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Happy Fall, Tiger Family!

Here is this week's news:

## **Congratulations to Our National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists!**

We are delighted to share that Twinsburg High School seniors Aria Gebby, Jaren Jenyk, and Norah Kremer have earned the distinction of being National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for National Merit Scholarships. Last year, nearly \$28 million was awarded in scholarships. About 95% of the Semi-Finalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and about half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship. Aria is the daughter of Andy & Lisa Gebby of Twinsburg; Jaren is the son of Joe & Amy Jenyk of Twinsburg Township; and Norah is the daughter of Matthew & Shelley Kremer of Twinsburg. We are Tiger Proud of Aria, Jaren, and Norah and we wish them all continued success!



## **More Twinsburg High School Students Picked for Top Honors!**

Twinsburg High School senior Ryan Kramer was recently selected to perform as a member of the Ohio Music Education Association's 2025 All-State Band! Top high school musicians from all over Ohio audition each year for a chance to be selected for this prestigious group. Ryan is an exceptional clarinetist and student leader in the THS Band Program. He currently serves as our Senior Drum Major for the Tiger Marching Band. Ryan is the son of Doug & Amy Kramer of Twinsburg and his siblings, Max and Noah are also members of our Band Program. We hope to see his youngest sibling, Tessa, join the Band when she is a 5th grader!

*Unwavering Commitment – Unlimited Possibilities*



Additionally, Twinsburg High School senior Brianna Nemec was recently selected as an OMEA All-State Band Alternate. Brianna is a fantastic trumpet player, and her acceptance as an OMEA All-State Alternate is also an impressive achievement! Brianna is the daughter of Brian & Loida Nemec of Reminderville. Two of Brianna's older siblings were also members of our Tiger Band: Jeremy, Class of 2018 and Justin, Class of 2022.

The 2025 OMEA All-State Band will perform on Saturday, February 8th at the Huntington Convention Center Ballroom in Cleveland as part of the 2025 OMEA Professional Development Conference. Bravo, Ryan and Brianna, upon these very notable accomplishments! And, special thanks to Mr. Ryan Bonitz, Ms. Samantha Gossett, and Mr. Tom Resnick for their leadership!



### **Tiger Football Lends a Hand**

On the morning of September 7th, members of our Tiger Football team, along with their Head Coach Charles Saulter, headed to The Emergency Assistance Center to unload our school bus which had been filled with donations from this year's Fill the Bus Campaign. Our Tigers donated 1,246 pounds of food to this year's campaign. We sincerely appreciate everyone's donations and we also appreciate Coach Saulter and our Tiger Football Team for their help in ensuring that the donations were delivered to The Emergency Assistance Center. Thanks, one and all, for caring about our neighbors in need.



### Twinsburg High School Band-Art Collaboration

Students in Mrs. Ashley Tornow's AP Studio and Independent Study classes repurposed drumheads for the THS, RBC, and Dodge Band rooms to use as decor. Students each submitted an individual design. Their classmates voted and the top designs were chosen to blow up onto the drum heads! Mrs. Tornow and her students were so excited to collaborate with their fellow (musical) artists! A special thank you to Mr. Bonitz and Ms. Gossett for reaching out to Mrs. Tornow to make this collaboration come to life and for supplying the visual arts students with their canvases – the drums!



### **Fathers' Walk 2024**

Samuel Bissell Elementary School's and George G. Dodge Intermediate School's fathers and father-figures enjoyed a fantastic sun-filled morning, taking a special walk with their children on September 19, 2024. This event is part of the Healthy Fathering Collaborative Fathers' Walk, a day designated each year for schools in Summit and surrounding counties to host a Fathers' Walk, highlighting the importance of males in their children's education. Special thanks to Mr. Gerald Ford and Mr. Mark Annichine for sharing their insights at the Dodge Fathers' Day program. And, we thank our Bissell and Dodge PTAs for their support of our Fathers' Walks!





### **Advancements in Metal Detection**

As you may recall, during the 2023/2024 school year, the District used metal detection wands for intermittent safety searches at Twinsburg High School. Given the labor and time intensive nature of wand metal detection searches, the Board of Education authorized the purchase of free-standing, portable metal detection devices. These devices were purchased with Safety Grant funds the District had secured. In the upcoming weeks, administrative and security personnel will be trained in the proper use of these new metal detection devices. We will then begin to intermittently use the free-standing, portable metal detection devices, as well as the metal detection wands, at various locations, including athletic events, in our school district.

### **Twinsburg High School's After Prom Committee Asks For Your Assistance**

The After Prom Committee is launching the \$25 for '25 Campaign! They are asking parents, families, and friends to donate \$25 (or more) to help fund an unforgettable After Prom for our Class of 2025. Your donation will help the After Prom Committee provide a fun, substance-free celebration for our seniors and every dollar counts. You can donate online at: [\\$25 for the Class of 2025 - Cheddar Up](#) Thanks for your consideration and support!

### **Community Conversations Continue About the Tiger Legacy Project**

Please plan to join us at an upcoming Community Conversation about the Tiger Legacy Project, the Twinsburg City School District's proposed construction project:

- Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at George G. Dodge Intermediate School - Media Center
- Monday, September 30, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Samuel Bissell Elementary School – Cafeteria –  
This session will be livestreamed on the District YouTube channel at: [tcsdstudenteventsch1](#)
- Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at Wilcox Primary School – Multi-Purpose Room

(3-D Rendering of Front of Proposed Elementary School)



Please join us to learn more about this exciting, proposed construction project!

Have a great week - Let's go, Tigers!  
Kathi Powers, Superintendent

