



Tonawanda Middle/High School



Quote of the Month

"Action is the foundational key to all success." -Pablo Picasso



The **BILLS** make me wanna **SHOUT!**



SPIRIT DAYS
in November!

Thursday, 12/1

Friday, 12/9

Friday, 12/16

REMINDER:

If you have not signed up for the parent portal, please do so by following instructions using the link below:



[PARENT PORTAL - SETUP INSTRUCTIONS](#)

Message from the MS/HS Admin Team

December is a very merry and joyful time of year. We look forward to several key events taking place this month including the Middle and High School Chorus/Instrumental Concerts and Elf the Musical. Don't forget to purchase your tickets to the musical on our [Tonawanda Theatre](#) webpage. Our Winter sports season also jumped off at the end of November! You can check out [Tonawanda Athletics](#) for more information on game/meet schedules.

Happy Holidays and have a Happy New Year!



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DECEMBER 2022 Save the Date

15 Week progress grades- Dec 16
Christmas for Kids- Dec 17 9am-12pm
Winter Recess- Dec 23-January 2

High School

Honor Roll Quarter End Celebration- Dec 8 (during lunches)
HS Chorus/Instrumental Concert Dec 21 at 7pm

Middle School

MS Chorus/Instrumental Concert Dec 15 at 7pm



High School Happenings

SENIORS

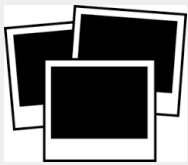
Please view the link below for important dates for Seniors:

 [Important Dates for Seniors](#)



Cap & Gown Ordering:

LAST CALL for orders before the price increases in January! Orders must be placed on the website: [Order Here](#) Prices will increase after January 15th, 2023 so please place your order ASAP. If you order anything else from the website, it will be shipped to your house. Cap & gowns will come to school in a bulk order in May.



Please send pictures for the senior slideshow to Mrs. Kiera jkiera@tonacsd.org or Mr. Lodovico slodovico@tonacsd.org

JUNIORS



The Junior Class will be selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts at the beginning of the new year! Starting January 3rd, the doughnuts can be ordered from any junior student for \$12 per box. Doughnuts will be delivered on Valentine's Day!

SOPHOMORES

10th grade students who took the ASVAB Career Test will receive their results in an interactive career education session in December.

The Sophomore class is selling 2023 Save Around Buffalo books for \$25 each which can save you hundreds of dollars around WNY with local businesses such as Francos, Burger King, Tullys, Dipson Theatres & Dicks Sporting Goods. 50% of every sale will go directly to the Class of 2025.



On Saturday, December 10th, head down to the MS/HS loop at school to donate your recycling cans and bottles from 11am-1pm. All proceeds go towards the Sophomores to help offset the ever-increasing costs of the Senior Luncheon, Prom, cap & gowns, etc.

KenTon BOCES Open House

will be held on December 15th from 5-7pm.
Address: 151 Two Mile Creek Road Tonawanda
Call (716) 961-4010 for more information

FRESHMAN

The freshman students made a nice transition to high school. We are proud of their progress! Please continue to check the parent portal for progress in their courses. If you have any questions, please email teachers for discussion.



The Freshman Class Pizza Fundraising Sale ends on December 5th! Please check back here and on your child's Class of 2026 Google Classroom for upcoming fundraising information as the school year continues!

High School PE Reminder from Mr. Gast & Mrs. Kiera

If you are completing PE Make-Ups on Google Classroom using the class codes found here:

[W 2022-2023 THS PE MAKE-UP INFO.docx](#)



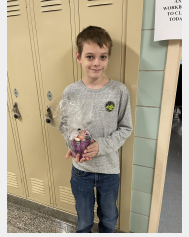
Middle School Scoop

8th GRADE

Please remind students to charge their chromebooks at night and continue to monitor your child's progress on the parent portal. If you have any questions, please contact their teacher.



7TH GRADE



Mrs. Lepky's ELA students took part in a Halloween Creative Writing Assignment Contest and the winners were announced last month!

Congratulations to:

1st prize- Hannah Crosby

2nd prize- Elise Fudella

3rd prize- Oscar Komamura

6th GRADE

- Report cards are now available on the Parent Portal. Please make sure to check the portal regularly.
- Thank you to all of those who were able to attend parent-teacher conferences. If you have any concerns that arise please reach out to guidance or your child's teachers.
- In Social Studies, students will begin their gods and goddesses projects at the end of December. Students have always loved this particular project!

Remind

We encourage you to join the Remind for your child's team if you haven't already.

Enter 81010 and text:

- For Hill/Maher - @maherhill6
- For Stoj - @gcf4eg
- For Hammond- @tmshammond
- For Heimgartner- @666636
- For Zehler - @zehler

5TH GRADE

Report Cards will be sent home with students on December 15th.



Mark your calendar for the Elementary Winter Concert!

Click below for more information:

[SAVE THE DATE](#)




Tonawanda High School


DECEMBER 8-10, 2022

WWW.TONAWANDACSD.ORG/THEATRE





Sierra Penn is a Freshman in Studio Art and has already done some amazing artwork. Sierra is always sketching and practicing her drawing skills, which is paying off-check out her beautiful shading! She loves drawing in pencil and has recently been focused on birds for her subject matter.

Chloe Lasher, a 7th grade student, is shown here with her Vanitas Still Life. Chloe is a creative problem solver and continues to inspire other students in the classroom with her creations!



What's the Buzz in Music?



The music department is hard at work preparing for the busy month of December! Music students are putting the finishing touches on concert programs and are preparing for upcoming events.

December Highlights:

- ❖ 12/8-12/10- Our High School musical production of *ELF, the Musical*. Get your tickets here!
<https://sites.google.com/view/tonawandatheatre/home>
- ❖ 12/14- Our high school jazz band and concert chorale are taking a morning field trip to Intandem, which is a local day hab facility for adults with developmental disabilities.
- ❖ Our hope is to spread the spirit of Christmas through music!
- ❖ 12/15- Middle School Winter concert, 7pm in the Auditorium featuring the **6th Grade Chorus, 6th Grade Concert Band, 7th & 8th Grade Chorus, 7th & 8th Grade Symphonic Band and the TMS Jazz Experiment!**
- ❖ 12/21- High School Winter concert, 7pm
- ❖ 12/23- In the morning, Concert chorale will be heading to Mullen and Riverview for our annual caroling trip! Our first stop is Tim Hortons for some breakfast, then we head to our elementary buildings to spread Christmas cheer singing loud for all to hear!

The High School Jazz Ensemble will be performing at the Music is Art Jazz Festival at Hallways on January 28th, 2023.

The High School Concert Band will be planning to compete in May at Cedar Point, Ohio.

It surely is an event that students and teachers look forward to every year!

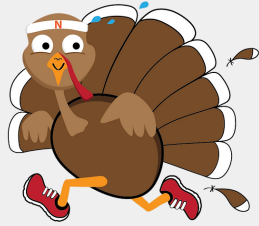
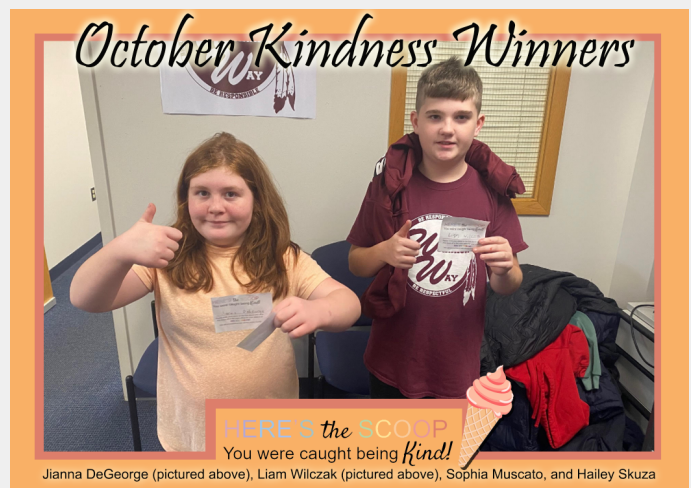


Happy Holidays from the music department!

What's going on around Tonawanda Middle/High School?



THS PE is playing Tchoukball, a non-contact cooperative team sport that promotes diversity & inclusion!



The 8th Grade Guided Study group enjoyed a "Make your own Sundae"

party based on Ms. Burgio's earned rewards initiative.



Congrats to the 2022 5th Grade Turkey Trot Champions- Colden Ulmer & Chloe Janowsky!



Mrs. Fendrick's class made no-sew blankets with Mrs. Marrazzo in Home & Careers.



Mrs. Jachlewski's 7th grade math students enjoyed reviewing for their Unit Assessment by playing "Tic TacToe" and "Go Fish" to review Unit Rate and Constant of Proportionality.

FBLA Members Prepare Dinner for RMH of Buffalo
Each year the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) group prepares a meal for the Ronald McDonald House of

Buffalo. Although we haven't been able to do it for the last couple of years, we were happy to get back to it this year.

The RMH hosts out of town families whose child is getting treatment at one of our local hospitals. Families get to stay in a more home-like atmosphere than a hotel. They pay what they can to stay there and get all the comforts of home, including home cooked meals, often supplied by local organizations.

Students had a great time learning some cooking skills, working with others, communications, and the joy of giving back to the community.



Mr's Zastrow's Government classes have been collaborating in small groups to run successful mayoral campaigns for Tonawanda Mayor. This was done as a culminating activity for their unit on Elections and Campaigning in America. Students were eager to make sure their candidates won. We are still counting the ballots; we should have the results by the end of the year!

