# TRI COUNTY SCHOOLS REACH HIGHER

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February/March Newsletter



The Tri-County School Corporation hopes this message finds you well and that 2024 has begun positively for you and your family. As we navigate the second half of the school year, we want to share some reflections on our ongoing commitment to excellence and the three pillars guiding our

### 1. Building and Maintaining Strong Relationships:

efforts at Tri-County.

At the heart of the educational philosophy of the Tri-County School Corporation lies the importance of building and maintaining strong relationships between students and staff.

Our dedicated Cavalier staff, consisting of teachers, instructional aides, secretaries, cooks, custodians, maintenance staff, and bus drivers, recognizes the impact of personal connections on a student's journey. The enduring strength of public schools lies in their ability to foster meaningful relationships. At Tri-County, we are proud of the connections we cultivate, tailored to each student's unique needs, contributing to personal and academic success.

Our commitment extends beyond traditional boundaries, challenging our students to grow intellectually and personally. A supportive and encouraging environment is essential for unlocking each student's potential.

### 2. Maintaining Academic Tradition:

Tri-County's academic tradition of excellence is a legacy carefully nurtured over 50 years. The reputation of our school is not just well-known; it's celebrated. This academic success is a testament to the dedication of our teachers, staff, community members, and administrators. Above all, it is the brilliance of our students that has consistently defined Tri-County.

Our current staff is unwavering in preserving this rich academic tradition. We see it as a tribute to our current students, proud alums, and the dedicated staff members who have shaped Tri-County into the institution it is today.

### 3. Striving to be the Best Small Rural School in Indiana:

Excellence in a small rural school setting is a journey that requires time and unwavering effort. Tri-County and the close-knit communities of Remington and Wolcott offer a unique educational experience. We take pride in providing various opportunities for all students to learn, grow, and engage in many extra-curricular and co-curricular activities.

As we progress through the academic year, we invite you to be partners in this journey. Your support and involvement play a crucial role in shaping the Tri-County experience. Together, let's continue to strive for excellence and make 2024 a year of unparalleled growth and achievement.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children's education.

Yours in Education,

Patrick Culp, Superintendent

# **Second Semester Happenings**

Our second semester is in full swing at the junior/senior high school. It's always good to get everyone back in the building after winter break and focused on learning. In my opinion, getting into a regular routine is what is best for our students. For me personally, the positive energy that I get from our building this time of year is what carries me through the winter months. As the principal of the building, I look forward to continuing to serve our community in guiding the students and staff through the end of the 2023/24 school year. Let's all make it a great second half of the year!

As I observe classrooms during these winter months, it is exciting to see the activities that are happening daily with our students. Our staff does a really nice job of covering standards that are required to be taught using a variety of methods that engage students. Just last week, I watched a group of 7th graders collaborating in small groups to learn the proper use of a microscope. The teacher did a great job of being the facilitator in the activity, which allowed the entire lesson to be student-centered. It is very powerful when students can work together to learn from each other. This is just one example of the many that happen in the building each day. As always, I encourage everyone to check our corporation page to view all the exciting things happening in all three of our buildings. If you don't have Facebook, but are interested in observing one of our programs offered at the high school, feel free to contact me to schedule a tour of our school.

Outside of our classrooms, many of the students continue to accomplish goals and represent Tri-County in a very positive way. Being part of a team or organization can really enhance the learning experience for our students. A few of the late fall and winter highlights both in and out of our classrooms include:

- Several seniors receiving acceptance into local colleges and universities
- A senior earning the Lilly Scholarship
- 9 students earning AWA welding certification
- 37 students earning ServSafe Manager certification through culinary class
- Over 30 BPA members qualifying for the state competition in Indianapolis in March

- Sending 4 girls to the state wrestling tournament
- 4 students earn their drone certification through Purdue Aviation
- Several student-athletes being recognized for their sportsmanship from area officials during the fall and winter seasons

As I have mentioned in the past, these achievements would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of our students led by coaches and advisers. These individuals spend countless hours working with our students to build relationships and help them grow as young adults.

As we progress towards spring time, I want to assure our community that our staff will continue to dedicate themselves to the safety and well-being of all our students. I want to once again thank our community for their continued support for learning. Stay safe and let's all make 2024 a great experience for our students at Tri-County!

Mr. Haskins

#KeepBuildingRelationships

# **Tri-County FFA**

Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 5-7pm EST FFA will have the Alumni Pork and Fish Dinner. This will be carryout only at Remington Farms, 16777 County Rd 480 W, Remington, IN 47977.

Saturday, April 6th, 10 am EST FFA Alumni Consignment Auction at Tri-County High School.

# **Food Service Notes**

Dear Community,

Just a reminder we serve breakfast & lunch.

Breakfast time is 7:45-8:10Am

Lunch times begin at 11:00AM & serve through 12:30PM Available in each school cafeteria.

Breakfast prices: \$1.35, Reduced .30, Free (if approved)

Lunch prices: \$3.00, 7-12 \$3.10, Reduced .40

Adult prices: Breakfast \$2.50 Lunch \$4.60

Extra milk: .60

WHY start the day with growling A stomach? Come to School Breakfast everyone is welcome!

# **Tri-County Schools**

Breakfast Times: 7:45-8:10AM

Prices: \$1.35/ Reduced .30

Free meals: Free

Location Served: School Cafeteria

This Institution is an equal opportunity Provider.

### **School Breakfast**

**The Fuel For School** 

Tri-County Activity Calendar

# FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday 28	Monday 29	<b>Tuesday</b> 30	Wednesday 31	Thursday 1 GB7&8 A&B DeMotte Christian (H) 6pm WR JH- S.Newton (A) 6pm BB(JV&V) N.Newton (H)6:30pm	Friday 2 GB(V) Sectional (A)	Saturday 3 Band District Solo & Ensemble GB(V) Sectional (A) GB7&8 WCT (A) 9am
4 Band District Solo & Ensemble	5 GB 7&8 Twin Lakes (H) 6pm BB9 A&B - Faith Chr. (A) 6pm	6 WR JH- Pioneer (H) 6pm	7	<ul> <li>FFA Ag Adv. Board Meeting</li> <li>FFA Fund Drive</li> <li>GB 7/8 A&amp;B Rossville (A) 6pm</li> </ul>	9 BB JV/V B.C. (H) 6:30PM	10 WR JH East Tipp Invite (A) BB JV/V West Laf. (H) 1pm
[]	12 School Board Meeting 7pn 13 WR J GB 7/8 A&B Carroll (A) 6pm GB 7	13 WR JH N.White (A) 6pm GB 7/8 A&B N.White (A) 6pm	14	15 WR JH- Frontier (H) 6pm	16 Snow Make -Up Day BB JV/V Faith Chr. (A) 6pm	<ol> <li>Choir State Solo</li> <li>&amp; Ensemble Contest</li> <li>BB JV/V CI Prairie (A) 6pm</li> </ol>
18 Chior State Solo & Ensemble Contest	19     Presidents' Day- No School     20       WR JH Rossville/CI.Prairie (A) 6pm     GB 7/8 A&B W.Central (A) 6pm	20 GB 7/8 A&B W.Central (A) 6pm	21	22 GB 7/8 A&B Frontier (H) 6pm	23 BB JV/V Pioneer (A) 6pm	24 Band State Solo & Ensemble Contest WR-JH W.Central Invite (A) 9am
National FFA Week	National FFA Week	National FFA Week	National FFA Week	National FFA Week	National FFA Week	Jr. High Semi Formal Dance 6:30pm National FFA Week
25 Band State Solo & Ensemble Contest National FFA Week	26 GB 7/8 A&B Pioneer (H) 6pm	27	28	29 WR JH Frontier/T.L. (A) 6pm GB 7/8 A&B N. Newton (H) 6:30pm	Notes:	
National FFA WEEN						

Calendar				<b>2024</b>		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	L	Z Jazz Band Contest WR JH Rensselaer Invite (A) 9:30am
3 Jazz Band Contest	4 SAT	2	¢۷	7 WR JH Rens./S.N. (A) 6pm	8 End of 3rd Nine-Weeks WR JH MWC (A) 6pm	6
1 O Daylight Saving BPA State Conference	1 1 School Board Meeting 7pm	12	13	4	15 Spring Musical 7pm	16
17 St. Patrick's Day Spring Musical 4:30pm	18	19 National Honor Society Induction 7pm	20	21	22 Spring Break	23 Spring Break
24 Spring Break	25 Spring Break	26 Spring Break	27 Spring Break	28 Spring Break	29 Good Friday Spring Break	30 Spring Break
31 Easter Spring Break		<b>Notes:</b> Student's first da	<b>Notes:</b> Student's first day back from Spring Break is April 1st.	eak is April 1st.		

MARCH 2024



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February & March

## Preschool & Kindergarten Round-Up

Preschool & Kindergarten Round-Up will be held on Friday, March 15th from 8:30am-5:00pm. Information on signing up to attend this event will be shared closer to time. Our current preschool and kindergarten students will NOT have school that day. Kindergarten students will have some remote learning activities for the day.





### Calendar Changes

Below are a few reminders of calendar changes we will have this year: - February 16th: school in session to make up for closing on January 15th - April 8th: no school due to the solar eclipse - April 26th: school in session to make up for solar eclipse day

### Spring Parent - Teacher Conferences

In March the Primary School teachers will have spring parent-teacher conferences. Staying connected to our students' families is important to us, and we do not want to miss out on this opportunity to share the progress our students have made throughout the school year. More information about conferences will be sent home at a later date.





### Reminders from the Main Office

- If your phone number or address has changed during the school year, please call the office to share that with us. It is extremely important for the school to have current contact information for our students' families.

- If your child will be absent from school for any reason, their absence should be reported to the office that same day.

Mark Your	r Calendar!	
<u>February</u> 12 <sup>th</sup> - School Board Meeting, 7:00 at the Corporation Office 14 <sup>th</sup> - Valentine's Day 16 <sup>th</sup> - Snow make-up day- school in session 19 <sup>th</sup> - President's Day- no school 20 <sup>th</sup> - School Smiles at TCP	<u>March</u> 8 <sup>th</sup> - End of 3rd 9 weeks 11 <sup>th</sup> - School Board Meeting, 7:00 at the Corporation Office 15 <sup>th</sup> - Preschool & Kindergarten Round-Up 22 <sup>nd</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> - Spring Break	Follow Tri- County on Facebook for pictures, announcements, and updates!

# February – March

The year has flown by, it is hard to believe we are over halfway through the school year. It is cold outside. We do go outside for recess as much as possible, but we have a lot of students that only bring sweatshirts to school. Please make sure your student or students are wearing coats, hats, and gloves. Especially when they are coming back from swimming during the winter months.



# **Clubs/Activities**

We currently have students involved in Battle of the Books, Robotics, Science Club, Student Council and Wrestling practice. With some of the weather there are times we have to cancel the events on short notice. We will try to communicate as quickly as possible either through the school directly contacting a parent or through our school messaging system.

# February

7<sup>th</sup> Multi-Language Family Night
9<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to the orchestra
10<sup>th</sup> Robotics Competition
14<sup>th</sup> 6th-grade field trip to the Challenger Center

# March

4<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> IREAD for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students 8<sup>th</sup> end of 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29th Spring Break 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**

Office of the Superintendent Wolcott, Indiana 47995

# 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.

For further information, clarification, or complaint, please contact the following people:

### Title IX Coordinator:

Shawn McCracken, Assistant Principal Tri-County Jr/Sr High School 11298 W 100 S Wolcott, IN 47995 Phone: (219) 279-2105

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