

# Northeastern Local Schools

# District Newsletter Summer 2023



# Message from the Superintendent:

As we conclude the 2022-2023 school year, it is with great pride that we reflect on the tremendous achievements of our staff and students. The month of May was filled with celebratory events, including awards ceremonies, where we had the privilege of honoring our outstanding students.

On June 4, 2023, the district came together for the highly anticipated 2023 graduation ceremony, held in the Performing Arts Center. It is with joy and excitement that we extend our congratulations to each and every student in the remarkable Class of 2023. We are immensely proud of the accomplishments you have achieved during your tenure at Northeastern Local Schools. Your hard work, dedication, and passion have laid a solid foundation for your bright futures.

We are delighted to share that the Class of 2023 has collectively earned a remarkable total of over \$419,606 in scholarships. This is a testament to the talents and commitment demonstrated by our students, and we have no doubt that these achievements will open doors to endless opportunities in their journey ahead.

As we conclude this school year, we would like to remind you that the Central Offices, including the District Administrative Assistant, Superintendent, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Payroll, and EMIS, are all located in the Performing Arts Center. For any inquiries or assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at 5855 Domersville Road, Defiance, OH 43512, or contact the Central Office directly at 419-497-3461.

In closing, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the entire Northeastern Local Schools community for your unwavering support throughout this school year. The dedication of our teachers, staff, and parents has been instrumental in creating an environment where our students thrive and reach their full potential.

As summer unfolds, we hope that each and every one of you finds time for relaxation and quality moments with loved ones. Thank you for being an essential part of our vibrant community. Wishing you a safe and enjoyable summer!

# Mrs. Nicole Wells



# **TINORA ELEMENTARY PTO**

The PTO is a group of parents, teachers, and administrators working together to provide for our students! Please consider joining us at monthly meetings as a member at large. We can accomplish more with parent involvement. New members are always welcome! The first PTO meeting for the 2023-2024 school year will be on Tuesday, August 8 @ 7:00 PM in the elementary cafeteria. We hope to see you there!

# **5th GRADE FIELD TRIP TO CAMP STORER**

Tinora Middle School 5<sup>th</sup> graders recently went on their annual 3 day, 2 night field trip to YMCA Camp Storer in Jackson, Michigan.

While there, students participated in team building activities and other outdoor activities relating to social studies and science standards for the state of Ohio. The classes included *Microscopic Ponderings, In Cold Blood, Lake Hike/Canoe, Gimme Shelter, Incredible Journey, Predator/Prey,* and *Fire Quest.* Students, chaperones, and teachers thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The weather was beautiful!

Each year our trip is made possible because of parents willing to share their time, and this year was no exception. Great appreciation and thanks go to the parent chaperones who attended the field trip!



TMS 5th Grade Teachers





### TINORA MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO

The TMS PTO is a group of parents, teachers, and administrators working together to provide for our students! Our biggest project is to help students raise funds to offset the cost of their 8th grade trip to

Washington D.C. Please consider joining us at monthly meetings. We can accomplish more with parent involvement. New members are always welcome! The fall TMS PTO meeting will be August 14

@ 7:30 p.m. in the MS Media Center. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### TINORA MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATION

On Wednesday, May 31st at 10:00 a.m. our annual 8th grade Graduation was held at the Tinora Performing Arts Center. We celebrated the 81, 8th graders who will be moving onto Tinora High School this fall.



Joel Wachtman receiving an award from Mr. Andrew Thiel.



The choir singing at 8th grade graduation.



Konnor Kime receiving his 8th grade diploma.

### TINORA MIDDLE SCHOOL AMAZING SHAKE

Tinora Middle School hosted the Amazing Shake competition for students in grades 5-8. This competition focuses on student etiquette, leadership, and professional skills. Approximately 30 volunteers from our community joined us as judges for the four rounds of competition. We began the competition with 55 competitors. During the last round, five students traveled to The State Bank for the final round. Placing 5th was Isaac Brown, 4th was Lauren Rittenhouse, 3rd was Colton Travis, 2nd was Garrett Sheets, and our 1st place Amazing Shake winner was Lindsey Weber. Thank you to our community for your support of this program!



Lindsey Weber, Amazing Shake Winner and Shaun



Left to right: Lindsey Weber, Garrett Sheets, Colton Travis, Lauren Rittenhouse, Isaac Brown and Shaun Mack.

### **TINORA AFTER PROM**

The After Prom committee is looking for a Jr. parent to be the chairperson for the After Prom Committee. This person will work alongside the Advisor and be in charge of running the meetings and other needs for After Prom. The After prom committee meets once a month on Wednesday. If you are interested please let Megan Wiles know at <a href="mailto:mwiles@tinora.org">mwiles@tinora.org</a>

### **TINORA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Tinora High School students will be admitted to home ticketed GMC games at no charge. Students admitted will be checked against an enrollment list. Fall sports events are listed below.

# Football:

Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> vs. Wayne Trace Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> vs. Paulding Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> vs. Hicksville

# Volleyball:

Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> vs. Fairview Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> vs. Antwerp Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> vs. Ayersville Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> vs. Edgerton

#### TINORA HIGH SCHOOL FFA NEWS

On April 26th 10 members from the Tinora FFA participated in the Envirothon contest which is run through the Soil and Water Conservation. This contest tests the kids' knowledge on Forestry, Aquatics, Soils, and Wildlife while also tying into a current event. This year's current event was "Climate Change." Tinora placed ninth overall out of 27 teams. Members of the team were: Julia Plassman, Kenzie Hancock, Aiden Helmke, Dominic Graziani, Paige Weber, Chelsea Garrett, Jacob Bishop, Parker Hancock, Stone McCann, and Trentin Delarber.

The State FFA Convention was held on May 4-5<sup>th</sup> this year. At the first session Tinora was recognized for their charitable giving. Any chapter that donates \$500 or more to charity was recognized. Tinora donated grain rescue tubes and grain walking shoes to the Jewell Fire Department and Jewell Grain through the strawberry sales. At the second session Tinora graduate, Emily Miller, was announced as placing 2nd in the state with her proficiency in Ag Processing by working at Jacob's Meats. Mike Boff was one of 15 people to be awarded the Honorary State FFA Degree on Thursday night. The fourth session Tinora's eighth grader, Joshua Bishop, was recognized for winning the individual portion of the State Agronomy CDE. Lastly Tinora had two members step up a degree to the State FFA Degree and they were Hailey Schultz and Riley Serres.

May 10th and 11th the greenhouse class ended their project that started the first week of school. The students picked out what plants to grow on a limited budget, planted, cared, watered, marketed, and sold flowers, veggies, and herbs to the local community. Unsold flowers were given to elementary students for a present for their mom for Mother's Day and the hanging baskets were given to local nursing homes.





This fall Emily Miller, Megan Hancock, and Tyler Wiemken will be awarded the American FFA Degree, the highest award in the National FFA Organization, pending final approval this summer.

All in all, this year has been an outstanding year for the Tinora FFA! We placed in the top four as a team in the district in four CDE's, placed in the top four in a proficiency award, had two State Degrees, and three American Degrees! This year the Tinora FFA members rocked it!

### TINORA ELECTRONICS RECYLCING ROUND-UP

Thanks to the Tinora community for participating in the Electronics Recycling Round-up held on Earth Day, April 22. Sponsored by NHS and the Ram Radicals, over 1 ton of recycling materials was collected. The money from the recycling event will help buy supplies for Back-to-School Backpacks for students in need. Thanks also to Zack's Recycling of Napoleon for partnering with us for this event. Look for it again in 2024!

# HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE OFFICE

Contact Mrs. Rinkel and Mr. Siewert through email if you have any questions over the summer regarding CCP classes or scheduling for next school year. Our last day in the office will be June 14, 2023 and we will be available next school year on August 14, 2023.



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#### TINORA FINE ARTS MUSIC BOOSTERS

The Tinora Fine Arts Boosters supports our fine arts programs, teachers, and students in multiple ways throughout the year. Please join us in the band room for our monthly meetings (dates listed below) to learn more about our group and make decisions to benefit the groups. We are always looking for help at concessions stands (use the QR code below) and events throughout the year too. Please email <a href="mailto:tinorafineartsboosters@gmail.com">tinorafineartsboosters@gmail.com</a> with any questions about meetings, volunteering, or membership. We can't wait to share our love of the arts with you!



# Meeting Dates for 2023-2024 6:00 PM in the Band Room

August 14<sup>th</sup> - September 11<sup>th</sup> - October 9<sup>th</sup> - November 13<sup>th</sup> - December - no meeting January 8<sup>th</sup> - February 12<sup>th</sup> - March 11<sup>th</sup> (location change- Elementary during the Jewell Grain Banquet break) - April 8<sup>th</sup> - May TBD

# **Important Dates**

Love of the Arts 2/17 Jewell Grain Banquet 3/11

### 2023-2024 Officers

President- Amy Thomas Vice President- Kate Fruth Treasurer- Kristi Keefer Secretary- Julie Meyer

# **2023 SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM**

Free lunch and activities! Monday through Friday (Except June 19 & July 3 & 4) FREE Healthy Meals are for children ages 1-18. (up to 21 with a disability and enrolled in an educational program. An adult should accompany children under 5 years' old. All kids and teens EAT FREE. No ID, income requirements and registration required. USDA is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.



<b>County</b>	City/Town	<u>Location</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>
Defiance	Defiance	Latty's Grove Park	610 Williams St.	June 5-July 28	12:00-12:30
		Hebron Ministries	1123 Ayersville Ave.	June 5-July 28	11:45-12:15

#### TINORA ACADEMIC BOOSTERS

On May 1st the Academic Boosters honored 242 students for their academic achievements at the annual awards banquet. 21 seniors received \$100 book scholarship for their post-secondary education. 9 seniors received a 4.0 every quarter of their high school career: Cole Anders, Gavin Eckert, Isabel Ferguson, Westin Fruth, Emily Harr, Shea McMaster, Olivia Mueller, Maggi Nagel, and Trenton Wiemken. Congratulations to all students and thank you to all our lifetime/yearly members and everyone who donated to support our students!

### TINORA ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

This year's scholarship recipients were Luke Harris, Liv Mueller, Jacob Guisinger, and Emily Harr. This year we raised the scholarship amount up to 4, \$1000 awards. Each one will be paid out to the winners once their semester starts and can provide us with a transcript for proof of enrollment. Please get in contact with either the Treasurer, Sara Schaffner at (419)576-7152, or the Secretary, AJ Fairchild at (419)439-2758 by July 1st 2023 to accept the award and get more information about the scholarship process.

We are currently planning a golf outing at Harvest Moon (St Mike's) to support/fund our scholarship that will be held in September. Keep a look out for more details as we get closer to the time of the event.

On May 29th, 2023 we elected new officers at our annual meeting. The results were President: Brian Schaffner, Vice President: Andy Helmke, Treasurer: Sara Schaffner, and Secretary: AJ Fairchild. We would like to thank Barb Wiechers for her many years of dedication to the Tinora Athletic Boosters. We would also like to thank Vicki Zwiebel for all the time and effort spent running and coordinating the concession stands. The Boosters will be looking for a replacement to take over the concession stands before the new school year begins. Anyone interested in

TINORA ELEMENTARY PTO AND CLOTHES BIN have partnered to collect and recycle old clothing, shoes and textiles! So please do not throw them away! Just place the items in the green recycling bin at the front of Tinora Elementary School. Every pound of recycled items supports our school. Items that can be placed in our bin: Clothing, Footwear, Undergarments, Accessories (hats, belts, ties, scarves, headbands), Handbags, Linens. \*We cannot accept soiled or moldy clothing\* Please call 419-497-1022 with any questions.

# **TINORA PRESCHOOL**

Tinora Preschool would like to thank some of our community for their support in helping our students grow. Farmer Brad "Mr. Brad Meyer" for hosting both our classes for a great educational experience! Our students got to bottle feed baby calves, feed clover to a goat and pet horses. On top of learning about how calves grow and what it takes to care for a living animal.

this role please reach out to Brian Schaffner at (419)576-6760.









The Defiance Library for hosting us for a visit. Our students got to explore all the cool stations they have to offer. As well as, learning about the summer reading program they offer to the community. Our students' parents, for all the support over the school year. Our preschool graduates are going to be missed next year as they make their way to Kindergarten. However, we can't wait to pass them in the hallway and continue to watch them grow.

#### TRANSPORTATION CHANGE

Starting the 2023-2024 school year each student should have <u>one bus pick up and one drop off</u>, unless approved by the Transportation Supervisor Angie Bussing. Please contact Angie with transportation questions, <u>abussing@tinora.org</u>, 419-497-9919.



### **BUS NEWS**

The Bus Drivers from Northeastern Local Schools would like to give a big SHOUT-OUT and say THANK-YOU to ALL of the people who drive Domersville Road every day and take the time to stop and allow the buses out of the drive and onto the road whether it is the morning, the afternoon or both... Your thoughtfulness has not gone unnoticed!!

THANK-YOU

#### **DISTRICT CALENDAR**

The school will no longer be mailing the yearly District Calendar to the community due to district events changing periodically. School events and changes will be available on our school website at <a href="https://www.tinora.org">www.tinora.org</a>, on our Tinora Rams app., and our videoboard on Domersville Road.

### PILLARS OF HEALTH WELLNESS PROGRAM

Tinora staff placed first in the Pillars of Health Wellness program ran through the Northern Buckeye Health Plan. *CONGRATULATIONS!* 

# Congratulations to the class of 2023!!

On Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 2:00 PM, Tinora High School graduated its 59th class. Eighty-four (84) seniors were involved in this year's commencement ceremonies.





# CONGRATULATIONS!

We salute these staff members for their years of service to our school district and for the ongoing contribution they make to our school system.

<u>5 YEARS</u> — Sara Buchhop, Larissa Florence, Janelle Hoschak, Haley Moser, Tiffany Profera, Haley Sonnenberg, Lindsey Stehulak, Jami Young and School Board Member Eric Wiemken.

**10 YEARS** – Sarah Bostelman, Kimberly Haver, Kim Phipps, Kelsey Spangler and Barb Varner.

15 YEARS - Stephanie Canales, Bryan Etzler and Christine Guilliam.

20 YEARS - Rod Durham

**25 YEARS** – Cindy Leenen and Bille Jo Tussing.

30 YEARS - Elizabeth Anders and Jeff Harris.

40 YEARS - Brenda Arps

# **RETIREE'S**



Craig Rutter – 9 Years



Joetta Henry - 28 Years

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# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2023 TINORA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

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