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Tri County Area Schools

94 Cherry Street, PO Box 79, Sand Lake, MI 49343

616 636-5454



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First Day of School-Tuesday, September 8th

2009-2010 School Calendar

Tuesday	Sept 8	First Day for Students
Thursday	Oct 22	P/T Conf - High School Only 3:00-5:30 pm & 6:00-8:30 pm
Monday	Nov 2	No School for Students - PD Day
Friday	Nov 6	End of first Quarter - MS/Elementary
Tuesday	Nov 17	Evening P/T Conferences MS - 3:00-5:30 pm/Elem - 4:00-6:00 pm
Thursday	Nov 19	Evening P/T Conferences MS & Elementary - 5:30-8:00 pm
Friday	Nov 20	No School for Students - P/T Conferences 8:00 am - 12:00 pm MS/Elementary Only
Tuesday	Nov 24	End of first Trimester - High School
Wednesday	Nov 25	No School for Students - PD Day
Thurs/Fri	Nov 26 & 27	Thanksgiving Break
Monday	Dec 21 - Jan 1	Christmas Break
Monday	January 4	School Resumes
Friday	January 22	End of first Semester - MS/Elementary
Wednesday	January 27	P/T Conferences - High School Only 3:00-5:30 pm & 6:00-8:30 pm
Monday	February 15	No School for Students - PD Day
	February/March	P/T Conferences - MS/Elem (5 hrs TBD)
Friday	February 26	End of second Trimester - High School
Friday	March 5	No School for Students - PD Day
Friday	March 26	End of third Quarter - MS/Elementary
Friday	April 2	No School - Good Friday
Monday	April 5 - 9	Spring Break
Monday	April 12	School Resumes
Thursday	April 29	P/T Conferences - High School Only 3:00-5:30 pm & 6:00-8:30 pm
Thursday	May 27	Graduation - Class of 2010
Monday	May 31	Memorial Day - No School
Friday	June 4	Last Day for Students
Monday	June 7	Teacher Records Day

District Mission Statement

We will educate ALL students and share with the community the responsibility to assure an environment that inspires life long learning.

Check us out on the Tri County Web Page:
www.tricountyschools.com

DISTRICT DIRECTORY

Administration Office

616 636-5454
James Scholten, Superintendent
Dan Brant, Dir of Special Education
Kristi Teall, Dir of Curriculum
Tamera Powers, Business Mgr.
94 Cherry St., Sand Lake

High School - 231 937-4338

Mark Simons, Principal
Joe Williams, Assistant Principal
Tim Kisner, Athletic Director
21338 Kendaville Rd. Howard City
7:30 a.m. – 2:21 p.m.

Middle School - 231 937-4318

Kurt Mabie, Principal
Bill Cichewicz, Assistant Principal
21350 Kendaville Rd. Howard City
7:30 a.m. – 2:21 p.m.

Edgerton Upper Elementary

231 937-4391
Susan Wanner, Principal
412 E. Edgerton, Howard City
8:29 a.m. – 3:24 p.m.

MacNaughton Elementary

231 937-4380
Allen Cumings, Principal
415 Cedar Street, Howard City
8:40 a.m. – 3:35 p.m.

Sand Lake Elementary

616 636-5669
Krystyna Sweeney, Principal
15 S. 7th Street, Sand Lake
8:40 a.m. – 3:35 p.m.

Director of Operations

Steve Soules – 616 636-5454

Transportation - 231 937-4386

Linda Dixon, Supervisor
424 Emory Street, Howard City

Food Service

Shirley Schrader – 231 937-4338

Welcome to the 2009-2010 School Year!

I welcome each of you to another great year for our students. It is important for the students that we - parents, school staff, and community, continue to work together to support each of our students. When we work together students are the winners!!!!

Following are some ways that we can help our students:

- Communicate with your children, your children's teachers, your children's principals, and other school staff. Ask your child about their school day and if you have concerns follow up with the school.
- Continually encourage your children to do their best.
- Show your children that learning is a priority by your example. Your attitude toward school attendance, completing homework, and your involvement makes a strong and lasting impression on your children.

I trust that we will have an outstanding school year. Please contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,
James K. Scholten
Superintendent

Tri County Board of Education

President	Bob Cichewicz
Vice President	Mike Bergman
Secretary	Janet Powell
Treasurer	Brian Corwin
Trustee	Chad Dailey
Trustee	Jill Fennessy
Trustee	Tim Grant

Board of Education meetings are held on the second Monday of each month in the Board Room in Sand Lake. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

Open Houses/Orientation

MacNaughton - Open Houses:

Wednesday, September 2, 2009
All Grades K-3 5:00-6:00 pm

Sand Lake - Open House:

Monday, August 31, 2009
All Grades K-5 6:00-7:00 pm
Technology Kick Off 4:30-6:00 pm

Edgerton Upper Elementary

Wednesday, September 2, 2009
Grades 4 & 5 5:00-6:00 pm

Middle School

Orientation - 6th Grade Only
Friday, September 4, 2009
9:00am-12:00 pm (Students Only)

Open House - All Grades (6,7, & 8)
Wednesday, September 2, 2009
6:00-7:00 pm

High School - Orientation:

2009/2010 Freshman &
New Student Orientation
Monday, Aug. 31st 11:00 am
Tuesday, Sept. 1st 5:00 pm

Students need attend only one session. Pre-registration is not required for any of the sessions. However, if an appointment is needed with a counselor it should be pre-arranged. Please contact the TCAHS office for more information at (231)937-4338.

All-Sport Tickets

All-sport tickets will be sold at both the high school and middle school offices during the first two weeks of school and at the first few varsity contests of the year. Ticket holders will be able to attend all high school and middle school home events, with the exception of any state tournament events that Tri County might host. Senior citizens age 60 and over may contact the Administration Office for a Lifetime Golden Age Pass for free admission to all school sponsored home events. **All-sport Ticket Prices for 2009-2010:** Student-\$25.00, Adult-\$45.00, Family-\$125.00 **Tickets for individual events will be:** Student-\$4.00, Adult-\$5.00, and Family-\$15.00 (Includes 1 or 2 adults and minor children).



Flu Shot Clinics Offered

Tri County Area Schools will be offering Flu Shot Clinics again this year for staff and community members. These clinics are offered in cooperation with Ace Home Health Care in Howard City. Flu vaccine will be offered at a cost of \$25.00 each. Pneumonia vaccines will also be available on a pre-registered basis. Please call Sherry Wheeler at 616.636.5454 to register for the pneumonia vaccine one week prior to the scheduled clinic. The clinics are scheduled as follows:

**Oct. 15 TC High School
5:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Oct. 22 Administrative Office
2:00-5:00 p.m.**



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FACILITY PLANNING

Last May the Board of Education asked voters to approve a bond for facility improvements. The proposal did not pass. Our facilities still have needed repairs, energy and safety upgrades, and improvements. The school board will continue to work to determine what is the best plan to follow. If you would like to be involved in this process please contact Sherry Wheeler at our administration office at 616-636-5454.

BUS ROUTE INFORMATION

BUS ROUTE INFORMATION WAS MAILED TO EACH FAMILY ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 7TH. IT INDICATES WHAT TIME AND WHERE YOUR CHILD WILL BOARD THE BUS. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THIS INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE BUS GARAGE AT 231 937-4386.

PLEASE CONTACT THE BUS GARAGE WITH ADDRESS CHANGES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS WILL ENSURE YOUR CHILD WILL BE ON THE CORRECT BUS ROUTE.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.

Annual Report Given

The Annual Report of Tri County Area Schools was presented at the August 10th Board Meeting, in the Board Room in Sand Lake. The report contains information on accreditation, school improvement efforts, parent participation and other events during the 2008-2009 school year. If you were unable to attend the meeting but would like a copy of the report, please stop by the Administration Office at 94 Cherry Street in Sand Lake and pick one up or access it on the school website.

Hot Lunch Information



Dailey Hot Lunch prices for 2009-2010:

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Elem.	\$1.35	\$1.85
MS/HS	\$1.35	\$2.00

Payments are scanned into a computer and amounts are deducted as students use a computer card to buy their meal. This process helps keep free and reduced lunch information private and also helps parents insure that money sent for lunch is used for that purpose. A service charge will be added for any check that is returned and charges for meals will not be allowed unless prior arrangements have been made. Application forms for free and reduced meals will be sent home with your student on the first day of school or apply online at www.LunchDeposit.com.

Tri County Upholds 504 Policy

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 protects the rights of individuals with handicaps. Public schools must provide accommodations and services for students with special needs. School district must make reasonable accommodations to allow students and opportunity to successfully participate in school and school related activities. It is not the intent of Section 504 to provide programs that are fundamentally different from existing opportunities. Parent(s)/guardian(s) and students have certain rights under Section 504. A copy of these rights may be obtained by contacting the Administration Office at 616 636-5454.

Pesticide Control Act

Public Law 131 of 1993 requires that the school administrators notify parents/guardians of children of their right to be informed prior to application of pesticides at that school. If you need to have notification of when we intend to apply pesticide, please send written notification to: Steve Soules, Director of Operations, PO Box 79, Sand Lake, MI 49343.

Asbestos Program Notification

This notice is to inform you that state-approved asbestos inspection and management plans exist for all buildings in the school district. These plans are in each building's main office and are available for review.

The management plan contains information regarding the location of all asbestos-containing materials, the condition of the material, and the specific location of any remaining materials.

Detailed re-inspections occur every three years and periodic surveillance is performed every six months. These inspections have confirmed that all know asbestos is properly sealed and has not deteriorated so as to cause a safety concern. Our treatment of remaining asbestos is in conformity with all Environmental Protection Agency guidelines.

Tri County Upholds CIPA Policy

The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requires schools and libraries to certify that they are enforcing a policy of Internet safety that includes measures to block or filter Internet access for both minors and adults to certain visual depictions. References to CIPA are available on our website with the District Technology Plan, under Electronic Information Access and Use Policy, and on the website under Documents and Policies, Policy #4520.

Education Record Rights

Public Law 93.380 provides "An educational agency or institution may disclose personally identifiable information from the educational records of a student who is in attendance at the institution or of a student who is in attendance at the institution or agency if that information has been designated as directory information." The following is designated as directory information with respect to all past and present students of Tri County Area Schools.

1. Name 2. Address 3. Telephone number
4. Date and place of birth
5. Major and minor fields of study and courses taken
6. Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
7. Weight and height of members of athletic teams
8. Dates of attendance
9. Degrees and awards received
10. The most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student
11. Yearbook pictures
12. Names, addresses and published phone numbers of high school students to military recruiters and military service academies
13. Other similar personally identifiable information.

Directory information about students shall not be disclosed to requestors for purpose of surveys, marketing or solicitation, unless the District determines that such purpose is consistent with the educational mission of the District and beneficial to the affected students.

If you, as a parent, do not want this type of personally identifiable information made part of publicity, newsletters, yearbooks, newspaper publication or any other public materials, please send a letter of notification designating specific categories of directory information you do not want released with respect to your child. If you do not want your high school student's personal information given to military recruiters/service academies, please send a letter informing us within 30 days of enrollment or the first day of school.

Direct this letter of notification to:

Administration Office, Tri County Area Schools, PO Box 79, Sand Lake, MI 49343.

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, (FERPA) the right to inspect and review student education records is afforded. It also allows for the right to request an amendment of the records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading.

District Band Calendar of Events

Sept-Oct.	All Home Football Games
September 19	Harvest Festival Parade - HS
September 19	WWW Marching Competition - HS
September 26	Kenowa Hills Marching Competition-HS
October 3	Red Flannel Day Marching Festival-HS
October 21	District VII Marching Band Festival-HS
November 2	Marching Band Banquet HS
December 5	MS Solo & Ensemble Festival
December 6	Christmas Concert - All Bands
January 30	HS Solo & Ensemble Festival
February 11	Pre-Festival Concert/Dress Rehearsal - (8th Grade & HS Bands)
February 24-26	District Band Festivals (8th & HS Band)
March 27	State Solo & Ensemble Festival - HS
April 17	Hastings Jazz Festival (?) - Prom
April 18	Spring Concert - All Bands
April 22-24	State Band & Orchestra Festival - HS
April 29-May 1	State Band & Orchestra Festival - MS
May 20	Jazz Band - Fruitport Festival
May 27	Graduation - Class of 2008
May 31	Memorial Day Services - HS Juniors
July 4	Sand Lake 4th of July Parade - HS

Continuing School News

Keep in touch with news and information from Tri County Area Schools in the River Valley Shopper every other week. If this free shopper isn't delivered to your home, call 231 937-4740. You may pick up a copy of the River Valley Shopper at any gas station or store in Howard City, Pierson, and Sand Lake. If you prefer, we can send you the news electronically. Please contact Sherry Wheeler at swheeler@tricountyschools.com with your request.

Latchkey Programs

Programs are held in both MacNaughton and Sand Lake elementaries.

- Monday through Friday
- 6 am until school starts/After school to 6:30 pm
- \$6.00 per session-\$4.00 for additional children

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Non-Profit Organization
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Howard City, MI 49329

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