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Dear Tiger family,

Here are this week's updates:

The 2023 Homecoming Festivities Were Fantastic!

I hope you were able to join us for Friday night's Homecoming festivities which included the Homecoming Parade and football game. We thank our Alumni Cheerleaders, our Alumni Band, and of course our Grand Marshal Mike Sherer for making the evening such a special event. We also congratulate the new members of the Twinsburg Athletic Boosters Hall of Fame - Scott Effross (baseball), Mike Labry (wrestling), Justin Szydlowski (baseball), and Garrett Crichlow (track) – who were inducted on Friday evening. Finally, we congratulate the 2023 Homecoming Court especially our 2023 Homecoming King & Queen, James Ding and Elisa Unangst! James is the son of Zhendong Ding and Ping Zhang of Reminderville and Elisa is the daughter of Eric & Michelle Unangst of Twinsburg. Topping off the evening was the victory by our Varsity football team, with a 42-7 win over the Brush Arcs. And of course, our THS students enjoyed a fabulous 2023 Homecoming Dance under the stars at Tiger Stadium on Saturday evening. We hope everyone had a wonderful time.

Thank you, Rotary Club of Twinsburg

Each year, members of the Rotary Club of Twinsburg present our third grade students with personal dictionaries. This wonderful tradition continued last week as the Rotarians visited Samuel Bissell Elementary School to deliver the dictionaries. Our Bissell Tigers were very excited to receive their personal dictionaries! Thank you Rotary Club of Twinsburg for your generosity and for your support our Tigers. See the attached photo of Mrs. Doyle's students and their new dictionaries!

Important Information about FAFSA

Annually, Twinsburg High School seniors complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as an avenue to qualify for federal Pell grants which are worth up to nearly \$30,000 over four years, the Ohio College Opportunity Grant, and many other forms of state and federal financial aid. While about 50% of Ohio students who complete the FAFSA qualify for Pell grants, Ohio students who don't complete the application leave more than \$108 million in unclaimed financial aid "on the table" each year.

In past years, FAFSA opened on October 1st, however, the U.S. Department of Education is preparing an updated FAFSA which will launch in December. In preparation for this launch, seniors are asked to create a federal student aid account (FSA ID). This is required for the FAFSA. Doing so now will speed up the process for parents/guardians and students later. To learn more, Twinsburg High School parents/guardians and seniors should visit the following website: <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

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COVID-19 Test Kits Are Available to TCSD Families

Just a reminder that we received our order of COVID-19 Test Kits from the Ohio Department of Health. Parents/guardians or staff members interested in picking up a test kit should submit their request to: testingkitrequests@twinsburgcsd.org. Test kits must be picked up from the Twinsburg Board of Education Office, 11136 Ravenna Road. Please note that you must request a test kit through the aforementioned email and receive a response from our District Nurse prior to coming to the Board of Education Office to pick up the test kit.

October is *Ohio School Safety Month*

HB583 of the 134th General Assembly designated October as *School Safety Month* in Ohio to increase public awareness of school safety programs and to encourage everyone to identify their role in keeping Ohio schools safe places for students to learn and grow and for staff members to work.

Thus, it is most appropriate that our October edition of *Twinsburg Schools Today* features information about the ways the District is using its Ohio Safety & Security Grants to purchase and implement new equipment such as vape detectors, security cameras and radios, and metal detector wands. Our Business Manager Mr. Matt Strickland provides details on the first segment of our show. Our second segment features our Director of Human Resources Mrs. Belinda McKinney who co-chairs the District's Equity Steering Committee with me. Mrs. McKinney shares information about the work of this important committee. You can access our October *Twinsburg Schools Today* show at: <https://mycommunityfocus.app/programs/tst-oct2023>

Mark Your Calendar Now for the TCSD Unity Day, October 18th

The month of October is also *National Bullying Prevention Month*. Unity Day will be October's signature event in our District and this year, Unity Day is sponsored by the Twinsburg City School District's Equity Steering Committee. Unity Day is October 18th and it is meant to promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion to prevent bullying. The TCSD Equity Steering Committee is asking all Tigers to wear orange on October 18th as we unite for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.

This week, our RB Chamberlin Middle School 8th graders and chaperones head to our nation's capital. We hope everyone has a fantastic time making memories in Washington DC!

Have a great week!
Kathi Powers, Superintendent

