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Dear Tiger family,

Here are this week's updates:

Awesome News to Share!

Last Tuesday, we learned that the *U.S. News & World Reports* released its ranking of the "best" high schools in the nation. Once again this year, I am delighted to tell you that Twinsburg High School continues to be ranked as one of the very best high schools in northeast Ohio, in the state of Ohio and in the nation! This year, the *U.S. News & World Reports* ranked Twinsburg High School #4 out of 52 high schools in the Akron Metro Ohio area, #57 in Ohio out of 1,011 high schools, and #1,510 in the nation out of 17,680 high schools in the nation. This means that THS ranks in the top 6% of high schools in Ohio and is also ranked in the top 9% of all high schools nationally!

Congratulations to Principal Emily Hunt, former Principal Brian Linn, and the entire THS staff for this prestigious accomplishment! Although this solely ranks the high school, we can all celebrate in this accomplishment as our Tigers are guided along the path of learning from their first days at Wilcox Primary School all the way to graduation from Twinsburg High School!

Community Focus Features Tiger Varsity Boys Soccer Team on Varsity Digest!

Take a look at the most recent edition of *Varsity Digest* which features Head Varsity Soccer Coach Mike Lally and our Tiger Varsity Boys' Soccer Team! In addition to this link, you can catch *Varsity Digest* on InFocus on Spectrum 1021 beginning Wednesday, September 6th at 7:00 p.m.:
<https://mycommunityfocus.app/programs/vd-twins-boys-soccer>

Twinsburg Schools Today – September Edition

Twinsburg Schools Today returns with our September edition! This month, Business Manager Matt Strickland discusses the District's Summer Projects and Twinsburg High School Principal Emily Hunt introduces herself to our community. You can view this month's edition of *Twinsburg Schools Today* at: <https://mycommunityfocus.app/programs/tst-sept2023>

Congratulations to Mrs. Luetete!

Congratulations to George G. Dodge Intermediate School Art educator Mrs. Dawn Luetete who recently received the fantastic news that she was named the 2023 recipient of the *Outstanding Art Teacher Award* by the Ohio Art Education Association (OAEA) for our region of Ohio! In part, Mrs. Luetete's award letter states, "You have demonstrated a long-term commitment to supporting the visual arts and have impacted your region of Ohio in a positive way." We are all Tiger Proud of Mrs. Luetete and we thank her for her enthusiastic approach to teaching Art to our intermediate school Tigers!

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Exciting News to Share about THS Sophomore A’Nyia Jones!

Twinsburg High School sophomore A’Nyia Jones, daughter of Brandon & Alyce Jones of Reminderville. has been participating in the ACE Mentor Program of Greater Akron-Canton. Through this program, A’Nyia is gaining experience in her dream career of Architect/Interior Designer. Check out the story at:

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/ace-mentor-program-of-greater-akron_meet-future-architectinterior-designer-anyia-activity-7101891988920156160-Ysks?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop

Way to go, A’Nyia!

Congratulations to Ms. Coseno & Mrs. Smalheer!

Congratulations to RB Chamberlin Middle School educators Ms. Jodie Coseno and Mrs. Laura Smalheer who recently learned that their grant proposal submitted to the Twinsburg Schools Foundation was funded for a little over \$2,600! The funded project is entitled: M.A.T.H. Project: Motivating Advanced Thinking Habits. We cannot wait to see this innovative project come alive for our middle school Tigers! We are very grateful to the Twinsburg Schools Foundation for their continued support of our school district. Way to go, Ms. Coseno & Mrs. Smalheer!

Our Girl Scouts are On the Move!

As this is the “last weekend of summer” it is appropriate to share a few fun events that Girl Scout Troop 90720 enjoyed over the last few months. In June, the girls visited the Buffalo and Erie County Naval Museum and spent the night aboard USS Little Rock before then taking a visit to Niagara Falls. In July, the girls had a blast on a giant paddle board on Lake Erie. And, rounding out the summer, in August, they took a 4-day trip to Carter Caves in Kentucky and explored several caves and trails including a wild cave tour! We thank Mrs. Crystal Gates for sharing our Tigers’ summer time memories with us! See the attached photos...

A Word About School Transportation

Last week was particularly concerning for our student athletes, coaches, and parents. Although we made great strides in rerouting our school buses for arrival and dismissal for our school routes, timely transportation to athletic events continues to be a struggle. The fact remains that staffing levels in our Transportation Department continue to be lower than needed. This is not just a TCSD problem, it is a statewide problem.

Regardless, we recognize that our students need to arrive at afternoon and evening activities in a much more timely manner than they have been experiencing. To that end, the Board of Education is expected to take action at their meeting on September 6th which would allow parents/guardians to carpool to events at which we are unable to provide school transportation in a timely manner. Further, we are collaborating with the Twinsburg School Support Association (TSSA) to develop options for substitute school bus drivers.

We recognize that transportation is important to successful athletic and extra-curricular programs and we are committed to ensuring this situation is resolved as soon as possible.

Labor Day is Monday, September 4th. Our District will be closed to celebrate and honor all American workers. I hope you have a wonderful holiday weekend!

Sincerely,
Kathi Powers, Superintendent





