



TRIWAY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Superintendent's Message

As the first quarter comes to a close, I continue to be amazed at the accomplishments of our students and staff at Triway. The following pages of Triway's first E-Newsletter will highlight student achievement, showcase building initiatives, and spotlight two of Triway's outstanding staff members. As we continue to carry out our district vision - *Every Student, Every Classroom, Every Day*, I invite you to click on the links below to read what our staff and students will be focusing on throughout the next few years. Through our strategic plan, we will concentrate on raising student achievement, improving communication, and strengthening district culture.

This school year has offered new challenges, while allowing Triway's staff and students to excel in all facets of education. Franklin Township, Shreve, and Wooster Township have entered year three of our leadership initiative, The Leader in Me. Triway Junior High has expanded pathways in engineering and biomedical science, while beginning year one of the Leader in Me process. Triway High School initiated two new courses, Video Production and Introduction to Engineering Design at the start of the school year. Our College Credit Plus coursework now includes nine offerings.

As we continue to highlight our students and staff, we have created a new hashtag, #theTriwayDifference, that you will see on various media platforms. #theTriwayDifference will showcase those individuals, classes, clubs, groups, and teams that move Triway toward the forefront of academics, arts, and athletics.

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Superintendent, Triway Local Schools
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Renewal Levy

On November 7, 2017, there will be an operating levy renewal on the ballot. The five-year, 5.5 mills operating levy was passed in May 1987 and has been successfully renewed five times.

	Passing Percentage
Original Levy - May 1987	54%
Renewal #1 - May 1992	74%
Renewal #2 - May 1997	77%
Renewal #3 - May 2002	77%
Renewal #4 - May 2007	66%
Renewal #5 - November 2012	60%

The levy is expected to generate \$946,600 annually and may only be used for the general operations of the district. The revenue from this levy accounts for 12% of Triway's property tax collections and 5% of the total General Fund receipts.

Property owners are not assessed the full 5.5 mills. The effective rate (due to reduction factors) is presently at 3.15 mills. As the market values in the district grow (through valuation updates or new construction), the millage is adjusted (lowered) to meet the \$946,600 threshold.

Renewing this levy is vital to the financial health of our District. Its revenues help maintain the day-to-day operations such as: classroom stability, supplies, utilities, and transportation.

Rover Pipeline

Massive machinery. Oversized loads. Trenches everywhere. The Rover pipeline project underway in Ohio is difficult to miss. When completed, the pipeline will meander from West Virginia through Ohio and Michigan to Canada.

The undertaking has generated talk of additional money for schools, landowners, and other agencies. Rover will not be issuing direct payments to Triway. Instead, Rover will be taxed based upon the cost value of its project. The value, which is determined by the Ohio Department of Taxation, will be assessed taxes established by the millage of the affected agencies: local school districts, vocational schools, libraries, townships, fire departments, etc.

The cost value assigns a value to the property and is not a business revenue stream. Only pipes are being buried in the Triway district. Compressor stations, like the one being constructed at the corner of Route 30 and Elyria Road, will generate business revenue and be taxed accordingly. This station is not located within Triway Local School District.

There is an element of risk associated with the pipeline project. Taxes cannot be collected until the pipeline is operational. No gas flow; no property value. If, in the future, contributing wells run dry and the flow ceases, the tax assessments, too, will end. And, like other utility cost values, the Rover pipeline cost value is subject to a depreciation schedule of thirty years. This means the tax revenues gradually go away.

At this time, no cost value for the Rover pipeline has been set. Additionally, there is no official date of service. These factors are crucial in calculating potential tax revenues for Triway. Until the "unknowns" become "knowns", the Rover pipeline benefits to Triway will be purely speculative.

For more information, contact Superintendent Nate Schindewolf, or Treasurer Sue Kruse, at 330-264-9491.



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Journey into Leadership

The 2017-2018 school year promises to be an exciting one, full of continued leadership opportunities for all of our students at Shreve Elementary. As we enter our third year as a Leader in Me school, our school-wide theme this year is "Journey into Leadership." Our goal is to empower our students and allow every one of them the opportunity to find their voice and use it in a positive way to impact others. Our focus on goal setting at the individual, class, grade, and building level through the creation and tracking of WIGs (Wildly Important Goals) will help students recognize that they each play an integral part in their own learning.

Becoming a member of our student lighthouse team or our habit boosters team, holding building-wide or classroom leadership roles, and being chosen as a leader of the month are just a few examples of leadership opportunities available to students during the first few weeks of school. We are looking forward to an outstanding year full of moments where our students can celebrate their unique gifts and talents. We can't wait to see all of the different ways our students continue to develop into 21st century leaders!



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Maddie Blevens

Student Spotlight



Shreve Elementary is fortunate to have a 5th-grade student like Maddie Blevens who truly embodies positivity and kindness. She comes to school each and every day ready to learn and be a good role model for all students. Maddie, the daughter of Mike and Nicole Blevens, also has a 7th-grade sister, Neveah, and a brother, Caden, who is in 2nd grade at Shreve.

Maddie feels that her best quality is her work ethic because she works hard at everything she does. Her goals for this year are to set a good example for others and promote other students as leaders. Being a Triway Titan is fun for Maddie because she enjoys learning about the 7 Habits and is looking forward to helping the younger students set goals and reach them. Her favorite habit is synergizing because she knows that two heads are better than one.

In addition to her leadership role as a student council member, Maddie is also a member of the student habit boosters action team and is also a special events greeter. Outside of school, she enjoys reading and playing baseball and football with her little brother. She hopes to someday earn a scholarship to The Ohio State University and study to become a veterinarian.



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Constructing Leaders: One Book at a Time

Students and staff work very hard all school year to build a strong reading foundation and a love for books. Reading through the summer is essential to keep those reading skills strong. Students who read through the summer, build vocabulary and strengthen their language skills. Summer readers return to school in August ready to learn at nearly the same reading level, or higher, than when school ended in May. Students who do not read over the summer can experience a three-month setback in their skills, taking them back to March of the previous school year.

In May, Franklin students were encouraged to keep their reading skills strong over the summer. In fact, students were challenged to read 1,000 minutes over the summer and write a letter to the school principal, Mrs. Stupi, about their book.

The minutes added up, with a final tally of 50,000 minutes read over the summer! We celebrated this accomplishment with a fun, “construction-themed” party. Students circulated to five stations to construct projects from a variety of building materials. Students used Legos and blocks to construct a house with a kitchen, living room, bedroom and bathroom where the three little pigs could live. They also built a bridge out of styrofoam cups, clothespins and craft sticks for 30 little bears. At another station, they used Lincoln Logs to create an early settlement, which included a general store, a church, a sheriff’s office and a livery stable. Students also designed a vehicle from K’Nex that had to have a wheel and a driver’s seat. Finally, students constructed sentences about themselves, our school and reading. At the end of the party, students received certificates, snacks, a bookmark to color, and a new book.

Congratulations to all of our summer readers for building strong reading skills throughout the summer! A special thank you to Mrs. Cindy Hudson, Title I Reading Teacher, for her work in planning this wonderful celebration!





Lilee Mullen

Student Spotlight



Meet Lilee Mullen, a 6th-grade leader at Franklin Township Elementary who always has a sunny disposition. She wakes up daily with the goal of looking for the positive beauty in her life and wants to make the world a happier place. Lilee is the daughter of Chad and Angie Mullen and has two sisters, 3rd-grader Gabby, and Allison who is in Kindergarten.

Being a member of the student lighthouse team allows her to practice her favorite habit, Think Win-Win. She loves this habit because you can have multiple opinions that you put together to make something amazing where everyone can win. Her goal as a student lighthouse member is to help all the kids in her school be the best leaders that they can be.

After graduating from college, Lilee wants to become a third grade teacher. She wants to take different ideas from all of the classrooms she's been a student in, and then use them to make a wonderful classroom. She also wants to open a gym and coach gymnastics. Being a Triway titan is fun for Lilee because she loves her friends, going to football games and the color purple.

Alex Shearer

Student Spotlight



Wooster Township Elementary is proud to place 5th grader, Alex Shearer, in the spotlight. Staff members agree that Alex consistently demonstrates positive behavior, hard work, and great character! He is a great listener, follows directions, and is considerate of others. Alex is the son of Matt and Kristy Shearer, and has a brother Andrew, in 2nd grade.

Alex's favorite habit is Sharpening the Saw because it encourages kids to have a healthy lifestyle by staying active and doing things that they love. Alex's favorite community service project to participate in is the People to People food drive. He realizes how much work goes on "behind the scenes" like sorting, packing and loading the donations.

Alex already has big plans for his future as he dreams of becoming an Engineer someday. He loves playing shortstop on his baseball team and outside linebacker for his football team. He thinks Triway has great athletics, and he plans to stay involved all through high school.



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The Leader in Me

The Leader In Me is Franklin Covey’s whole school transformation process. It teaches 21st-century leadership and life skills to students while creating a culture of student empowerment based on the idea that every child can be a leader. Students that are educated at a Leader in Me school are given opportunities to develop their fullest potential through leadership, responsibility, accountability, problem-solving, adaptability, communication, initiative, self-direction, creativity, and teamwork.

Since the 2014-15 school year, all three Triway elementary schools have been engaged in teaching the 7 Habits to our students. The 7 Habits, which are the essential components of The Leader in Me, empower students to become engaged in the learning process, and ultimately assist them in achieving their goals.

Each elementary has embraced the 7 Habits and applied them in unique ways to fit their school culture. This year’s focus for Franklin Township Elementary is developing WIGS (Wildly Important Goals). Shreve Elementary is working to incorporate student-led conferences, as well as setting and tracking a school-wide academic WIG. Wooster Township is partnering with their PTO to implement student clubs ,so that students can have new experiences outside of the typical academic school day.

As the elementary schools continue on this journey to develop the leadership potential in all students, we look forward to watching our Triway Junior High School students embrace the foundational leadership principles built at our elementary schools.

6 Characteristics of a Leader in Me school:

- Common 7 Habits language
- Student leadership roles
- Leadership notebooks used to set goals and track progress
- Leadership environment/culture
- Student-led conferences
- Leadership events involving parents and community members



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Science Technology Engineering Math - STEM

During the 2017-2018 school year, Triway Local Schools is offering a number of STEM opportunities. At Triway Junior High School, students will be participating in our Design and Model and Robotics classes. In addition to these classes, students will also have the opportunity to enroll in the Medical Detectives, Reverse Engineering, and Advanced Robotics STEM courses. Much like Triway Junior High, Triway High School is implementing its first STEM course, Introduction to Engineering Design, which builds off of the knowledge and skills acquired from the Junior High STEM program. As with many educational initiatives, the required equipment and materials were made possible by the generous support of our partners, the David Noble and Prentke Romich Foundations. These partnerships have afforded us the opportunity to purchase a laser engraver, additional classroom supplies and competition robotics kits. These supplementary resources and tools will allow our students to develop STEM skills, while showcasing their creativity and innovation.



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Triway High School Titan Leaders

The Titan Leaders are committed to making Triway High School a place where all students feel welcome and respected. These 16 students have taken a "small differences, big impacts" approach to this goal. Last school year, the Titan Leaders sent birthday cards to all students, initiated an annual Activities Fair to introduce 8th grade students to clubs and sports available at the high school, and created a school-wide climate survey. This year, they are continuing last year's projects, as well as beginning a few new ones. Rewarding kindness, connecting with new students and freshmen, and analyzing the results of the climate survey are initiatives aimed at making Triway an even better place.





Keith Pavlich

Student Spotlight



Keith is an 8th grade student at Triway Junior High School. He is a member of the Titan football team, and active in his church youth group and fishing club. Keith's favorite subject in school is science because he "enjoys the hands-on labs." In his spare time, he enjoys riding dirt bikes and hanging with his younger siblings. Keith believes the best part of being a Triway Titan is "building relationships over the years." When asked about his most influential role model, Keith said "his dad because he helped him through a lot in life." After high school, Keith's future plans include joining the Marines and eventually going to school to become a mechanic.

"Keith is an amazing young man who has fought through adversity to become a better person. His determination and dedication to success has allowed him to be true to himself and his personal goals in and out of the classroom."

—Barry Smith, TJHS Teacher



Amber Bickel

Student Spotlight



Amber is a junior this year and her favorite subject is English. She is involved in FCCLA, Pep Club and choir, and she plays soccer. Outside of school, Amber enjoys spending time with family and friends and watching Grey's Anatomy and The Good Place on Netflix. She also loves to work at the food bank during the summer, as well as enjoys singing and playing the piano.

Amber says that the best part about being a Triway Titan is "being part of a school that has wonderful students and staff." Her goals for after high school are to go to college to either study Marine Biology or major in an area where she could help people. Amber's parents are Jamie and Heather Bickel.

"Amber is a pleasant girl who goes out of her way to be a good friend and who gets along with everyone she knows. She always tries her hardest in class."

—Pat Anderson, THS Art Teacher



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Triway Welcomes New Teachers



Pictured from left to right-- front row: Ben Holt, Courtney Charlton, Charles Robinson; middle row: Kali Bolen, Katherine Moser; back row: Karly Douglass, Kaitlyn Snyder

Triway Local School District is pleased to introduce seven new staff members for the 2017-2018 school year. Charles Robinson and Katherine Moser will be joining our Shreve Elementary School special education team as intervention specialists. Joining Charles and Katherine at Shreve, is our new 3rd grade teacher, Courtney Charlton. Karly Douglass is joining the Wooster Township and Franklin Township staffs as our new elementary music teacher. Another new face at Franklin Township is Kaitlyn Snyder, our new 5th grade teacher. Kali Bolen is our newest teacher at Triway Junior High School. She will be teaching math and science courses. A new addition to our administrative team at Triway is Ben Holt. Ben will serve as the Director of Student Services at the secondary level. All of our new staff members bring outstanding expertise in their individual fields, and we are excited to have them join the Titan team.

Business Spotlight

We are honored to recognize Feikert Sand and Gravel, Inc. for their support of the Triway Local School District. Through generous donations of time and resources, the Feikert team played an integral part in the creation of the new tennis courts located behind Triway Junior High School.

"On behalf of the girls tennis program, we are grateful for all the time and resources dedicated to this project. Feikert Sand and Gravel is a big reason this project was a success."

-Andy Redd, Coach

"Feikert Sand and Gravel made the dream of tennis courts at Triway High School a reality."

-Sean Carmichael, Athletic Director



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Mrs. Wharton

Staff Spotlight



Mrs. Connie Wharton, who is in her 28th year as an educator, has a genuine love for her students. Mrs. Wharton, a 6th-grade math and science teacher at Wooster Township Elementary, is a graduate of Northwestern Local Schools, Ohio University and the University of Akron. She and her husband, Brad, have three grown children: Carly, a Human Resource/Information Systems manager in Charlotte, N.C.; Kelsey, a 5th-grade teacher for Massillon City Schools; and Drew, a junior at Bowling Green State University.

Mrs. Wharton's students enjoy her classes because she makes math fun with task cards, games and partner work. She loves Wooster Township Elementary's students and families, and considers her co-workers the best ever! Mrs. Wharton feels that the future of Triway Schools is exciting because we work together to educate the "whole child." She thinks putting students at the forefront of every decision makes our district a great place to work.



Mr. Swartz

Staff Spotlight



Ken Swartz is our high school Spanish teacher and has been serving Triway Local Schools for 30 years! He currently teaches Spanish I, II and III. Ken is also the Spanish Club advisor, as well as the advisor for the high school Academic Challenge team. "Finding that some of my students share my interest in Spanish language and culture" is what he enjoys most about his role at Triway. He also states that "working with students who are polite and respectful" is the best part about being a Triway Titan. Outside of work, Ken's interests include world history, mythology, literature and world/classical music.

"Ken is an outstanding educator who takes great pride in his teaching. He has a good rapport with all his students and sets very high expectations for all."

-Scott Wharton, THS Principal





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District Calendar

Monday, August 14th
New Teacher Orientation

Monday, August 21st
Teachers' 1st Day

Tuesday, August 22nd
Students' First Day - *Welcome back!*

Monday, September 4th
Labor Day - No School

Monday, September 11th
Fair Day - No School

Thursday, October 19th
End of 1st Nine Weeks

Friday, October 20th
Teacher In-Service - No School

Wednesday, November 1st & Monday, Nov. 6th
Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, November 2nd & Wednesday, Nov. 8th
THS/TJHS Parent/Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, November 22nd
Early Release

Thursday-Friday, November 23rd-24th
Thanksgiving Break - No School

Monday, November 27th
Comp. Day for Conferences - No School

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

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

Friday, March 16th
End of 3rd Nine Weeks

Monday, March 26th
Spring Break Begins

Monday, April 2nd
School Reconvenes from Spring Break

Sunday, May 27th
Graduation - Tentative/Calamity Days

Monday, May 28th
Memorial Day - No School

Thursday, May 31st
Students' Last Day - Final Reports

Friday, June 1st
Teacher Work Day

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 24th
Title I Family Night - Wooster Twp. - 6:00 pm

Tuesday, October 24th
Music Booster Club Meeting - THS Music Room - 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 26th
Boys Basketball Parent Meeting (Gr. 9-12) - THS Cafeteria - 6:00 pm

Friday, October 27th
Elementary Fall Classroom Parties

Friday, October 27th
Jr. High Halloween Dance - 2:45-4:30 pm

Sunday, October 29th
National Honor Society Induction Ceremony - THS Aud. - 5:00 pm

Thursday, November 2nd
College Credit Plus Meeting (Gr. 8-11) - THS Auditorium - 7:00 pm

Monday, November 6th
Athletic Booster Club Meeting - THS Cafeteria - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 7th
Election Day

Wednesday, November 8th
College Credit Plus Meeting (Gr. 8-11) - THS Auditorium - 6:30 pm

Thursday, November 16th
Franklin Twp. Grandparents' Day Luncheon - 11:00 am

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, November 16, 17 & 18
High School Fall Musical - THS Auditorium - 7:00 pm

Monday, November 20th
Board of Education Meeting - Shreve Elementary - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 21st
Music Booster Club Meeting - THS Music Room - 7:00 pm

Monday, December 4th
Athletic Booster Club Meeting - THS Cafeteria - 7:00 pm

Thursday, December 7
Shreve Elementary Grade 6 Spelling Bee - 1:30 pm

Monday, December 11th
Wooster Twp. Elementary Holiday Music Programs:
Grades 1 & 2 - 6:00 pm, Grade 6 Band & Choir - 7:00 pm

Monday, December 11th
Board of Education Meeting - Triway Jr. High - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, December 12th
Franklin Twp. Holiday Music Programs:
Grades 1-3 - 6:00 pm, Grade 6 Band and Choir - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 13th
Wooster Twp. Grade 6 Spelling Bee - 1:30 pm

Wednesday, December 13th
Franklin Twp. Grade 6 Spelling Bee - 1:45 pm

Thursday, December 14th
Shreve Elementary Holiday Music Programs:
Grades 1-3 - 6:00 pm, Grade 6 Band & Choir - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, December 19th
TJHS & THS Holiday Music Programs - OARDC Fisher Auditorium
Jr. High - 6:00 pm, High School - 8:00 pm

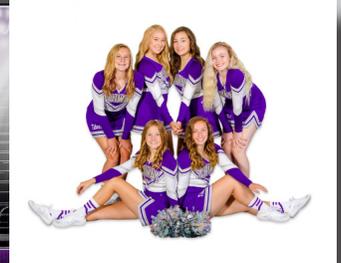


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