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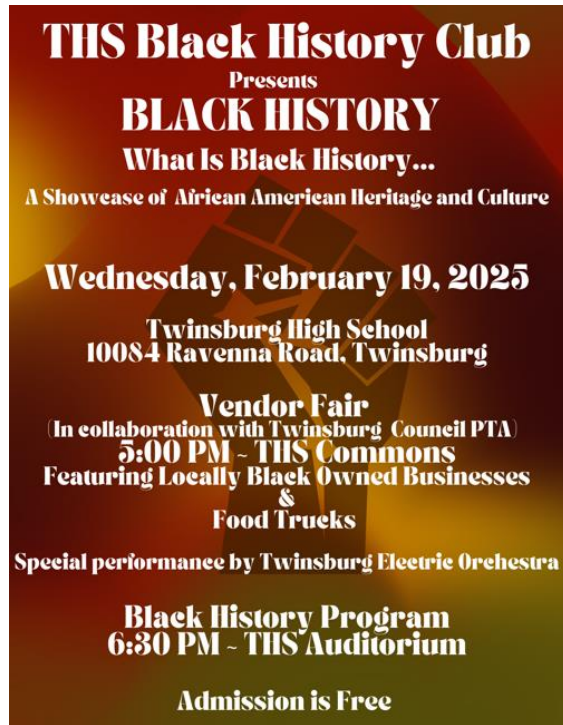
Dear Tiger Family:

Here is this week's news...

## **Black History Month in the TCSD**

February is Black History Month and this year's theme in the Twinsburg City School District is "African Americans and Labor". Many of our classroom activities will focus on the many ways that African Americans have influenced careers and the workforce.

Twinsburg High School's Black History Club will present, "What is Black History... A Showcase of African American Heritage & Culture" on Wednesday, February 19th beginning with a Vendor Fair at 5:00 p.m. in the Twinsburg High School Commons. The program will start at 6:30 p.m. in the Twinsburg High School Auditorium. Please see the attached flyer for details.



Also, our Twinsburg Council PTA is proud to co-sponsor a performance by the Kent State University African Ensemble and Ase' Xpressions. The event will be held at the Twinsburg Public Library on Sunday, February 23, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. The program will be an interactive ninety (90) minute performance with audience activities and participation. It is open for all ages, but registration is required. See the attached flyer for all the details.

*Unwavering Commitment - Unlimited Possibilities*



# KSU AFRICAN ENSEMBLE & ASÉ XPRESSIONS

Special  
All Ages  
Program

Celebrate Black History Month with performances and activities!  
Registration is required. Refreshments provided by Twinsburg Council PTA.



*The repertoire of the African Ensemble includes traditional and modern drumming, dancing, and singing from various cultural groups in Africa and its diaspora.*



*The focus of Asé Xpressions is to educate others about African culture and dance forms and have fun while doing so.*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 • 2:00 - 3:30 PM**  
**MEETING ROOMS 1, 2, & 3**



Register today! Use the QR code, call 330.425.4268 x3,  
or visit [twinsburglibrary.libcal.com/calendar](https://twinsburglibrary.libcal.com/calendar).



From time to time, photos will be taken of patrons attending Twinsburg Public Library events. We reserve the right to use these photos for communication, promotional, and marketing purposes.

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## Congratulations, Lady Tigers!

Our Lady Tiger Basketball Team has had a truly incredible week! Last Saturday, our Lady Tigers were down 43-30 against Brecksville-Broadview Heights with 5 minutes left in the game. Our Lady Tigers finished the game on a 20-5 run, highlighted by back to back 3 pointers for MacKenzie Sweeney to give Twinsburg the 50-48 victory! On Wednesday night, perennial powerhouse Stow-Munroe Falls came to Twinsburg, and in a must-win situation, the Lady Tigers prevailed 44-34! Capping off their week, our Lady Tigers traveled to Wadsworth on Saturday, needing to win to clinch a share of the Suburban League Championship. Behind an amazing defensive effort, Twinsburg defeated Wadsworth 30-25, giving our Lady Tigers at least a share of the Suburban League Championship for the first time since 2017!

Congratulations to Head Coach Genos, Assistant Coach Sweeney, Assistant Coach Lemieux, and to all of our Lady Tigers on a 13-5 overall record to date, an 11-2 Suburban League record to date, and a Suburban League Championship!

On Tuesday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m. our Lady Tigers will face Wadsworth again, this time at Twinsburg High School, and should our Lady Tigers win, they will clinch an outright Suburban League Championship! Please mark your calendar and plan to join us to help pack the gym and cheer our Lady Tiger Basketball Team on to an outright Suburban League Title!

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### **CVCC's Health Occupations Students Visit Wilcox Primary School**

Kindergarten students in Mrs. Hardesty, Mrs. Hritz, Mrs. Ianni, and Mrs. Petrash's classes at Wilcox Primary School had the opportunity to learn about dental hygiene from high school students enrolled in the Health Occupations Students of America program at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC). The CVCC students visited Wilcox with large props to show the students the proper way to brush and floss their teeth. Kindergarten students wrote letters to the Tooth Fairy, learned a song about brushing teeth, and sorted foods into the categories of healthy and unhealthy foods. The Tooth Fairy messengers even gave the children goodie bags to take home! We truly appreciate our partnership with CVCC and we thank the CVCC students for visiting our Wilcox Primary School classrooms!







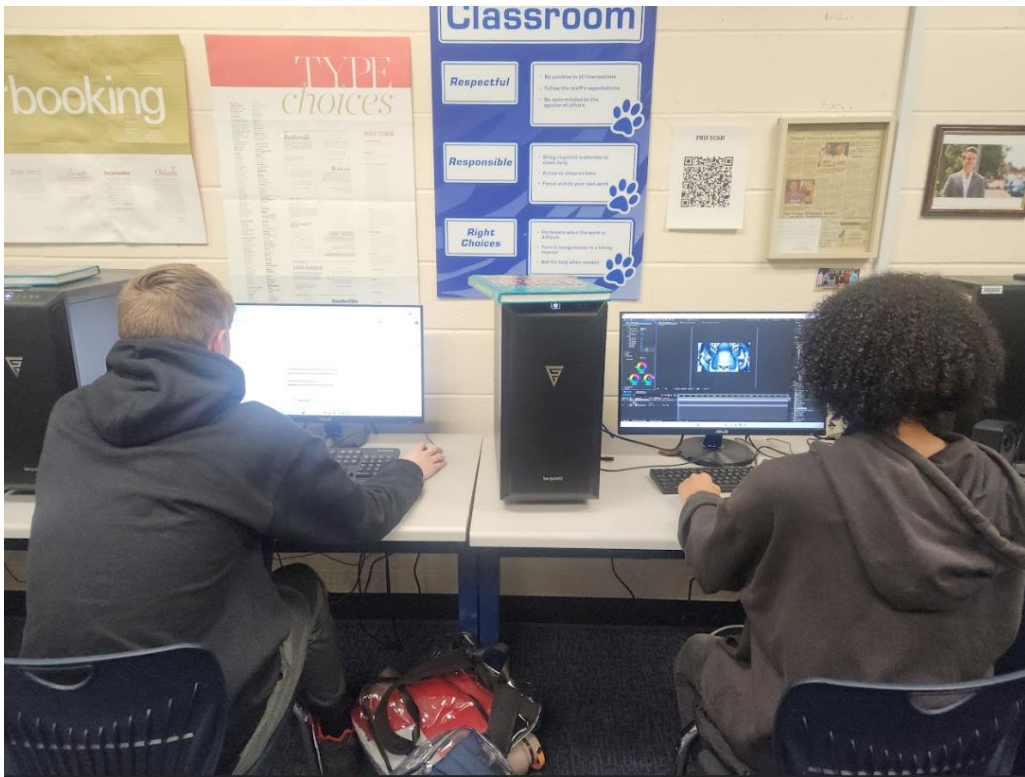


### **THS Broadcast Journalist Students Preparing for "Eye of the Tiger"**

Twinsburg High School students enrolled in Mr. Casey Kirtley's *Broadcast Journalism* class are preparing to produce Season II of *Eye of the Tiger*. *Eye of the Tiger* is a series of stories about our incredible Tiger staff members and students. This year's *Eye of the Tiger* crew members are: Regan Ault, Griffin Bradic, Aiden Bryan, Angela Jackson, Alec Levine, Marlena Riley, and Nic Smith. The first series is in production and will be available soon. You will not be disappointed!







### Speaking of our THS Broadcast Journalism Students..

In preparation for the introduction of a new metal detection search option at Twinsburg High School, students in Mr. Casey Kirtley's *Broadcast Journalism* class produced a short video during which the new search process was explained. The video was then uploaded into THS students' Google classroom so they could become familiar with the new process, before the first search commenced. We truly appreciate Mr. Kirtley and his *Broadcast Journalism* students for their assistance with this important project.









### **Twinsburg High School Band Member Ryan Kramer to Perform at the OMEA Conference**

Twinsburg High School senior and Band member Ryan Kramer, was recently selected to perform as a member of the Ohio Music Education Association's (OMEA) 2025 All-State Band! Top high school musicians from all over the state audition each year for a chance to be selected into this prestigious group. Ryan is an exceptional clarinetist and student leader in our Tiger Band. He is the son of Doug & Amy Kramer of Twinsburg. The 2025 OMEA All-State Band will perform on Saturday, February 8th as part of the 2025 OMEA Professional Development Conference. We are very Tiger Proud of Ryan!



### **Congratulations, Twinsburg High School Orchestra!**

On Saturday, January 25th, Twinsburg High School Orchestra students participated in District six O.M.E.A Solo and Ensemble adjudicated event at Barberton High School in Barberton. Out of 45 events, THS Orchestra students earned 29 "Superior" ratings and 13 "Excellent" ratings. Yes! 29 "Superior" ratings! This is an incredible achievement by our THS Orchestra students! Solo and Ensemble provides each student the opportunity to perform before a judge and receive comments with a rating of I – Superior, II – Excellent, III, IV, V). Music must be selected from a required state list and is classified A, B, or C, with class A being the most difficult.

The following students received "Superior" ratings (I) on solos:

Jason Chernick, violin  
Cole Krajewski, violin  
Aria Gebby, violin

Ethan Dokiburra, violin  
Kara Honaker, violin  
Aiden Matthews, violin



Aleksandra Rosenblum, violin  
Sarah Nana, violin  
Alexis Aichele, violin  
Karthik Sharath Babu, violin  
Rhea Ballani, viola  
Nicholas Pokalev, viola  
Sophie Scoufield, viola  
Kaiden Honaker, cello

Charley Johnson, cello  
Carly Cultrona, string bass  
Jaren Jenyk, string bass  
Noah Sipusic, string bass

The following students received "Excellent" (II) ratings on solos:

Maryam Atarchi, violin  
Sakura Fazl, violin  
Lucas DeCaro, violin  
Vezal Sidhu, violin  
Tyler Hines, viola  
Kishore Sharath Babu, viola  
Charlotte Marron, viola  
Ella Reynolds, viola  
Anish Earla, cello

Special recognition to Kira Blayney on her violin solo and Reagan Soetanto on his piano solo.

The following students received "Superior" (I) ratings on ensembles:

Ethan Dokiburra and Sajjan Bird, violin duet  
Aleksandra Rosenblum and Sophie Scoufield, violin viola duet  
Kira Blayney and Giuliana Lynn, violin duet  
Sakura Fazl and Audrey Martin, violin viola duet  
Kara Honaker and Nikkitta Banerjee, violin duet  
Cole Krajewski and Kaiden Honaker, violin cello duet  
Aiden Matthews, Dominic DelSignore and Reagan Soetanto, string trio  
Maryam Atarchi, Alexis Aichele, Tyler Hines and Charley Johnson, string quartet  
Cole Krajewski Kara Honaker, Rhea Ballani and Kaiden Honaker, string quartet  
Sarah Nana, Jason Chernick, Nicholas Pokalev, Anish Earla and Noah Sipusic, string quintet  
Aria Gebby, Ethan Dokiburra, Rhea Ballani, Jordyn Fears and Jaren Jenyk, string quintet

The following students received "Excellent" (II) ratings on ensembles:

Ella Reynolds and Kari Nichols, viola duet  
Addison Cross and Hansika Abbennagari, violin viola duet  
Lucas DeCaro and Kishore Sharath Babu, violin viola duet  
Charley Johnson and Lily Sigg, cello duet

Special recognition to Vezal Sidhu and Logan Buchanan on their violin duet.

Congratulations to all of these outstanding Orchestra students! With special thanks to our Orchestra Director Mr. Damon Conn and Assistant Orchestra Director Mrs. Claire Jarmusik!







### **Congratulations, Twinsburg High School Band!**

On Saturday, January 26th, 57 of our high school Band students participated in the 2025 Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event, hosted by the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA). Our students competed in a number of events, showcasing their musical talents and abilities. This year's event was hosted at Barberton High School.

Our THS Band students earned 28 "Superior" ratings and 16 "Excellent" ratings on the day, which was an amazing showing for our musicians! The Tiger Band Program continues to demonstrate sound music education and Ms. Gossett and Mr. Bonitz are so very proud of the hard work and dedication of our student musicians!

The following students earned "Superior" ratings on their Solo:

Aryaman Sigdel, Lea Reyes, Isaac Rodriguez (Flute/Piccolo);  
 Ryan Kramer, Gurkaram Uppal, Austin Rosen, Takarra Pickens (Clarinet);  
 Hayden Couch, Isaac Dolney, Penelope Kellogg (French Horn);  
 Brianna Nemec, Micha Sanford, James Torres, Jack Winnen, Alyssa Giancola, Daniel McClung (Trumpet);  
 Justin Sanford, Kendal Blowe (Trombone);  
 Aiden Blust (Tuba);  
 Aiden Bryan, Jermel Wilkerson (Snare Drum);  
 Jacob Niro (Mallet Percussion)

The following students earned "Excellent" (II) ratings on their Solo:

Marcos Toyos Santos (Flute);  
 Mya Libertine, Kennedy Billow (Oboe);  
 John Blust, Madison Hardman, Kameron Nemenz (Clarinet);  
 Jeremiah Conley (Saxophone);  
 Leo Perez (Trumpet);  
 Owen Moseley, Joseph Ferrell (Trombone/Bass Trombone);  
 Eli Rowbotham (Tuba);  
 Sage Vanek (Mallet Percussion)



The following groups earned a "Superior" ratings on their Ensemble:

- Twinsburg Trumpet Quartet (James Torres, Aadit Jhaveri, Ryan Dahringer, Rohan Dhariya)
- Twinsburg Low Brass Quartet (Justin Sanford, Kendal Blowe, Joe Ferrell, Rayma Johnson)
- Twinsburg Brass Quintet (Brianna Nemec, Jack Winnen, Hayden Couch, Owen Moseley, Spencer Bach)
- Twinsburg French Horn Quartet (Hayden Couch, Cameron Banas, Isaac Dolney, Penelope Kellogg)
- Twinsburg Clarinet Quartet (Ryan Kramer, Kam Nemenz, Brianna Williams, John Blust)
- Twinsburg Clarinet Trio (Nicole Belfiore, Amaya Newton, Jessica Moore)

The following groups earned "Excellent" ratings on their Ensemble:

- Twinsburg Flute Choir (Issac Rodriguez, Hannah Baird, Lea Reyes, Rylee Johnson, Jaydon London, Alexia Johnson, Ella Uhrig, Marcos Toyos Santos, Aryaman Sigdel, Aiden Carrol)
- Twinsburg Mallet Quartet (Evan Kemmerling, Aiden Bryan, Grant Brown, Marcello Parrotta)

We are Tiger Proud of our very musically talented Tigers! With special thanks to Band Director Mr. Ryan Bonitz, Assistant Band Director Ms. Samantha Gossett, and RBC Band Director Mr. Tom Resnick!







### Twinsburg High School Orchestra to Perform at the OMEA Professional Development Conference

Our Twinsburg High School Orchestra will have the honor of performing at the 2025 OMEA Professional Development Conference to be held on February 6th in Cleveland, Ohio. Hundreds of recordings were submitted representing outstanding groups from all over the state. Groups were selected through "blind" audition by the OMEA Orchestra committee. The event is scheduled to be held at the Atrium Ballroom of the Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland. We are so very Tiger Proud of our Director Mr. Damon Conn, Assistant Director Mrs. Claire Jarmusik, and our very talented Tigers for being selected for this prestigious honor! Way to go!



### State-Level Reflections Students Announced

Our Twinsburg Council PTA is proud to participate in the National PTA *Reflections Program*. *Reflections* is an arts recognition and achievement program for students. The *Reflections Program* provides opportunities for students to express themselves creatively and to receive positive recognition for original works of art inspired by a pre-selected theme while increasing community awareness of the importance of the arts in education. The theme for 2024-2025 is "Accepting Imperfections..."

Our Twinsburg Council PTA is Tiger Proud to announce the names of our students who are moving on to State-level competition:

Damianos Butcher Emma Gichenko Grace Gichenko Aarav Chakkarwar Aisha Chakkarwar Maggie Royer Sophie Southam Estela Demastus Patrick Costigan Kurtis Artagos Cole Reiter Elizabeth Schilling Temperance Parries Bentlee Jackson	Gabriella Basta Nora Maslo Madison Stutin Tessa Leigh-Hunyady Diljot Kaur Britain Richardson Brady Nemeth Lillian Cerne Ming Xuan Liu Christyn DiGiacinto Arianna Tovmasyan Levi Harris Tyler Petras Mya Avery
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Congratulations, Tigers, and best wishes at the State-level!





### **Twinsburg Schools Foundation Hosts Fundraiser Featuring World-Renowned Magician Rick Smith, Jr.!**

The Twinsburg Schools Foundation has announced its biggest fundraiser to date, *Magic Gives Back*, a Las Vegas style night of magic and illusion. World-renowned magician Rick Smith Jr., and his team of award-winning entertainers, provide interactive magic fun for kids and adults.

*Magic Gives Back* will be held in the Twinsburg High School auditorium on Saturday, February 15th at 6 p.m. Tickets start at just \$20 and are available here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/twinsburg-schools-foundation-proudly-presents-magic-gives-back-tickets-1083238729199>

"We're looking forward to *Magic Gives Back* and helping families and guests create special memories while supporting our schools," says Molly Feghali, Board Chair, Twinsburg Schools Foundation. "By hosting fundraisers like this, proceeds go directly into the classroom, providing students with new educational experiences and opportunities they might not otherwise have had access to."

In 2024, The Twinsburg Schools Foundation donated \$14,500 for teacher grants:

- *Makerspace VETTS Clinic Expansion* at Twinsburg High School, Wilcox Primary School and Samuel Bissell Elementary School
- *The Power of Parkour* at Wilcox Primary School
- *Deaf Culture Experience* at Twinsburg High School
- *Helping Students Make "Sense" of Middle School* (a PBIS Sensory Enhancement) at R. B. Chamberlin Middle School

Join us for a night of magic and fun, all while supporting educational initiatives in our Twinsburg City School District community.



### **TBL Opens 2025 Recreation Season Registration**

Twinsburg Baseball League (TBL) registration is open for the 2025 Recreation season! Register by March 1st to avoid a late fee. The Recreation program is open for children in Pre-K through 12th grade. Practice will begin early April with games beginning late April. The season will run until the end of June. Please note - Majors' and Seniors' League Registration will close on April 30th. Register at: [Twinsburgbaseball.com](https://Twinsburgbaseball.com)



**3rd Quarter Interim Grades**

Interim grades for the third marking period will be posted on Friday, February 7th.

**No School on Monday, February 10th**

Just a reminder that our students and staff do not have school on Monday, February 10th as it is a Conference Compensatory Day.

Have a great week!

Kathi Powers, Superintendent

