



APRIL NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DESK OF MR. CLARK

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Upcoming Assessments

State testing and growth assessment season is upon us, and I am confident our students are ready to meet the challenge. The staff and students have shown major resilience through this school year, and are prepared to put their best foot forward!

During the weeks of April 8th and April 15th, the secondary will be using a modified schedule to provide an optimal testing environment for these assessments. Students must make every effort to come to school well-rested and nourished so they can be at their best.

Students in Grades 7 and 8 will be taking the NSCAS (Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System) in Math, Reading, and Science during the weeks of April 8th and April 15th. More specific information regarding NSCAS testing will sent home at a later date.

Please make every effort to be well-rested and in attendance for your scheduled assessment.

Class of 2024

It's hard to believe that we are entering our final month of school for the class of 2024! Here are a few reminders and notes for their final days.

The last day for the class of 2024 is on Tuesday, May 7th. On Wednesday, May 8th, the Baccalaureate starts at 7 pm in the Auditorium:

Class of '24 Year-End Schedule

Friday 5/3, Monday 5/6 (Regular Bell Schedule): Finals for Sr.'s
Tuesday 5/7 (Last Day for Seniors & Regular Bell Schedule): Senior Slideshow, Elementary Graduation Walk, Graduation Rehearsal, Final Signout

Wed. 5/8: Baccalaureate

Sat. 5/11 : Graduation



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Driver's Education

Local Substitute, Michael Policky (and retired Beatrice Middle School teacher), is offering Driver's Education this summer for the Nebraska Safety Council of Lincoln. The Driver's Ed students complete all driving in the Beatrice and Lincoln area.

Registration for the Beatrice class is currently open to parents and students. You can register your child for the classwork through Triple AAA (American Automobile Association AAA). If interested, please visit the Nebraska Safety Council Website:

<https://www.nesafetycouncil.org/index.php/driving> to register. Or reach out to Mike Policky: 402-228-4642

Prom

On Saturday, March 25, the Tri County Jr. Class hosted Prom at the Countryside Event Center in rural Beatrice. The Jr. class put in a lot of hard work preparing for the evening. It was an awesome night of fun, food, and dancing! I want to give a special thanks to Ms. Reuland, Mrs. Sand, and Mrs. Wollenburg for their guidance and support in helping the students decorate and host Prom 2024.

FBLA/FFA Week

Good luck to our FFA and FBLA members as they travel to their respective state conventions the week of April 1st and 8th (respectively)! Many TC students are set to receive many honors within their organizations. Thank you to Mrs. Hebda and Mr. Armstrong for generating such a great experience for our students!

Student Fees

Notices have been sent out about student fees. Please make every effort to get fees paid as soon as possible. If you send payment to school with your student, please send exact payment (cash, check, efunts).



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Where has the school year gone? It seems like yesterday we were opening the doors to the first day of school. Now, we only have about six weeks left of the 2023-2024 school year! I guess it is true, time flies when you are having fun!!

On March 28th, we brought in twenty-eight kindergarten round-up students to the school. Students visited the classroom to help them prepare and transition to a full day of school. If by chance you missed the round-up, just make sure to call the front office so we get your child on the list for next year.

Once again, Tri County will have summer school for elementary students. If you would like for your child to attend, please contact the school. Dates and more information will be given to parents shortly.

Acceptance letters have been sent out to parents for preschool for the 2023-2024 school year. Unfortunately, we were unable to accept all students who applied. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me at the school via phone or email.

Parents, do not forget to send a coat with your child to school. Mother nature still brings cold temperatures in the fall. In the handbook, a student must wear their coat if the temperature is below sixty degrees. So, please help us by sending those coats to school with your child!

Let's finish out the last few weeks of school on a high note!

Important Elementary end-of-year dates:

April 8th - NSCAS Testing begins

April 9th - K-3 Concert at 7 PM

April 11th - 4-6 Concert at 7 PM

April 16th - 5/6th Field Trip/Arbor Tree Farm and Lewis and Clark Museum

May 13th - Awards Assembly at 2 PM

May 13th - Preschool Graduation at 6 PM

May 14th - KDG field trip to Lincoln Zoo

May 15th - Elementary Track Meet at NOON

May 16th - Last day of school 11 AM dismissal

May 20th - Summer school begins at 8:15 AM!



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Spring activities are well under way. Track & Field, Quiz Bowl, Music, and virtually all of our organizations are busy with a variety of events and activities as the school year winds to a close. Thanks to the Tri County community for your positive support throughout the school year. Our students have experienced several successes and a supportive community is a big part of that. Best of luck to all of our students in their various activities during the last couple months of the 2023-2024 school year!

Caleb Armstrong

Activities Director

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Notes & Reminders:

- rSchool (Activities Calendar) continues to be our primary calendar for activities and athletics. This can be found on the Tri County website. The calendar is very fluid week to week, so please check the calendar frequently and sign up for notifications.
- Congratulations to the Tri County Speech Team at the State Competition. The following students were state medalists: McKenzie Smith 2nd Persuasive Speaking, Brooke Boyce 4th Serious Prose, Evan Quackenbush, McKenzie Smith, Pierce Damrow, Meila Gronemeyer, and Ethan Rosenthal 5th place in OID, and Pierce Damrow & McKenzie Smith 6th Duet Acting.
- Spring is banquet and awards season at Tri County as well. Please look for information regarding cost, attendance, etc. from the various organizations and sponsors as these approach.



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- Tri County will host three track meets this year: Dan Tesar Invitational on Wednesday, April 17th; Tri County JH Meet on Monday, April, 29th; and JH Pioneer Conference on Saturday, May 4th. If you are interested in volunteering your time to help with any of these meets, please contact Caleb Armstrong as soon as possible. Thanks in advance for your help!
- Our music department will be busy this spring. Students will compete at the district contest in Fairbury on April 18th & 19th. Information will follow regarding schedules and spectators. To end the year, the annual POPS Concert will be held on Monday, May 6th.
- A special THANK YOU to all of our booster, alumni, and parent organizations that provide a wide range of support to our students and school. This includes the Music Boosters, Athletic Booster Club, FFA Alumni, Education Foundation, Farm 2 Fork Program; as well as the youth athletic programs. Each year these groups provide time, funding, and general support of our students. Thank you to each group for all you do!
- A reminder to please take care of any fees, charges, etc. A \$10 late fee will be added to your student's balance if not paid by April 15th, 2024. If you are paying via cash or check, please provide exact payment, change will not be available. Fees balances must be paid separate from lunch balances.



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FROM THE DESK OF MRS. WOLLENBURG

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Seniors

Seniors, keep filling out scholarship applications! There are many with April 15th deadlines still out there to apply for. As you find out scholarships that you have been awarded, please let Mrs. Wollenburg know, so they can be announced at Graduation on May 11th.

SENCAP Class for Fall 2024

Juniors and Seniors will be signing up for their fall 2024 SENCAP classes starting on April 1st. There are 18 pathways opportunities and 15 certificate opportunities being offered this upcoming year. Please visit the link below to view the 2024-2025 Guidebook that shows all of the classes that will be available for the upcoming fall semester.

https://www.southeast.edu/academics/files/A0159_2024-25_SENCAP%20Guidebook_web.pdf

Sophomore Job Shadow Unit

Sophomores are still working on their Career Exploration/Job Shadow unit in their English class. This month the students will be researching job shadowing opportunities, and then going through the process of setting up a job shadow experience. We will allow them an excused day from school to go on their Job Shadow during the months of April and May. Job Shadowing allows students to really explore careers and/or opportunities that they are considering for their future. By “shadowing” someone in their job for a day, students will get a first-hand look into what that person’s job involves. The shadowed person can show the students what the benefits and the challenges are of their position. As patrons of the school, if you, or a member of your extended family, would be willing to let a student job shadow you, please let Mrs. Wollenburg know. Having a list of potential jobs that would be available for students to explore would be beneficial for our students.

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The 2024 Tri County Prom was held March 23rd at the Countryside Event Center just west of Beatrice. The Junior class chose the theme, Tangled in Memories, to honor the Senior class. The students created many of the decorations that took on a purple, white, and gold color motif for the theme. They also used decorations from Heart Like Mine to create photo backdrops. Students enjoyed a meal catered by Snappers and Patty Collins Cupcakes for dessert. Mary Klasek took professional photographs of the attendees and music was provided by Legacy Entertainment.



If your student is interested in joining the Wilber Swim Team, you can contact Sandra Koll for more!



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Upcoming Events:

4/1 - No School
4/9 - K-3 Spring Music Concert @ 7:00
4/11- 4-6 Spring Music Concert @7:00
4/13 - Blue and Gold Gala @ 5:00
4/15 - T.O.A.S.T Banquet @ 7:00
4/22 - Honors Convocation @ 7:00
4/23 - FBLA Awards night @6:00
4/26 - No School
5/2 - FFA Awards Night @6:30
5/3 - Athletic Awards Night @7:00
5/6 - POPS Concert @ 7:00
5/7 - Seniors Last Day
5/8 - Baccalaureate
5/11 - Graduation @ 2:00



Please check rSchool Activities Calendar
for more activities and information!

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Employment Opportunities

TRI COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS CURRENTLY SEEKING
APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

FOOD SERVICE
TEACHING POSITIONS LISTED ON WEBSITE

Substitutes

TRI COUNTY CONTINUES TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR
SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, PARAPROFESSIONALS, FOOD
SERVICE STAFF AND BUS DRIVERS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED
IN BEING ON THE SUBSTITUTE LIST IN ANY OF THESE
AREAS, PLEASE CONTACT TRI COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

TO APPLY PLEASE GO
TO: [HTTPS://WWW.APPLITRACK.COM/TRICOUNTYSCHOOLS/
ONLINEAPP/](https://www.applitrack.com/tricountyschools/onlineapp/)