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Winter Edition 2022-2023



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER - Winter Edition

Welcome to our Winter installment of Tri County's Quarterly *Viking Views* Newsletter. Each edition will contain information on district and building happenings. We hope this finds everyone enjoying the holiday seasons already upon us.

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SNOW DAYS

In the event that school is cancelled due to snow, ice or other emergencies, information will be placed on the below stations. In addition, the district will do a robocall and email to parents/guardians and post it on our TC Facebook page.

TELEVISION:

WZZM TV 13
Wood TV 8
Fox 17

A Message from Superintendent Allen Cumings

Dear Viking Community,

It has been an exciting first half of the year here in Tri County! The successes of a great start to the school year and the accomplishments of our students in the classroom and on the playing field have made it a memorable fall. We appreciate our parents and community as fans, volunteers, and mentors, which means so much to our students and staff. Thank you for making every day special for our students.

We have so much to be thankful for in our school and community, that "Thank You" doesn't seem big enough to express how much we appreciate what is accomplished inside and outside the walls of our schools. We are thankful that we have been able to begin our school year fully staffed, with certified teaching staff and support staff to meet the needs of our students. We are thankful for the support of parents and boosters, who work tirelessly to support the visions of our programs. And, we are grateful for a community that comes together to share and support our students and families. We live in a GREAT community.

We look forward to continued successes throughout the 2022-2023 school year as our district, along with a team of parents, community members, staff, administrators, and board members, work to write and implement a new strategic plan for our district. The work has already begun, and our vision and goals will be finalized in the coming months, to be carried out over the next 3-5 years.

As we move into the winter months we look forward to the upcoming holidays coming up and some extended time at home with family and friends. The snow has been a beautiful reminder of the nature and seasons we get to enjoy here in Michigan. We also know the challenges that winter weather brings. We want to remind you that these challenges are temporary and will be met with every consideration of the safety of our students, staff, and community.

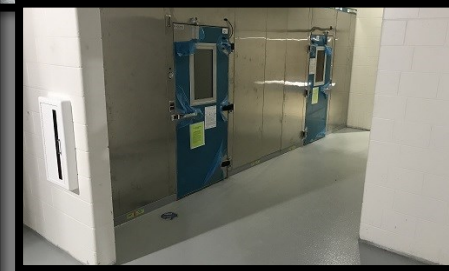
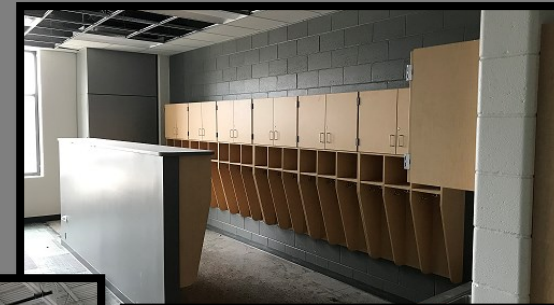
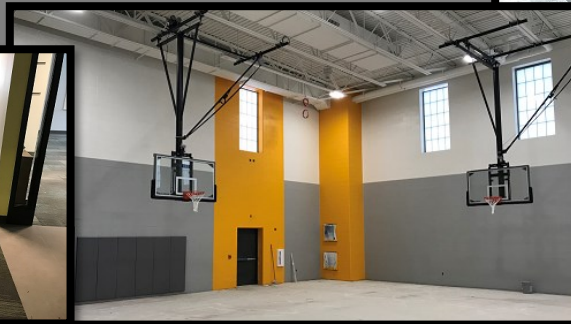
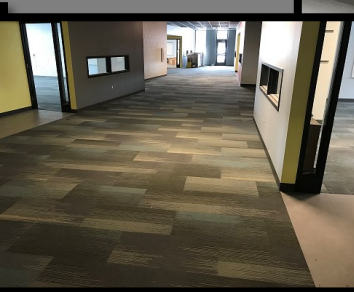
We want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a very Happy New Year to come! Together We Are TC! Go Vikings!

Happy Holidays

District News

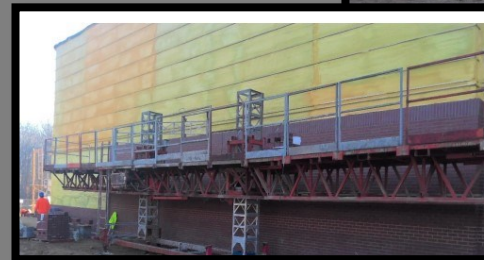
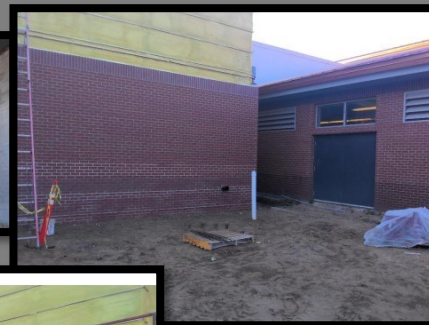
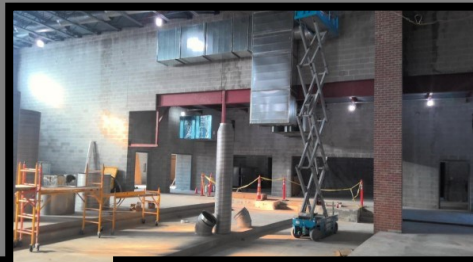
BOND UPDATE

It's been a busy fall on the construction site of the new Tri County Elementary school. Finish work has begun, with carpet going down, trim work being done, and cabinets installed. The basketball hoops have also been installed in the gym, and kitchen equipment is beginning to be installed. The walk-in freezers are huge!



At the High School, the new Cafetorium is now all enclosed and floors are poured, brick work on the outside is complete, and interior framing has begun. It's an impressive sight as you drive into the high school campus.

The Wastewater project is also progressing as well. The sanitary line is now complete to Howard City and tested, and work has begun on the lift station.



As we step into 2023, it will be another exciting new year! Bids for the Middle School Renovation project have been received and will be awarded at our regular December Board of Education meeting. The key work for the Middle School includes air conditioning in classrooms, updated Science classrooms, new bleachers in the gym, and other classroom upgrades (like paint, carpeting, etc.). Construction will begin as soon as school is out for summer in 2023. We can't wait to see the results of this work when school begins next fall! Don't forget to visit tricountybond.com to keep up to date on what's happening on the construction site.

District News

BOARD BRIEFS

Dear Tri County Community,

In the beginning of this year, the Board, along with Superintendent Cumings, began work on a new strategic plan for the district. A strategic plan is used as a tool to aid the school district in developing its mission, vision, and objectives for the next 5 years, and to guide us toward meeting those goals. Just as we use a blueprint to aid in the building of our new elementary, for example, a strategic plan will guide us in building our methods and processes in the years to come.

We have engaged the Michigan Association of School Boards to lend their expertise in this area and to help direct us through the process. With their help, we have held meetings with district stakeholders, such as students, parents, staff, teachers, community members, etc.; so that all the voices in our school community can be heard. By doing this, we can come together, agree on our actions and set in motion a plan to achieve our objective in the year to come.

On Saturday, November 12, a group of those stakeholders met for an all-day retreat. We reviewed our previous strategic plan and used that as a tool to help set building the new plan in motion. This collaborative exercise provided an opportunity for dialogue and idea sharing, which enabled the group to create the foundation for our new strategic plan, and put in motion our next steps. As we work to set our mission and objectives for the coming years, we welcome and encourage you to add your voice to the mix. Watch for updates on the next strategic planning event and join us.

We have done great things, and with your help we will continue to do more!

Sincerely,

Chad Bice, Trustee

Tri County Area Schools
Board of Education



Thank You Tri County Community!

Tri County Area Schools annual TC Giving Tree program wants to thank our community for their continued support during this time of year. With help from our community partners; businesses, area churches, residents, friends, family, and staff, this year we are able to provide gifts for 270 kiddos, necessity bags, and a special holiday food box for over 100 families. We are thankful to be part of such a kind and caring community!

Together We Are TC!

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



Tri County Mentoring Program Needs You!

Did you know that the Ministerial Association of Tri County sponsors a Mentoring program for the students here at TCAS? The Ministerial Association is a group made up of our local pastors and youth leaders. They work with our community to provide one-on-one mentors for some of our students.

THEY NEED YOU! The Ministerial Association is looking for mentors for students in grades K-10. One child, One hour, Once a week! It takes community to help care for our students. Please consider becoming a mentor.

Together We Are TC!

WE NEED YOU!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR MENTORS

- ✓ ONE CHILD
- ✓ ONE HOUR
- ✓ ONCE A WEEK

BE A MENTOR

We are looking for mentors for students in K-10th grade. If you have one hour once a week, WE NEED YOU!

SEND YOUR REQUEST TO:
 Jason Or Jenny Rykse
 jryksehc@cityimpactmi.org
 (616) 843-2438
Sponsored by Ministerial Association of Tri County

School News

TCHS School Store Expands

In the Fall of 2019, Tri County High School introduced a Marketing class and a new school store into its class schedule. Soon after opening, the school store quickly grew with many options, both sweet and savory, and became an after school favorite place for students and athletes. The store has become so popular that both students and staff were looking for a larger space for the store. After the helpful cooperation of the Special Education staff, the Marketing class was able to make plans to move to room 114.

Seniors in the Marketing class, under the direction of Mrs. Dollberg, cleaned, painted and organized room 114, transforming it into a fun and useful space for the school store. Once the paint was dry, the entire class worked together to set up both old and new areas in the store, and on October 18, 2022 a new larger and more efficient school store opened. The new space offers students many options for their after-school appetites as well as tumblers, stickers, Chapstick, keychains, and student created tees.

The school store is operated by Marketing students who stock, inventory and sell items after school and during lunch on Fridays. On Fridays, the class also offers orders to the entire school during first hour. Monies raised by the school store are invested in our student incentive programs and other student perks like free Homecoming tees for the student body, donuts or other treats. The Marketing class also sponsors game themes for home sporting events, and this past October offered pink out tees in the school store as well.

If you are looking for an easy gift for your high school student, the store is excited to now offer electronic gift cards. Cards can be ordered at <https://squareup.com/gift/YCYKYVEK2GDKZ/order> or email Mrs. Dollberg at kdollberg@tricountyschools.com for an email with information.



TCHS & TCMS Partnering With Paper to Provide Support

Tri County High School and Middle School are partnering with a program called Paper to provide 24/7 academic support for students in grades 6-12. Paper is an online platform that provides students with unlimited 24/7 one-on-one tutoring for all subjects, delivered by a live educator through Paper's Classroom in both English and Spanish. Students can connect with a live tutor in as little as 15-30 seconds, and can access 200 academic topics tutored by Paper specialists.

Each online educator is a Paper employee, who is trained in the Socratic teaching method and undergoes a criminal background check prior to employment.

All student activity on Paper is recorded, tracked, and made readily available to school teachers and administrators. This equips teachers with transparent insights on how their students are learning outside the classroom and helps educators personalize their instruction.

We are excited to be able to offer this great tool for our Middle and High School students, as an extra layer of academic support. Keep an eye out for more communication on when this new tool will be available.

PAPER

I DON'T GET IT!

Feeling stuck? We've got you!

Homework help

- Chat with a tutor 24/7
- Unlimited sessions
- Every academic subject

Writing feedback

- Grammar, structure & style review
- Submit any written work
- Unlimited submissions

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School News

Middle School Art Classes Celebrate Inktober!



During the month of October, the Middle School Art Classes studied the artist, Jake Parker, who created Inktober in 2009 as a challenge to improve his inking skills and develop positive drawing habits. This challenge has since grown into a worldwide endeavor, with thousands of artists taking on the challenge every year. Tri County Middle School started their first Inktober Challenge this year.

The rules were to create an ink drawing (you could draw with pencil first) with the 2022 Inktober Challenge prompts. The purpose was to grow, improve and form positive habits while creating and drawing. Each photo was hash tagged with Inktober2022, the prompt and the artist's name.

The middle school art class decided it would be even more fun to invite friends, family and the Tri County community to be involved. It was fun to see all the artists that were not just in the art room, but also throughout our community! All pictures were displayed down the art hallway.



Next year we would like to make Inktober 2023 even bigger and better! Starting in October a list will be given out or you can Google Inktober and there will be an official prompt list to choose from. If you cannot get a 4x6 drawing paper you will be able to pick one up in the Middle School office (along with a prompt list) and can drop it off to be put on display through October. All ages are invited to join in the fun next year!



Middle School STEM Class Receives Grant

Christina Adamson, Middle School STEM/Computer teacher, was recently awarded a financial grant of \$1,000 from The Awesome Foundation of Ann Arbor, MI, to be used to purchase a STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) learning tool called the BrainPad Pulse.

The BrainPad Pulse is an LCD input/output STEM microcomputer that students can use to code with block and JavaScript coding for robots, games, and circuits. The BrainPad was developed in Madison Heights, MI, which is one of the reasons Mrs. Adamson chose this device for this grant. She believes it's important that students see that some of the things they are working with are being developed by people that live in the same state as they do. They also discuss teen developers and their creations, such as Vishnu Maro from Grand Rapids City High School, who developed an app called "Spotter", which helps find open parking in downtown Grand Rapids. He too learned how to code using the Code.org platform that we use with students, and applied what he had learned to a problem in his community.

Everyone is excited about using the BrainPad Pulse microcomputers for future STEM projects in Mrs. Adamson's classroom.



School News

Preschool Literacy Fun!



On Monday, October 31st, Tri County Preschool partnered with families to support students in their literacy development by hosting a Halloween Literacy Celebration. The event was hosted in our preschool classrooms at Edgerton. Each classroom had 6 literacy activities in each classroom that parents and students participated in.

At each activity, there were also packets provided for parents to take that introduced other ways they could support literacy at home. After the literacy activities were over, students paraded around Edgerton in their Halloween costumes. Preschool families were able to line up along the sidewalks and pass out candy while the preschoolers paraded around the building. This event had an excellent turn out!



Upcoming Preschool Event - Annual Gingerbread House Night

On Tuesday, December 6th, the preschool will be hosting our annual Gingerbread House Night from 5:30pm-6:30pm in the Edgerton Gymnasium. All preschool families in our GSRP, Head Start and ECSE programs are invited to join their students and their teachers in making gingerbread houses. Invitations to this event were sent home with students the week of November 7th.

New Online Ticketing Purchasing Available For Winter Sports

The Athletic Dept. is implementing a new ticketing system to make online tickets sales available for all home events and some away events, beginning with the winter sports seasons. Tickets can now be purchased through GOFAN. Just go to www.gofan.co and following the prompts to find all scheduled TC sporting events offering online ticket purchases. Tickets to some away events may not be available as only schools that offer the GOFAN option will have tickets available online. Tickets are still available for purchase at the door using cash or credit card.

Questions?? Contact the Athletic Dept. at 231-937-4338



Fall Athletic Highlights



It was a busy fall here in Viking country, with our fall teams competing well this season. Our Varsity Football team were League Co-Champs, celebrating this achievement for the first time since 2004, and qualifying for the playoffs for the 9th time in school history, and the 4th time in 5 years.

Our Varsity Cross Country team has a successful season, with many of their runners setting personal best records throughout the season. Senior Ramon Hernandez qualified for the State meet, finishing 102nd in the state with a time of 17.17. Congratulations Ramon!



WE ARE TC!



CONGRATULATIONS To Our Fall All Conference Athletes

Back row (L to R): Stuart Gould (Football), Chase Dewey (Football), David Sheehan (Football), Owen Behrenwald (Football), Mike Stout (Football), Logan Hallman (Football), Ramon Hernandez (Cross Country)

Middle Row (L to R): Parys Briggs (Soccer), Jared Pell (Soccer), Jason Dewey (Football), Blake Nelson (Football), Trent Behrenwald (Football), Ian Boden (Football), Gavin Rykse (Cross Country)

Front Row (L to R): Addisyn Sipole (Golf), Lexi Gleason (Volleyball), Anna Pake (Cross Country), Liberty Durian (Volleyball)

Not pictured: Alex Culver (Cross Country) and Natalie Schulz (Cross Country)

Congratulations to Senior Madalynn Laskey for signing with Alma College to be part of the Fighting Scots Stunt, Competitive Cheer, and Sideline Cheer teams.



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Congratulations to long-time TC Wrestling Coach, Mike Vanderhyde, on his induction to the Michigan Wrestling Association (MWA) Hall of Fame!

Coach Vanderhyde has been involved with the Tri County Wrestling program for over 30 years. He started at the middle school level in 1990, and was the Varsity Head Coach from 1991-2006. He is still working with our TC wrestlers as an assistant coach since 2007. In 2001, Mike was named the MHSAA Coach of the Year.

Coach Vanderhyde has coached numerous State Champions during his tenure here at TC, and is a State Champ himself, winning his title in 1973. He also wrestled at the college level at Grand Valley. Mike's induction into the MWA Hall of Fame is well deserved. Thank you Mike for your years of dedication to our TC students and athletes.

Pictured with Coach Vanderhyde are some of his former wrestlers. Back Row (L to R): Buddy Thompson (3 time State Champ), Dale Compagnari (State Champ '93), Coach Vanderhyde, Michael Vanderhyde, Corey Renner, Brandon Lane. Front Row (L to R): Chris Eggleston, Jeremiah Gitchel, (state Champ '99), Brandon Ringler, and Coach Nick Renner.



Winter Sports Schedules

Varsity Basketball - Boys

Tue	Dec 6	Greenville	(H)	7:00 pm
Fri	Dec 9	White Cloud	(A)	7:30 pm
Tue	Dec 13	Pine River	(H)	7:00 pm
Fri	Dec 16	Chippewa Hills	(H)	7:30 pm
Tue	Jan 3	Fremont	(A)	7:00 pm
Fri	Jan 6	Central Montcalm	(A)	7:30 pm
Tue	Jan 10	Lakeview	(A)	7:00 pm
Fri	Jan 13	Kent City	(H)	7:30 pm
Fri	Jan 20	Grant	(A)	7:30 pm
Tue	Jan 24	Morley Stanwood	(H)	7:00 pm
Fri	Jan 27	Lakeview	(A)	7:30 pm
Tue	Jan 31	Hastings	(A)	7:00 pm
Fri	Feb 3	Reed City	(H)	7:30 pm
Tue	Feb 7	Grant	(H)	7:00 pm
Fri	Feb 10	Newaygo	(A)	7:30 pm
Tue	Feb 14	Morley Stanwood	(A)	7:00 pm
Fri	Feb 24	Big Rapids	(H)	7:00 pm
Tue	Feb 28	CSAA Tourn (R1)	(H)	7:00 pm
Thur	Mar 2	CSAA Tourn (R2)	(H)	7:00 pm

Home (H)
Away (A)



Varsity Basketball - Girls

Fri	Dec 2	Big Rapids	(H)	7:00 pm
Tue	Dec 6	Greenville	(A)	7:00 pm
Fri	Dec 9	White Cloud	(A)	6:00 pm
Mon	Dec 12	Pine River	(A)	7:00 pm
Fri	Dec 16	Chippewa Hills	(H)	6:00 pm
Tue	Jan 3	Fremont	(A)	5:30 pm
Fri	Jan 6	Central Montcalm	(A)	6:00 pm
Tue	Jan 10	Lakeview	(H)	7:00 pm
Fri	Jan 13	Kent City	(H)	6:00 pm
Fri	Jan 20	Grant	(A)	6:00 pm
Tue	Jan 24	Morley Stanwood	(A)	7:00 pm
Fri	Jan 27	Lakeview	(A)	6:00 pm
Tue	Jan 31	Cedar Springs	(H)	7:00 pm
Fri	Feb 3	Reed City	(H)	6:00 pm
Tue	Feb 7	Grant	(H)	5:30 pm
Fri	Feb 10	Newaygo	(A)	6:00 pm
Tue	Feb 14	Morley Stanwood	(H)	7:00 pm
Tue	Feb 21	CSAA Tourn (R1)	(H)	7:00 pm
Thur	Feb 23	CSAA Tourn (R2)	(H)	7:00 pm

Varsity Wrestling

Wed	Dec 7	Belding	(H)	5:00 pm
Sat	Dec 10	Tournament	(H)	9:00 am
Sat	Dec 17	Hart Invitational	(A)	TBA
Wed	Dec 28	Grandville Invitational	(A)	9:00 am-
Wed	Jan 4	Chip Hills* (TC v CH/TC v Lake)	(A*)	5:00 pm
Sat	Jan 7	Allendale HS Tourney	(A)	9:30 am-
Wed	Jan 11	Big Rapids* (TC v BR/TC v KC)	(A*)	5:00 pm
Sat	Jan 14	Sparta Invitational	(A)	10:00 am-
Wed	Jan 18	Grant* (TC v Grant/TC v RC)	(A*)	5:00 pm
Sat	Jan 21	Mancelona Tourney	(A)	TBA
Wed	Jan 25	Central Mont* (TC v CM/TC v GR)	(A*)	5:00 pm
Sat	Feb 4	CSAA Conf Championship @ Grant	(A)	9:00 am

Varsity Competitive Cheer

Sat	Dec 10	Shepherd Invite	(A)	TBA
Fri	Dec 16	West Catholic Invite	(A)	TBA
Fri	Jan 6	Richmond HS	(A)	TBA
Mon	Jan 9	CSAA League Meet @ Grant	(A)	5:30 pm
Sat	Jan 14	Stoney Creek (Stoney Invite)	(A)	TBA
Sat	Jan 21	West Catholic HS Invite	(A)	TBA
Mon	Jan 23	CSAA League Meet @ Chip Hills	(A)	5:30 pm
Sat	Jan 28	LMCCOA Invite @ Byron Ctr	(A)	TBA
Sat	Feb 4	Forest Hills Northeren Invite	(A)	10:00am
Mon	Feb 6	Grant (CSAA League Meet)	(H)	5:30 pm
Fri	Feb 10	Shepherd Invite	(A)	TBA
Wed	Feb 15	Comstock Park Invite	(A)	TBA
Sat	Feb 25	Regionals @ Rockford	(A)	TBA
Sat	Feb 19	District @ Alma HS	(A)	TBA

For all other sports related info and schedules, please visit our [Tri County website](#) or [TC Athletics Facebook page](#).

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