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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

I am excited to highlight some of the great things that are happening here at Tri-County School Corporation in this new newsletter format!

It's hard to believe we're in the last quarter of the 2025-26 school year and summer will be here before we know it. It has been a great school year so far. I know that is a result of our outstanding teachers, dedicated students and supportive community. When we collaborate, it is always in the best interest of our students.

I am grateful to serve this amazing community. Let's finish this school year strong!

GO CAVS!

Mr. Patrick Culp

Superintendent of Tri-County School Corporation



TRI-COUNTY PRIMARY NEWS

—Ms. Elaine Hall, Principal



As hard as it is to believe, another school year has almost come to a close. I could not be happier with how great a year it has been! We have witnessed many wonderful achievements from our students. They have grown in a variety of ways, not just as learners but as individuals too. These successes would not be possible without our amazing staff and supportive families!

I wish each of you a wonderful and relaxing summer. Our students and staff work very hard during the school year, and I know they are all looking forward to some summer fun! To our parents and community members, we cannot thank you enough for the support you have shown to our staff, teachers and students throughout this year. We are truly blessed to be in this community. Thank you all for another amazing year!

Outdoor Fun at Field Day

TCP will have Field Day in May (date to be determined). This is an afternoon when students participate in a variety of fun outdoor activities. We kick off the afternoon with a picnic lunch. Water and break stations are built in to the schedule, but students are encouraged to bring a water bottle with them. If you want your child to wear sunscreen for the afternoon, please send it with them to school.

Million Cans Recycling Contest

HELP OUR SCHOOL WIN!
Save your empty aluminum cans and drop them off at our school from October 1st - April 30th
Tri County Primary
300 E. Michigan St.
Remington, IN 47977
Recyclingislikemagic.com

We are currently in 2nd place! Please drop cans in the big dumpster in front of the Tri-County Primary School. Let's work together to win!

#MILLIONCANS

Logos: Recycling Society, Recycling is Magic!, Ball, Tri-County Schools, TC



TRI-COUNTY INTERMEDIATE NEWS

—Mrs. Katherine Pearson, Principal

At TCI, we would like to thank all of our community members and parents as we finish out the school year. We truly appreciate the support you continue to show our school. From community events planned with our students in mind to the volunteers who give their time to help educate, your involvement makes a meaningful difference.

When our community, families and staff work together, we create a strong support system that allows each student to learn, grow and thrive in their own unique way.

Thank you again for helping make this year a success for our students, our school and our community. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer break!

ILEARN Testing at TCI

ILEARN testing will begin on Monday, April 20 and continue through May 10. During this time, students will complete various ILEARN assessments.

As the weather gets nicer, it can be challenging to maintain routines. However, consistent sleep schedules and a healthy breakfast are important to help students perform their best.

POP Club!

POWER OF PRODUCE

Join to Discover the Power of Produce

Visit the Wolcott Farmers Market POP Tent Saturdays @ Wolcott Park

Free Activities, Samples, Prizes for Kids of all Ages

The 2026 market will be held every two weeks on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Wolcott Town Park. The season will begin on Saturday, May 9, and will conclude on Saturday, October 10.

FARMERS MARKET COALITION



TRI-COUNTY JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

—Mr. J.R. Haskins

As we head into the final quarter of the 2025-26 school year, I want to take a moment to commend our students and staff. Despite the usual winter hurdles, our momentum hasn't slowed. If you've followed our social media lately, you've seen the incredible energy in our classrooms since January; it's been inspiring to watch our students engage in opportunities that prepare them for life beyond our halls.

I want to express my gratitude to the Tri-County community. Your compassion and generosity never cease to amaze me. Our students truly feel your support, and it makes all the difference in their success.

Thank you for caring about our students!

Real-World Readiness & Career Success at TCHS

Tri-County High School hit some significant milestones this semester that directly impact students' futures:

- **Workforce Partnerships:** In January, four TCHS seniors began a specialized internship with Chief Buildings in Rensselaer. After their initial training, these students are now spending part of their school day on the manufacturing floor, applying the technical skills they mastered in our welding program.
- **A Bright Future:** The feedback from Chief Buildings has been outstanding. TCHS is incredibly fortunate to have local partners who provide the "real-world" bridge between high school and a career.



Academic Excellence and College Transitions at TCHS

TCHS seniors' dedication in the classroom is clearly paying off as college acceptance letters continue to roll in. The district is thrilled to announce that the Class of 2026 is already seeing incredible success with in-state institutions.

Currently, 13 students have been accepted to Purdue University, six students to Indiana University and three students to Ball State University. It is worth noting that several of these high achievers received acceptance letters from multiple universities, giving them excellent options as they weigh their future paths. This level of success is a direct reflection of their hard work and the rigorous academic environment fostered by TCHS faculty. We look forward to tracking the journey of each student as they transition into their next chapters.

While we celebrate these individual wins, our administration is busy preparing for the main event.

Please join us to honor our seniors at the Commencement Ceremony.

- Date: Sunday, May 31, 2026
- Time: 2:00 p.m.
- Location: High School Gymnasium

TRI-COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

—Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Oilar



As the school year comes to a close, our libraries will begin the annual inventory process. To prepare for this, there will be deadlines for checking out and returning books for both elementary and junior/senior high students.

Toward the end of April, elementary students will no longer be able to check out books, and all books must be returned by Friday, May 8. Inventory is a lengthy process, and students who have not returned their books will continue to receive overdue slips from the library. If books are still not returned, families will receive a letter home with the replacement cost of the missing items. Students in the junior/senior high will no longer be able to check out library books after May 8, and all library books must be returned by the last day of school. Any books not returned by that time will be billed to the student's account.

Thank you for helping us keep our library collection complete and ready for students next year!

Turning the Summer Slide into a Summer Leap

Summer is a time for rest, play and exploration. It's also the perfect season to rediscover the joy of reading without the pressure of grades or tests. Whether your student is just starting to recognize letters or is prepping for college-level literature, keeping a book within reach is the best way to ensure they return to the classroom in August feeling confident and ready. Check out our age-by-age tips for making reading a natural part of your summer routine!

PRE-K TO GRADE 2:

At this stage, the goal is phonemic awareness and fostering a love for books.

- Letter & Word Scavenger Hunts
- Audiobooks for Quiet Time
- Summer Library Programs

ELEMENTARY (GRADES 3–5):

These years are the transition from learning to read to reading to learn.

- Follow the Interest
- Graphic Novels Count
- Series Help Hold Interest

MIDDLE GRADE (GRADES 6–8):

Middle schoolers crave autonomy and social connection.

- Book-to-Movie Clubs
- The 20-Minute Rule
- Modeling Habits

HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9–12):

High schoolers are busy, but keeping their critical thinking skills sharp is vital.

- Encourage Reading Current Events
- Audiobooks on the Go
- Summer Reading Lists

YOU'RE INVITED!

The School Board of Tri-County School Corporation conducts regular meetings at the Corporation Office board room on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. You are invited to attend these meetings.

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corporation calendar.



Please see our
events calendar.

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AT THE WOLCOTT LIBRARY

<https://www.mywcp.com/>



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TRI-COUNTY FFA PLACE AT STATES AND HEAD TO NATIONALS



Tri-County High Schools FFA chapter has had a great winter and spring season so far! Congratulations to Ava Woods, Kaylie Cooley, Marianna Boles, Anna Kilmer and Mylee Taulman who traveled to Denver, Colorado, in January and participated in the Western National 4-H Meats Judging Contest. Their team placed 9th. They then traveled to the University of Wyoming for a practice contest, competed at Colorado State University and attended the National Western Stock Show in Denver.

Congratulations also to Cole Pilotte for placing 8th at the state Meats Judging Contest. Case Williams, Anna Kilmer, Cole Pilotte and Marianna Boles competed as a team and placed 3rd in the 4H division at the state Meats Judging Contest in February. Ava Woods placed 7th in the FFA Meats Judging division. Elizar Aldaz placed 9th at the state Milk Quality and Products competition.

The soils judging team of Jeferson Morales, Madysen Spencer, Elizar Aldaz and Cole Pilotte will be traveling to El Reno, Oklahoma, in May to compete in the National Land and Homesite Judging Contest. The team qualified last fall by placing 4th at the state competition.

Well done to each of these students for their hard work and dedication! Go Cavs!

HAVE A DAUGHTER INTERESTED IN BASKETBALL OR VOLLEYBALL CAMP?

The 2026 Lady Cavalier Basketball-Volleyball Camp Week will be held June 1-4, 2026. The cost for each camp is \$30.00. Please pick up a registration form at any of the three school building locations. Make sure to sign up by May 14!

JASPER COUNTY PREVIEW BEEF SHOW

You're invited to the Jasper County Preview Beef Show, Saturday, April 25, at the Jasper County Fairgrounds (2671 West Clark St, Rensselaer, IN 47978). This event is sponsored by Tri-County FFA and JCFA. The concessions are provided by FFA alumni and supporters. The check-in time is 7 a.m.-9 a.m. CST and the show starts at 10 a.m. CST.



Please register at www.showman.appshows# /
If you have any questions, please contact:

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