



# TRIWAY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Every Student. Every Classroom. Every Day.*

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## Superintendent's Message

As 2017 quickly comes to a close, it is a great time to reflect on the accomplishments we have achieved as a school district. The success of our students will always be rooted in the contributions and sacrifices of our Triway families, community, and staff. Our students continue to dream new possibilities as we work diligently to make them a reality. Our third newsletter is dedicated to highlighting a few of our outstanding staff and students. As we head into 2018, I look forward to showcasing the people and events that make #theTriwayDifference.

I hope to see everyone on Monday, December 18th at 6:00 at Triway High School for our first Community Dialogue meeting. As a follow up to our Educational Futures Conference, there will be a great deal of conversation and collaboration about the next steps of the community engagement phase. A website, [www.bit.ly/triway](http://www.bit.ly/triway), has been dedicated to the strategic and facility master planning, and will feature information, presentations, and surveys as we continue through the process. Also, please mark Wednesday, February 21st on your calendar. This is the date of our second Community Dialogue meeting. I am excited to engage with our community as we continue the facility master planning process.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our Triway families!

Nate Schindewolf  
Superintendent, Triway Local Schools  
@TriwaySupt





## Kenasyn Garrison

### Student Spotlight



Wooster Township Elementary proudly presents Kena Garrison who is a 2nd grader in Mrs. Maibach's class. Her teacher describes her as a fun, intelligent leader who balances hard work and fun. Her dad, Josh, is a personal trainer for Total Fitness and local sports teams, while her mom, Jordan, is a family physician for The Cleveland Clinic in Wooster. Kena has 3 younger sisters; Myla, Eilee, and Remi.

Kena loves learning new things and feels that she is best at art. She always takes her time and works to do her best to meet her teacher's goals as well as her own personal goals. Habit #6, Synergize is her favorite habit because she likes working with other students. Kena dreams of being a vet someday because she just loves all animals. She also can't wait to be on the 5th and 6th grade Leadership Team so that she can do the morning announcements.

"Kenasyn is not only a very creative artist, but she also demonstrates leadership and the other 21st century skills like communication, collaboration, and critical thinking every day. Her attention to detail and creative expression is evident in all of her artwork."

~ Mrs. Sigler, Art Teacher

## Olivia Rusmisl

### Student Spotlight



Meet Olivia Rusmisl, a 6th-grade leader at Shreve Elementary School. Olivia leaves her mark of leadership on Shreve Elementary every day as a member of the student lighthouse team and an anchor on the morning announcements. She loves that she can help make the school look great and that her ideas are valued. Olivia is the daughter of Thad and Sarah Rusmisl, and has a 3rd-grade brother, Aiden.

When Olivia is not at school, she enjoys being active, spending quality time with her family and friends, and riding and showing her horses, Stewie and Lexie. She has the opportunity to travel all over Ohio and attributes her confidence in public speaking to her horse show experiences. Although Olivia isn't exactly sure about her plans for her future, they definitely include wanting to do something that will help people or animals.

"Olivia is a very nice young lady who is always very helpful and kind to everyone. She is very involved as a leader in our building, and she always works hard to do her best on her school work."

~ Deb Braden, Shreve Teacher



## Lexi Long

### Student Spotlight



Lexi Long is a third grader at Franklin Twp. Elementary. She is the daughter of Denise and Andy Long, and has a little sister, Elise. Lexi enjoys ballet, running, playing softball, cooking and baking.

Even as a third grader, Lexi is already sure of what she will be once she graduates from Triway High School. Lexi's dream is to be a TV cook! Lexi says the best thing about being a Triway Titan is that she loves her small school where everyone knows each other, her wonderful friends, and all of her teachers.

Lexi continues to sharpen her leadership skills by serving on Franklin's student Lighthouse Team. She enjoys making decisions with her team and planning and preparing activities for her school. Outside of school, Lexi volunteers at her church and for the Triway High School volleyball team. Lexi's favorite Habit is "Putting First Things First." She tries to live this habit and encourages her classmates to do the same.

"Lexi always comes to school with a smile on her face and truly loves learning. She would come to school seven days a week if she could. She loves to volunteer for various leadership roles and is a great role model for other students."

~ Stacy Swyers, Franklin Teacher

## Damian Michaels

### Student Spotlight



Wooster Township Elementary is lucky to have a student like 5th grader, Damian Michaels. Damian is the third oldest of four siblings. His dad, Steven, is a truck driver, and his mom, Crystal, is a homemaker. Damian loves video games and dreams of designing his own version someday. For now, he takes advantage of every opportunity to use the school Chromebooks and iPads to navigate his way through learning all that he can.

Damian's favorite habit is Habit #5, Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood, because he likes to help other kids with something that is difficult for them. Many staff members admire this great quality in Damian. He loves talking about leadership roles for kids at school and is in charge of the class clip chart. Damian is proud to be a Triway Titan and thinks his teacher is absolutely the best.

"Damian is an extremely generous friend who is always looking to share one of his treats or prizes earned with other students."

~ Sarah Shearer, WTS Teacher



## Maddie Kline

Student Spotlight



Maddie Kline is an 8th grade student at Triway Junior High School. She is a member of the volleyball team as well as the track team. Maddie's favorite academic subject in school is reading, but she also enjoys science and robotics class. Outside of school, Maddie enjoys Junior Olympic Volleyball, is a member of her church youth group, and loves searching on Pinterest for her next crafting adventure.

Maddie's favorite thing about being a Triway Titan is "everything!" She loves coming to school because she has fun, and she really enjoys her teachers. When asked who her biggest role model was, she responded, "My mother, Kelly, because she does everything for me, and she is nice to everyone she meets." Her future goals are to attend college and pursue a career helping students with special needs.

"Maddie is a very conscientious student who is mature beyond her years. She is an outstanding role model and works hard every day to be at her best in everything that she does."

~ Josh Stutz, Principal



## Jillian Croskey

Student Spotlight



Meet Jillian Croskey, a junior at Triway High School this year. She is an avid reader and can often be found with a book in her hands. Her love of reading also fosters her excellent writing skills. Jillian's outstanding imagination and creativity shine through as she writes.

Jillian was part of the backstage crew for this year's musical production of *Gyps and Dolls*. Her parents, Brenda and Kevin Croskey, have many reasons to be proud of her. This pride stems from her kindness toward others and her work ethic. Jillian has one sister, Miranda, who is a freshman at Triway. Outside of school, Jillian enjoys spending time with family and friends. Jillian says that the best part about being a Triway Titan is having great friends to attend school with each day.

"Jillian is one very strong, determined young lady. She always works hard and has a smile on her face. We are very happy she is a Triway Titan!"

~ Stacy Warner, THS School Counselor



## Mrs. McDowell

### Staff Spotlight



Annie McDowell is entering her seventh year as a teacher at Shreve Elementary. She is currently in her sixth year as a 1st-grade teacher and enjoys teaching Zumba, reading, and spending time with her friends and family. Her husband of three years, Justin, is a history teacher and a varsity baseball coach at Waynedale High School. Mrs. McDowell is an avid runner, recently completing her very first marathon and is currently training for her second one this spring.

Mrs. McDowell is excited to be a Triway Titan and loves the support of the staff at Shreve Elementary and the way that everyone comes together to create a great atmosphere. She enjoys the positive interactions and experiences with her students and their families.

“Annie does all of the little extra things that make her a great teacher. She always has her students’ best interests in mind. She has high expectations for all of her students, and does everything she can to help her students reach their potential.”

~ Adam Stein, Principal

## Mrs. Beres

### Staff Spotlight



Mrs. Mallory Beres is in her fifth year as the Multiple Disabilities teacher at Triway Junior High School. Mrs. Beres is also the advisor for the junior high’s Academic Challenge team.

When she is not teaching, Mrs. Beres loves spending time with her two active sons, Lucas, 4, and Fritz, 8 months, as well as her husband, Matt, who is a first grade teacher at Northwestern Elementary. She also enjoys sneaking in some knitting when she can find the time.

Though Mrs. Beres has worked in other districts, she admits Triway feels like home. Mrs. Beres stated, “I love this close knit community that values both family and education. I absolutely love being a Triway Titan.”

“Mallory is a great teacher. She has the innate ability to find each student’s strength while bolstering the skills of each young adult to ensure a successful transition into adulthood.”

~ Joshua Stutz, Principal



## Mrs. Myers

### Staff Spotlight



Franklin Township Elementary is delighted to spotlight our 6th grade teacher, Mrs. Nancy Myers. As a graduate of Marietta College and The Ohio State University, Mrs. Myers has been instructing students at Triway for over 24 years.

Mrs. Myers and her husband, Steve, are proud of their two sons, both graduates of Triway High School. Brooks, is founder of Knockout Concepts LLC, and Noah, an electrical engineer for the Schaeffler Group, is married to Karen. Mrs. Myers enjoys spending time with her family, especially her three young grandchildren, Kennedy, Titus, and Harlow.

When asked what she enjoys most about being a Triway Titan, Mrs. Myers cites “the fundamental values our district promotes, the wonderful community support, and being surrounded by caring staff members.” In addition to all of her hard work in the classroom, Mrs. Myers enjoys spending time creating needlework and crafts, gardening, and church activities.

“With her high expectations, innovative teaching of Math, Science and Social Studies, and her love of great books, Mrs. Myers has made a definite impact on the lives of many Triway students.”

~ Claudia Stupi, Principal

## Mrs. Wells

### Support Staff Spotlight



Mrs. Jody Wells is our head cook at Triway High School and has been serving Triway Local Schools for 23 years. Outside of work, Mrs. Wells’ interests include cooking, spending time with family, working out, riding bikes, and taking trips to different trails with her husband, Denny, who is the Buildings and Grounds Supervisor for Triway.

The genuine spirit of cooperation along with students becoming more appreciative and interested in participating in their lunch options are just a few of the reasons why Mrs. Wells enjoys her job. She also states that “the food service staff here is an outstanding, hard-working, and supportive team. Every day is different and a constant adventure.”

Mrs. Wells, who is an alumna of the Triway High School Class of 1981, says, “it’s such a comforting feeling to have a connection to the Titan community. I have a sense of belonging, of creating value, and of membership.”

“Jody may have one of the toughest jobs at Triway High School. She is always prepared and ready to give her best every day for our students.”

~ Scott Wharton, Principal



## Mr. McFadden

### Support Staff Spotlight



Mr. Travis McFadden has been the head custodian at Franklin Twp. Elementary School for the past two years. He graduated from Waynedale High School and studied Criminal Justice at the University of Akron. His background includes a broad range of industrial, technological and supervisory experiences. In his spare time, Travis likes to attend church, hunt, watch old Western movies, and stay fit. Travis and his wife, Paula, have two teenage daughters. Kelsie is a junior at Triway High School and is active in soccer. Savannah is a freshman who enjoys band. Watching his daughters participate in Triway activities brings him much joy.

Mr. McFadden loves the comradery that comes with living in the Triway community. He describes Triway "as being like a family, where everyone is on the same level and the people are friendly and accepting."

"Mr. McFadden brings a positive energy, attitude and outlook to work every single day. He has great rapport with students, staff, and community. He approaches his work with initiative and pride, and keeps our school and school grounds looking their best at all times."

~ Claudia Stupi, Principal

## Mrs. Maguire

### Support Staff Spotlight



Susie Maguire, a paraprofessional at Shreve Elementary, has been working with students with special needs for Triway Local Schools for over 20 years. Mrs. Maguire is a wonderful asset to Shreve Elementary as she works in the Multiple Disabilities classroom and also runs the after-school Latchkey program. She has a very kind and caring nature about her that makes her approachable and loved by all students and staff.

Mrs. Maguire has two children: Jacob, a plumber pipefitter; and Sarah, a member of the Cincinnati Symphony. When not at work, Mrs. Maguire enjoys gardening, canning, crocheting, and working in her flower gardens. Mrs. Maguire says that the best thing about being at Triway is the staff and the children. She loves her job and enjoys working each day with all of the staff and students at Shreve Elementary.

"Susie is an advocate for all of the students she works with and makes every attempt to help students be successful. I am very thankful to be able to work with a woman that is so compassionate about education and the welfare of the students."

~ Angie McKissick, Shreve Teacher



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## Business Spotlight

Troy Miller Agency has been a staple in the Triway community for many years. At the beginning of each school year, the agency generously donates a magnetic calendar to the staff, students, and families of the Triway community. Whether it is providing a way to display important events in the district, or personally recognizing staff and student achievements, Troy Miller Agency has partnered with our district in an effort to promote the positive at Triway.



<https://www.troymilleragency.com>

## Upcoming Events

**Monday, December 18th**  
Community Dialogue Meeting #1, Triway High School - 6:00 pm

**Tuesday, December 19th**  
Rescheduled - Shreve Elementary Holiday Music Program:  
Grades 1-3, Grade 6 Band & Choir - 2:00 pm

TJHS & THS Holiday Music Programs at OARDC Fisher  
Auditorium (Jr. High - 6:00 pm, High School - 8:00 pm)

**Thursday, December 21st**  
Winter Break Begins

**Wednesday, January 3rd**  
School Reconvenes from Winter Break

**Friday, January 12th**  
End of 2nd Nine Weeks/1st Semester

**Monday, January 15th**  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School

**Monday, February 12th & Thursday, Feb. 15th**  
All Schools Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Friday, February 16th**  
Comp. Day for Conferences - No School

**Monday, February 19th**  
President's Day - No School

**Wednesday, February 21st**  
Community Dialogue Meeting #2, Triway High School - 6:00 pm

**Friday, March 9th**  
Teacher In-Service - No School

**The Triway Local School  
District Staff would like to  
wish all of our families  
and community members  
a **Merry Christmas** and a  
**New Year** filled with peace,  
love, joy, and hope!**

**Have a wonderful 2018!**