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October/November Newsletter

TRI-COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

Spotlight on Tri-County Alumni

The annual Tri-County Golf Outing was another tremendous success, bringing together alumni, community members, and friends of Tri-County in support of our athletic programs. Over the years, the outing has continued to grow, and this year we were proud to have 31 teams and approximately 120 golfers. The event not only raised support for Tri-County athletics but also highlighted the strength of our alumni and community connections.

The Tri-County School Corporation is honored to recognize and celebrate our amazingly supportive alumni, whose achievements continue to bring pride to our schools and community. Our graduates are a vital part of the Tri-County legacy, and we are committed to fostering strong, lasting connections with them.

We are pleased to partner with our alumni and welcome opportunities to reconnect. Alumni who wish to visit or tour our schools, or who are interested in hosting an alumni gathering at a Tri-County facility, are encouraged to reach out to the Corporation Office or the appropriate building principal. Contact information can be found on our website: www.trico.k12.in.us.

To ensure we can share updates and opportunities, we also invite alumni to provide the Corporation Office with their current phone number, email address, and other contact information. Staying connected allows us to celebrate your accomplishments and keep you informed about the exciting initiatives taking place within Tri-County.

Together, we look forward to strengthening the bond between Tri-County Schools and our remarkable alumni.

GO CAVS!

Rolling Along

The 2025/26 school year has already passed the first quarter mark. It is amazing how quickly the school year has progressed. Our students are settled into their blocks of classes and continue to do some amazing things in the classroom with the guidance from our staff. I have been extremely excited observing our group of seniors since the beginning of the year as they start preparation for their future plans past high school. I truly feel that the work that is being done by these students now with resume building and college/employment application prep is a direct reflection of the curriculum that is being offered in our building. Our staff is also doing a great job of getting students out to visit colleges, along with local business tours. All of these things add up to helping our students with their futures.

Inside the classrooms, our students continue to excel in all subject areas. I have been extremely pleased with the transition that both our new staff members and new students have made to Tri-County. At times, it is difficult for individuals to adjust to new surroundings, but existing staff and students have done a wonderful job of welcoming everyone into the building. An example would be in the month of August, two of our new students were selected as Students-of-the-Month. This was very refreshing to know that new students can feel comfortable and confident in their skills from the start of the school year. Again, much thanks to our other students for their support to their new classmates.

Outside the classroom, a high percentage of our students continue to be involved in some type of extracurricular activity. The fall sports seasons, marching band and the performance of the fall play are soon to be finishing up, while our winter activities are soon to be starting up. Also, our FFA chapter continues to have retreats, community projects and competitions that have been in full swing since the start of the school year. If you get a chance, please come out to support our students as they compete and represent our school and community. Thanks to our coaches/sponsors for leading our students in these activities throughout the school year.

As we continue to progress through the balance of our first semester, I want to thank our entire community for the continued support shown towards our students and staff. It is so gratifying to work for a corporation that has such community involvement. I am looking forward to welcoming members of our area out to the building throughout the fall and winter months to be part of the exciting things happening at Tri-County Jr/Sr High School.

J.R. Haskins
Jr/Sr High School Principal

TRI-COUNTY PRIMARY-MRS. ANDERSON

The Scholastic Bookfair is scheduled for October 6th-10th. We will also be open for Grandparent's Night on October 7th!



TRI-COUNTY JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH-MRS. OILAR

Welcome back, students and staff! The Junior/Senior High Library is open and ready to support student learning, reading, and research needs this school year. We offer a wide range of books, magazines, digital resources, and a quiet space to study or relax with a good read. This month, we're kicking off our library classes with a focus on exploring different genres to help students discover new favorite books. Mrs. Oilar is also excited to host a book tasting session with Mr. Szombathy's 7th grade classes, where students can sample a variety of titles in a fun, café-style setting. Stop by anytime to learn more about the library, check out what's new, and dive into a great year of reading!

TRI-COUNTY INTERMEDIATE-MRS. WILLIAMS

- We have been welcoming our students back into the building & getting to know students who have joined us for the first time.
- It has been a blessing to be back in our original larger library space! Students have been excited!
- We have discussed how to pick our "just right books" & How to use our "5 finger rule" when picking our book selections.
- 6th Grade Students have been introduced to the term "Sustained Silent Reading" or "SSR" which will be used as they move on to middle school and high school. Each student will have sustained reading in the library for 20 minutes every session.
- All students from each grade level will have a reading challenge for the year. Once completed by May, students will celebrate with a fun day at the end of the year. 3rd-20 books, 4th-30 books, 5th-40 books, 6th-48 books
- Mrs. Williams has begun chapter reads for this semester.
 - 3rd Grade- "Million Dollar Shot" by Dan Gutman
 - 4th Grade- "A Girl Named Joy" by Jenny Valentine
 - 5th Grade- "Simon B. Rhyming" by Dwayne Reed
 - 6th Grade- "House Arrest" by K.A. Holt



NEWS FROM OUR LOCAL PUBLIC LIBRARIES: SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH, BUT ANY MONTH IS A GREAT TIME TO GET A LIBRARY CARD!

Remington Library:

While you can get a library card any time of year, we thought this would be a great month to share how easy it is to get your own library card! Did you know that it's completely free to use the library? You don't even have to pay for a library card! Just bring two forms of ID and proof of address and we'll get you set up at the Remington Library. What does a library card get you? First, of course, it gives you access to our BOOKS! But not just the ones on the shelves, it also gets you an account to use Libby and borrow ebooks! You will also be able to borrow audiobooks (physically through us and digitally through Libby!), DVDs, puzzles, games, and so much more! You can get individual cards (yes, even if you're a kid or a teen!) or family cards. Come visit us and ask for a library card!

Wolcott Community Public Library:

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, and there's never been a better time to become part of the Wolcott Community Public Library family! Whether you're signing up for your very first card, renewing an old one, or simply stopping by to check out a book, you're helping support one of our community's greatest resources. Anyone who signs up for a new card, renews their card, or comes in to check out a book in the month of September, will be entered into a raffle for an Amazon gift card. All Tri-County students are eligible for a free library card!

October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 CC(JH) Kankakee Invite (A) 5:30P VB(6) N.W.Hite (H) 6PM VB(7/8) W.Central (H) 6PM VB(V/JV) N. Newton (A) 6PM	3 FB(V) Frontier (H) 7PM	4 CC(V) Rens. Invite (A) 9AM
5	6 FB(7/8) Frontier (A) 6PM VB(6) W.Central (H) 6PM VB(7/8) Frontier (H) 6PM	7 VB(6) Twin Lakes (A) 6PM VB(7/8) Demotte C.(H) 6PM VB(V/JV) Demotte (H) 6:30PM	8	9 VB(6) Rensselaer (A) 6PM VB(7/8) N.W. (A) 6PM VB(V/JV) Tri-Township (A) 6PM	10 FB(V) Thea B.L.A. (H) 7PM	11 Marching Band CC(V) MWC (A) 10AM
12	13 School Picture Retakes VB(7A) WCT (A) 6PM VB(8B) WCT (A) 6PM	14 FB(7/8) BC (A) 6PM VB97/8) T.L. (A) 6PM	15 School Smiles 7:30AM Jr High Choir Concert 7P	16	17 FB(V) N.Newton (A) 7:30P	18 Marching Band CC(GV) Sectional (A) 11:30PM CC(BV) Sectional (A) 12PM
19	20 FB(7/8) N.N. (H) 6:30PM	21 P/T Conference- Remote Learning Day	22	23	24 Fall Break	25 Marching Band
26	27 Fall Break	28	29	30	31	

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Marching Band
2	3	4	5	6 GB6(A/B) Rensselaer (A) 6PM BB6(A/B) Rensselaer (A) 7PM	7	8 Marching Band GB(JV) Pioneer (A) 11AM GB(V) Pioneer (A) 12:30PM Homecoming Dance 7PM
9	10	11 GB6 (A/B) W. Central (A) 6PM BB(7A/B) N.N. (H) 6:30PM BB(6A/B) W.Central (A) 7PM BB(8A/B) N.N. (H) 7:30PM	12	13 BB6(7(A/B) Covenant C. (A) 6PM GB(JV/V) Rensselaer (H) 6PM WR(G) Harrison (A) 6PM BB8(A/B) Covenant C. (A) 6PM	14	15 GB(JV/V) Tri-Township (A) 6PM
16	17 BB(7/8 A/B) Klondike (A) 5:45PM	18 BB(7/8 A/B) Frontier (H) 6PM GB(JV/V) Attica (A) 6PM GB6(A/B) N.W. (A) 6PM BB6(A/B) N.W. (A) 7PM	19	20 BB7(A/B) Seeger (A) 6PM BB8(A/B) Seeger (H) 6PM GB(JV/V) S.N. (H) 6PM GB6(A/B) S.N. (A) 6PM BB6(A/B) S.N. (A) 7PM	21	22
23	24 BB6(A/B) N.W. (H) 6PM BB7(8A/B) Carroll (H) 6PM BB9(A/B) Pioneer (A) 6PM GB6(A/B) N.W. (H) 6PM	25 GB6(A/B) Frontier (H) 6PM WR(G) B.C. (A) 6PM BB6(A/B) Frontier (H) 7PM	26 Thanksgiving Break	27 Thanksgiving Break	28 Thanksgiving Break BB(JV/V) Rens. (A) 6PM	29 WR V N.N. INVITE (A) 10AM GB (JV/V) Twin Lakes (A) 6PM
30						

Bruh, What Did You Say?

Ever feel like you need a translator to understand your own teenager? If you've been baffled by terms like "rizz," "no cap," or "it's giving," you're certainly not alone. The world of teenage slang moves at lightning speed, often leaving parents feeling a few steps behind.

The post we are sharing won't make you an expert, but it might help you gain a little insight into your teen's slang.

Please be clear that we are not promoting or encouraging the use of bark.us, but this blog post is worth sharing. Please go to <https://www.bark.us/blog/teen-text-speak-codes-every-parent-should-know> to read the post and learn more about current teen slang. It is divided into groups, "Text Slang Decoded," "Older Teen Slang Terms", and there is even a section on "Teen Slang Emoji Icons", but view with caution.

You can also check out the slang archive at dictionary.com. You can type in a word you have seen and may not be sure of its meaning and it will give you a definition of what it means in the world of slang today.

While keeping up with every new slang term is an impossible task, having a general understanding is a powerful part of the modern parenting toolkit. It helps you grasp the context of your teen's stories, friendships, and feelings in this rapidly changing digital world. Remember that slang will always evolve, but your role as an engaged, curious, and supportive parent is constant. The most important thing is to keep the lines of communication open, creating a space where your teen feels seen and understood.

Technology Department





TCP NEWS

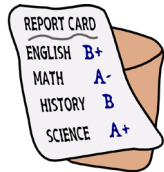
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

TCP has had a wonderful start to the school year! The next couple of months are full of activities for our students and their families. Below are some announcements and dates for upcoming events as well as some reminders for this school year. There are great things happening every day at TCP. I encourage you to reach out to see how you can be involved!

Ms. Hall

Grandparents Night

Grandparents Night will be on Tuesday, October 7th, 5-7 pm. Our wonderful PTO is sponsoring this event. Students can attend with their grandparent or a special adult to show them their classroom, have a cookie, and enjoy a photo opportunity. Our Scholastic book fair will be open that evening as well.



Report Cards

Our first 9 weeks ends on October 9th. You will receive your child's report card on October 15th. Preschool and kindergarten families will receive a printed copy of the report card. First and second grade families will receive report cards electronically, but printed copies can be given upon request.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on October 21st from 1-8 pm at the Primary School. This will be a remote learning day for our students; students will not be at school this day. Activities for that day will be communicated via Google Classroom. Information on setting a conference time will be sent out to families closer to time.



Fall Classroom Parties

Fall parties will occur in classrooms on Friday, October 31st. Teachers will send out information and sign-up sheets for classroom treats they may need. We ask that students not bring or wear costumes to school that day.

Mark Your Calendar!

October

6th-10th- Scholastic Book Fair
9th- end of 1st 9 weeks
13th- School Board meeting
21st- Parent/Teacher conferences @ TCP
24th-27th- Fall Break
29th- School Smiles

November

4th- Picture Retakes
10th- School Board Meeting
11th- Veterans Day
12th- PTO Meeting, 7:00 @ TCI
26th-28th Thanksgiving Break

*Follow Tri-County
on Facebook for
pictures,*

A note from Food Service,

Meal Account Payments

Families can add funds to student meal accounts by sending cash or checks to any Tri-County school office. For grades K–6, payments may also be sent in students' red folders (please use a sealed envelope with your child's name and lunch number).

Checks should be made payable to Tri-County Schools. Online payments can also be made through LINQ Connect, available on the Tri-County Schools website under the Parents and Students tab.

LINQ Connect is a secure, online portal that allows families to:

- *Make an online payment to their student's meal account.
- *Remotely monitor their students' accounts.
- *Set up automatic recurring payments.
- *Set up low balance email message alerts.
- *Submit an online application for free and/or reduced meals.

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3 to get started:

1. Register. Create an account at <https://linqconnect.com> and select Register.

Items needed to Register

- District: Tri-County School Corporation (make sure it says Wolcott, IN)
- Student Access Code: This is your student's school ID number. You will need to contact the secretary at your child's school to get this information.

2. Verify your account by clicking on the email verification link sent to your email address.

3. Now you can sign in at <https://linqconnect.com> using your email and password.

You can make payments to your student account using a debit or credit card with a fee of 3.95% with a minimum of \$2.85. You can also make payments via ACH with a fee of \$1.85.

If you need further assistance, please contact Mrs. Kristine Cain at the Tri-County School Corporation at 219-279-2418, or you can call the LINQ connect helpline at 888-464-5469 and follow the prompts.

Please keep your child's meal account current. Thank you for your cooperation.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

TCI Corporation Newsletter

October / November Updates

A Strong Start!

We are off to a great start this year! Students and staff have been working hard—reviewing assessment data, setting goals, and diving into intervention groups to support learning and growth.

Student Activities

Our students are shining in and out of the classroom! This fall they are participating in:

- Cross Country
- Volleyball
- Student Council
- Spell Bowl
- Robotics

We are proud of their involvement and leadership!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Monday, October 21st | 1:00–8:00 p.m.

TCI Intermediate Building

This will be a **remote learning day** for students.

All classwork will be shared through **Google Classroom**.

Important Dates to Remember

October

- **9th** – End of 1st 9 Weeks
- **13th** – School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (Corporation Office)
- **15th** – Report Cards Sent Home
- **16th** – *Great Central U.S. Shake Out* (Earthquake Drill)
- **20th** – Lions Vision Screening
- **21st** – Parent-Teacher Conferences
- **24th & 27th** – Fall Break

November

- **4th** – Picture Retakes
- **11th** – School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (Corporation Office)
- **26th–28th** – Thanksgiving Break

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
"Y" or "Yes"
to 68453**

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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Meal Prices for 2025-2026 School Year

Breakfast

PK-12th \$1.55

Reduced \$0.30

Lunch

K-6th \$3.20

Grades 7-12 \$3.30

Reduced \$0.40

PESTICIDE APPLICATION NOTICE

Periodically throughout the year, it may be necessary that pesticides be applied to external and internal areas of the school building and grounds. If you wish to be given notice of such pesticide application, please notify the principal of the building. You will be given a form to fill out and will be notified of any pesticide application with at least a 48-hour notice. Pesticide applications will not be done when children, staff members or any other people are present in the area that is to be sprayed.

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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