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TWIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES:

TVSD Committee Meeting

Monday, March 13, 2023

6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

TVSD Board Meeting

Monday, March 20, 2023

6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Parent / Teacher

Conferences (5-8)

Wednesday, March 9, 2023

Early Dismissal

Friday, March 24, 2023

Parent / Teacher

Conferences (9-12)

Thursday, March 30, 2023

TVHS Spring Musical: Grease

Thursday, March 30, 2023

Friday, March 31, 2023

Saturday, April 1, 2023

7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Sunday, April 2, 2023

2:00 - 4:30 PM

VISIT [TVSD.ORG/CALENDAR](https://www.tvsd.org/calendar) FOR ALL
SCHOOL AND DISTRICT EVENTS.

Every student. Every day.

TWIN VALLEY TALKS

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS
WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT



The Twin Valley School District is pleased to host community engagement sessions this Spring! Three informational sessions will be held to provide District updates regarding curriculum, facilities, current happenings, and more. The three session dates are as follows:

- Breakfast Session: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 from 7:30-8:30 AM in the Twin Valley Elementary Center Library
- Lunch Session: Thursday, April 27, 2023 from 12:00-1:00 PM in the District Office Conference Room
- Dessert Session: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 from 7:00-8:00 PM in the High School Library

Twin Valley School District parents/guardians and community members interested in attending should complete the event registration at the link below. If you are unable to attend one of the three sessions, a recording of the presentation will be available online on May 10, 2023, after the third session. We look forward to productive and informative community engagement sessions!

REGISTER HERE!

2023 SPRING MUSICAL:

GREASE

The Twin Valley High School Theater Arts Program is hard at work preparing for their performances of *Grease*! The show opens March 30 and runs through April 2. Tickets can be bought at the door or through the Twin Valley online school store. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. For more information, check out the website [HERE](#).

We hope to see you there!



BUY TICKETS

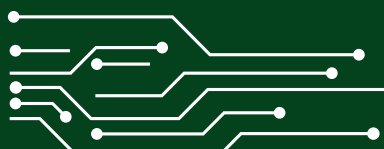
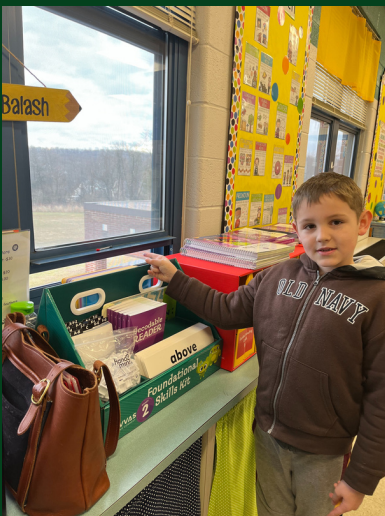
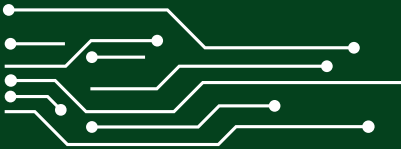


TVEC SCIENCE COMES ALIVE IN 3RD GRADE!

Third Grade at Twin Valley Elementary Center (TVEC) has been exploring the Science of Embryology through a Penn State Extension project.

The project takes the students through the developmental process of the formation of the chick embryo through hatching. It also shares and teaches about the producers and commodities in the agriculture sector and how that affects our economy.

TVEC 3rd Graders absolutely immersed themselves in this amazing learning opportunity! They took great pride in caring for the developing embryos and in having successful hatches!



ROBESON ELEMENTARY CENTER STEM ACTIVITIES

First Picture: Mrs. Balash's 2nd Grade Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) class read *Saturday Plans*. After reading the story, the class designed their own blowpipes. They tested them out by measuring how far their Q-tips traveled. Two of the Q-tips traveled over five feet!

Second Picture: Mrs. Burns' 4th Grade class learned about electricity using a Snap Circuit kit.



HBEC KID'S HEART CHALLENGE

Over the past month, Honey Brook Elementary Center (HBEC) students have been taking part in the Kid's Heart Challenge to raise money for the American Heart Association. The campaign kicked off on January 27th with an assembly. Since then, Mr. Greg Linsky, HBEC P.E. teacher, has been organizing the event and teaching our students about various health-related topics including The Body Systems, My Plate and Food Groups, Hands Only CPR, Signs of a Stroke, and How to Jump Rope.



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The culmination of the students' hard work took place on February 17th where the students celebrated raising over \$11,000 for the American Heart Association and showing off their new jumping rope talents. The students had a lot of fun for a great cause!



TVMS: JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

To support student social and emotional learning in everyday lessons, teachers at Twin Valley Middle School (TVMS) help students to contribute to the positive climate and culture of the Middle School through learning about good character.

Using monthly character words, teachers discuss topics and relate these topics to real life events during the school day. January's word of the month was SELF-DISCIPLINE.

The following students were recognized for exemplifying self-discipline:

Front Row: Jake Relly, Julian Rock, Aleah Heiland

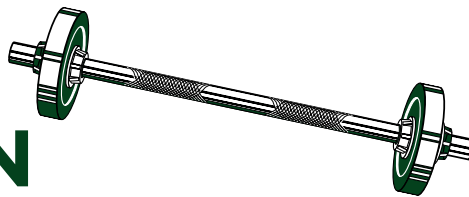


Back Row: Bella Crisi, Ben Erickson, Myla Eisenhard, Ms. Chasity Cooper, and sitting at the table, Alice McFarland and Brooklyn Kaiser



AROUND TWIN VALLEY

TVHS LIFT-A-THON



Article and Photos Contributed by
Paige Borkowski, Madison Morgan, and Ashley Siv

Twin Valley Mini-THON, a club where High School students come together to raise money for kids fighting pediatric cancer, held their annual 2023 Lift-a-THON event, and it was a huge success! Athletes squatted, deadlifted, and benched for their max weights, raising one penny for every pound lifted. Together, a total of 37,155 pounds was lifted! John and Sue Summers helped the club raise an incredible \$400.00 for kids fighting pediatric cancer.



RAIDERS TESTING LEADERBOARD				
	BOYS	SCORE	GIRLS	SCORE
Wilks Score	Aiden Jackson	344.68		
Squat 1RM	Chris Grundy	505 lb	Paige Borkowski	315 lb
Bench 1RM	Ean Winchester	350 lb	Morgan Raines	120 lb
Straight Bar Deadlift 1RM	Masen Ketner	500 lb	Maddie Mindziak	215 lb
Trap Bar Deadlift 1RM	Paul Colombo	545 lb	Kylie Duke	300 lb



TVHS INTERN OF THE MONTH

CONGRATULATIONS TO TVHS SENIOR, **TALON BAKER,** ON BEING NAMED FEBRUARY INTERN OF THE MONTH!

Written by Paige Crunkleton

Talon Baker is an extremely dedicated and hard-working Twin Valley student who has been spending his time at two separate internships, both in the medical field. Talon's primary internship is with Reading Hospital–Tower Health with mentor, Elizabeth Fairbanks, an RN Unit Director, where he accompanies nurses with all tasks and answers patients' call bells. In addition to his internship there, he spends at least one day a week at Tower Health Medical Group Plastic Surgery with Melissa Haley. There, he shadows doctors while they conduct procedures on patients.

Talon's interest in the medical field made him the perfect candidate for the two internships. With the assistance of Twin Valley High School's Internship Program, Talon was able to make both places work, providing him an excellent opportunity to advance his knowledge and progress in this field.

Since September, Talon has been an essential part of both units. Dr. Behnam from Tower Health Medical Group Plastic Surgery described Talon as, "[an] excellent intern." Benham then followed by saying, "He is always eager to see patients and how we evaluate and consider for surgery. He is well versed in medical knowledge for his age, and we are looking forward to



Talon Baker with Melissa Haley at
Tower Health Medical Group Plastic Surgery.

having Talon continue to shadow as he progresses through his educational journey and one day as a colleague in plastic surgery!" His mentor at Tower Health at Reading Hospital, Elizabeth Fairbanks, also had only great things to say about Talon. She said, "From day one, he has been engaged. His calm demeanor is great when talking to patients, and he is passionate about learning. The staff love working with him!"

Aside from the internships, Talon is a member of Ski Club and plays tennis. He has had a passion for the medical field, and that has lasted to this day. Talon plans on attending college and medical school following graduation and then becoming a plastic surgeon himself. We know Talon will be successful in whatever comes his way, and we wish him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors!

*For additional information about Twin Valley's Internship Program,
please contact Angela Morgan at amorgan@tvsd.org or Gwen Werner at gwenner@tvsd.org.*



TVHS ROTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

From Left to Right: Dr. Patrick Winters, TVSD Superintendent; Josh Phillips; Ethne Werner; Dr. Bill Clements, TVHS Principal

TVHS SENIORS, JOSH PHILLIPS AND ETHNE WERNER, HONORED AS FEBRUARY ROTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

On February 15th, the Twin Valley Rotary Club was proud to honor seniors, **Josh Phillips** and **Ethne Werner**, as their students of the month. The presentation was made at their biweekly meeting. Josh and Ethne were honored for their participation in extra-curricular activities and outstanding academic achievement.

Josh Phillips is an extremely active student at Twin Valley High School. Josh is the Class of 2023 Class President as well as the Secretary of the National Honor Society (NHS). He is heavily involved in several clubs including Student Council, Mini-Thon, History Club, High School Heroes, Awakening Club, and LINK, where he has been a LINK Leader on two of their trips. Josh is also involved in athletics at Twin Valley, participating in cross country, track, and basketball. Last Spring, Josh was able to compete in and win the County Title with his track team. He has been a captain for the basketball team for two years now, and has played on Varsity for the past three years.

Outside of school, Josh is committed to his faith and service. He works for his Catholic Parish as a sacristan as well as the Facilities Coordinator for the church. Josh hopes to pursue a career in either Political Science, Business, or Law. Just recently, Josh was able to intern with a Magisterial District Court, where he was able to observe and learn the everyday life of a judge as well as the process of a case from the beginning citation or complaint to the final verdict. Over the summer, Josh participated in the "City on the Hill" camp where he was a mock senator on the state capitol floor for a week. While still undecided, Josh is looking into several schools, some with opportunities for him to play Division 3 Basketball.

Ethne Werner is a senior at Twin Valley High School where she is heavily involved in many clubs. Ethne is the Vice-President of the Awakening Bible Study, a group she and a few of her friends started their freshman year. She is also the Vice-President of NHS, a member of the History Club, a High School Hero, a member of the Select Chorus, and a member of LINK, where she had the opportunity to be a leader on two of their trips.

Outside of school, Ethne is very involved in her church. She is a member of the Kid's Check-in Team as well as a student leader in her youth group. Ethne has led worship and coordinated worship teams for many youth group events. She is also a volunteer at the local non-profit, Anchored Ministries. This past summer, Ethne had the opportunity to work at a Christian summer camp in the Poconos that she attended as a camper since she was very little. At this job, she was the Craft Director and was on the Adventure Program Staff. Ethne is planning to continue working at this summer camp this coming summer, and she hopes to continue to do so throughout her summers in college.

For college, Ethne is planning on attending a four-year university majoring in Nursing. Though she has not committed anywhere just yet, she is most heavily considering attending Palm Beach Atlantic University in Palm Beach, FL.



DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

TVSD FACILITY USE

The Twin Valley School District would like to remind community members that the track may be used during non-school/non-practice hours only. Community members may access the track with a fob. If you would like a fob, please contact the Facilities Department at kjohnson@tvsd.org.

Additionally, coaches, activity groups, and outside organizations may use TVSD facilities if they put in a request through ML Scheduler at the link [HERE](#).

The District asks that individuals do not trespass on closed or locked facilities. If there is an incident that requires access to locked facilities, please contact the District.



TVHS COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR

Date: Thursday, March 30, 2023

Location: HS Cafeteria

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Join us for the first College and Career Fair in five years! This informative and expedient event is open to the TVHS community and provides the unique opportunity to learn about two and four-year colleges and universities, tech and trade schools, the military, and more! Approximately 50 representatives will be in attendance to share information and advice for your post-secondary path.

For juniors and seniors interested in pursuing employment after high school, there will also be multiple local businesses and employers present. Job opportunities and connections can be made on site!

FREE TWIN VALLEY GEAR available to the first 75 students who attend the event!



ATHLETICS UPDATES & WINTER SEASON RECAP

EXTRAORDINARY RAIDERS

Boys Basketball ended their season 4-18. They are graduating seven seniors. They had a Youth Night with a great turnout. They also held a competition with the Girls Basketball Team to collect canned goods to be donated.

Girls Basketball ended their season 4-18. They are graduating four seniors. They had a Youth Night with a great turnout. They hosted an Alumni Night on 12/23 with 15 alumni returning.

Boys Bowling finished their season 13-26. **Connor Phillips** and **Harrison Springer** advanced in the BCIAA Tournament.

Girls Bowling finished their season 1-35.

Swimming - Dalton Baldwin - District Qualifier

Personal Records:

- **Nolan Cromwell** - 50 Free
- **Erin Cromwell** - 500 Free
- **Susannah North** - 100 Breast
- **Nolan Cromwell** - 100 Breast
- **Dalton Baldwin** - 100 Back
- **Dalton Baldwin** - 100 Fly (School Record)
- **Sam Rhoades** - 100 Back



Photo: **Dalton Baldwin** got 6th Place in the 100 Back at the Central Penn League Championship on February 18 with a time of 56.17. He broke the Twin Valley record.

Wrestling ended their season 2-7. They are graduating two seniors. At BCIAA League Championships, **Ean Winchester** placed 1st at the 285-weight class, **Jacob Gryzbeck** placed 3rd at the 133-weight class, and **Hunter Goff** placed 5th at the 127-weight class. Sectionals were held on 2/18.

Indoor Track - Boys:

- **4x400** placed 1st at the Ursinus Invitational.
- **Jaden Brighter** placed 3rd in the 800 at the Ursinus Invitational.
- **4x800** placed 1st at Lehigh on December 10th to qualify them for States.
- **Distance Medley Relay** placed 2nd at Lehigh and qualified them for Indoor Districts.
- **Anthony Engle** beat his own school record on January 8th.
- **4x400** got the school record on 1/8/23 and qualified for States.
- **Frankie DiSilvestro** placed 1st in the mile at Lehigh on 1/13/23.
- On 1/21, **Anthony Engle** qualified for Nationals in the 800 and was #2 in the State!
- The boys took home 21 medals at the Lehigh League Meet on 1/27, which is the most in school history.
- The boys **4x800** shattered the school and meet record at Ocean Breeze with a time of 7:75.23. This placed them 2nd in the State and 5th in the Nation!

Indoor Track - Girls:

- **4x400** placed 1st at Ursinus, which was a Top 15 state time!
- **4x200** placed 2nd at Ocean Breeze
- **4x400** improved their time by four seconds at Ocean Breeze and assured them a State birth.
- **Sarah Miller** placed 3rd at the Armory Meet in the 800, which was also a school record and placed her 4th in the State in the 800.
- **Sarah Miller** broke the school 400 record on 1/29. She also qualified for Nationals in the 800 at the meet.

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EXTRAORDINARY RAIDERS

The following students were named a “Student of the Quarter” at Berks Career & Technology Center (BCTC) or Technical College High School (TCHS) Brandywine in January 2023.

TCHS – Brandywine

Aden Griffith - Commercial Art and Design Media
Drayden Robison - Criminal Justice and Police Sciences
Isabella Eversmeyer - Health Career Pathways

BCTC East

Bryan Orlando – Carpentry

BCTC West

Rebecca Goldman – Medical Health Professions
Maisy Pfleger – Cosmetology
Joshua Wiest – Mechatronics Engineering Technology



The Twin Valley Community Education Foundation (TVCEF) is proud to be supporting special programs and projects at all Twin Valley School District (TVSD) schools for the 2022-2023 school year. We have given a total of \$12,078 to these 11 programs:

- Second Grade Sensory Supports at TVEC
- 2023 TVHS College and Career Fair at TVHS
- Integrative iPad Initiative at TVHS
- Teaching Technical Theater at TVHS
- Calm Down Boxes at HBEC
- Makerspace STEAM Stations at HBEC
- Re-Write Boards for 1st Grade at REC
- Raider Pride Student of the Month at TVMS
- New Student Welcome Breakfast at TVMS
- Cricut Machine for Business Classes and Beyond at TVHS
- Global Scholars Program at TVHS

Thank you to all those who applied to our Annual Grants and Second Chance Grants programs. Grant applications for the 2023-2024 school year will be open starting in May 2023 and can be found at tvcef.org.

Twin Valley All Alumni Reunion:

Calling all Twin Valley Alumni! Bring yourself and your family to the All Alumni Reunion on May 20, 2023 at 4:00 PM at the Reading Liederkrantz Picnic Grounds. The event is rain or shine. More details are available at tvcef.org or bit.ly/tvalumni.