

# TWINSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Tiger Family:

I hope this school year is off to a fantastic start for your family! We are excited to begin a new year of learning and growth for our students.

In an effort to keep you updated with Twinsburg City School District news, I will send our TCSD Weekly Update to your inboxes on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. I hope you find the information helpful and of interest to you.

## **School Closings or Delays**

If you read the most recent Farmer's Almanac, it appears that we are in for a cold, wet, and snowy winter. The potential for school closings and delays may occur during the 2024/2025 school year. The determination as to whether school is closed or delayed begins at approximately 4:00 a.m. School district employees assess the road conditions by driving school district areas. Other area school and city officials are consulted before the final decision is made to delay or close school.

It will always be my intention to make the decision to close or delay school by approximately 5:45 a.m. As soon as the decision is made to delay or close school, an automated ParentSquare message will be sent to parents/guardians and staff members. To allow for a successful automated phone system process to occur, please assist us in making sure your contact information with current phone number(s) is updated. Kindly update your contact information in FinalForms if anything has changed since you submitted information at the beginning of the school year.

In the event of a delayed start to school, that delay will be a two-hour delay. Bus schedules will be adjusted by two (2) hours and the schools will begin two hours after their regularly scheduled start times. The school day will end at the normally scheduled time. A delay is called if we believe that conditions may clear enough for us to have school. Parents/guardians should continue to monitor TV and radio stations because the possibility remains that if the conditions do not improve, school may be cancelled for the entire day. Also, a second ParentSquare message will be sent if, in fact, school closes for the day.

Morning school bus service to the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) and morning Preschool classes will be cancelled in the event of a delay or closing. Private school transportation will also be on the two-hour delay schedule.

It is important for parents/guardians to have a plan in place in the event of a school delay or closing. Children tend to adjust to the situation if you have reviewed your family's plan ahead of time.

Thank you for allowing us to educate your child/children. We will continue to utilize school delays or closings with the students' best interests and safety in mind. Feel free to contact me with any questions.



#### **ParentSquare Urgent Alert Test**

As you know, we have transitioned from Blackboard Connect to ParentSquare for our parent communications. Now that our families have had a chance to update their contact information, we need to test the ParentSquare Urgent Alert to ensure that it is properly working. The ParentSquare Urgent Alert will be the tool used to communicate to you in the event of a Calamity Day, Two-Hour Delay, or other urgent matter.

I want to be sure you are not alarmed by this test of our Urgent Alert, so we have scheduled this test for Wednesday, August 21st at 6:00 p.m. Again, this test ParentSquare Urgent Alert will be sent to your text messages, email, and phones on Wednesday, August 21st at 6:00 p.m. I truly appreciate your understanding and I apologize, in advance, for any inconvenience this may cause.



## Fall Sports and Activities are Underway! Please Support Our Tigers!

We are fortunate to be able to offer our students a full menu of athletic and extra-curricular activities such as our Golf Team, seen in this photo with their Head Coach Mark Annichine, when they competed at Walden Country Club last weekend during the Suburban League #2 Tournament.



The most up-to-date calendar of events can be found on the District website at: <a href="www.twinsburg.k12.oh.us">www.twinsburg.k12.oh.us</a> Please come out and cheer on our Tigers!

## **CVCC's Student Connection Recognizes Senior Christian Milton**

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) provides education for approximately 1,000 high school students through their twenty-five (25) career-technical programs. These students can earn college credit, job field certifications/licenses, and earn state and national skill recognition. CVCC also offers adults and area employers year-round options for daytime, evening and weekend classes.

Twinsburg High School is one (1) of eight (8) public high schools for which students can enroll in programs at CVCC. Each month, CVCC publishes its *Student Connection* which highlights a Twinsburg High School student and his/her accomplishments in their chosen area of study.



In May 2024, the *Student Connection* highlighted then THS junior Christian Milton. I didn't have a chance to include the May 2024 *Student Connection* in my last update of the school year, so I would like to mention Christian and his accomplishments here.



Christian is now a senior at Twinsburg High School and he is enrolled in CVCC's Electrical Systems program. When Christian toured CVCC as an underclassman, he found the hands-on approach of the Electrical Systems program appealing. Beyond academics, Christian is a member of the National Technical Honor Society at CVCC and the National Honor Society at Twinsburg High School. He is also actively involved in basketball, playing as a member of our Tiger Basketball Team as well as the Grassroots Elite travel team. Christian is the grandson of Sylvester & Karen Milton of Twinsburg. You can read more about Christian's success at the CVCC in the attached Student Connection. Way to go, Christian! We are Tiger Proud of you!

## Akron Children's Hospital Become the TCSD's New Healthcare Partner

It is with great pleasure that I inform you that Akron Children's Hospital, School Health Services, will provide school nursing services to the Twinsburg City School District, effective immediately. We were impressed with Akron Children Hospital's priority of keeping students healthy, safe, and ready to learn. We look forward to building our partnership with Akron Children's Hospital and their health and wellness resources.



Our new District Nurse/Clinical Coordinator is Kati Foster, BSN, RN. Nurse Foster comes to our school district with a wealth of experiences and knowledge in school health services. Even better than that is the fact that Nurse Foster is one of our Tiger Moms! Nurse Foster can be reached at 330.486.2361 or by email at kfoster@twinsburgcsd.org Welcome aboard, Nurse Foster!

#### Twinsburg Schools Foundation Announces "Tigers Care 50/50 Raffle"

The Twinsburg Schools Foundation proudly announces its annual "*Tigers Care 50/50 Raffle*". This annual fundraiser supports the mission of the Twinsburg Schools Foundation. The deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, August 30th at 9:00 a.m. with the winner announced at that evening's home football game at Tiger Stadium. The winner could be you!

Tickets are \$20 each or six (6) tickets for \$100. Information and tickets can be found on the Twinsburg Schools Foundation website: <a href="https://twinsburgschoolsfoundation.org/tigers-care-raffle/">https://twinsburgschoolsfoundation.org/tigers-care-raffle/</a>



The Twinsburg Schools Foundation is a non-profit organization that funds classroom initiatives to enhance the educational environment of the Twinsburg City School District. It has provided classroom grants that will benefit many Twinsburg Tigers for years to come. Thank you for supporting the Twinsburg Schools Foundation and their "Tigers Care 50/50 Raffle"!



## A Request from the Twinsburg Public Library

If you visited the Twinsburg Public Library within the last few weeks, you noticed that parking curbs were added to the parking lot. These parking curbs were added with the intention of slowing down traffic by requiring traffic to travel in the proper lanes. Parents, staff members, and students should be mindful of these new parking curbs and travel using the proper lanes when accessing the library's parking lot to enter the high school campus. Doing so will assist in ensuring everyone's safety. Thanks, in advance, for your cooperation!

## **Twinsburg Council PTA Announces Online Fall Spiritwear Sale**

The Twinsburg Council PTA is hosted its annual Online Fall Spiritwear sale through September 15th. Grab some Tiger gear and be ready to cheer on our Tigers in style! See the attached flyer for details.



#### **District Calendar and Annual Report**

A copy of our 2024/2025 District Calendar and Annual Report was mailed to every residence and business in our community. If you did not receive your calendar in the mail and you would like one, please contact the Twinsburg Board of Education Office at 330.486.2000 and request a copy. Otherwise, the complete calendar can be accessed at: https://www.twinsburg.k12.oh.us/Downloads/Twinsburg2024-2025CalendarAnnualReport.pdf



The new school year brings much excitement and anticipation! I look forward to seeing you soon at one of our many District events.

Let's go Tigers! Kathi Powers. Superintendent

