



# TWINSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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December 15, 2024

Dear Tiger Family:

Here is this week's news...

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## 2025/2026 Academic Calendar Is Approved

On Wednesday, December 11th, the Twinsburg Board of Education authorized the 2025/2026 Academic Calendar. A copy is attached to this Weekly Update.



**August 2025**  
14 & 15 - Staff Workdays  
Soft Reopening  
18 - PreK - Grade 9  
19 - PreK - 8, Grades 9-12 Report  
20 - PreK - 6, Grades 7-12 Report  
21 - All Students Report  
29 - Data Day - No School

**September 2025**  
1 - Labor Day - No School  
23 - Rosh Hashanah - No School  
Curriculum / Data Day

**October 2025**  
2 - Yom Kippur  
Curriculum Day - No School  
10 - NEOEA Day - No School  
17 - End of 1st Quarter  
20 - Diwali - No School  
Curriculum / Data Day

**November 2025**  
4 - Election Day - No School  
Professional Meeting Day  
26-28 - Thanksgiving Break

**December 2025**  
19 - End of 2nd Quarter  
22 - Jan 2 - Winter Break  
No School

**January 2026**  
5 - School Resumes  
19 - MLK Day - No School

**February 2026**  
9 - No School  
16 - President's Day - No School

**March 2026**  
13 - End of 3rd Quarter  
20 - Eid el Fitr  
Data Day - No School  
30 - Apr 6 - Spring Break  
No School

**April 2026**  
7 - School Resumes

**May 2026**  
25 - Memorial Day - No School  
28 - Last Day for Students/  
End of 4th Quarter  
29 - Staff Last Day

**1st Quarter - 43 days**  
**2nd Quarter - 42 days**  
**3rd Quarter - 48 days**  
**4th Quarter - 47 days**

EXHIBIT I-15 - Board of Education Meeting December 11, 2024

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### **Elementary Concert Series is a Huge Hit!**

On December 6th, 9th, & 10th, students and staff members from Wilcox Primary School, Samuel Bissell Elementary School, and George G. Dodge Intermediate School traveled to Twinsburg High School for our *1st Annual Elementary Concert Series!* Our elementary students were treated to fantastic concerts by our Twinsburg High School Orchestra, our Great Expectations Show Choir, and by our Twinsburg High School Band. It was a huge undertaking to transport all of our elementary students to the high school, but thanks to team work and coordination, our students benefitted by either being a part of the audience or by performing to full houses. We sincerely appreciate everyone who assisted in any way but we are most grateful to our Music Department Staff: Mr. Damon Conn, Mrs. Claire Jarmusik, Mr. Peter Hampton, Mr. Matt Szekely, Mr. Ryan Bonitz, and Ms. Samantha Gossett and to the amazingly talented students they direct!







### **Bravo, GE!**

On Wednesday, December 11th, our Twinsburg High School Great Expectations Show Choir performed at the Twinsburg Chamber of Commerce Holiday Luncheon! Our GE, under the direction of Mr. Peter Hampton, performed a number of holiday songs along with a great dance routine! They surely put everyone in attendance in the holiday spirit! Bravo, GE!







### **Welcome to Our Tiger Family, Officer Sawyer!**

I am delighted to inform you that Twinsburg police officer Eric Sawyer has joined our Tiger family as the new School Resource Officer at Wilcox Primary School. SRO Sawyer began his new assignment last Monday. Welcome aboard, Officer Sawyer! We are very glad you are here!



### **Talented Tigers Selected for the YSU Honor Band**

Congratulations to the following members of our RB Chamberlin Middle School 8th Grade Band who were selected to the Youngstown State University's Honor Band Festival: Syd Brooks (tuba) - daughter of Crystal Brooks Dillard of Twinsburg and William Porter of South Euclid; Tanvi Saldar (clarinet) - daughter of Harish & Deepika Saldar of Reminderville; Erin Kirbawy (flute) - daughter of Isaac & Renee Kirbawy of Twinsburg; Alyssa Bell (clarinet) - daughter of Marcus & Andrey Bell of Twinsburg; Collin Gamble (tenor saxophone) - son of Jade Green of Twinsburg and Jeremy Gamble of Cuyahoga Falls; Nicky Giancola (trombone) - son of Nate & Vanessa Giancola of Twinsburg; and Nalaya Mells (percussion) - daughter of Natasha Mells of Twinsburg. Students were nominated and selected from a pool of 300 local musicians. Our students will practice on January 10th & 11th on the campus of YSU, preparing for concerts on Saturday, January 11, 2025. Bravo, Tigers!



### **Ms. Pinckney Featured in ODE's Newsletter**

Our very own Ms. Danee Pinckney, Twinsburg High School English teacher and 2025 Ohio Teacher of the Year, is featured in the latest edition of the Ohio Department of Education's "Educator Essential" newsletter! You can read all about Ms. Pinckney's journey in education at: <https://sboe.ohio.gov/educator-standards-and-programs/ohio-teacher-of-the-year/2025-teacher-of-the-year/2025-ohio-teacher-of-the-year-shares-her-journey> Way to go, Ms. Pinckney!

## **2025 Ohio Teacher of the Year Shares Her Journey in Education**



### **Amazing Students in Action!**

On Saturday, December 7th, Adaptive Art Mentors in Mrs. Ashley Tornow's Adaptive Art class, along with several other Twinsburg High School students, volunteered at St. Rita School's Santa's Workshop for friends with exceptionalities. Our students ran face painting and had so much fun meeting new friends. All of this was amazing work by Twinsburg High School Tiger Mom Mrs. Cynthia DelSignore who facilitated the Santa's Workshop! With special thanks to our Tigers for their assistance at this fantastic holiday event: Rehan Abbas - son of Roshan & Neelam Alam of Twinsburg; Teighlor Humbert - daughter of Timothy & Tammara Humbert of Twinsburg; Sawyer Mills - son of Ryan & Kristen Mills of Twinsburg; Emma Spicuzza - daughter of Matt & Jennifer Spicuzza of Reminderville; Lia Falkinburg - daughter of Matt & Renee Falkinburg of Twinsburg; Lillian Cepis - daughter of Lisa Cepis of Twinsburg and Gary Cepis of Northfield; Ava Banach - daughter of Tim & Lisa Banach of Twinsburg; and Keelin Fuentes - son of Uleto & Lisa Fuentes of Twinsburg. Thanks for spreading the holiday spirit, Mrs. Tornow and Tigers!







### **Tigers Compete in Math Day Event at KSU**

On Wednesday, December 4th, a group of Twinsburg High School mathematics students, along with THS Math educators Mr. Russ Chappell and Mr. Mike Porinchak, attended a Math Day event at Kent State University. Over one hundred students from local school districts met to compete in a group math competition and learn about the Mathematics Department and the College of Arts and Sciences at Kent State University. The following Tigers earned awards at Math Day:

\* Honorable Mention - Swayam Arya - son of Sanjeev & Kanchan Arya of Twinsburg; Brian Chen - son of Xiao Chen & Jinping Sun of Twinsburg Township; and Tyler Hines - son of Leo & Julie Hines of Twinsburg (11th & 12th Grade)

\* 2nd Place - Jillian Figelman - daughter of Adrienne Cvetkovic of Twinsburg and Jacob Figelman of Cleveland; and Kevin Shaw - son of Leo & Meredith Shaw of Twinsburg (9th & 10th Grade)

Special thanks to Mr. Chappell and Mr. Porinchak for their inspiration and leadership. Congratulations to all who participated!



### **4th Grade Orchestra Students Earn Their Bows!**

Recently, our 4th grade beginning string classes at George G. Dodge Intermediate School received their official licenses to bow! Way to go, 4th Grade Orchestra! Keep working hard! You are amazing! With special thanks to Director of Orchestras Mr. Damon Conn and Assistant Director of Orchestras Mrs. Claire Jarmusik.







**Softball Registration Is Right Around the Corner!**



## **Twinsburg Youth Softball League**



Registration for the 2025 Season begins January 1, 2025

Please visit [www.twinsburgsoftball.com](http://www.twinsburgsoftball.com) to register.

### **Recreational Fast Pitch**

Recreational Fast Pitch is a program for girls currently in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Teams will typically play two games per week, one on Saturday and one during the week. Practices begin in April with games starting around the first of May and are finished by the end of June. The makeup of the divisions will be determined after registration has closed: (NOTE: Division alignment is subject to change)

**Registration Deadline February 28, 2025**



For more details, rules and contact information  
[www.twinsburgsoftball.com](http://www.twinsburgsoftball.com)



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**Winter Break is Almost Here!**

A reminder that the Twinsburg City School District will be closed for Winter Break from Monday, December 23rd through Wednesday, January 8th. Students will return to school on Thursday, January 9th. Report cards for the second grading period will be posted on Friday, January 10th. The TCSD Weekly Update will be on hiatus until Sunday, January 12th.

On behalf of our entire staff, I wish you and yours the happiest of holiday seasons. I hope you have the opportunity to spend time with those you love and to make some remarkable memories!

Season's Greetings to you and yours!  
Kathi Powers, Superintendent

