

Speaking of the Blue Devils...

May NEWSLETTER

TCSC Schools:

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Ms. Kathy Heaston

Principal (Intermediate)

Mrs. Lori Rayl

Tipton Middle School

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Principal

Mr. Shayne Clark

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Tipton High School

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Principal

Mr. Joe Rushton

Assistant Principal

Mr. Richard Stillson



Teachers are real life superheroes.

They educate, innovate, encourage and support. Every day they touch the lives of millions of children and their work and impact extends far beyond the boundaries of the classroom.

Teacher Appreciation Week, May 2-6, 2016, is a time to celebrate these real life superheroes and to thank teachers for the difference they make.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

- *Send a thank you note to a special teacher in your life or a teacher of a child in your life.*
- *Show your support for the tremendous work teachers do by volunteering in a classroom.*
- *Tell us on Facebook or Twitter about a teacher who had an impact on your life and how you plan to celebrate teachers during the week. Use #TiptonPride #thankateacher*

Since 1984, National PTA has designated the first week in May as a special time to honor the men and women who lend their passion and skills to educating our children.

#ThankATeacher May 2-6, 2016



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May. 2-6	Teacher Appreciation Week
May. 09	Kindergarten Picnic
May 10	Board Meeting, 5:30/6:30
May 10	Band Concert, TMS, 7:00 pm
May 16	Last Student Day, End of 2nd Semester
May 16	Awards, TMS, Auditorium, 1:00
May 16	Awards, TES, Gym, 8:30 (5th grade) 9:30 (4th grade), 10:30 (3rd grade)
May 17	Last Teacher Day
May 19	Senior Awards, THS, 7:00 pm
May 22	THS Graduation, 2:00 pm
Aug. 15	Students' First Day



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TRANSFER STUDENT INFORMATION

Tipton Community School Corporation has many outstanding programs and opportunities for students that are enrolled in our schools. TCSC does accept students not residing within the boundaries of the school corporation to take advantage of these opportunities. Anyone who currently does not reside within the TCSC boundaries and would like for their children to attend Tipton schools may apply for admission. Application materials are available on the school corporation's web site at www.tcsc.k12.in.us.

As an example of the excellence in education at Tipton, Tipton High School was ranked among the top 20 high schools in Indiana (Spring 2012) by U.S. News and World Report. Tipton High School has been named one of the best 2,000 public high schools in the nation (2013) - those that have proven to be the most effective in turning out college-ready grads. In addition, Tipton High School and Tipton Elementary School were named as a 2012 4-Star School by the Indiana Department of Education. Tipton Community School Corporation is also nationally accredited by AdvancED.

SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION



BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

The next newsletter will be distributed on August 1 and will have information to help get students and their families started with the 2016-2017 school year. In the meantime, the following are some dates for parents to put on their calendars:

AUGUST 9 Registration will take place in all buildings from 2:00 to 7:00 PM. Parents can, and are encouraged to register their children online. Online registration will be available on August 2.

AUGUST 1st, 2nd and 3rd from 9-2 TMS Rocks is the orientation session for incoming sixth grade students will be held at the middle school.

AUGUST 3 @ 6 p.m. will be the parent meeting for incoming 6th grade students.

AUGUST 11th The Blue Devil Kickoff is the orientation session for incoming freshmen. Sessions will start in the high school cafeteria and will last from 9:00 – 12:00.

AUGUST 15 First day of school for students!



Tipton's plan to have an extensive safety drill this spring did not happen as cold temperatures created a concern for school officials. Plans continue to be made to conduct such a drill when classes resume in August.

A number of informational meetings were held in the community to share information with parents as to what to expect in case of an emergency. We appreciated those who were able to attend. Some important takeaways for parents from those meetings were :

- **Make sure you have provided up-to-date contact information in the school's Harmony system.**
- **Talk to your children as to what to do in case of an emergency if they should be separated from their teacher at school, or there is an emergency at home.**
- **If an emergency happens at the school parents will be notified through School Messenger on what they should do regarding your child.**



With severe weather season upon us, Tipton Community School Corporation wants to remind residents that TCSC is a WeatherBug School. The WeatherBug Program collects weather data from our local site. This information is available to anyone in the community. Individuals only need to download the program on their computer or app on their smartphone to receive weather information directly from Tipton. (<http://weather.weatherbug.com/>)

TCSC included the Lightning Alert System in the project. The outdoor alerting system is a valuable community tool in alerting not only school patrons, but also patrons of the city park, the baseball diamonds, and fairground participants when lightning is in the immediate area. This system will sound a horn when lightning is detected eight miles away. This is a warning that people outside should seek shelter. (Click on the Blog's title to see full article including a map showing the range of the Lightning Alert System.)

When lightning is within 8 miles of the school, a fifteen (15) second alarm will sound. When lightning has ceased to exist within this range for at least thirty (30) minutes, an all-clear signal will be given which is a series of three (3) short alarms of (5) seconds in duration each. Lightning alerts will also be received through individuals' downloaded computer and phone applications.

The alarms will be activated between the hours of 6:00 am through 10:00 pm. This will prevent the alarms being sounded through the night or early morning hours.

Please take time to enjoy the summer months with your family.
Here are a few great family friendly ideas for your Summer Bucket List.

SUMMER BUCKET LIST

BACKYARD CAMPOUT	FISHING
SUPER BOUNCE	DRIVE-IN
S'MORES	BUILD A FORT
WATER PARK	MAKE POPSICLES
CAMPING TRIP	CAROUSEL
FAMILY GAME NIGHT	WATER BALLOON FIGHT
ZOO	BUILD A SANDCASTLE
BERRY PICKING	WATER GUN WAR
LIBRARY	VBS
PICNIC IN THE PARK	OUTDOOR DINNER PARTY
SWIMMING	FIREWORKS
GLOW IN THE DARK BOWLING	STAR GAZING



RECESS ASSISTANTS NEEDED FOR 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR

If you are interested in working 3 hours per day as a Recess Assistant, please contact Renee' Mraz at 765-675-7397 ext. 400 or email at rmraz@tcsc.k12.in.us. We are also in need of Substitute Recess Assistants for 2016-17 school year. This is a great way to be involved with the students at Tipton Elementary and be able to have the flexible before and after school schedule that many families need.

Elementary School

5TH GRADE D.A.R.E. PROGRAM

Interview with Mr. Thomas, 5th grade teacher

What does D.A.R.E. stand for?

At one point in time, it stood for Drug Abuse Resistance Education.

The program has morphed into teaching the D.A.R.E. Decision-Making Model of Define Assess Respond and Evaluate. In D.A.R.E. students learn the skills to avoid things such as Tobacco, Alcohol, and bullying. When dealing with these problems, students can use the D.A.R.E. decision-making model. Learning about the D.A.R.E. decision-making model will help students make the right choices if they are approached with drugs or alcohol now or as an adult.

How many years has Tipton been participating in D.A.R.E. training working with the local police departments?

Mr. Thomas remembers himself being a part of the initiation of the program in the late '80's.

The principal at that time at Jefferson Elementary was Mrs. Burden.

Mr. Thomas stated that the program has been in existence since the onset in the late '80's.

What are the most important aspects of the curriculum? Why?

Mr. Thomas sees the program providing a very positive outlook and relationship with the law officers.

The officers build relationships with the students.

Mr. Thomas also stated that the program teaches strategies to resist drug and alcohol use from peers.

What is the most favorite part of the D.A.R.E. program for the students?

Mr. Thomas feels that the friendly, positive interaction during the presentation of the lessons and interaction with the officers are favorites for the students.

What are some specific facts that are learned about Alcohol and Tobacco use?

Alcohol is illegal for anyone under 21. Alcohol slows down the brain and body. Cigarettes contain nicotine, a powerfully addictive substance. Smoking causes heart disease.

The 5th grade D.A.R.E. program culminates with the students writing a D.A.R.E. essay and a picnic. The winning essays in each classroom are announced and the students are presented with a medal. We feel very strongly that the D.A.R.E. program has made a big influence on the lives of Tipton Elementary School students. It has taught student the confidence to stand up for what they believe and has given them the necessary tools to stay true to their beliefs.

We would like to thank the Tipton City Police Department and the Tipton County Sheriff's Department for working with Tipton Elementary School to WORK TOGETHER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS!



D.A.R.E.

Middle School



The 7th & 8th grade choir from TMS competed in the ISSMA Choral Festival on March 12.

They received a gold rating!



THREE HONORS CHOIR STUDENTS CHOSEN FROM TMS!

Tipton Middle School had three students chosen this year to perform in the Honors Choir. Students from all over the state of Indiana audition for approx. 150 spots. A committee at the state level listens to audition recordings sent in by directors and chooses from those submissions. It is quite an honor to be chosen! This year Mallory Retherford, Gabe Winn, and Brandon Lunsford were chosen to participate. They performed at the Music Educators National Conference in Fort Wayne.



Thirteen choir students from TMS participated in the "Circle the State with Song" festival in February. Students audition to be a part of the festival. They learn a set of songs that other students from other Indiana schools are also learning and come together to rehearse and perform them as a mass choir. A guest clinician/conductor is present the day of the festival to rehearse them and lead the performance.

TMS YEARBOOKS NEW LOOK

We are happy to announce that this year's Tipton Middle School yearbook will be produced by students! 2016 marks the inaugural venture for the yearbook staff at TMS. 22 students were chosen to design and build the 2015-2016 yearbook with help from sponsors Emily Wolfgang and Johnny Payne. In order to be chosen as a yearbook staff member, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders submitted an application and teacher recommendation. The group met once a week to plan and design the new yearbook. Being on the yearbook staff was both challenging and rewarding for the students. The yearbook staff produced a book that all students will enjoy and cherish far beyond their days at TMS.



Does art imitate life, or does life imitate art? Creativity makes the world a better place. As Albert Einstein once said, "Creativity is seeing what everyone else has seen, and thinking what no one else has thought." Tipton Middle School students completed drawings, paintings, creative writing and films for this weeklong celebration of the Arts. Many students also participated in the Talent Show. We are fortunate to have so many talented young ladies and gentlemen here at Tipton Schools.





TMS WEIGHT ROOM

Tipton Middle School once had a weight room. But the equipment fell into a state of disrepair and more recently the room served as storage room. Thanks to weight equipment donated from IU Health's Fitness Center, the weight room has been restored. The walls have been painted, new flooring installed, and the equipment has been moved in. Students and staff are eager to begin using the newly refurbished weight room.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

The students in Mrs. Leffler's fourth grade class recently partnered with Ms. Esposito's Biology class to have a hands-on experience with various science tools. The biology students created a variety of stations for each of the fourth grade students to visit. The biology students discussed safety in the lab, and taught the fourth grade students how to use scales/balances, test tubes, metric sticks, microscopes, and pipettes. Rachael Ressler, a freshman, said, "I enjoyed how kids were having fun and also learning at the same time and making it enjoyable for us to teach them." This opportunity allowed both grade levels to work together and to better understand scientific procedures. Ashley, a fourth grade student, said, "I loved being able to see and learn, and this took me closer to being a biologist."



High School

ENVIROTHON REGIONAL CONTEST



Tipton FFA members and Introduction To Agriculture students participated in the 2016 North Central Envirothon Regional Contest on Wednesday March 16, 2016 at Camp Buffalo, located at Buffalo, Indiana.

Teams of five students (grades 9-12), representing a school or organization, compete at Indiana Envirothon contests by answering questions and by studying resource problems in each of the five environmental areas which include: soils/land use, aquatic ecology, wildlife, forestry, and a current environmental issue. The current environmental issue for the 2016 Regional contests was "Invasive Species".

The Indiana Envirothon promotes environmental education to high school aged students. The goal is to raise awareness of the importance of achieving and maintaining a natural balance between the quality of life and of the environment.

In-class curriculum is combined with hands-on field experiences to demonstrate the role people have in important environmental issues. Envirothon is an exciting, fun way for high school students to learn about the environment and the issues facing current and future generations.

Envirothon builds awareness. It helps show tomorrow's leaders the positive and negative effects individual actions have on the environment. Youth who take part understand differences between renewable and nonrenewable resources, understand environmental interactions and interdependencies, and know who provides information that can be used in the future for their benefit.

Students begin training for the Envirothon by studying the resource materials that cover each natural resource area and those objectives related to them. Natural resource professionals speak to teams on a rotating basis during the Regional Contests, sharing job experiences and information on the resource areas. The teams are given tests covering information from the five resource areas. The top three teams from each Regional Contest were invited to compete at the Indiana State Envirothon Contest on Wednesday April 27, 2016 at the Beck Agricultural Center at West Lafayette, Indiana.

THS NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY

Tipton High School students celebrated Youth Art Month in March. The induction of the newest members, a guest speaker (Tipton Alumni, Jeff Stapleton) and many fun activities for the students throughout the month raised awareness about art history and many famous artists.



INTRAMURAL SPORTS



at Tipton High School

The Intramural Club was reformed this winter at Tipton High School after an 8 year hiatus. Club members participated in a winter 3 on 3 basketball league. Plans are also in place for a Slow Pitch Softball League this spring and either Flag Football or Ultimate Frisbee in the fall. Students who are not currently participating in a sport are encouraged to participate. Currently, 25 students and 5 faculty members are taking part in the program, which meets once a week for about an hour. Club sponsor, Nick Comer believed that an intramural program "would be a positive addition to the club offerings at THS because it gives students who enjoy playing sports and staying active but are not a part of an athletic team a chance to exercise, practice team building skills and have fun in a safe and positive environment." Any THS student interested in Intramurals should contact Mr. Comer for more information and to get started.

HISTORIC YEAR FOR THS AQUATIC CENTER

**Here are some stats that encapsulate the successful seasons of
Tipton's High School, Middle School, and Swim Club teams:**

- 46,666 - meters swam during high school Winter Break training**
- 613 - seasonal point differential of all Tipton teams vs opponents**
- 46 - wins, teams defeated by all Blue Devil teams this season**
- 22 - THS Boy school records broken this season**
- 7 - THS Boy school records broken on a single day**
- 6 - Tipton swimmers qualified for IN Swimming Divisionals**
- 5 - TMS school records broken this season**
- 5 - Power Aquatics club records broken by a Tipton swimmer**
- 3 - place of finish of the HS and MS team in their conferences**
- 1 - Tipton swimmer qualifying for IN Swimming Age Group State**

HIGH SCHOOL FISHING

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Following a day of hard wind and morning takeoff temperatures in the 20's, Chad Mauck and Jaret Wampner from Tipton High School put together a solid limit weighing 18lbs 5oz. The pair battled a very tough Patoka Lake in South Central Indiana to win the 2016 Indiana High School State Championship.

"We caught most of our fish on a chatter bait," Mauck, a junior at Tipton, stated. "We caught ten or twelve fish today and most of them came on green pumpkin colored bait." When asked what the key to their success was Wampner, a freshman, quickly responded that sticking with it and fishing hard all day paid off. The team conquered a 34 boat field to advance to the Central Conference Regional, which will be held September in Lawrenceburg, IN, on the Ohio River.

MOBILE POCKET



This is perfect for teens, parents and grandparents! Do you need a place to keep your ID, money, or house key handy this summer when you are out and about? Try our new Mobile Pocket. Perfect for bike rides, going to the park, evening at the ballfield or anytime you just need to take a few small things with you. These are available at any of the TCSC Main Offices. Get your Mobile Pocket for only \$5.00.



NOTEWORTHY BLUE DEVILS

Lauren Tolle (THS, 12th), Carlise Warner (THS, 12th), and Stacey Gall (THS, 12th) were named recipients of the Myerly Scholarship.

Daniel Phifer (THS, 12th), in addition to being All Conference, also was a State Qualifier and joins the 100 win club in wrestling.

Ayden Stanley (TMS, 7th) broke the school swimming records in the 200 FreeStyle, 50 Butterfly, 100 Freestyle, and the 400 Freestyle. Ayden joined **Ben Aulbach (TMS, 7th), Abby Retz (TMS, 7th), and Spencer Harrison (TMS, 8th)** in setting a new school record in the 200 FreeStyle Relay.

Macie Lively (THS, 12th) earned All Conference recognition in girls basketball. Fellow teammates **Delaney Jones (THS, 12th), Jessica Sprinkle (THS, 12th), and Cassidy Crawford (THS, 9th)** were named Honorable Mention. **Macie** was also named the Kokomo Tribune's all area MVP and received honorable mention for the AP All-State Team.

Mason Degenkolb (THS, 12th) and Sam Gutierrez (THS, 11th) earned all All-Conference in boys basketball. Fellow teammate **Kellen Wood (THS, 11th)** was named Honorable Mention. **Mason** was also named to Kokomo Tribune's All Area 1st team and received honorable mention for the AP All-State Team.

THS Boys Swimming Team broke 22 records this season; 7 records were broken in one day.

Chad Mauck (THS, 11th) and Jaret Wampner (THS, 9th) are the 2016 State Champions for the Student Angler Federation. They are coached by **Nick Strait (THS)**.

Tipton teachers **Jessica Hendricks (TES) and Jill Howell (TMS)** performed in Tipton Community Theater's recent production of The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.

THS Band received a Gold rating at the ISSME Concert band Festival. **Ethan Chandler (THS, 10th)** on piano and **Caleb Boswell (THS, 10th)** on clarinet received perfect scores in earlier ISSME contests this year.

"I would like to contact you regarding both your Boy's Basketball Team and Cheerleaders. I am the Girls Varsity Assistant coach at Marion and was working concessions one of the nights your boys team was playing. I cannot express how impressed I was with the way your young men and women presented themselves. They were very kind and polite in everything they did. I heard "Yes ma'am" and "Please and thank you ma'am." It was so awesome to see!"

"I commend you and your staff on the great job you are doing along with the parents in coaches in raising and teaching those young kids to be great citizens!!"

Jessica W., Marion High School, sending a note to THS about our students attending the boys' sectionals at Marion High school in March.

Tipton Community School Corporation

INFORMATION CENTER

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EMPLOYMENT

All applicants interested in any of the following positions should submit an online application found on the school corporation's web page under "Job Opportunities."

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicants must have or be able to obtain a Valid Teacher License or Valid Substitute Teaching Certificate. The minimum education requirement necessary to receive a recommendation for a Substitute Teacher Certificate is a high school diploma.

Pay Scale:

Licensed Teacher (4) Year College Degree \$80 - Other \$60

SUBSTITUTE CAFETERIA WORKERS:

The Tipton Cafeterias are in need of substitute staff members. Paid training offered. Please apply online or contact the Food Service Department at 765.675.7521 ext 216.

BUS DRIVERS QUALIFICATIONS:

Route Drivers / Substitute Drivers - Drivers must hold a commercial driver's license (CDL) with a Public Passenger's endorsement or be willing to obtain.

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Questions or comments?

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