

North West Hendricks School Corporation

NWHSC is committed to preparing students to be their BEST.



TRIAD

December 2021

District Newsletter

NEWS & VIEWS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Parents and Community,

In November, our Board of Education approved the new 2021-2024 Strategic Plan which is unlike anything we've ever had at NWHSC. Our Strategic Plan will drive our actions towards common goals to build a stronger future for our students; it will help us realize what's truly possible when all of our stakeholders unite, connect with others who share our values, and commit to creating the BEST school district for our students! I would like to extend a



sincere "thank you" to all of you who provided feedback on our Strategic Plan as we worked through the process over the past several months, including our Board members and the administrative teams for their outstanding work and leadership.

Our new Strategic Plan is not about erasing our traditions or tried-and-true core principles. The Plan is focused on making our district educationally stronger, financially stable, and instructionally sound so that our students have the best possible outcomes. Our goal is to execute effective action steps to strengthen the district and schools at all levels in order to improve both students' educational experiences and our North West Hendricks School Corporation community.

Over the course of this Strategic Plan, we will be exploring, implementing, and refining a series of initiatives designed to achieve our goals. We look forward to working with all stakeholders as we move forward together in the pursuit to be our BEST! Over the next couple of weeks and early 2022, we will be providing opportunities for parents, staff, and community members to hear about the new 2021-2024 Strategic Plan and the actions steps that will be taken to reach our goals.

Presentation Dates/Times

December 13, 2021 - HS Auditorium 6pm

December 15, 2021 - Ricky's Pancake House 9am

Dr. Scott Syverson, Ph.D
Superintendent



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CONSTRUCTION IN FULL FORCE

Construction progress is becoming a reality in our buildings across the district. It is an exciting time to see upgraded educational spaces for our students.

North Salem now has four new classrooms that are home to four classes. The task now becomes to renovate all of the existing classrooms a couple at a time. The new boilers are up and running as the HVAC system continues to be renovated.



Pittsboro Elementary now has a new, secure front office. The front office has a secure vestibule and office for visitors when they enter the building. Visitors must be allowed to enter the office and released from the office to enter the school building. Currently construction continues inside the building with the former office space being remodeled to become the new music room, PE office, faculty bathrooms and teacher's lounge.



Tri-West Middle School had new lockers installed over fall break to replace the lockers that were original to the building.

Progress at the Tri-West High School campus is becoming more evident. The track has been completed and is ready for track season in the spring. The visitor bathrooms and concessions are also on pace to be ready for the spring season. Foundations for the new multipurpose building are in and the walls will soon be going up. Progress on that building will continue through the winter.



The new transportation complex is continuing to be worked on. The paving has been completed for the lots and the buildings continue to be completed. Delays in the supply chain have slowed some progress but we should see our missing items soon so the area can be completed. With delays, the new completion date has been pushed to approximately spring break.

WE'RE HIRING:

Substitute Teachers Needed— Provide educational support to a class of students by following the teacher's lesson plans

License Teacher: \$90/day
Substitute License: \$80/day

Custodians: \$14.73/hr.
Cafeteria Staff: \$15.00/hr

WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

Winter weather is upon us. As we have experienced, Indiana weather can be very unpredictable. During the winter months you may be hearing of school delays or closings and wonder a time or two how those decisions are made. It is rarely an easy decision and one that involves talking with a number of agencies and local road officials.

You can get the most up-to-date information on Twitter (@nwhsc1), Facebook, or any of the local media outlets. It is important that parents keep their contact information updated in Harmony to receive phone calls and emails in a timely manner. Decisions are made as early as possible and usually before 5:00 a.m.

With our transportation routes and bus stops, it will be very important to make sure your children have warm coats, gloves, hats, and scarves as they walk to and from the bus stop and while they wait for their bus. Parents should provide safe shelter for their children while waiting for the bus when conditions outside are bad.

Inclement weather will most assuredly result in our buses being delayed by drivers navigating wet, snowy, slushy, or icy roadways. If you have sidewalks in your neighborhood, please encourage your neighbors to keep their walks cleared of snow and ice during these winter months. In addition, please remind your children that while they may see vehicles approaching, the drivers may not see them. Being aware of their surroundings is even more important when the weather is poor.



Snow Days = eLearning Days for NWHSC Grades K-12 - 2021-2022 School Year

Due to the recent approval of an eLearning policy (7133) by our Board of Education, any school day that is canceled due to inclement weather will be an eLearning day for all students K-12. Being able to conduct eLearning on these days allows us to continue instruction as well as count the day as a day of instruction. In doing this, we will not have to make days up at the end of the school year.

Tri West Middle School and Tri West High School will use the schedule linked [here](#) for eLearning on a snow day. North Salem, Pittsboro Primary and Pittsboro Elementary will use the schedule linked [here](#) for eLearning on a snow day.

PITTSBORO PRIMARY SCHOOL

PITTSBORO PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION

Principal—
Mrs. Jennifer Hollingsworth

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PPS students and staff worked together to collect over 2000 items for the annual community food drive.

Mrs. Neff's class brought in the most items and earned an extra recess!

The Brownsburg Lowe's donated supplies and their time to update the flower boxes at PPS!

We are excited to watch the plants grow!



PPS 1st Grade Students were able to visit the One Room Schoolhouse in November to learn about schools from long ago.

PITTSBORO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PITTSBORO ELEMENTARY CONTACT INFORMATION

Principal—Wendy Natalie

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Congratulations to our Spell Bowl team who worked really hard under the direction of Taylor Hayes and the assistance of Jenny Wire to represent PES. A good time was had by all and we are especially thankful for our parents who made arrangements for us to stay after school weekly to practice!



Thank you Mrs. Kays for leading our staff in an afterschool painting activity. We were active learners in a world of creative intentions. It was so much fun learning more about shape, color, and the dynamics of building a piece of art through direct instruction.

We are so excited to celebrate the addition of therapy dogs to our PES learning space. We have been spending time learning self-regulation and a positive mindset to help us cope when we feel overwhelmed. Thank you to Love on a Leash for traveling to our school to be a part of our days and helping us learn more about self-regulation.



NORTH SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NORTH SALEM ELEMENTARY CONTACT INFORMATION

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North Salem Elementary school was named to US News' list of Best Elementary Schools. NSES ranked #10 in the state of Indiana.

The construction is moving along at North Salem with the new addition of 4 classrooms just finished. Staff and students moved into these classrooms beginning on Monday, November 15th. Staff and students throughout the building will continue to shift locations over the course of the school year as each classroom gets cleaned up with new carpet, lighting, and paint. The old 1920's building is scheduled for demolition on Christmas break.



The Freemasons conducted a cornerstone dedication ceremony at NSES on Saturday, November 13th to commemorate the new construction.

This ceremony was conducted by the Grand Master Mason of Indiana. Speakers included Craig Brelage, NWHSC School Board, and Brett Clark, Hendricks County Sheriff. Students from North Salem Elementary, Tri-West Middle School, and Tri-West High School performed a song during the ceremony.



TRI-WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL

Staff and Students Honor Veterans

The Tri-West Middle School staff and students took time on Veterans Day to pay tribute to all those that have served our great Nation. Mr. Essex, a former Marine and current Army Guardsman, spoke about his experiences and love for the country and his time served. As well, Staff Sgt. Larry Vinson spoke to the students about the importance of Veterans Day and their important role as young citizens and our future as a country. Mr. Nickoli spoke on behalf of the entire TWMS Family when he "thanked all the men and women for their service and dedication to our country."



TRI-WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

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Middle School Spellbowl Team Places 9th in the State



A big congratulations to members of our Spellbowl team who placed 9th out of 37 teams in their class at the state competition. The top speller for this year went to 7th grader Anna Dugan. Other members of the team included; Evan Tooley, Payton Syester, Maggie Vaughn, Alena Joanou, Jenna Lambermont, Brooke Oldham, Keegan Merriman, Reya Ortiz, Joe Wilson, Savannah Neal, Ryne Leinenbach, and Curtis Hansen. The team is pictured above and were coached by Mrs. Perry.

TWMS 7th Grade Football Team Completes Undefeated Season



The 7th grade football team finished their Fall 2021 campaign with a record of 7-0-1, including a Sagamore Conference Championship. Their only blemish was a tie score vs. North Putnam Middle School, who played the game with mostly 8th grade students. Congratulations to head coach Mr. Gosset and assistant coaches; Mr. Fleece, Mr. Volz, and Mr. Sorgi. Way to go Bruins!

Round 2 of i-Ready Assessment set for December



All Middle School students will take the MOY (Middle of the Year) i-Ready assessment December 6-17. Students will take both a math and reading diagnostic test, with the hope of meeting their typical growth (or stretch goal) score by the end of the year. Math and ELA teachers will hold a second round of data talks with students to share results and future goals for the third and last assessment later this spring. The i-Ready test is intended to give teachers a good prediction of how students will do on the end of the year ILEARN, state assessment. We ask that parents encourage their students to take their time, do their best, and continue to do the practice lessons assigned to them in i-Ready. These lessons directly target the areas where your students need the most assistance.



The Middle School students and staff participated in our annual Red Ribbon Week the week of October 25-29. The idea is to promote a safe, healthy, and drug free life for our students and staff.

TRI-WEST HIGH SCHOOL

TRI-WEST HIGH SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

Principal—Matt Rund
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Athletic Director—Jon Miles

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Students of the Month



Mr. Rund took students out for lunch as September and October's students of the month. Each department recognizes students who have shown great leadership and ability in their respective areas.



Congratulations, Bruins!



An amazing feat was accomplished by all four fall sports teams—football, volleyball, boys' soccer and girls' soccer—all earning sectional titles.

Fear Farm!



Choir students worked as ghouls, ghosts and goblins at the Indiana Fear Farm to raise money for the choir program.

Thanks Bear's!



Bear's Lawn Care & Garden Center has provided tremendous learning opportunities for Tri-West HS life skills students. Many of these students now plan on applying for a position at Bear's as paid employees.



Curriculum Corner

i-Ready Middle of the Year Testing

Our K-8 formative assessment, i-Ready, continues to provide us with data and information to help drive our instruction and to provide needed differentiation. We are excited to see our first round of growth data as we open our middle of the year i-Ready window for students to take the assessment during the weeks of December 6-22. As we did at the conclusion of our first round of testing, once the window is closed and all teachers have had an opportunity to review data with each student to celebrate growth and set new goals, we will send home all of those results with guidance to each of our families. Please be sure to encourage your child to do his/her very best work on this assessment so that we have the most accurate data! Thank you for your support!



K-12 High Ability Broad Based Planning Committee

We are super excited to be hosting our first K-12 High Ability Broad Based Planning Committee on December 20th. This committee of parents, teachers, administrators, counselors and students, will meet periodically throughout the year to learn about and review our planning for our high ability programming K-12.

K-12 Textbook Adoption Opportunities

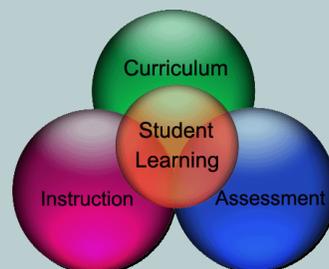
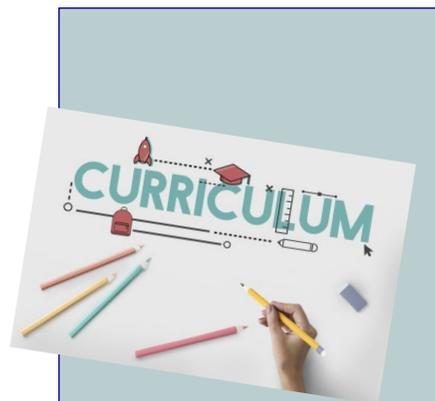
We are starting to look at new textbook options for use in specific grades/content areas starting the 2022-23 school year. For grades K-5, we are looking at adopting a new reading series. At the middle school we are looking at new textbooks for Social Studies and English Language Arts. Our high school Social Studies teachers are reviewing new textbooks as well. Each of our teachers will use a provided rubric to identify what the best textbook resource might be for teaching and student learning. During the month of January, we will host evening times (4:30-6:00pm) for parents, who are interested, to come in and look through all options.



Please see the specific dates listed to the side and look for reminders in your school newsletter. Once textbooks are selected, we will present those to our school board for their consideration and approval.

Final Exams

Final exams at the high school start on December 17. Please be sure to encourage your student(s) to get plenty of rest, use study time wisely, ask clarifying questions prior to the test, review all notes, find a good study partner, create flashcards or Quizlets, use visuals, acronyms, metaphors or phrases to help with remembering, etc. Relax, take a deep breath and tackle each final with confidence in preparation!



December 6-22
K-8 i-Ready Testing in Math and Reading

December 17-22
TWHS Finals Week

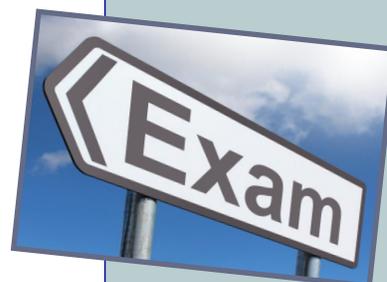
December 20
K-12 High Ability Broad Based Planning Committee Meeting

January 10
NSE Optional Textbook Review for Parents

January 12
TWHS Optional Textbook Review for Parents

January 18
PPS and PES Optional Textbook Review for Parents

January 19
TWMS Optional Textbook Review for Parents



TWHS Finals Schedule

Friday December 17th

Regular Schedule until after lunch
5th and 6th period does not meet
1:00 - 2:15 - 7th period study time
2:20 - 3:35 - 7th period final

Monday Dec 20th

Voluntary 1st Study Time: Voluntary 8:40-10:10
2nd Study Time: 10:15-11:55
4th Lunch: A/C 12:00-12:25 B/C 12:30-12:55
Mandatory 1st Final: 1:00-2:15
Mandatory 2nd Final: 2:20-3:35

Tuesday Dec 21st

Voluntary 3rd Study Time: 8:40-10:10
Voluntary 4th Study Time: 10:15-11:55
4th Lunch: A/C 12:00-12:25 B/C 12:30-12:55
Mandatory 3rd Final: 1:00-2:15
Mandatory 4th Final: 2:20-3:35

Wednesday Dec 22nd

Voluntary 5th Study Time: 9:25-10:35
Voluntary 6th Study Time: 10:40-11:55
4th Lunch: A/C 12:00-12:25 B/C 12:30-12:55
Mandatory 5th Final: 1:00-2:15
Mandatory 6th Final: 2:20-3:35

COMMUNITY NEWS



Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority

Indiana Residents Can Apply for Energy and Water Bill Assistance

Many Indiana residents who are struggling to pay their utility bills are eligible for bill-pay assistance through Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority (IHCDA). Thanks to additional funding from the American Rescue Plan, a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package, [IHCDA](#) is offering assistance programs for people who need a little help getting back on their feet.

The state's Low Income Household Home Energy Program (LIHEAP) helps residents pay their heat and electric bills, even if they are not behind on their bills. The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) provides relief for residents who have fallen behind on their water and wastewater bills. Both programs are accepting mail-in and online applications through May 16, 2022. Applications for both programs can be completed at the same time at [EAP.ihcda.in.gov](#).

Both programs have income eligibility requirements; Indiana households that make 60% of the state median income — \$27,012 annually for a single-person household or \$51,947 annually for a household of four — are eligible for assistance. Here's what to know about both assistance programs.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Indiana's Energy Assistance Program (EAP) is federally funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' LIHEAP program. The program provides a one-time annual benefit to help residents with the high cost of home energy and provide help if they are disconnected from their services or about to be disconnected. Applicants do not have to be behind on their electric or heating bills to receive assistance. In fact, residents are encouraged to apply each year.

Residents can apply for energy assistance from now until May 16, 2022. In addition, a moratorium that will prevent gas and electric shutoffs goes into effect from Dec. 1 until March 15 for those who are eligible for the program. The moratorium protection takes effect when a household submits an application, so residents who are scheduled for disconnection should inform their utility provider that they applied for energy assistance.

The program does not cover the full amount of a household's annual heating and electric costs, and it can take several months before residents are approved and receive benefits. Residents should continue to pay their bills regularly, even after they apply for this program. Although Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority is a direct recipient of the LIHEAP funding, it does not administer the EAP program directly. Instead, all services are provided through a network of 21 local service providers. Local service providers are determined by county and can be found at [EAP.ihcda.in.gov](#). For questions about an application, residents should contact their local service provider.

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)

Similar to the LIHEAP program, the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program provides federal funds to help residents pay their water and wastewater bills. Like the energy program, residents are able to apply through May 16, 2022.

COVID INFORMATION

Over the past month since having the younger children (5-11 year old) eligible for vaccination, HC has already given over 3000 first doses to this population. This is a great start, but please continue to support vaccination efforts to further protect our schools and communities. Our Health HC Department is giving COVID vaccines for all ages from 2pm-6pm on Weds and Thurs afternoons on the 2nd floor of the Hendricks County Government Center. Students can either sign up online at [coronavirus.in.gov/vaccine](#) or if someone is having problems finding an appointment please have them call our COVID concerns line at 317-718-6018.



K. of P. starts Angel Fund for NWHSC

The NWHSC and K. of P. (Knights of Pythias) partnership continues to help students and families in need.

This fund is accessible to key personnel in all of our schools for emergency use. Any financial support you may be able to offer will be greatly appreciated and will directly impact our students. Please consider supporting the Angel fund!

If you would like to donate, you may do so in person or by mail:

K. of P. Angel Fund
c/o State Bank of Lizton
900 E. 56th St.
Brownsburg, IN 46112

Make checks payable to:
K. of P. Angel Fund.

Sponsorships are a great way to support the Angel Fund. Contact us about options for your business or charitable organization!

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