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December/January Newsletter



## TRI-COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

Tri-County School Corporation Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the end of the first semester, I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the unwavering support of our students and staff at Tri-County School Corporation. The commitment to the success and well-being of our students has been a driving force in creating the thriving educational environment at the Tri-County School Corporation.

Throughout the first semester, I have witnessed remarkable dedication to our students' academic growth and well-being. The entire staff at the Tri-County School Corporation works tirelessly to provide a nurturing learning experience, ensuring that each student receives the support they need to reach their full potential.

At Tri-County, we believe that fostering strong relationships is at the core of academic success. The connections built between students, parents, teachers, and staff contribute significantly to the positive atmosphere that sets our school apart. These relationships enhance the overall educational experience and create an unparalleled sense of community.

In an era where public education is under constant scrutiny and criticism, the Tri-County School Corporation remains steadfast in the belief that the combination of solid relationships and academic excellence is best achieved in a public school setting. Tri-County School Corporation is committed to providing a high-quality education beyond the classroom, preparing our students for success in a rapidly changing world.

As part of our ongoing efforts to keep community members informed and engaged, I want to remind community members of the 'Coffee Talks with the Superintendent' on the first Tuesday of every month. The Coffee Talks are an excellent opportunity to discuss important matters within the Tri-County School Corporation.

Your continued involvement and partnership are invaluable to us, and we look forward to your participation in our upcoming Coffee Talks. Together, we can build a brighter future for our students and strengthen the foundation of our Tri-County community.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Yours in Education,

Patrick Culp, Superintendent  
Tri-County School Corporation

## Looking Forward to 2024

It is amazing how quickly our first semester of school has gone by. It seems like we were just meeting with students a few weeks ago to cover school policies. At Tri-County, we are fortunate to have a great group of students that are eager to learn in the classroom and have a desire to be involved in the many extracurricular activities that are offered. Much of the credit goes to our staff as they continue to find ways to engage students in their learning. As we approach the winter months, I look forward to the start of our second semester, especially for the Class of 2024 as this group begins planning for their futures after high school. This is an exciting time of year for both students and staff.

It is important for our stakeholders to know that at Tri-County, one of our goals is to expose students to the many different opportunities available after high school. The professions that await this generation are endless. It has been refreshing for me to observe the many different things happening in our classrooms to help prepare students. While our staff's focus continues to be on student learning, an element of this is the building of relationships. Studies show that students learn when they have a connection to their teachers. The amount of time staff members spend outside the classroom helping students to be successful has been impressive. Our staff truly cares about the success of our students both in and out of the classroom, which is what makes us unique.

Outside the classroom, our students continue to represent the community in a positive manner through the many extracurricular activities we offer. The fall season produced a volleyball sectional championship (the first in over 30 years), a five win football season, a regional advancement for our girls cross country team and several individual advancements for our boys team. These athletic accomplishments along with the success of our FFA teams in different competitions have really helped in creating a positive atmosphere in the building.

In closing, I want to thank everyone for their continued support of the entire school corporation. I encourage everyone to come out to one of the many events during the second semester that is happening in our building. I know that our students will definitely appreciate seeing you!

Wishing everyone in our community a safe and healthy 2024!!

J.R. Haskins

Principal

Tri-County Jr/Sr High School

## Food Service.

We would like to welcome Marcy Yawn to the High School food service team. She is one of Tri-County's graduates. You may see Marcy on the front serving line, in the dish room or in the back prepping fruits & vegetables. She's a good asset at the High School.

Kristen Cullen joined Carol on our TCP team in September. She is helping at TCP serving & welcoming our children as they pick up they're meals. Thanks Kristen. She comes Florida but originally from Maryland.

Hannah Jones, also a TC graduate joined Lou over at TCI back in May and is following Lou's direction on some management skills. Each of the ladies will complete more training over the coming year.

Welcome ladies! We are glad to have you as part of our team. Your smile and job is important, you are helping feed our future Tri-County graduates.

Antonio is getting some work experience in the back end of the kitchen under the direction of the Co-op School Svc Job Coach. We're glad to be a part of some students getting some on the job experience.

The Hospitality Industry consists of many job openings. It can be in schools, restaurants and beverage establishments, hotel service, flight attendants, cruise lines, event planning, travel and tourism and others. There are numerous opportunities out there. Check them out.

Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas!

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*

## Roots Tip Night

On Wednesday, December 6th from 5-9 pm the Tri-County BPA chapter will be at Roots to help serve, bust tables, and more. This is a fundraiser to help the BPA members raise money for their chapter and expenses like regionals, state, and nationals. Roots will donate 10 percent of the sales to them as well as a portion of the tips and a cash donation jar. Come out and support your local BPA chapter!

## Jammin' For a Cure Tailgate Party

On Saturday, January 20th the Tri-County BPA chapter will be hosting a dance at Tri-County High School to raise money for the Sterk family. The dance will be separated into two sections, one for junior high and one for high school. The junior high will be from 5:30-7pm and the high school will be from 8-10 pm. There will be games, refreshments, a donation jar, and a superfan costume contest. If a student brings a guest from a different school, they must have a paper from the office signed and turned in. Join us for a great night!

## Christmas Program!

"Christmas Favorites Through the Years" is this year's theme for the Tri-County Elementary Christmas Program! Kindergarten students up to 5th graders will be performing some well-loved Christmas songs as well as some new ones that we hope will become favorites! This year's program is on THURSDAY, December 14, 2023 in the Tri-County High School Gym and we plan to sing you into a merry and happy mood for the Christmas season! If you can't join us live, the program will be live-streamed via Facebook on the Tri-County School Corporation page beginning at 1PM EDT.

6th, 7th & 8th graders are excited to give you their musical treats on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 6:30PM in the Tri-County High School Auditorium. The Bands and Choirs will be featured and have been faithfully learning their songs for you! Don't miss this exciting night of music and fun! It will be the first concert of the year for the 6th graders!

# What's Happening at TCI?

## **December/ January**

A couple of changes we would like parents to be aware of. As a staff, we have had some discussions on what temperature is too cold to take our students outside. We believe that the students need the activity and need to be outdoors to give them a break, while also trying to keep them warm. The temperature in the handbook says 20 degrees with wind chill, but many of our students don't bring heavy coats and instead decide to wear sweatshirts.

We have referenced the Indiana Health Department's Daily Weather Watch for Early Childhood & K-12 Education. It states that 30 degrees is chill and generally uncomfortable and 15-30 degrees is cold. In an attempt to keep our students safe while outside we will change our temperature. Instead of it being 20 degrees with the wind chill as it was before we will move it to 30 degrees with the wind chill.

Please ensure that your student has a hat and gloves because as stated 30 degrees is still generally uncomfortable.

The second small change that we are making is adding an awards ceremony for our students we will have in January to honor those who have qualifies for the A honor roll or A/B honor roll.

## **Basketball/ Robotics**

Both Basketball Teams and our Robotics Team are in full swing of their respective seasons.

## **Spell Bowl**

TCI's spell bowl team competed in a competition on Monday November 13, 2022. They got first place in their division and placed second at their competition site.

## **December/ January**

12/4-15 NWEA testing

12/11- School Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm

12/14- Christmas Program @ 1:00 pm in Jr. Sr. High School Main gym

12/20- End of 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks

12/23-Jan 3rd Christmas Break

1/4 Students 1<sup>st</sup> day back and beginning of 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks.

1/8 School Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm

1/16 WIDA testing

## **February/ March**

2/12- School Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm

2/26- 3/1- Practice IREAD Test

2/16- Built-in Snow Day

2/19- No School

3/ 4-15 IREAD Test

3/11- School Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm

3/11-21 NWEA

3/22-29 Spring Break

# DECEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> BB(JV/V) Rossville (H) 6pm	<b>2</b> WR(V) Covington Invite (A) 9am WR(V) Penn High Girls (A) 9am
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> GB6 S.N. (H) 6PM BB6(A/B) S.N. (H) 6pm BB7(A/B) TL (A) 6pm BB8(A/B) TL (A) 6pm HS Band and Chior Concert 6:30pm	<b>5</b> BB7(A/B) NW (H) 6pm BB8(A/B) NW (H) 6pm GB(JV/V) Carroli (A) 6pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> GB(JV/V) Frontier (H) 6pm GB6 St. Boniface (H) 6:30pm BB6(A/B) St. Boniface (H) 7pm	<b>8</b> BB(JV/V) TL (H) 6pm	<b>9</b> WR(V) Rens (A) 9am WR V- Lebanon Girls (A) BB7/8(A/B) WCT (A) 9am GB(JV/V) Rossville (H) 11am BB(JV/V) Seeger (A) 6pm
<b>10</b>	<b>11 School Board Meeting 7pm</b> GB6 St.Lawrence (A) 6pm BB6(A/B) St.Lawrence (A) 7pm BB9(A/B) CI Prairie (H) 6pm GB(JV/V) Demolite Christian (H) 6pm	<b>12</b> Middle School Band & Choir Christmas Concert 6:30 PM	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> WR(V) SN (H) 6pm GB(JV/V) W.Central (A) 6pm BB9(A/B) N.White (A) 6pm Elementary Christmas Program 1pm	<b>15</b> BB(JV/V) N.White (H) 6pm	<b>16</b> WR(V) Seeger (A) 9am BB(JV/V) Traders Point Christian School (A) 6pm
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> End of 1st Semester	<b>21</b> Christmas Break No School	<b>22</b> Christmas Break No School	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Christmas Break No School	<b>26</b> Christmas Break No School	<b>27</b> Christmas Break - No School BB(JV) Hebron Holiday Tourn. (A) 10am BB(V) Hebron Holiday Tourn. (A) 6:30pm GB(VAR)-TL Holiday Tourn.(A)	<b>28</b> BB(V) Hebron Holiday Tourn. (A) GB(VAR) TL Holiday Tourn. (A) Christmas Break No School	<b>29</b> WR(V) Bi-County Sup Dual (A) 9am Christmas Break No School	<b>30</b> WR V Girls Regional (A)
<b>31</b>		<b>Notes:</b>				

# JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 New Year's Day	2 Christmas Break No School	3 Christmas Break No School	4 2nd Semester Begins BB7/8 (A/B) Faith (A) 6pm BB9(A/B) T.L. (H) 6pm GB(JV/V) N. Newton (A)6:30pm BB8 (A/B) Faith (A) 7pm	5 WR V-Girls Semi-State(A) BB (JV/V) Demotte Chr. (H) 6pm	6 WR-V Hawks Super Dual (A) 10am GB(JV/V) Pioneer (A) 11 am BB (JV/V) Attica (A) 6pm
7	8 School Board Meeting 7pm BB7/8 (A/B) Pioneer (H) 6pm GB 8(A/B)Lafayette Christ.(A) 7pm	9 WIDA Begins BB7/8 (A/B) St.James (H) 6pm BB9 (A/B) Lafayette CC (H) 6pm GB(JV/V) Seeger (A) 6pm	10	11 WR-V Pioneer(H) 6pm BB7/8 (A/B) Rossville (A) 6pm BB 9 (A/B) Rossville (A) 7:15pm	12 WR-V Girls State (A) BB(JV/V) W. Central (A) 6pm	13 WR-V MWC (A) 10am GB 7/8 (A/B) Caston (A) 11am GB (JV/V) Caston (A) 11am BB (JV/V) Tri-Township (H) 6pm
14	15 BB9 (A/B) - K. Valley (A) 6:30pm	16 FFA Parent Connections Meeting BB7/8 (A/B) West Central (H) 6pm GB 7/8 (A/B) B.C. (A) 6pm GB (JV/V) Cl. Central (A) 6pm	17	18 BB 9 (A/B) Frontier (A) 6pm GB 7/8 (A/B) S.N. (H) 6pm WR-V McCutcheon (H) 6pm	19 BB(JV/V) Frontier (H) 6pm	20 WIDA Ends
21	22 WR-JH Faith Chr. (A) 6pm GB7/8 (A/B) Rens.(H) 6:30pm	23 GB7/8 (A/B) Seeger (H) 6pm BB9(A/B) Delphi (A) 6pm BB7/8 (A/B) Rens. (A) 6:30pm GB JV/V Delphi (H) 6pm	24	25 GB7/8 (A/B) Klondike Mid. (A) 5:45pm BB9 (A/B) Carroll (H) 6pm GB JV/V Faith Chr. (H) 6pm	26 BB(JV/V) S. Newton (A) 6:30pm	27 Choir District Solo and Ensemble Contest WR-V Sectional (A) 9am BB(JV/V) Caston (H) 6pm
28	29 Choir District Solo and Ensemble Contest BB9(A/B) S. Newton (H) 6pm WR JH N.Newton (H) 6pm	30	31	Notes:		



# TCP NEWS

December & January

As hard as it is to believe, the year is already half over, but it's been an amazing first semester! This holiday season is always a fun and busy time at the Primary School, the highlight of the season being our Elementary Christmas program. I want to personally thank Mrs. Legler for all of her hard work in preparing for this wonderful event. Information on the Christmas program as well as some mid-year reminders are below.

I hope you all enjoy this holiday season and have a happy and healthy 2024!

Ms. Hall

## ***Christmas Program***

The Elementary Christmas Program will be Thursday, December 14th at 1:00 pm in the High School main gym. Students in Kindergarten-5th grade will perform in the program. They have been practicing for weeks and are ready to spread some Christmas cheer!



## ***Winter Weather***

Outside recess occurs as long as the temperature isn't too cold so it is very important for students to be dressed appropriately to be outside. We often have many items in our lost and found area, so if your child is missing a jacket, gloves, or any other item, please have them check our lost and found.

## ***Student Supplies***

The beginning of our second semester is always a good time to do a mid-year check on your child's school supplies and see if any items need replenished for the rest of the year.



## ***Mid-Year Reminders***

As we are nearing the halfway point of our school year, this is also a time for some other school reminders:

- Having current phone numbers and emails for our students' guardians is very helpful to school staff. If you have changed any of your contact information, please let us know so we are able to reach you when necessary.
- If your child is ill and will not be attending school, call the main office to let us know they will be absent.
- In the event of a two-hour delay, bus pick-up times should run two hours later than they do on a normal school day. Our PK classes will run on an alternate schedule. The AM class is 10am-12pm and the PM class is 1-3pm.

## **Mark Your Calendar!**

### December

11<sup>th</sup> - School Board Meeting, 7:00 at the Corporation Office  
14<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Program, 1:00 in the HS gym  
21<sup>st</sup> - Christmas Break Begins

### January

3<sup>rd</sup> - Last day of Christmas Break  
4<sup>th</sup> - Students return to school  
8<sup>th</sup> - School Board Meeting, 7:00 at the Corporation Office



# Cybersecurity

## During the Holidays

*Many people think of the end of the year as a time of thanks and giving. But it's also a time of taking as scammers get into the holiday spirit (maliciously, of course). Stay safe during the busy shopping seasons by avoiding these common cybersecurity concerns.*

### Busy seasons equal more phishing attacks.

Online shopping sees a huge increase at the end of the year, which leads to one of the busiest seasons for shipping services. Scammers take advantage of that situation by featuring malicious links disguised as delivery status updates.

**Avoid it:** Phishing is always a top concern, but it's important to prepare for additional attacks during peak shopping seasons. Slow down, think before you click, and never open unexpected attachments.

**Cybersecurity also means protecting your personal devices. Avoid using free public WiFi to access highly sensitive accounts, such as banking.**



### There will be fake offers.

There are plenty of good deals during the holidays. There are also plenty of fake offers that aim to steal money or sell inferior or fake products. As a general rule, if something sounds too good to be true, it's probably a scam.

**Avoid it:** Only purchase products from reputable sellers and online marketplaces. Be especially cautious with any "great deals" that find their way into your inbox.

### There will be fake websites.

Similar to fake offers, cybercriminals are notorious for setting up fake websites designed to look legitimate. They'll use those websites to steal banking information and other personal data.

**Avoid it:** Be sure to research a seller by reading reviews from other customers. Never enter any financial information unless you are confident that the website is legitimate and trustworthy.

### Gift card scams are prevalent.

One way scammers steal money is by asking people to buy gift cards and relay the gift card information to the scammer. Once they receive payment, they disappear without providing the product or service to the buyer.

**Avoid it:** This scam is prevalent in secondhand markets, like Facebook Marketplace. If someone asks you to purchase gift cards as payment, disengage from them immediately.

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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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## 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.

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