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TRI COUNTY CAVALIERS

April / May Newsletter

TRI-COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

On May 2, 2023, the Tri-County School Corporation will be conducting a special election for the local community to decide to renew the Operations Referendum previously approved in 2017. Information on voting locations and absentee voting can be found on the Tri-County website (trico.k12.in.us) under the "Referendum" title on the right side of the homepage.

The ballot question is listed below:

"Shall Tri-County School Corporation continue to impose increased property taxes paid to the school corporation by homeowners and businesses for eight (8) years immediately following the holding of the referendum to fund academic programming, managing class sizes, Operations Fund expenditures, and any other educational needs with the renewal of the existing maximum referendum property tax rate of $0.2737? The property tax increase requested in this referendum was originally approved by the voters in 2017 and originally increased the average property tax paid to the school corporation per year on a residence within the school corporation by 47.22% and originally increased the average property tax paid to the school corporation per year on a business property within the school corporation by 44.66%."

To help provide more clarity and understand the lengthy question, the Tri-County School Corporation wants to highlight the factual information on our website, trico.k12.in.us. This information can be found under the title "Referendum" on the right side of the homepage.

The first link is an illustrative taxpayer impact comparing the monthly and annual results of the neutral tax-rate effects of $0.2727 per $100 of assessed value. In addition, the illustration shows the historical certified tax rates between 2017-2023. The promise to the Tri-County community was to maintain a rate of $0.2737, and the Tri-County School Corporation has kept that promise.

The second link is a tax calculator to estimate the impact of the continued $0.2723. The purpose of the tax calculator is for community members to get a close estimation of the continued investment, both monthly and yearly, in the Tri-County School Corporation. Links to each county assessor's website are included to provide the most accurate information for community members to use in the calculator.

In 2017, the Tri-County community passed an operations referendum with a historical approval rate of over 91%. The passing of the referendum has allowed the Tri-County School Corporation to support 31 staff members and expand our education programs to meet the needs of our diverse learners. The Tri-County School Corporation appreciates the continued support of our students, staff, and schools. Our Remington and Wolcott communities become more vibrant and thriving when our students succeed, benefiting our property and business owners.

GO CAVS!

Yours in Education
Patrick Culp, Superintendent

Into Our Fourth Quarter

As spring weather arrives, the scent of another school year ending is in the air. The last several months have gone by so quickly for both students and staff. I know it has been a few months, but it seems that I was just checking with students on their winter breaks just last week. I hope everyone takes time to enjoy these last two months before the beginning of summer break.

Since the beginning of January, it has been such a busy time for both our students and staff. Along with the seniors preparing their graduation plans, we also have underclassmen scheduling courses for the 23/24 school year. As student plans continue to evolve, our staff is creating lessons to finish off the year, while also working with our counselors to determine courses being offered in the future. Couple these academic plans with our spring extracurricular activities and we have a very busy last quarter of the school year. I look forward to observing all of our students making plans to reach their academic and career goals.

As I reflect back on the second semester, there are several student accomplishments that need to be celebrated. It is difficult to list each one, but some of the highlights include the following:

- Sectional championships in both girls and boys basketball
- The second semi-state wrestling qualifier in school history
- National finalist in the FFA soil judging competition
- Junior high wrestling MWC champions
- 7th/8th girls MWC champions
- Multiple industry certifications in drone flying, welding and business
- BPA national qualifiers
- Band solo and ensemble gold rating recipient
- Choir solo and ensemble gold rating recipients
- Junior high robotics state qualifying team
- 20 new members inducted into the national honor society
- Numerous Prairie Arts recipients
- A state BPA officer

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, these student accomplishments wouldn't be possible without the support and guidance of our coaches, sponsors and community members. Our students are fortunate to have such a caring staff that is committed to student achievement.

Along with celebrating these many successes, the administration and staff also have begun planning our graduation celebration for the Class of 2023. This group of seniors continue to remain focused on reaching their goal of graduation and planning for their next steps in life. I hope to see everyone at graduation on Sunday, June 4th to honor our seniors.

Lastly, I just want to once again thank our entire community for the support that everyone has given our school. I am always amazed by the compassion and generosity that is shown throughout the year by our community. I know that our students appreciate it.

Thank you for caring about Tri-County!

Mr. Haskins

#CelebrateStudentAccomplishments

What's Happening at TCI?

April/ May

At TCI we would like to thank all of the community members and parents as we finish off our year. We greatly appreciate all of the support that you show us at TCI. We appreciate the community events that are planned with our students in mind and the volunteers that come and help to educate our students.
When the community, parents, and staff all work together we are able to create a support system for each student that is unique and helps them to learn, grow, and to thrive.
Thank you again for helping to make this year a success for our students, our school, and our community.
We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer break!



ILEARN

ILEARN testing starts on Monday, April 17th. All of our students will be completing various IEARN tests from this time until May 17th. With the start of the nice weather it can be challenging to stick to routines and bedtimes, but getting adequate sleep and breakfast will help our students to perform their best.

April

3rd-7th Scholastic book fair
6th from 5-7 Grandparents' night
7th Easter Egg Hunt with Sunshine Girls
11th Math Bowl Competition at Prairie Crossing
12th- Battle of the Books
12th Spring Pictures
17-May 12- ILEARN
21st- Community Day
28th-Arbor Day

May

2nd 5th grade field trip to Symphony
11th Field day for TCI
23rd 6th grade graduation

Tri-County Activity Calendar

APRIL 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	**3** TR(MS) Faith/St.James (H) 4:30pm BA(JV) Pioneer (A) 5:00pm	**4** ASVAB- Spring Exam 8:15am TR(VAR) Attica (A) 5:00pm BA(VAR) Pioneer (A) 5:00pm	**5**	**6** TR(MS) Pioneer/N.White (A) 5:00pm BA(VAR) N.Newton (A) 5:30pm	**7** BA(VAR) N.Newton (H) 5:30pm	**8** B-Golf- Clinton Central Inv.(A) 1pm
9	**10** No School **School Board Meeting 7:00pm** TR(MS) W.Central (A) 4:30pm TR(VAR) Pioneer (H) 5:00pm BA(JV) Rensselaer (H) 5:30pm SB(VAR) Covington (A) 5:30pm	**11** BGolf Carroll (H) 4:30pm BA(VAR) Demotte C (A) 5:30pm	**12** SAT Make up Day 9am FFA Adopt- A- Highway 3:30 PM	**13** SB(VAR) Rossville (A) 5:00pm TR(MS) Rossville (A) 5:00pm BA(VAR) Demotte C. (A) 5:30pm TR(VAR) SN/Renss. (H) 5:30pm	**14** PK & K Round- Up TCP BA(VAR) Clinton Prairie (H) 5:30pm BGolf Frontier (A) 5:00pm	**15** High School Concert Band Contest B-Golf- Caston Invite(A) 9am TCHS Jr/Sr Prom 8pm
16	**17** BA(JV) N.White (A) 5:00pm	**18** SB(VAR) N.White (H) 5:00pm TR(VAR) WC/Cov. C.(A) 5:30pm TR(MS) SN/Renss. (A) 5:30pm SB(JV) N.White (H) 6:00pm	**19**	**20** SB(JV) Seeger (A) 5:00pm BGolf W.Central (H) 5:00pm BA(VAR) W.Central (H) 5:00pm TR(MS) KV/NN (A) 5:30pm TR(VAR) Frontier/NN (A) 5:30pm SB(VAR) Kouts (A) 6:00pm	**21** BA(VAR) BC (A) 5:30pm	**22** SB(VAR) BC/Delphi (A) 9am PTO- Mother/Son Event 1pm
23	**24** TR(MS) TL/CC/Delphi (A) 4:30pm BA(JV) Seeger (H) 5:00pm BA(VAR) Rossville (A) 5:00pm SB(VAR) Clinton Prairie (H) 5:00pm	**25** TR(VAR) N.White (A) 5:00pm BA(VAR) N.White (H) 5:00pm SB(VAR) Rensselaer (H) 5:30pm	**26** BPA National Conf.	**27** BA(VAR) N.White (A) 5:00pm SB(VAR) W.Central (H) 5:00pm TR(MS) Frontier (H) 5:00pm TR(VAR) Anthenian Relays (A) 5:30pm SB(JV) W.Central (H) 7:30pm	**28** BPA National Conf.	**29** SB(VAR) TC Invite (H) 10:00am BA(JV) Delphi 1:30pm BPA National Conf.
30 BPA National Conf.		**Notes:**				

Tri-County Activity Calendar

MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 TR(MS) Delphi/Carroll (A) 4:30pm BGolf Seeger (H) 5:00pm SB(VAR) Carroll (Flora) (H) 5:00pm	**2** SB(VAR) Frontier (A) 5:00pm TR(VAR) Bi-Co Carroll/White (A) 5pm BGolf SN/Cov.Christ. (A) 5:30pm BA(VAR)- S.Newton (A) 5:30pm SB(JV) Frontier (A) 6:30pm	**3**	**4** BGolf Frontier (H) 4:30pm BA(VAR) S.Netwon(H) 5:30pm SB(VAR) Cov.Christ. (H) 6pm	**5** B-Golf- Frontier /Rossville(A) 4:30pm BA(JV) Caston (A) 5:00pm BA(VAR) Carroll (H) 6:00pm TR(VAR) MWC (A) 6:00pm Jr High Band & Choir Concert 6:30pm	**6** B-Golf-Pioneer Invite@ Pine View Golf Course (A) 9am Ideal Lady Brunch 10:00am
7 FFA Awards Banquet	**8** **School Board Meeting 7pm** BA(VAR) Twin Lakes(H) 5:30pm TR(MS) SN/NN (A) 5:30pm	**9** BGolf Pioneer/Winamac (A) 4:30pm BA(VAR)- Faith Chr. (A) 5pm BA(JV) N.Newton (H) 5:30pm SB(VAR) N.Newton (A) 6pm	**10** BA(VAR)-Faith Chr. (H) 5p	**11** TR(VAR)Carroll Relays (A) 5pm SB(VAR) Seeger (A) 5pm BGolf Renss./N.Newton (H) 5:15pm BA(JV) N.Newton (A) 5:30pm	**12** TR(MS) MWC Meet (A) 5:30pm Curricular Awards 6:30pm	**13** BA(VAR) Seeger (H) 11am SB(VAR) Cl.Cent (H) 11am
14	**15** BGolf S.Newton (A) 5:00pm SB(VAR) Delphi (A) 5:00pm SB(JV) Delphi (A) 6:30pm	**16** FFA Blood Drive BA(VAR) Frontier (H) 5:00pm SB(VAR)- Faith Chr. (A) 5pm TR(VAR) Girls Sectional (A) 5:15pm	**17**	**18** BA(VAR) Frontier (A) 5pm BA(JV) Twin Lakes (A) 5:30pm SB(VAR)- S.Newton (H) 5:30pm TR(VAR) Boys Sectional (A) 5:15pm SB(JV) S.Newton (H) 6:30pm High School Band and Chior Concert 6:30pm	**19** BGolf MWC (A) BA(JV) S.Newton (A) 5:30pm SB (VAR) Winamac (A) 5:30pm	**20** BA(VAR) Rensselaer (A) 11am
21	**22**	**23** BGolf Faith (H) 5:00pm TR(VAR) Girls Regionals (A) 5:30pm End of Fourth Nine Weeks	**24**	**25** TR(VAR) Boys Regional (A) 5:30 pm	**26**	**27**
28	**29** **Memorial Day**	**30**	**31**			
		Notes: Tri-County High School Commencement- Sunday, June 4, 2023				

From the Desk of Ms. Hall

Another school year is almost in the books, and I could not be happier with what a success it was. We have witnessed many wonderful achievements from our students this year. They have grown in a variety of ways as learners and as individuals. The TCP staff appreciates having such supportive families to work with so we can support our students as a team.

These last weeks of school will be some of the busiest of our school year. In April we will have Preschool & Kindergarten Round-Up. May will include end of the year field trips, field days for both schools, and Teacher Appreciation week. Those weeks are sure to fly by! Below are some other dates to add to your calendar:

April:
7th- Built-in snow make-up day; school in session
10th- No School
10th- School board meeting, 7:00pm at Corporation Office
13th- Spring Pictures
14th- Preschool & Kindergarten Round-Up, 8:30am-1:00 pm, 2:00-5:00 pm at TCP
21st- Community Day
May
2nd-6th- Teacher Appreciation Week
8th- School board meeting, 7:00pm at Corporation Office
17th- PTO meeting, 7:00 pm at TCI's music room
23rd- End of 2nd Semester

Since this is the last newsletter for the school year, I want to remind everyone that student learning does not have to stop once they leave these doors for the summer. Students leave school full of learning strategies and making amazing progress. Sometimes with the change in schedules and less reading over the summer, we notice a decrease in academic skills when they return to school in the fall. Help your child maintain his/her reading development by reading over the summer. Your local library is a great place to start for a program that provides incentives for student readers, encouraging them to read over the summer.

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 the summer break. 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.

Ms. Hall

Nurse's Notes April/May 2023

Kindergarten round up will be on April 14 from 8:30 am-5 pm for incoming kindergarten students. You may meet with a school nurse at this time to go over any health concerns you may have regarding your child. All kindergarten students will need to have their immunizations up to date to begin kindergarten. Please bring a copy of your student's immunization record and birth certificate with you to the kindergarten round up.

The 4th grade boys and girls will be having their growth and development movie in May. More information will be sent home to 4th grade students soon.

Parents/Guardians of current 5th and 11th graders will be receiving a letter regarding the required immunizations that must be received before school starts next fall. The letter will explain what is needed and contain a copy of the current immunizations. Please take the immunization record with you when the shots are administered.

Have a wonderful Summer!!!!
Amanda Alberts, RN
Sara Arvin, RN
Teresa Earney, RN



A Word from Food Service…

Food Service has made many changes over the years under the direction of IDOE (State) & USDA (Federal) agencies.

We made changes in February to some of the children's accounts due to IDOE Program glitch. If you are a part of the Free/Reduced Program and were a part of the glitch, you would have received a letter. Please check your child's meal account for details.

Our POS (Point of Sale) system is becoming outdated. We are needing to update it. We plan to be making changes over the summer.

After Mid July 2023 parents will need to set up a new account for meal money. Account balances will be transferred over to your new account. Watch for information over the summer. Applications for Free/Reduced will be available after the July date. Reminder: **A new Free/Reduced application must be completed every year.**

Update: Salinas Valley area flooding.

March 10 the Valley area received another 6" of rain. An additional 1-3" is expected on March 13, 14. The Pajaro Levee failed March 11 & the Salinas River Levee breached on March 12. Taking out more crops of Iceberg, Romaine Lettuce, and Strawberries.

The Salinas Valley accounts for 80% of the Nations Vegetable production from April/July. This will result in shortages and high prices.

So Cavalier Country…If you haven't tried out your green thumb in a while, this spring will be a good time to do that. If you have a tiller or garden knowledge, volunteer to help your neighbor. This could be a big help in getting folks through the summer/fall. (Think about canning & freezing for fall & winter). Let's help each other. We are a "Cavalier Community." Go Cavs!!! Information from Markon Distributors.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Tri-County Summer Meals

Monday - Thursday
June 5th - July 14th (Closed July 4th)

Tri County Primary and Intermediate School
Lunch: 11:00-12:30 p.m.

Free to all children age 18 and under
*Adults may eat for a $2.50 per meal donation.

Menus will be posted on Tri-County Facebook page

Drive Thru Only
(Look for Signs)

This Program was made possible from Grants/Donations from the following:
REMC Jasper County & Carrol/White Round UP Grant
Tri County Educational Foundation Grant
Remington Christmas Angels

Parenting with Technology, a Tech Director's perspective.

Raising children today compared to when I was a kid…Wow how that has taken on new meaning at each stage of your child's life. And let's throw in the rapidly growing technology world most of us did NOT grow up with. It's very different but much the same.

We all felt "different" like no one understood us, and our parent's rules were unfair before the Internet existed. Exactly how kids feel today, but often it's amplified due to immediate access to Technology.

Today, children see influencers on YouTube and various social media platforms on their phones. We saw celebrities in magazines we had to purchase.

As a parent, my choice is to talk to my kids about how they plan to use an app, I often download the app and learn how to use it myself, but I might not actively use the app. Or if it is a game, I sit with them and have them explain to me the point of the game and learn how to play with them. (Trust me there are some dumb games out there) Once in a while, I watch the videos they obsessively watch as well with them. I still don't get Minecraft and I still can't apply eye makeup like my kids.

In our house, we often talk about social media posts and how we compare our posts to someone else's. I have three completely different children, my oldest would compare her life to others based on posts, my middle could care less about social media, and my youngest enjoys it, but the posts are all completely her with no care about social comparisons. When my daughters make a post, I talk with them about how many photos did you take to get those "great shots." How many rolls of film did we go through to get our great shots?

Our kids aren't different than us, just the tools are different. I am often looking for resources that are helpful in managing healthy discussions with my children and the Internet. How to prepare them to go out on their own and still be able to have confident insightful conversations about what they come across online.

This blog is one I came across that I thought could be a great summer resource for families and facilitating discussions about technology use. Some of these are items used in our household, some are new to me. Every household and every child is different in what fits them best. If a device is in your child's hand, then it's not too soon to have these conversations.

Newsletter articles

MIOSM means Music In Our Schools Month! Students in both the Primary and Intermediate schools are celebrating the awesome fact that Tri-County has music for all grades in our school!

This year's theme is "Music is all of Us!" Our Primary Students are celebrating by sharing a favorite song written on a favorite shape, while the Intermediate students have been asked to bring in a home-made instrument and share it with their friends. Mrs. Legler is eagerly anticipating some really unusual music & instruments coming to the music room.

Spring Concerts for 6th grade & junior high band and choir students will be held on Friday, May 5, 2023 in the high school auditorium beginning at 6:30PM. You won't want to miss the fun and beautiful music that you'll hear that evening. Our students have been rehearsing well and are ready to show what they've learned.

5th grade trip to the Symphony occurs in May! We are excited to visit the Indianapolis Symphony after a hiatus of 2 years. The beautiful Hilbert Circle Theater will be hosting 5th graders from across the state of Indiana with a wide variety of music as well as the opportunity to hear a live performance of a symphony orchestra!! The students also love having a chance to see the many monuments and statues the are a part of downtown Indianapolis.

Tri-County Summer Swimming
May 30th– June 22nd

Registration:
Missi Tyler
tylerml@trico.k12.in.us



Swim Lessons will only be held Monday– Thursday.
**** Week one session 1 Tuesday-Friday due to Holiday****

Session I	Session II
May 30– June 2	June12-15
June 5th– 8th	June 19-22

Class Hours

40 minute session

8:00-8:40	Advanced Beginner
8:40-9:20	Beginner
9:20-10:00	Pre-Beginner
10:00-10:40	Beginner
10:40-11:20	Beginner
11:20-12:00	Advanced Beginner

1 hr. 20 min. session

8:00-9:20	**Intermediate**
9:20-10:40	**Advanced Beginner**
10:40-12:00	**Swimmer– Adv. Swimmer**

Classes Available

40 minute sessions

1. Level I– children less than 48 inches tall must be accompanied in the water by adult or sibling.
2. Level II– Beginner
3. Level III– Advanced Beginner

1 Hour 20 minute Sessions

1. Level III– Advanced beginner
2. Level IV- Intermediate
3. Level V– Swimmer
4. Level VI– Advanced Swimmer

Prices:

45 minute session-
•$30.00 for TC patrons
• $35.00 for non- patrons
1 hour 20 minute session-
$40.00 for T C patrons
$50.00 for non-patrons

Summer Recreational Swimming:
Children $1.50 Adults $2.00 Family Max $5.00
Open Swim Hours:
Mondays & Wednesdays 1:00-3:00
Starting Wednesday, May 31th
Last day for open swim is June 21st..

How to register for swim lessons:
Email: tylerml@trico.k12.in.us
Mail form to 11298 W 100 S Wolcott, IN 47995 ATTN Missi Tyler

Swim Instructors: Marcia Waibel and Marci Mohler

Tri-County FFA Alumni and Supporters

19th ANNUAL CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

SATURDAY APRIL 8th
STARTING AT 10 AM EST

Tri-County High School, Wolcott, IN

Consignments Needed	Consignment Rates	
Any Farm Machinery	$0-$5.00	Donation
Lawn Mowers to Go-Carts	$6.00-$100	15%
Livestock Equipment	$101-$500	10%
NO Tires Without Rims	$501-$1500	7%
NO Household Appliances	Over $1500	5%
NO Chemical Containers		

For more information:
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scherert@trico.k12.in.us hicknerk@trico.k12.in.us

Consignments will be taken 8 am -8 pm on
Wednesday, April 5th to Friday, April 7th

Jasper County Preview Beef Show

Sponsored by Tri-County FFA

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JASPER COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC

SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH

JASPER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

2671 WEST CLARK ST, RENSSELAER, IN 47978

Check-in 7am-9:30 am CST - Show starts at 10 am CST

Show Order: Heifers-Steers-showmanship

Judge: Josh Streitmatter

$40/Head

$5 Showmanship

Stall off Trailer - Limited space in barn to stall

IJBCA POINTS SHOW AND RULES

Register at www.showman.app/shows#/

Concessions provided by FFA PARENT CONNECTIONS

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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.

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

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