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December/January Newsletter

TRI-COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

Tri-County Hosts Community Presentation on Internet Safety

Tri-County School Corporation recently hosted an important community presentation focused on sextortion, online applications, and internet safety—critical topics affecting students and families in today's rapidly evolving digital world.

The presentation was led by Digital Forensic Investigators Tabetha Miller and Carla Morales from the Tippecanoe County Prosecutor's Office, in partnership with the High-Tech Crime Unit and the Indiana Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Their expertise provided attendees with a clear and eye-opening understanding of current online threats and the tactics used to target young people.

In addition to the evening community event, a dedicated student presentation was also conducted for all students in grades 7 through 12. This session was highly impactful and designed to help students understand online risks, recognize unsafe digital behaviors, and learn practical strategies to keep themselves safe while using the internet.

Across both sessions, presenters discussed:

- The growing issue of sextortion and how offenders approach minors
- Risks associated with popular online applications
- Practical steps families and students can take to promote internet safety
- Warning signs to look for and preventative measures to help protect children

The goal of these events was to equip students, parents, guardians, and community members with tools and information to promote safe online behavior and to safeguard young people from potential digital dangers.

For those who could not attend the community session, the full presentation has been recorded and is available on the Tri-County YouTube channel:

Watch the Presentation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jVcFXU9XZh8&t=17s>

Tri-County School Corporation extends its sincere appreciation to the Tippecanoe County Prosecutor's Office, the investigators who presented, and all community members and students who participated. Together, we remain committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of every student, both in person and online.

Yours in Education,

Patrick Culp, Superintendent

Halfway Through the 25/26 Year

As we approach the halfway point of the school year, this is always an exciting and busy time for our students and staff. Students are preparing for first semester finals while also beginning to think about possible schedule changes for the second semester. Our seniors are organizing materials to update their résumés and prepare for upcoming scholarship opportunities. Counselors have been meeting individually with these students to discuss their future plans beyond graduation, making this a truly exciting time for the Class of 2026. Once we return from Christmas break, our underclassmen will begin the process of meeting with counselors to plan their courses and academic pathways for the 26/27 school year.

Our dedicated staff continues to challenge students daily through rigorous instruction and engaging, hands-on learning experiences that promote academic growth. It has been wonderful to observe students collaborating in small groups, a practice that encourages critical thinking, communication, and teamwork among peers. Our teachers continue to design student-centered lessons that position them as facilitators in the classroom, allowing students to take ownership of their learning.

While academics remain our top priority, it is also rewarding to celebrate student achievements beyond the classroom. Our fall sports programs—including volleyball, football, cross country, and marching band—experienced very successful seasons. The student-athletes and performers involved in these activities represented our school and community with pride and integrity. We encourage everyone to come out and support our many winter teams and activities as the new season begins.

In closing, I want to extend my sincere appreciation to everyone for their ongoing support of our school corporation. We are fortunate to be part of a community that values education and takes pride in the accomplishments of its students and staff. Best wishes to everyone for a healthy, productive and positive 2026!

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TC LIBRARY NEWS

Dec 25/
Jan 26

TRI-COUNTY PRIMARY-MRS. ANDERSON



Thank you for attending our school book fair and supporting our library through your purchases! Your generosity helps us bring new books and resources to our students and fosters a lifelong love of reading in our school community.

TRI-COUNTY INTERMEDIATE-MRS. WILLIAMS

In celebration of National Young Readers Week during November, students enjoyed stories read aloud by special guest readers and participated in a fun-filled Spirit Week celebrating the joy of reading. Everyone had a chance to show their school spirit and even win a Barnes & Noble gift card!



Mr. Culp reading stories to the 6th graders



Get ready to turn the page on fun—The TCI Scholastic Book Fair will be held on February 2nd - February 6th!

WAYS TO PROMOTE LITERACY DURING WINTER BREAK - MRS. OILAR

Here are some fun and low cost or no cost ways to get some reading and family time in over the holiday break!

- Make reading cozy and fun - Create a "reading fort" with blankets and twinkle lights. Decorate with homemade snowflakes, play soft instrumental holiday music or crackling fireplace, and don't forget to include your favorite reading plushies!
- Do a "Book Advent Calendar" this season - Wrap 12-24 books (new or borrowed). Open one book a day for read-aloud time. (Tip: You don't need all new books - wrap library books or rewrap family favorites!).
- Incorporate reading and writing - Write holiday cards/letters to relatives or friends. Younger children can draw pictures and label them. You can also create a "Family Storybook" by working together to write and illustrate a story about a family holiday adventure (real or imagined). After receiving gifts, have kids write short thank you notes (it builds gratitude and writing skills!).
- Everyday literacy - Cooking and baking together builds skills by reading recipes, following steps, and discussing measurement and ingredients. Utilizing holiday crafts with instructions is another chance to read and follow written directions for making ornaments, decorations or gifts. And my favorite - sing and read lyrics of Christmas carols and holiday songs for building rhythm, rhyme and vocabulary!
- Visit the local libraries - see below for opportunities to spend time together and make reading fun!

LOCAL LIBRARY PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES DURING WINTER BREAK

Wolcott Community Public Library:

December 23rd - Wiggle & Bounce @ 10 AM

December 30th - Lego Club all day (9 AM-5 PM)

January 3rd - Frozen Program @ 2 PM

The library will be showing the movie Frozen. They will also be joined by some super special guests... a snow princess and snow queen!



Remington
Carpenter
Township
Public Library

Remington Public Library:

All ages are welcome to come to the library to check out books, movies, toys, puzzles, and games. When visiting the library, feel free to play with toys, work on a puzzle, or color. The library will have a treasure hunt going on during the winter months!

December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 BB (7A/B) S.N. (A) 6PM BB (9A/B) N. N (A) 6PM GB (6A/B) Renss. (H) 6P BB (6A/B) Renss. (H) 6P BB (8A/B) S.N. (A) 7PM	2 BB (JV) Carroll (H) 6PM GB (6A/B) W. Central (H) 6PM BB (6A/B) W. Central (H) 7P BB (V) Carroll (H) 7:30P GB (V) N. White (A) 7:30P	3	4 BB (7A/B) B.C. (H) 6PM BB (8A/B) B.C (A) 6PM GB (6A/B) Frontier (A) 6PM BB (6A/B) Frontier (A) 7PM	5 BB (JV/V) Rossville (H) 6P	6 WR V Cvington Invite (A) 9AM WR Girls Peru Invite (A) 9AM GB (V) Winamac (H) 6PM
7	8 BB (7A/B) T.Lakes (A) 6P BB (8A/B) T.Lakes (A) 6P GB (6A/B) S.N. (H) 6PM BB (6A/B) S.N. (H) 7PM	9 BB (7A/B) N.White (H) 6P BB (8A/B) N.White (H) 6P WR Girls Laf. Jeff (A) 6PM GB (V) Carroll (A) 7:30PM	10 Band & Choir Christmas Concert 6:30P	11 TCP & TCI Christmas Program 1PM HS Main Gym GB (6A/B) St. Boniface (H) 6P WR Girls Renss. (A) 6PM GB (V) Frontier (H) 6:30P BB (6A/B) St. Boniface (H) 7P	12 BB (JV/V) T.Lakes (A) 6PM	13 BB (7A/B) WCT (H) 9AM BB (8A/B) WCT (A) 9AM WR V Renss. Super Duals (A) 9A GB (V) Rossville (H) 12:20p BB (JV/V) Seeger (A) 5PM
14	15 BB (9A/B) Cl. Prairie (H) 6P WR Girls W. Central (A) 6P BB (6A/B) St. Law (A) 7PM	16 GB (V) Demotte (H) 6:30PM	17	18 BB (9A/B) N.White (A) 6PM WR V S. Newton (H) 6PM WR Girls S. Newton (H) 6pm GB (V) W. Central (A) 7:30PM	19 End of 1st Semester BB (JV/V) N.White (H) 6PM	20 WR Girls Super Conf. (A) 9AM WR V Broncho Duals (A) 10AM
21	22 Christmas Break	23 Christmas Break	24 Christmas Break	25 Christmas Break	26 Christmas Break WR Girls Frontier (H) 6PM	27 Christmas Break
28	29 Christmas Break	30 Christmas Break BB (JV/V) Logansport Tny (A) 10A	31 Christmas Break			

January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day Christmas Break	2 Christmas Break WR Girls Sectional (A) WR V T.Lakes Super Duals (A) 9A	3 GB(V) Laf C.C. (A) 6PM BB (JV/V) Laf. C.C. (A) 6PM
4	5	6 2nd Semester Begins First Student Day GB(V) Cl. Prairie (H) 6:30PM	7	8 BB (7/8 A/B) Faith Chr. (A) 6PM BB (9 A/B) T.Lakes (H) 6PM GB(V) N.Newton (A) 7PM	9 WR Girls Regional (A) BB (JV/V) Demotte (H) 6PM	10 WR V Hawks Super Dual (A) 10A BB(JV/V) Attica (A) 6PM
11	12 BB(7/8 A/B) Pioneer (H) 6PM	13 BB(7/8 A/B) St. James(H) 6P BB (9A/B) Laf. CC (H) 6P GB(V) Seeger(A) 7:30P	14	15 BB (7/8/9 A/B) Rossville (A) 6P WR V Pioneer (H) 6PM GB(V) Caston (A) 6:30PM	16 WR Girls State (A) 10AM BB(JV/V) W.Central (A) 6PM	17 WR V MWC (A) 10AM
18	19 BB(9 A/B) K.Valley (A) 6:30P	20 BB(7/8 A/B) W.Central (H) 6P GB (7/8 A/B) B.C. (A) 6PM WR V C.C. (A) 6PM GB(V) Cl.Central (A) 7:30P	21	22 BB(9 A/B) Frontier (A) 6PM GB (7/8 A/B) S. Newton (H) 6P WR V McCutcheon (A) 6PM	23 BB(JV/V) Frontier (H) 6PM	24 GB(V) Harrison (A) 1PM
25	26 WR JH Faith Chr. (A) 6PM GB(7/8 A/B) Renss. (H) 6:30P	27 BB(9 A/B) Delphi (A) 6PM GB (7/8 A/B) Seeger (H) 6PM BB (7/8 A/B) Renss. (A) 6:30P GB (V) Delphi (H) 6:30PM	28	29 GB (7/8 A/B) Klondike (A) 5:45P BB (9 A/B) Carroll (H) 6PM GB (V) Faith Chr. (H) 6:30PM	30 BB(JV/V) S.Newton (A) 6:30PM	31 Choir District Solo & Ensemble BB(JV/V) Caston (H) 6PM
1	2 Groundhog Day					



TCP NEWS

December & January

It is hard to believe that half of our school year is almost over! It has been a great first semester, and I know our second semester will be as well.

November gave us some early glimpses of winter weather, and while as adults we may not look forward to the snow, being around our young learners gives a reminder of the magic that can be seen during this season too. I wish you all could hear the excitement that occurs in a classroom when it snows during a school day!

One of the most exciting days for our students is our Christmas program. Details about the program are below. The staff and students love how the program has become a community event, and we all appreciate you coming out to show your support!

Wishing you safe and happy holidays,

Ms. Hall

Christmas Program

The Christmas program for TCP and TCI students will be on December 11th at 1:00 pm at the Jr/Sr High School's main gym. The doors will open at 12:45 pm. I want to thank Ms. Sweetman for all of her hard work in preparing for the program and also thank the students for all of the extra practicing they have been doing to get ready. It will be another great show!



Winter Recess

Please make sure your child is dressed for winter temperatures. If the temperature (including wind chill) is twenty degrees or more, students do go outside for recess. 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.

Mid-Year Reminders

- If your child is ill and will not be attending school, please call the main office to let us know.
- Has your phone number or address changed since the start of school? If so, please call the office so we can update that information so we are able to reach you when necessary.
- It is always a good idea to do a mid-year check on your child's school supplies and see if any items need replenished for our second semester.
- 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 Preschool classes will run on an alternate schedule on delayed mornings; the morning class is 10am-12pm and the afternoon class is 1-3pm



Mark Your Calendar!

December

8th- School Board Meeting, 7:00pm at the Corporation Office
11th- Christmas Program, 1:00 in the HS gym
19st- Christmas Break Begins

January

5th- Last day of Christmas Break
6th- Students return to school
12th- School Board Meeting, 7:00pm at the Corporation Office
20th- PTO Meeting, 7:00 at TCP

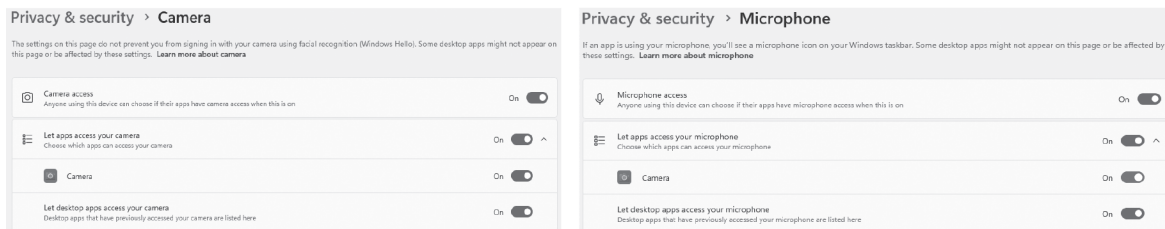
“Top Tech Tips for Smooth Learning at Home”

When multiple students are working online, it helps to:

- Give each child a little space of their own
 - Use headphones if possible
 - Remind everyone to speak softly during live sessions
- Small adjustments like these make learning smoother for everyone!*

Microphones and Camera Access: Chromebook vs Windows PC

- Type “settings” into the search bar at the bottom left of your screen.
- Open settings.
- Select Privacy and Security.
- Select camera and then microphone, so you can grant access to each of them.
- Adjust the sliders as shown in the images below.



Microphones and Camera on Google Meet:

When your child joins the Meet, look at the bottom of the screen:

 **Microphone** — Click once to turn **on** (the icon should *not* be red).

 **Camera** — Click once to turn **on** (the icon should *not* be red).

If either icon is red with a slash through it, that means it's **off**. Click it to turn it **on** again. If you are not able to select on/off make sure that your device has allowed access. See troubleshoot instructions above.

Complete your work: *Turn in assignment on Google Classroom*

- Go back to the assignment page.
 - Click the Turn in button.
 - If you added your own files, confirm by clicking Turn in again.

Logging into a personal device:

If your child is using a personal device at home, please make sure they sign in with their full school Google account (for example: 25schanbacherl@trico.k12.in.us)

How to take a screenshot: *Windows PC*

- Select windows, shift, S together.
- Next use the mouse to drag the image you wish to take.
- Open a document and paste the screen shot to the document.

How to take a screenshot: *Chromebook*

- Full screen: Press Ctrl + Show windows. The "Show windows" key looks like a rectangle with two lines to its right in the top row.
- Partial screen: Press Ctrl + Shift + Show windows, then click and drag to select the area you want to capture.
- Window capture: Press Ctrl + Alt + Show windows, then click on the window you want to capture.

Assignment specific questions: Contact your student's teacher

Having Device issues? Email helpdesk@trico.k12.in.us

Help desk tickets will be answered during typical school hours



PLEASE DROP CANS IN THE BIG DUMPSTER IN FRONT OF TRI-COUNTY PRIMARY



News from The Remington Library

Friday, December 5, the Remington Library will be hosting Frosty Fiesta at 5:30. Come listen to a couple stories, play a glow-in-the-dark treasure hunt and eat some cookies! Ages 3-10 are invited to join this fun evening. Registration is requested. Our Winter Adventure is on Monday, December 15 at 4:00pm. Silly Safari will bring a live reindeer and tell us about the Sami Reindeer Herders. Hot chocolate will be served afterwards. Our monthly Kids Art Programs will be held on December 8 and January 12 at 4:00pm. Please register.

Last summer's Glass Blowing with Sharon from Inspired Fire was a big hit! Since we heard many requests to bring her back and allow teens and adults to participate, we have invited her back. Join us on Saturday, January 10th and try your hand at blowing glass and creating an ornament. **You** must call the library and sign up for a 15-minute slot. Sign up opens December 1, 2025. This program is **only** available to those that have signed up.

To register for these programs, call the library at 219-261-2543.

The Remington Library will be open the following days during Tri-County's Christmas Break: December 22, 23, 27, 29, 30 and January 3. Come in and stay awhile. Play with the toys, LEGOs, games or work on the puzzle. There are also coloring pages and scavenger hunts to work on. Check out a book, movie, puzzle, game, or toy to use during Christmas Break. We also have portable DVD and CD players to take on a trip.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from your friends at the Remington Library!

TCI Corporation Newsletter

December / January Newsletter

A Season of Gratitude

As we enter this holiday season, we begin to reflect on all that we are grateful for. At TCI, we are thankful for the opportunity to work with the wonderful students who walk through our doors each day.

Our students' success is made possible by our amazing and hardworking staff who show up daily with dedication, compassion, and a commitment to helping every student learn and grow.

Our school's success also thrives because of the strong support we receive from our involved and caring community. The Tri-County area truly feels like one big family—working together to enrich the lives of our young learners.

From the TCI family to yours, **Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!**

6th Grade Basketball

Basketball season is in full swing at TCI! Our 6th grade girls' and boys' teams have been practicing hard and showing great teamwork and determination. Come out and support them at their upcoming games!

Robotics Team

Our Robotics Team is busy preparing for two upcoming competitions. We are so proud of their creativity, problem-solving skills, and teamwork as they represent TCI!

Upcoming Events

- **Dec. 10:** Jr. & Sr. High Christmas Concert – *6:30 PM in the Main Gym*
- **Dec. 11:** Elementary Christmas Program – *1:00 PM in the Jr./Sr. High Main Gym*
- **Dec. 20:** End of 2nd Nine Weeks
- **Dec. 23–Jan. 2:** Christmas Break
- **Jan. 6:** Students return – *First day of 3rd Nine Weeks*

Advanced Manufacturing and Logistics Class

Students learned about the different processes used to manufacture products out of common stock materials. We used wood 1 x 6" material, and followed plans to make these tool boxes. They had to go through a shop safety course and pass the test. Machines covered were Planer, Jointer, Table Saw, Bandsaw, Compound Miter Saw, Scroll Saw, and Belt and Disc Sander.

They assembled their boxes and put on a finish. They also saw how a CNC Router can add some detail to a project. The recent purchase of a StopSaw brand table saw has improved the safety of our shop.



Tri-County FFA has a busy fall semester

The fall semester has been busy with livestock skillathon and soils. Proud of all the teams that competed.

Highlights from state livestock skillathon: Devyn Dahlenburg placed 11th and Mylee Taulman 13th out of 285



junior individuals and their team with Kenzie and Harper placed 15th out of 85 junior teams.

We had two 4-H and two FFA teams to get all high school members a chance to compete. Our top HS team of Ava Woods, 8th individually, Cole Pilotte, 14th individually, Kaylie Cooley, 16th individually and Case Williams, 20th individually placed 7th as a team.



Congrats to the junior high soils judging team for placing second at the state contest. Wyatt Geib placed 8th, and Whitley Gretencord placed 10th. The team consisted of Whitley, Wyatt, Cowen Stoller, and Owen Wealing, with Austin Demerly serving as an alternate.

The high school team of Madie Spencer, Cole Pilotte, Elizar Aldaz, and Jeferson Morales placed 4th and qualified for national competition in Oklahoma in May.

The team of Case Williams, Peyton Demerly, Ava Woods and Blaine Woods competed in the masters division.



Alexa Morales (pictured above) competed in the National Spanish Creed Speaking invitational and received a bronze rating.



Katie Pinkerton (pictured above) received her American FFA Degree and Tri-County FFA was recognized as a three-star chapter.

Parents and Guardians

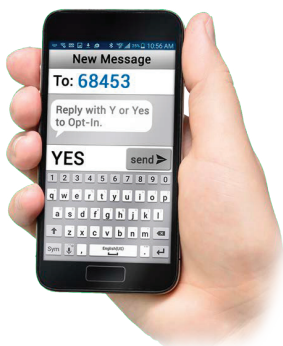
You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, **68453**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



**Opt-In from
your mobile
phone now!**



**Just send
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Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

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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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