controlled issue in the shop area. These incidents early in the year can create some tension in the building, but both staff and students handled this situation in the proper way. Very proud of everyone involved in the building.

As I continue to observe instruction in our classrooms, I am excited to watch the staff engage and challenge our students. A large majority of our students seemed to be settled into their new classes and have been responding well to what is expected of them. Please take time to



discuss with your student how their year is progressing. Ask them about what is going well and what might not be going as well. These conversations can go a long way with bringing students' learning into the home.

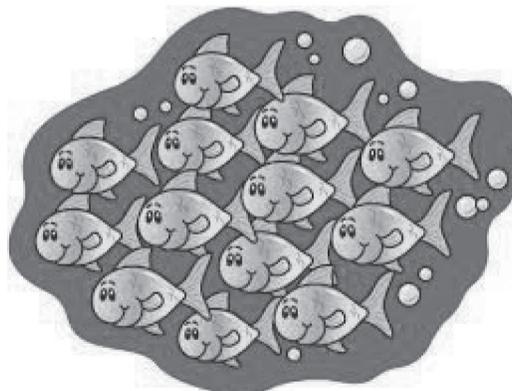
Thanks for supporting our students in their education!

J.R. Haskins  
Principal  
Tri-County Junior/Senior High School

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*Thank  
you!*

*To Suburban Propane for donating water for  
the Tri-County Primary Fish Tank. Our fish  
are swimming happily in their new water!*



The Book Fair is at Tri County Primary!!

Sept. 27 to Oct. 4

Students will be able to buy books 8:00-8:30 a.m., during first recess and during library class.

We will be open during Grandparents night!!

This year we are offering e-funds for your student to buy books.

Look for more information in your child's Book Fair flyer.



## **K12PaymentCenter.com**

View your students meal history, payment history & you can also make payments by going to; K12PaymentCenter.com create an account.

You will be able to see your current balance & what your student purchased.

Create a k12 account, add your student(s) to your account by adding their student # assigned by each school. If you don't know your student number, call us & we can help you.

You may speak to the k12 payment center for help by calling 800-541-8999



# K12 Payment Center

A LINQ SOLUTION

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Thank you for using K12PaymentCenter digital payment system. We hope you find it useful and convenient for your school fee and meal payments.

We want to let you know of some upcoming enhancements and changes over the coming months. In addition to the recently added [Android](#) and [iOS](#) mobile apps, **we will add electronic check capability with a reduced convenience fee and in person credit card payments later this Fall.**

**As a reminder, we are now using a variable convenience fee based on the payment amount. For payments up to \$95 the convenience fee will remain at \$1.95. For payments over \$95 the convenience fee will be 3.99%.**

We thank you for your past and continued use of K12PaymentCenter.

Sincerely,

The K12PaymentCenter Team

# Understanding the Lunch Line: A Parent's Guide

Each day, your child is offered a lunch containing the following:

**Meat or Meat Alternate,  
Grain,  
Fruit, Vegetable  
and of course, Milk!**

While the most nutritious lunch contains all of these options, we understand that sometimes our students do not like some of the items we serve. To make our student customers happy, we like to give them the option to decline items they do not want to eat.

Out of the 5 food groups your student is offered, he must choose at least 3 food groups for his meal. One of the food groups must be a fruit or vegetable. Some of the menu choices may count as two food groups such as pizza, nachos, cheeseburger, or chef salad!

## Here's an example menu:

Cheeseburger on a Bun  
1/2 cup Carrots  
1/2 cup French Fries  
1/2 cup Peaches  
8oz of Milk

## So, your child could choose:

Cheeseburger on a Bun and Fries  
Carrots, Peaches and Milk  
Cheeseburger on Bun, Peaches and Milk

**Of course they can take other combinations or all 5 food groups!**

**The choice is up to them!**

If your child comes home and says she didn't get enough to eat at lunch, ask if she is taking all of her fruit and vegetable choices!

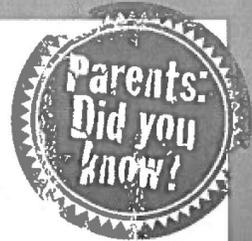
**Don't forget about breakfast!** Join us each morning, breakfast is a great way to kick off your child's day!

Breakfast choices are a little different. Students must take at least 3 of the offered items at breakfast, one must be a fruit or vegetable.



# National School Lunch Week

## October 14-18, 2019



Today's school lunches meet strict nutrition standards, including limits on calories, sodium and unhealthy fats.

**30 MILLION** students enjoy healthy lunches every school day.

A graphic of a school lunch tray with a fork on the left. The tray is divided into several compartments. A musical note icon is on the left side of the tray. Callout bubbles provide nutritional information for each compartment.

- Top-left: **3/4 cup of vegetables with every lunch** (with an icon of broccoli)
- Top-middle: **1 cup of 1% or fat-free milk** (with an icon of a milk carton)
- Top-right: **1/2 cup serving of fruit daily** (with an icon of two strawberries)
- Bottom-right: **Entrées include whole grains & lean protein** (with an icon of a slice of pizza)

Read School Meal Success Stories here: [TrayTalk.org](http://TrayTalk.org)

Follow us on social media: [#NSLW19](https://twitter.com/NSLW19) • [#LunchPlaylist](https://twitter.com/LunchPlaylist) • [#SchoolLunch](https://twitter.com/SchoolLunch)



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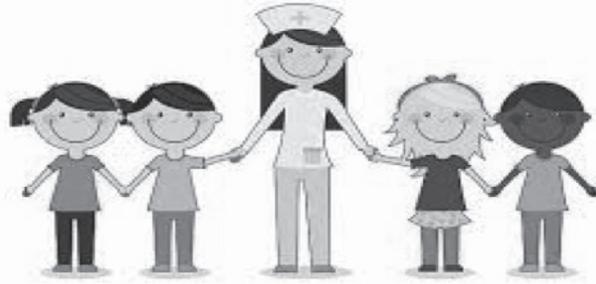
# OCTOBER ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 CC(V) NN (T) 6:00 FB(7&8) CP (T) 6:00 VB(6) SN (H) 6:00 VB(7A&8A) St. James (H) 6:00 VB(JV&V) Carroll (T) 6:30	2	3 VB(7A&8A) WC (H) 6:00 P.M. VB(JV&V) NN (T) 6:30 VB(6) NW (H) 6:00	4 FB(V) Fro (H) 7:00 <b>SENIOR NIGHT</b>	5 CC(V)Coed MWC(TBA) 11:00  Marching Band Contest (TBA) <b>SAT Test</b>
6	7 FB(7&8) Fro (H) 6:00 VB(7A&8A) Fro (H) 6:00 VB(JV&V) NW (H) 6:00	8 VB(JV&V) Covenant Christian (H) 6:30	9	10 VB(6) Rens (H) 6:00 VB(7A&8A) NW (T) 6:00 VB(JV&V) LaCrosse (T) 6:00	11 FB(V) Covington (T) 7:00 FFA SOAR Camp #1 (FFA Center-Trafalgar) <b>End of 1st Nine Weeks</b>	12 CC(V) Sectional (T) 10:00 FFA SOAR Camp #1 (FFA Center-Trafalgar)
13 FFA SOAR Camp #1 (FFA Center-Trafalgar)	14 FB(JV) Del (T) 6:00 FFA Degree Banquet TCHS Cafeteria/Auditorium <b>School Board Meeting 7:00</b>	15 VB(7A&8A) TL (T) 6:00	16	17	18 FB(V) NN (T) 7:30 P.M.  FFA SOAR Camp #2 (FFA Center-Trafalgar)	19 VB(7A&8A) WCT 7A (T) 9:00 VB(7A&8A) WCT 8A (T) 9:00 Marching Band Mini Camp FFA SOAR Camp #2 (FFA Center-Trafalgar)
20	21 FB(7&8) NN (H) 6:30 FB(JV) NN (H) 7:00	22 Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00-8:00 P.M. <b>eLearning Day</b>	23	24  <b>Fall Break NO SCHOOL</b>	25 FB(V) Sectional—Round 1 (TBA) 7:00 P.M.  <b>Fall Break NO SCHOOL</b>	26   Band Scholastic Finals
27	28	29  <b>NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION (Indianapolis)</b>	30  <b>NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION (Indianapolis)</b>	31 GB(V) Covenant Christian (H) 6:00  <b>NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION</b>		



## **Nurse's Notes**

We are always excited to start a new year and see the kids back in our buildings. The nurse's office has been a busy place since school has started. We have a few upcoming dates we would like to share with you.



On October 17th, School Smiles will be coming to TCP and TCI. School Smiles conveniently provides dental cleanings, x-rays, and evaluation by a dentist while the student is at school. Be on the lookout for more information to come home about this service.

We will also be inviting the White County Health Department back to offer flu shots in October. Information about this service will be coming home in the future.

We have many exciting plans coming up and we will announce those when the dates become closer.

Healthy Regards,

Sara Arvin, RN, BSN  
Susan Good, RN, BSN

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## **TC Technology Tidbits**

October 14-18 is National Digital Citizenship Week. Below you can visit the URL or scan the QR code with your smartphone or tablet to access an article from Common Sense Media about 18 of the most popular apps kids are using today. This site, Common Sense Media, helps parents, students, and educators make media decisions for themselves and their families. On this site, they have reviews for movies, TV shows, books, apps and games that can help you make smart decisions for you and your family. They review all of the above, and you can also read parent and kid reviews on the movie, app, book, etc. The website is commonsensemedia.org.

<https://bit.ly/1U7LzYO>



## **From the Desk of Mr. Culp**

As the 2019-2020 school year is off and running, this is an important time to share a timely topic that has consistently been discussed within my household. The topic is cell phone and device usage. With information at the tip of everyone's fingers, phones and devices allow for immediate communication, connectivity, and information gathering. While immediate feedback is part of the culture, this is also reminder for the need of consistent monitoring of our children's phones and devices.

How are parents supposed to handle phones and devices? It is best to keep it simple. Teach students how to be Respectful, Responsible, and Reconnect.

1. **Respect** – Model appropriate times to use a phone or device. In addition, monitor that communication is appropriate. The best advice I have ever heard is *“Would you say it with your grandmother in the room? If not, do not send it via text, social media, or app.”*
2. **Responsible** – Conversations regarding appropriate use are vital. For example, all people need to understand texting while driving is not responsible.
3. **Reconnect** – Find time to talk to each other. Too often I hear comments that people do not know how to talk to one another, so it is important to have face-to-face conversations whenever possible. Conversations during car rides, at the table, or in the evening will help people reconnect with reality and disconnect from the phone or device.

In addition to teaching respectful, responsible, and reconnection use of phone and devices, parents/guardians must stay informed of the latest social media and apps.

Recently the Madill Police Department in Oklahoma shared a list of 15 apps all parents should know. After the information was released, local news outlets and police departments across the country shared the report. While apps are beneficial, some apps can put children in a compromising position when personal information is shared.

Here's the list:

- **MeetMe:** The dating social media app allows people to connect based on location. Users are encouraged to meet each other in person.
- **WhatsApp:** The messaging app allows users to send texts, video calls, and voicemails to other people. It also includes photo sharing and video chat capabilities.
- **Bumble:** Similar to Tinder, but requires women to make the first contact. Police said kids and teens have been known to make fake accounts and lie about their age.
- **Live.Me:** A geolocation-based live-streaming app that allows users to find a broadcaster's location. Police said users can earn “coins” to “pay” minors for photos.
- **Ask.FM:** The app lets users ask anonymous questions. Police said it can be used for cyberbullying.
- **Grindr:** A dating app geared toward the LGBTQ community. Users can chat, share photos and meet based on their phones' location.
- **TikTok:** The app lets users create and share short videos. Police said it's popular with kids and has limited privacy controls. Users are vulnerable to cyberbullying and explicit content.
- **Snapchat:** Snapchat remains one of the world's most popular social media apps. Users are supposed to be able to send photos/videos that will later disappear, but features like “stories” allow people to share content for up to a day. Snapchat also allows other users to see your location.

- **Holla:** A video chat app that allows users to meet people from all over the world. According to some reviews, users could encounter explicit content, racial slurs, profanity and more.
- **Calculator+:** The innocuous-looking app appears to be a standard calculator but allows users to hide photos, videos and files they don't want other people to see.
- **Skout:** The location-based dating app doesn't allow users 17 and under to share private photos, but kids could easily create an account by lying about their age.
- **Badoo:** The dating and social media app is meant to be for adults, but teens have been known to create accounts. Users can chat and share photos and videos based on location.
- **Kik:** The app allows users to send direct messages to other users. Kids can use it to bypass traditional text messaging.
- **Whisper:** The anonymous social network lets users share information with strangers. It also reveals a user's location so people can meet each other.
- **Hot or Not:** The "hookup" app lets users rate profiles, check out people in their area and chat with strangers.

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/5-tips-for-cellphone-use/>

<https://www.wtsp.com/artide/news/15-apps-parents-should-look-out-for-on-their-kids-phones/67-ed6826b3-a80e-45a9-ac92-f04cc6bb5760>

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/a-parents-guide-to-technology/> (You can complete an online form to receive a free download of a parent's guide to technology.)

# 15 Apps Parents Should Know About

Courtesy of the  
Madill Police Department



## MEETME



**MEETME** is a dating social media app that allows users to connect with people based on geographic proximity. As the app's users are encouraged to meet each other in person.

## GRINDR



**GRINDR** is a dating app geared towards gay, bi and transgender people. The app gives users options to chat, share photos and meet up based on a smart phones GPS.

## SKOUT



**SKOUT** is a location-based dating app and website. While users under 17 years old are unable to share private photos, kids can easily create an account with an older age.

## WHATSAPP



**WHATSAPP** is a popular messaging app that allows users to send texts, photos, voicemails, and make calls and video chats

## TIKTOK



**TIKTOK** is a new mobile device app popular with kids used for creating and sharing short videos. With very limited privacy controls, users are vulnerable to cyber bullying and explicit content.

## BADBOO



**BADBOO** is a dating and social networking app where users can chat, share photos and videos and connect based on location. While the app is intended for adults only, teens are known to create profiles.

## BUMBLE



**BUMBLE** is similar to the popular dating app "Tinder" however, it requires women to make the first contact. Kids have been known to use BUMBLE to create fake accounts and falsify their age.

## SNAPCHAT



**SNAPCHAT** is one of the most popular apps in recent years. While the app promises users can take a photo/video and it will disappear, new features including "stories" allows users to view content for up to 24 hours. Snapchat also allows users to see your location.

## KIK



**KIK** allows anyone to contact and direct message to your child. Kids can bypass traditional text messaging features. KIK gives users unlimited access to anyone, anywhere, anytime.

## LIVEME



**LIVE.ME** is a live-streaming video app that uses geolocation to share videos so users can find out a broadcaster's exact location. Users can earn "coins" as a way to "pay" minors for photos.

## HOLLA



**HOLLA** is a self-proclaimed "addicting" video chat app that allows users to meet people all over the world in just seconds. Reviewers say they have been confronted with racial slurs, explicit content, and more.

## WHISPER



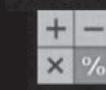
**WHISPER** is an anonymous social network that promotes sharing secrets with strangers. It also reveals a user's location so people can meet up.

## ASK.FM



**ASK.FM** is known for cyber bullying. The app encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions.

## CALCULATOR%



**CALCULATOR%** is only one of SEVERAL secret apps used to hide photos, videos, files, and browser history.

## HOT OR NOT



**HOT OR NOT** encourages users to rate your profile, check out people in their area, and chat with strangers. The goal of this app is to hook up.

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. HAGAN**

Tri-County Intermediate School has had an amazing start to the school year! Students are working hard to surpass their goals and exceed expectations by REACHing HIGHER every day in all they do. They are engaged in STEM and demonstrating PRIDE (Persistence, Respectfulness, Initiative, Dependability, and Efficiency) to prepare them for college and career readiness.

Teachers and staff at TCI have been working hard in planning a year full of opportunities for students to engage in a STEM integrated curriculum for 21st Century Learning. All students are learning about butterflies by monitoring growth and preparing to track migration through tagging them. In STEM Academy, students are planting different types of lettuce and conducting researching comparing growth in hydroponics, fertilized, and unfertilized soil. TCI students are also preparing for academic competitions over the next few months with CavBots robotics and Spell Bowl teams.

I would like to thank all parents, teachers, staff, and community members for all of your collaborative efforts in making Tri-County Intermediate School such a great place for our students to grow and learn. Together, we hold each other to high standards for our students, create opportunities for them to grow, and we make learning fun. I truly appreciate all of your efforts to volunteer in the classrooms, on PTO, and work with us to support your children at home.

TCI is looking forward to welcoming our grandparents on October 3 from 5-7pm. We will be having an eLearning Day for students on Tuesday, October 22 while we host fall parent/teacher conferences at TCJSHS.

Mark Your Calendar

October 3 – Grandparents Night 4-6 TCP and 5-7 TCI

October 22 – Fall Parent/Teacher Conference (eLearning Day for students)

October 24-25 – Fall Break

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

Mr. Hagan

