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Dear Tiger family,

Here are this week's updates:

Catch the 2nd Edition of *Eye of the Tiger*!

We are excited to present to you the 2nd edition of *Eye of the Tiger*! *Eye of the Tiger* is produced by students in Mr. Casey Kirtley's Broadcast Journalism class at Twinsburg High School. The 2nd edition of *Eye of the Tiger* features Twinsburg High School senior Aidan Booker's story about our PAWS on Child Hunger Program as well as senior Layla Tanner's story about Wilcox Primary School and Samuel Bissell Elementary School Art teacher Mr. David Ockuly. Twinsburg High School senior Dwon Ruffin served as cameraman and he also edited this edition. Dwon is the son of Stephanie Anderson of Twinsburg, Layla is the daughter of Justin & Kara Tanner of Twinsburg, and Aidan is the son of Karl & Cynthia Booker of Twinsburg. You can view this edition of *Eye of the Tiger* at: https://drive.google.com/file/d/19St2hkEg57o5mYT_hBqN0Q-7bgaZQ1Fj/view?usp=sharing We hope you enjoy the show!

More Great News for Our Lady Tiger Gymnastics Team!

As reported in last week's Update, on January 20, 2024, our Lady Tiger Gymnastics Team won 1st place in a meet against Nordonia, Hudson, Stow-Munroe Falls, Walsh Jesuit, and St. Vincent/St. Mary High Schools, scoring a team score of 141.200. This very impressive score is a new school record as the former record was 138! You can learn more about our Lady Tigers and their season at: <https://mycommunityfocus.app/programs/twingsgymnast24>. Way to go, Head Coach Maggie Benedetti and our Lady Tigers!

Metal Detector Wand Implementation

In order to protect the health, welfare and safety of students, staff members, and visitors and as part of our evolving School Safety Plan, the Twinsburg Board of Education approved revised Board Policy 7440 which authorizes the use of metal detector wands on school property. Recently, the District secured Safety Grant funds from the State of Ohio of which a portion has been used to purchase metal detector wands. It is the intention to use the metal detector wands initially at Twinsburg High School during intermittent safety checks as well as at District events.

In the coming week, THS Principal Emily Hunt and the administrative team will introduce our high school students to the procedures we will use during a metal detector wand search. Thereafter, we will begin to implement these searches intermittently, as the need arises. Attached to this week's Update is a document that describes the process that will be used during these searches. The metal detector wands will detect metal objects including vape devices and weapons. We hope the intermittent use of the metal detector wands will deter inappropriate behavior and enhance our safe learning environment.

Unwavering Commitment - Unlimited Possibilities



Text Messaging District Communication

Effective the week of January 29th, we will begin to send parent notification about late school buses, calamity days, or emergency situations by way of text message in addition to our normal email messages and phone calls (as appropriate).

If you do not receive a text message when you receive an email about a late school bus, calamity day, or emergency situation, please contact Carol Friihauf at cfriihauf@twinsburgcsd.org to update your contact information.

Twinsburg Schools Foundation Seeks Trustees

The Twinsburg Schools Foundation is expanding its Board of Trustees and the Foundation is now accepting applications to fill vacant positions. Openings are available to anyone who either resides or works in the school district or is a Twinsburg City School District alumnus.

To learn more or apply for this volunteer organization, go to www.TwinsburgSchoolsFoundation.org. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply no later than Friday, February 9, 2024. Any additional questions can be sent to Mark Annichine, Board Chair, at twinsburgschoolsfoundation@gmail.com.

The Twinsburg Schools Foundation is a nonprofit organization formed in 2018 to enhance the overall environment and experience of the Twinsburg City School District by providing resources to assist staff and students in the pursuit of educational excellence. The Foundation offers grants to encourage teacher and student creativity, and it aims to build the involvement of the community in the support of the schools.

Mark Your Calendar Now...Twinsburg Council PTA's Black History Program

Twinsburg Council PTA's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee will present a Black History Program on Monday, February 5th beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Commons and Auditorium at Twinsburg High School. Please see the attached flyer for details and plan to join us!

Everyone's An Artist – Artistry Unleashed!

Please plan to join us for arts and crafts on Saturday, February 24th at the Twinsburg Community Center between 10:00 a.m. – noon at *Everyone's an Artist – Artistry Unleashed!* Special thanks to our Parent Mentor, Mrs. Tisha Eisenhuth, for co-sponsoring this event along with the City of Twinsburg and the Parent Mentors from Solon City School District, Hudson City School District, and Nordon Hills City School District. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Have a great week!
Kathi Powers
Superintendent

