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Dear Tiger Family:

Here is this week's news:

Haunted School Bus is a Hit at the Halloween Spook-tacular!

On Saturday, October 19th, our Haunted School Bus traveled to Glen Chamberlin Park as part of the City of Twinsburg's Halloween Spook-tacular! It was a beautiful day and many of our students dared to venture into the bus which was ghoulishly decorated by Mrs. Ashley Tornow's THS Art Club students! Fun was had by one and all! Hope you had a chance to stop by for a little treat.



Unwavering Commitment – Unlimited Possibilities





Speaking of Our Artistic Students...

Each year, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) invites high school students to decorate snowplows in their "Paint the Plows" design contest and this year is no exception! Over at Twinsburg High School, our artistic Tigers were invited to submit designs for this year's THS plow. This year's winning design was submitted by THS senior Aniyah Pickens! Aniyah is the daughter of Jermaine & Oanh Pickens of Reminderville. Check out the photos of Aniyah and some of her artistic friends who are busy transferring Aniyah's design from paper to the plow. We cannot wait to see the end result! Way to go, Aniyah!





Here is This Week's Fall Sports Update:

Boys' Soccer:

Congratulations to the Varsity Boys' Soccer Team who started OHSA Tournament Play earlier this weekend with a 7-0 victory over Brush in the Sectional Championship Game! The Tigers now advance to this Thursday night's District Semifinal Game at 7:00 p.m. against Padua at Tiger Stadium. Congratulations to Coach Lally and the Tigers on an outstanding start to the postseason!

Cross Country:

The Girls' Cross Country Team ran some outstanding races at the OHSA District Meet in Madison on Saturday to finish in 4th place overall in Division 1 and qualify as a team for next week's Regional Championship Cross Country Meet in Boardman! Sam Hopp also finished as the Division 1 District Runner-Up to qualify him for next weekend's Regional Meet in Boardman. Congratulations to Sam and our Lady Tiger Cross Country Team! They are just one step away from the OHSA State Championship Meet in Columbus in two weeks!



Cheerleading:

A huge thank you goes out to a group of individuals who spent their entire Fall Sports Season supporting others and keeping the spirit alive at Twinsburg High School, our Varsity Cheerleading Squad! This fantastic group has been so fun to watch this year, and we truly thank them for all that they do to support our Tigers. On Monday night, November 4th, at Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School, our Varsity Cheerleading Squad will compete in the annual Suburban League Cheerleading Championship. Mark your calendar now and plan to come out and support this very spirited group of Tigers!



Playoff Events This Week:

* Monday, October 21st - Varsity Girls' Soccer OHSAA District Semifinal Game vs. Akron Firestone @ 7:00 p.m. Tiger Stadium

* Wednesday, October 23rd - Varsity Volleyball OHSAA District Semifinal Game vs. Painesville Riverside @ 5:00 p.m. @ Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School

* Thursday, October 24th - Varsity Boys' Soccer OHSAA District Semifinal Game vs. Padua HS @ 7:00 p.m. @ Tiger Stadium

* Saturday, October 26th - Cross Country @ OHSAA Regional Championship Meet @ Boardman HS



Let's go, Tigers!

Tiger Legacy Project Update:

Last week, members of the Twinsburg Board of Education, Central Office administrators, and our elementary school principals traveled to Brecksville-Broadview Heights Elementary School. This school is similar in concept to the PreK-6 grade elementary school proposed as part of the *Tiger Legacy Project*. The work of designing our proposed PreK-6 elementary school will not begin until after the results of the November 5th election are known. Thereafter, it would be our intention to engage members of the school community in the design process. The Brecksville-Broadview Heights Elementary School, opened just two years ago, is similar in concept to our proposed PreK-6 elementary school. I was able to obtain a copy of a video which was produced for the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District during the construction of their new elementary school. You are able to access the video here: <https://vimeo.com/750114798?&signup=true#> =



Connections Students Attend Ohio Builds Expo

On Thursday, October 17th, students in the *Connections* course at Twinsburg High School, along with instructor Mr. Mike Bell and Curriculum Supervisor Mr. Alex Popovich, attending the Akron Canton Ohio Builds Expo at the Summit County Fairgrounds. The event featured many local unions and companies showcasing a variety of trades for students to explore. The hands-on interactive displays were phenomenal and the event was impressively organized and attended by over 30 local school districts. From laying bricks to operating an excavator, students were able to try out many different tricks of the trade, and interact with some very engaging adults who are passionate about their fields.



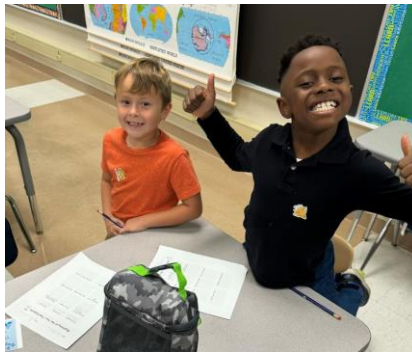
KSU Interns Lend Helping Hands at Dodge

For years, George G. Dodge Intermediate School has partnered with Kent State University's Middle Childhood Education Program to pair KSU interns with Dodge teachers every Thursday for the duration of the first semester. Interns can be seen outside at pick up and drop off, working with small groups of students to support reading and math instruction, observing administrative meetings, attending parent conferences, and preparing bulletin boards. Dodge loves partnering with KSU and we know our Dodge Tigers love to see the KSU interns each Thursday.



Bissell's New Student Social

On Wednesday, October 9th, Samuel Bissell Elementary School Counselor Mrs. Sara Braun, along with Beech Brook Social Worker Ms. Christine Haught, organized the school's first ever *New Student Social*. All 2nd and 3rd grade students who are new to the TCSD this school year gathered during lunch and recess to receive a welcome gift, get to know one another, and create their own beginning of the year time capsules. The time capsules will be returned to the students at the end of the school year, allowing our Bissell Tigers to reflect on their growth and development throughout the school year! Thank you Mrs. Braun and Ms. Haught for hosting such a wonderful event!



Great Expectations Performs Fall Concert

On Wednesday, October 16th, the *Great Expectations* Show Choir performed their Fall Benefit Concert. Audience members enjoyed performances by *GE* as well as by several outstanding student soloists, while also being served dinner by student volunteers from *Blue Harmony* and the *RBC Singers*. The concert featured songs from Broadway musicals including *Hamilton*, *Dear Evan Hansen*, *Into the Woods*, and many more. *GE* will perform next at their Winter Concert on December 17th. Bravo, *GE*!



Hats On for Hurricane Relief - Friday, October 25th

The Twinsburg City School District is sponsoring the *Hats on for Hurricane Relief* fundraiser for the victims of Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. We are asking our Tigers to donate at least \$1.00 and then to wear a hat to school on Friday, October 25th. Checks may be made payable to the American Red Cross. All donations will be forwarded to the American Red Cross. Let's show care and support for the victims of these hurricanes by putting our *Hats on for Hurricane Relief* on Friday, October 25th!



**Donate
\$1
or more!**

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Mark Your Calendars Now for the THS After Prom Committee's Fall Craft Fair!



Date: Saturday, November 16


Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: THS Commons & Gymnasium

Admission: \$3




Tiger Legacy Project - Know the Facts!

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KNOW THE FACTS

The Twinsburg Board of Education has placed a bond levy on the November 5, 2024 ballot to address aging elementary buildings and athletic facilities. This decision comes after years of planning and engagement with the community.

TIGER LEGACY PROJECT: Community-guided Plan for the Future



2016: Development of TCSD Comprehensive Strategic Plan begins during which stakeholders identified District Goals including Facilities Planning

2018: The BOE authorizes the Strategic Plan. The Facilities Master Plan is updated to include the Conceptual Legacy Project, which is the proposed building project

2020: Pause due to COVID-19 pandemic

2021: Facilities planning prioritized by the Board of Education. The project is renamed, The Tiger Legacy Project

2022: Community engagement resumes

2023: Facilities assessments and enrollment projections are updated through the District's partnership with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC)'s Expedited Local Partnership Program (ELPP)

KEY PROJECTS:

New PK-6 Elementary School

- Modern, consolidated facility for our youngest learners
- State-of-the-art resources for young learners
- Replaces Wilcox Primary School, Samuel Bissell Elementary School, and George G. Dodge Intermediate School

Relocate Tiger Stadium to Twinsburg High School Campus

- Moving Tiger Stadium provides the space for construction of the new PK-6 grade Elementary School, eliminating the need to purchase additional land for this project
- Centralized athletic facilities
- Increased accessibility for students and the community

Move Athletic Fields to Dodge Property

- Optimized space usage
- Improved functionality for athletic programs

CURRENT CHALLENGES: Addressing Costly & Inefficient School Buildings

! RISING COSTS: Labor and resources are becoming more expensive

FACILITIES ASSESSMENT: Four out of five schools (excluding Twinsburg High School) need renovations costing 66% or more of the price to build new

ATHLETIC FACILITIES: Immediate attention required:

TRACK AT TIGER STADIUM: Emergency repairs were necessary in Spring 2024; more upgrades needed

TURF AT TIGER STADIUM: Nearing end of lifespan

FINANCIAL DETAILS:


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\$107 Million Bond

4.27 Mills for 36 years
at an estimated 5% interest rate

COST TO TAXPAYERS:
\$149 per \$100K of appraised property value annually

NO ZERO COST OPTION:
Maintaining old buildings is costly, requiring continuous repairs

For the latest information visit the Twinsburg City School District website. 

Report Cards will be issued on Friday, October 25th.

Have a great week - Go Tigers!
Kathi Powers, Superintendent



