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**Music News**

**4th graders** will be making a trip in February to the Long Center to hear the Lafayette Symphony perform. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to see the instruments in the orchestra & hear them play: we've studied them since Kindergarten! For most of them, this will be their first trip to hear a symphony orchestra perform.

Indianapolis will be the destination for our **5th graders** as they travel to hear the Indianapolis Symphony in March. This year's theme is "Journey through the Jurassic" & the ISO will be partnering with the Indianapolis Children's Museum to explore the Mesozoic Era and beyond! Music by Strauss, Stravinsky, Bach, Williams, and others will be featured and it promises to be an exciting musical adventure!

This field trip is kindly and generously sponsored by the Remington and Wolcott chapters Psi Iota Xi Sorority and we are very grateful for their support!!

Music in Our Schools Month occurs in March, and Mrs. Legler is very excited for this year's theme: "Music Changes Lives!" as we explore ways that each of us create, listen, perform, and enjoy many different genres of music. We will be seeing great examples of people whose lives have been changed by music. Our older elementary students will actually have a chance to mail a "Flat Stanley/Sally" to a friend or relative in another state and see their paper friend enjoying music in other places. It's possible that a few of our "flat friends" might even visit another country and/or continent!



## 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 29th is the spring carnival, sponsored by our PTO. There are many fun games and activities planned for that evening! March 10th will be our preschool open house. This is a time for parents and future students to visit our preschool or kindergarten rooms to get a glimpse of what school at TCP is like. March 19th will be spring parent/teacher conferences for both elementary schools, hosted at TCP. More information on these events will be sent out closer to the time.

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 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.

### **Mark Your Calendars:**

#### February

4th- PTO Meeting

10th- School Board Meeting

14th- Make-Up Day- School is in session

29th- PTO Carnival

#### March

3rd- PTO Meeting

9th- School Board Meeting

10th- Preschool Open House

19th- Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences

23rd-27th- Spring Break

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. Our robotics teams are off to a great start in competitions at Klondike Middle School and Burnett Creek Elementary. All students are involved in one of twenty different clubs this year to explore their interests and be provided real-world experiences. Purdue University is working with our students in growing hydroponics at school. Purdue Professor, Dr. Krishna Nemali, engaged 3rd and 4th grade students in controlled environment agriculture last semester. This semester, he will be working with 5th and 6th grade students to understand the growing process with hydroponic systems. Students are growing fruits and vegetables and eating their harvest on our salad bar.

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

February 29 - PTO Carnival

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

Mr. Hagan



## From The Desk of Mr. Haskins

All of our students are back in the groove of learning and well into their second semester of the school year. This stretch of winter months can be challenging for both students and staff, so keeping everyone focused and positive is the key until warmer weather arrives. As the third quarter grading period approaches its midpoint, we are already starting to look toward the 2020/21 school year. Our counselors have already set the master schedule for next year and have begun meeting with students to determine the courses that fit their future goals. We have some new programs planned in addition to adding some new course offerings in certain subject areas. I think our students are anxious for the new opportunities that are available to them.

This is an exciting time for me to be around our students as some great discussions have taken place in regards to their futures in education. It has been really enjoyable to have discussions with our seniors as their last semester of high school becomes a realization. Through these conversations, I have found that many of these students have already made plans for post graduation whether it be acceptance into a two or four year college of their choice or plans to enter the workforce. This is such a neat time for seniors, so I want them to really enjoy this time over these next few months here at school.

Many of our students continue to participate in our extracurricular activities through the winter months. Recently, I calculated that approximately 41% of all of our students are involved in an activity this time of year. Specifically, 44% of our females are involved in some activity, while only 38% of our males participate. My goal would be to continue to raise these percentage for both genders of student-athletes. I feel that so many positive experiences can come from being involved in extracurricular activities. Studies show that students involved in activities outside of the classroom have a tendency to develop better time management skills than those not involved, along with improving student social skills. I want to thank our community for all of the continual support that is given to our entire student body. It is so exciting for me to watch our students be involved in representing our school and the crowds that are always there to show support.

Lastly, just an update on our work based learning program. For the first semester, five of our students were placed in local businesses to learn skills that were directly related to one of the classes offered at the high school. As I have visited job sites to check on our students, I have been so impressed with how our students not only represent our school, but more importantly, how they represent themselves on the job. We have two more students that are scheduled to start work at two businesses this semester, so it should be another busy semester for our WBL program. If anyone is interested in learning more about this program, please feel free to stop out to discuss the possibilities for our students in the future.

Again as I mentioned earlier, thanks to the entire community for all the continued support that is given to all of our students in all three buildings.

Thanks for being part of the educational experience!

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



## Winter Carnival

The Tri-County PTO will be putting on a 2020 Winter Carnival. It will be held on Saturday, February 29th from 4-7pm and held in the Tri-County Junior/Senior High School gyms. It will again be a Glow-in-the-Dark theme with the 2 Auxiliary gyms “glowing”. Wear white or neon colors to shine! New games will be added including Dodgeball.

Wrist bands are \$10/participant and entry for non-participants is free of charge. Food will be available for sale.

All bounce houses, games, other activities and prizes available with paid entry. A large raffle will be available with Disney Tickets, gift cards, bikes and more!

Don't miss this fun event for the whole family. All proceeds will benefit the Tri-County student body.



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## MAKE-UP DAYS

Tri-County has two make up days that have been scheduled. Two days that originally had been scheduled as “NO SCHOOL” will now be in session. The two days that we will have school are:

February 14, 2020 (For 11/12/19 – School closed due to weather)

April 13, 2020 (For 11/19/19 – School closed for teachers to go to State House)

# FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 WR(V) Sectional (T) Gymnastics—Merrillville (T) Vocal Solo and Ensemble (TBA)
2	3 WR(JH) NN (H) 6:00 Gymnastics—Logansport (T) 6:00 P.M. BB9(A&B) SN (H) 6:00	4 GB7(A&B) Pio (H) 6:00 GB8(A&B) Pio (H) 6:00	5	6 WR(JH) SN (T) 6:00 BB(JV&V) NN (H) 6:30 FFA Fund Drive FFA Ag. Advisory Board Meeting (TCHS Ag Rooms)	7	8 GB7(A&B) WCT (TBA) 9:00 GB8(A&B) WCT (TBA) 9:00 BB(JV&V) Kouts (H) 12:00 Gymnastics-Laf. Jelf (T) 12:30 Band Solo and Ensemble (TBA)
9	10 GB7(A&B) TL (H) 6:00 GB8(A&B) TL (H) 6:00 School Board Meeting 7:00	11 WR(JH) Pio (H) 6:00 BB(JV&V) Delphi (T) 6:00	12	13 GB7(A&B) Rossville (T) 6:00 GB8(A&B) Rossville (T) 6:00	14 BB(JV&V) BC (H) 6:30 Registration Deadline for 3/14/20 SAT'S SCHOOL WILL BE IN SESSION	15
16	17 GB7(A&B) Carroll (T) 6:00 GB8(A&B) Carroll (T) 6:00 NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day National FFA Week	18 GB7(A&B) NW (T) 6:00 P.M. GB8(A&B) NW (T) 6:00 P.M. WR(JH) NW (T) 6:00	19	20 GB7(A&B) St. James (H) 6:00 GB8(A&B) St. James (H) 6:00 WR(JH) Fro/CP (TBA) 6:00	21 BB(JV&V) Faith Christian (T) 6:00	22 WR(JH) NW Invite (NW) 9:00 FFA Ski Trip—Timber Ridge Resort—Michigan Vocal & Piano State Solo & Ensemble (TBA)
23 National FFA Week	24 GB7(A&B) Faith Christian (T) 6:00 GB8(A&B) Faith Christian (T) 6:00 WR(JH) CPI/Rossville (TBA) 6:00	25 GB7(A&B) WC (T) 6:00 GB8(A&B) WC (T) 6:00	26	27 GB7(A&B) Fro (H) 6:00 GB8(A&B) Fro (H) 6:00	28 BB(JV&V) Pioneer (T) 6:00 Pep Session-BB 2:30 P.M.	29 WR(JH) WC Invite (T) 9:00 Gymnastics-Sectional (TBA) 11:00 Band State Solo and Ensemble

# MARCH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 GB7(A&B) Caston (T) 6:00 GB8(A&B) Caston (T) 6:00	3	4 BB(V) Sectional (TBA)	5 WR(JH) Fro/TL (T) 5:00 GB7(A&B) NN (H) 6:30 GB8(A&B) NN (H) 6:30	6 BB(V) Sectional (TBA)	7 WR(JH) RCMS Invit (T) 9:30 BB(V) Sectional (TBA) Jazz Band Contest (TBA)
8	9 School Board Meeting—7:00	10 End of 3rd Nine Weeks	11	12 WR(JH) Rens/ISN (TBA) 6:00 Pep Session—BA/SB/Track/ Golf 2:30 P.M.	13 WR(JH) MWC (TBA) 5:00	14 *SAT TEST 7:45 A.M.
15 STATE BPA	16 STATE BPA	17 STATE BPA	18	19 ELEMENTARY SPRING CONFERENCES	20	21
22	23 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	24 NHS Inductions 7:00 P.M. TC Auditorium	25 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	26	27 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	28
29	30 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	31				

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

Friday, February 14th, 2020  
Tri-County High School Cafeteria  
5:00-7:00 pm



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 4th AT 10 AM EST**  
**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 1st to Friday, April 3rd 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 19th**. 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:**

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**Address:**

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**Phone Number:**

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**Description of item(s):**

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

## From The Nurse's Office

Happy New Year to each of you. We are off to a great start in the new year and are looking forward to many exciting changes happening here in the nurse's office. We would like to introduce two of our staff members, Mrs. Teresa Earney and Mrs. Amanda Alberts. Mrs. Earney has been working with us since September. She lives in Remington and has 3 grandchildren that are attending TCP. Mrs. Alberts is transitioning from the art room back to the nurse's office. Mrs. Alberts has 6 children attending both TCI and TCMS/HS. We are excited to collaborate as a team to provide your child with the best care possible.

We have started a Facebook page to keep you up to date with health related concerns, health information, and vaccinations. Check us out at Tri-County School Corporation School Nurses and like our page!

Flu Season is here. If you have not been vaccinated for the flu there is still time! Remember to keep your child home from school if they have a fever of 100.0 or >. Children should remain fever free x 24 hours without the aid of Tylenol or Ibuprofen before returning to school. Students should also remain home if they have vomiting or diarrhea. A child that is repeatedly coughing and not feeling well would be better served by staying at home to rest.

Cold weather reminder \*Please send your child to school ready to play outside with coats, gloves, and hats to keep them warm. Students will go outside for recess unless the temperatures is less than 20 degrees.

Immunizations are an important part of what we do. Kindergarten, sixth grade, and seniors are the big immunization years for school-aged children. If you have a child that will be entering one of these grades in the fall, please work on getting their immunization records updated. We will have a strict school wide policy next fall pertaining to immunizations. Students that are not up to date with all immunizations within the first 28 days of school will be excluded from school until their immunization status meets state requirements. We appreciate your help in keeping your child's health and the health of all of our students a top priority.

With Healthy Regards,

Sara Arvin, RN, BSN

Teresa Earney, RN

Amanda Alberts, RN

# **Jasper County Preview Beef Show**

**Sponsored by Tri-County FFA**

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 26**

**JASPER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

**2671 WEST CLARK ST, RENSSELAER, IN 47978**

**Check-in 7am-9am CST - Show starts at 9:30 am CST**

**Show Order: Heifers-Steers-showmanship**

**Judge: TBD**

**\$40/HeAD**

**\$5 Showmanship**

**\$50 Grounds deposit, Returned on inspection**

**Concessions provided by FFA PARENT CONNECTIONS**

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## Jr. High Honor Society Tours Riley Children's Hospital

Our Jr. High Honor Society had 30 members travel to Riley Children's Hospital on October 29th. The students were able to tour the first floor of the hospital to learn more about the history of the hospital and some of the services that are available to patients and their families. The students also took a donation of over \$100 and five boxes of toys estimated at over \$200 in value. The Jr. High Honor Society members appreciate the support of our administrators to participate on this trip!

Some of the members pictured below are in the Toy Room that is located on the third floor in the older section of the hospital. The Riley Cheer Guild operates the Toy Room. The toys and money that the Jr. High Honor Society members donated went to the Riley Cheer Guild to support their efforts to encourage and cheer the patients during their stays at the hospital.



# MOBILE PANTRY



Sponsored by:



**LOCATION:** Wolcott Community Center @ the Park

**DATE:** February 25, 2020

**START TIME (ET):** 4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESS:** Blake St, Wolcott

***Please bring a laundry basket or box to carry food home.*** Typical mobile pantry items may include: fresh produce, frozen meat/protein, bread, baked goods, dry goods, pasta, beverages and laundry soap. ***\*Distributed on a first come, first served basis.***

The Mobile Pantry Program is available to those who meet the guidelines listed below.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	HOUSEHOLD		HOUSEHOLD SIZE	HOUSEHOLD INCOME	
	(Monthly)	(Annual)		(Monthly)	(Annual)
1	\$1,926	\$23,107	4	\$3,970	\$47,638
2	\$2,607	\$31,284	5	\$4,652	\$55,815
3	\$3,289	\$39,461	6	\$5,333	\$66,992

For each additional household member add \$682.00 per month

2	\$2,538	\$30,451	5	\$4,536	\$54,427
3	\$3,204	\$38,443	6	\$5,202	\$62,419

For each additional household member add \$666.00 per month

For more information, contact Alex Buckles at [abuckles@food-finders.org](mailto:abuckles@food-finders.org)



765.471.0062 | [www.food-finders.org](http://www.food-finders.org) | 1204 Greenbush Street, Lafayette

## BPA GIVES BACK....

In December, the Tri-County BPA Chapter was able to make a wish come true for one TC high school teacher. BPA coordinated a fundraiser on December 20th during the TC/North White basketball game. Funds raised went to the Sterk family to assist with medical expenses associated with the purchase of hearing aids for band director, Mr. Jeremy Sterk. Through the generous donations received from the bake sale, free will donations and several local churches, BPA raised \$4,602.82! This will allow Mr. Sterk to see an audiologist and be fitted for hearing aids. We'd like to recognize the following churches for their support:

- Remington Baptist Church
- Cheer Circle
- Apostolic Christian Church (Remington or Wolcott)
- Remington Methodist Church (should this be United Methodist)
- Wolcott Christian Church

And the good news continued in December as the Tri-County BPA Chapter also learned who will be advancing to state competition in March. Those advancing include: Erin Bahler, Maddie Musser, Anna Pilotte, Brayden Lanoue, Nanci Bahler, Anna Douglas, Caleb Anderson, Abigail Arvin, Alyssa Kirby, Zach Gretencord, Justin Walder, Korbin Lawson, Bryce Poindexter, Brynn Warren, Bailee LaCosse, Blayne Vandever, Shelby Schambach, Payton Stark, Brooklynn Miller and Evan Getz.



# TRI-COUNTY | 2020-2021 CALENDAR

- 3 New Teacher Orientation
- 4 Teacher Orientation
- 5 Teacher Orientation
- 6 First student day – 1<sup>st</sup> Semester

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- 4 PD Day (1/2 Day)
- 5 First Student Day – 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester
- 18 M.L. King Day – Snow Day

- 7 Labor Day – No School

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- 12 Snow Day
- 15 Presidents' Day – No School

- 8 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Nine-weeks (45 Days)
- 15 P/T Conferences – eLearning Day
- 21 Fall Break
- 22 Fall Break
- 23 Fall Break

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- 11 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine-weeks (45 Days)
- 19-26 Spring Break

- 25 Thanksgiving Break
- 26 Thanksgiving Day
- 27 Thanksgiving Break

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- 02 Good Friday – No School
- 04 Easter Sunday
- 05 No School

- 18 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester (45 Days)
- 21-1 Christmas Break

DECEMBER '20						
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- 25 Last Student Day (45 Days)
- 26 Records Day (1/2 Day)
- 30 Memorial Day

Graduation Day –  
Sunday, June 6, 2021

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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

## **Tri-County School Corporation**

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

While watching a recent Purdue basketball game, I am always intrigued and impressed with the coaching involved for both teams. It consistently amazes me how the coaches find ways to motivate their student-athletes to accomplish success at the highest level.

Coaching is very similar to teaching. In fact, I firmly believe that to be a successful teacher, a person must coach or instruct outside the classroom at some point. The skills required to be a great coach translate seamlessly into the classroom. With that being said, I recently read a piece by Annette Breaux entitled "Teaching Like a Great Coach." Please read and enjoy it.

*"Have you ever watched a great coach in action? It's poetry in motion. Great coaches are great teachers. Their lesson plans (game plans) are always evolving; they would never dream of using the same game plan over and over because they know that what works with this year's team may not work with next year's team. Great coaches make each player aware of his strengths and his weaknesses. But they do not focus on the weaknesses; instead, they develop plans to help each player overcome them. The coaches main focus, though, remains on the player's strengths. Great coaches work tirelessly, far beyond the normal working hours, to make the most of each player's strengths. They know the value of the procedure and practice them over and over with their players. Great coaches are always writing and delivering motivational speeches because they know that players need daily doses of inspiration. They teach players of all abilities, so there's no such thing as one-size-fits-all coaching. They never sit still; when they are in the presence of their players, they are walking around constantly, monitoring, encouraging, coaching, teaching, and remediating. A great coach will never be found sitting at his desk on the sideline. He has a desk in his office, but he only uses it when the players are not around. On game day, he's pacing back and forth, watching every move his players make. No, he cannot go onto the field and play the game for them. He has prepared them and must now let them play. But he is watching constantly, offering encouragement and guidance. When something stops working, a great coach calls a time-out and the teachers and redirects.*

*Do you see where this is going? Great coaches are great teachers, and great teachers are great coaches. Their content and their arena may differ, but the coaching and teaching processes are remarkably similar."*

Great coaches, like great teachers, sole focus is student success. After building positive relationships with students, coaches and teachers can push students to limits never expected. Success has many different definitions. For a basketball team, success is measured most often by wins and losses. However, there are other, perhaps more important, measures of success in athletics and in the classroom.

Wins and losses, test scores, and grades are measures of success, but they are not the only measures of success for the teachers, staff, and coaches at Tri-County. Tri-County is committed to empowering student to embrace challenges. Being committed to embracing challenges will result in failure at times, but embracing challenges will also provide opportunities for personal and academic growth.

The teachers, staff, and coaches of Tri-County are committed to ensuring our students are successful, not measured by grades or test scores. Rather, we are committed to student success and learning as measured by exceeding individual expectations and surpassing goals.

*Patrick Culp, Superintendent*