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Dear Tiger Family:

Here is this week's news...

## **TCSD Educators Honored at the Summit County Education Celebration**

On Thursday, February 6, 2025, the Summit County Educational Service Center hosted the annual *Education Celebration*. The *Education Celebration* honors the unwavering dedication of educators from across Northeast Ohio - individuals who inspire, shape, and transform the lives of children every single day.

Each year, the Twinsburg City School District nominates an educator for each of three categories. Here are this year's nominees...

- \* Mr. Matt Szekely, George G. Dodge Intermediate School Music Educator: *Rookie of the Year*
- \* Mrs. Laura Smalheer, RB Chamberlin Middle School Intervention Specialist: *Teacher of the Year*
- \* Mrs. Kim Fink, Wilcox Primary School 1st Grade Educator: *Lifetime Achievement Award*

We are very Tiger Proud of Mr. Szekely, Mrs. Smalheer, and Mrs. Fink for their dedication to our students and to our Tiger family and we are honored to serve alongside them in support of our Tigers.

Special congratulations to Mrs. Laura Smalheer who was named the **2024/2025 Summit County Teacher of the Year** at Thursday's *Education Celebration*! With 25 years of experience, Mrs. Smalheer is passionate about creating inclusive classrooms where all students thrive. Known as "innovative, inspiring, and empathetic", Mrs. Smalheer combines strategies from special and gifted education in her co-teaching approach. A career highlight was transitioning to a co-taught classroom, which fueled Mrs. Smalheer's pursuit of a Master's Degree in Gifted Education. Mrs. Smalheer's initiative to implement sensory regulation tools at RBC, funded by grants from the Twinsburg Schools Foundation, reflects her dedication to supporting students academically and emotionally. Way to go, Mrs. Smalheer!





### **TCSD Honors Our BOE Super Heroes!**

During the Twinsburg Board of Education Meeting on Wednesday, February 5th, our BOE members were honored as our District's Super Heroes! Each BOE member received a framed piece of art created by Twinsburg High School Art educator Mr. Dan Lunde which included Super Hero caricatures of each of our BOE members. A special video, created by George G. Dodge Intermediate School Assistant Principal Ms. Ciara DeVille which featured students from each of our schools, was also shared at the meeting. We appreciate all Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Egan, Mrs. Hamilton, and Mrs. Travis do to support our school family. With special thanks to our student presenters, Mr. Lunde, and our principals for their assistance with this wonderful presentation.





### **February Students of the Month Honored**

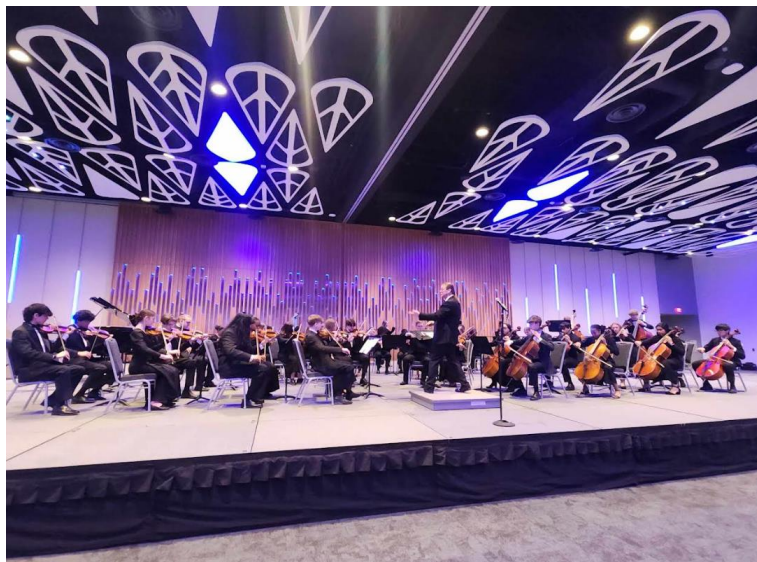
Also at the Twinsburg Board of Education Meeting on February 5th, *Students of the Month* from Wilcox Primary School, George G. Dodge Intermediate School, and Twinsburg High School were recognized and celebrated. We are very Tiger Proud of these amazing students!





### **Bravo, THS Orchestra!**

While most of our Tigers enjoyed a day away from school on Thursday, February 6th due to the Calamity Day, our Twinsburg High School Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Damon Conn with the assistance of Mrs. Claire Jarmusik, traveled to Cleveland to perform at the OMEA Professional Development Conference. Our Tigers exceptionally performed six (6) pieces including *Irish Legend* which featured soloists Aria Gebby, Cole Krajewski, and Rhea Ballani. Bravo, one and all!







### **Tiger Shout Out!**

A great big “Tiger Shout Out” to Mr. Matt Strickland, Mr. Mark Desmond, Mr. Paul Terry, Mr. Don Reaves, and Mr. Johnny Adams for ensuring that our THS Orchestra traveled safely to and from Cleveland on Thursday when they performed at the OMEA Professional Development Conference. We truly appreciate your teamwork!



### **Congratulations, RBC Power of the Pen!**

The RB Chamberlin Middle School *Power of the Pen* 7th Grade Team had an incredible showing at last weekend's Ashland District Tournament, finishing 1st out of 16 teams! Top finishers include: Tess Dolney, 10th place - daughter of Brian & Angela Dolney of Twinsburg; Arjun Tang, 8th place - son of Frederick & Kiran Allen of Reminderville; and Grace Smith, 7th Place - daughter of Jeff & Cathy Smith of Twinsburg.

The RB Chamberlin Middle School *Power of the Pen* 8th Grade Team also had an incredible showing at the Ashland District Tournament, finishing 1st out of 16 teams! Top finishers include Ava Soric, 12th place - daughter of Mate Soric and Tina Negrelli of Twinsburg; Tanvi Saldar, 8th place - daughter of Harish & Deepika Salder of Reminderville ; Lily Stoddard-Dare, 5th place - daughter of James & Patricia Stoddard Dare of Twinsburg; Aditya Tang, 4th place - son of Frederick & Kiran Allen of Reminderville, and Nora Maslo, 2nd place - daughter of Chris & Vicki Maslo of Twinsburg.

We could not be more Tiger Proud of these accomplished writers! With special thanks to our RBC *Power of the Pen* Advisors Mrs. Gabrielle Copen and Mr. Scott Peterson.



### **Winter Sports Update**

#### **Bowling:**

Our Tiger Boys Bowling Team took Runner-Up at the St. Ignatius Wildcat Baker Tournament on Sunday, January 26th. Our Tigers then followed up that performance with an outstanding 2nd Place finish in the Suburban League Postseason Tournament on Saturday, February 1st. Senior Lucas Tinter led the way for the Tigers rolling a 719 series, earning him 2nd place overall out of 81 bowlers! Junior Jeremy Stapleton rolled a 630 series, earning him 8th place.





Rounding out our top 10 finishers, Senior Jacob Nudelman rolled a 601 series, earning him 10th place! On the girls side, Senior Lilly Delollis rolled a 473 series at the Suburban League Postseason Tournament, giving her 16th place overall out of 77 bowlers! Way to go, Tigers!



### **Cheerleading:**

Our Tiger Cheerleaders competed this past Sunday in the OASSA Regional Cheerleading Championship held at Lake High School. Our cheerleaders did an incredible job, and qualified to compete in the OASSA State Cheerleading Championship on Sunday, February 23rd at Sunbury Big Walnut High School! Congratulations to this outstanding group of athletes who keep the spirit strong in our high school, and best of luck at the State Competition!



### **Girls' Basketball:**

Please plan to be at Twinsburg High School on Tuesday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m. as we cheer our Lady Tiger Basketball Team on against Wadsworth. With a victory on Tuesday night, our Lady Tigers will clinch the outright Suburban League Championship for the first time since 2017! Let's Go Lady Tigers!!





### **2025 Northcoast Show Choir Invitational**

On Saturday, February 8th, our Show Choirs, led by Ms. Marcie Becker and our Twinsburg Vocal Music Boosters (TVMB), Director Peter Hampton and Assistant Director Matt Szekely, hosted the annual *Northcoast Show Choir Invitational* at Twinsburg High School. Unfortunately, the event was cut short with the program ending right after the Preliminary competition due to the icy weather.

Regardless, the morning and afternoon programs did not disappoint with amazing music, costumes, and choreography on full display. This year's *Northcoast Show Choir Invitational Grand Champion* is *Music in Motion* from Solon High School.

Congratulations to all the wonderful performers and special thanks to all who hosted this fantastic annual competition.



### **AYSO Spring Registration Is Underway!**

AYSO Spring soccer registration is underway for head coaches and players. Registration for head coaches goes through February 15th and player registration through March 8th. To register, please go to <https://www.twinsburgsoccer.com/>



### **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.

**THS Black History Club**  
Presents  
**BLACK HISTORY**  
**What Is Black History...**  
A Showcase of African American Heritage and Culture

**Wednesday, February 19, 2025**

**Twinsburg High School**  
**10084 Ravenna Road, Twinsburg**

**Vendor Fair**  
(In collaboration with Twinsburg Council PTA)  
**5:00 PM - THS Commons**  
**Featuring Locally Black Owned Businesses**  
**&**  
**Food Trucks**

**Special performance by Twinsburg Electric Orchestra**

**Black History Program**  
**6:30 PM - THS Auditorium**

**Admission is Free**





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.

## 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 Ase' 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**



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### **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.



### **No School for Students on February 10th and 17th**

This is a reminder that our students do not have school on Monday, February 10th or on Monday, February 17th. February 10th is a Conference Compensatory Day for staff members and February 17th is Presidents' Day. I hope everyone enjoys the extended weekends.

Have a great week!

Kathi Powers, Superintendent

