

THE PATRIOT EXPRESS

TRI-VILLAGE JH & SR HIGH NEWSLETTER



NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Lee Morris

As the weather turns colder and colder, please keep in mind the doors to Tri-Village open at 740am each morning for students. Our next round of Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place Tuesday and Thursday February 22-24, from 330-630pm each night. You can contact the Main Office at 996-1511 to schedule a conference with your child's teacher. Grade cards will be coming home to all students and families on Friday, January 21. All members of the Class of 2023 (MVCTC students included) will be taking the ACT on Tuesday, March 1 on the campus of Tri-Village.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Jan. 3: School Resumes

Jan. 14: No School

Jan. 17: Martin Luther King Jr. Day-No School

JV/VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

Jan. 3: Sidney 6:00 H

Jan. 6: Dixie 6:00 H

Jan. 8: National Trail 1:00 A

Jan. 13: Franklin Monroe 6:15 H

Jan. 15: Flyin to the Hoop vs. Bellbrook 11:30 A

Jan. 17: Classic in the Country vs. Cuyahoga Valley
Christian Academy 11:40 A

Jan. 20: Bradford 6:00 A

Jan. 22: Minster 1:00 A

Jan. 27: Twin Valley South 6:00 H

JV/VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

Jan. 7: Dixie 6:00 A

Jan. 11: National Trail 6:00 H

Jan. 14: Franklin Monroe 6:00 A

Jan. 16: Flyin to the Hoop vs. Botkins 11:30 A

Jan. 21: Bradford 6:00 H

Jan. 22: Troy Christian 6:00 A

Jan. 25: Fort Recovery 6:00 H

Jan. 28: Twin Valley South 6:00 A

Jan. 29: Ansonia 6:00 A



Positive Effects Of Electives

By: Sage Waters

Although school means something different for everyone, we can all agree on one thing: school will have, or maybe even already had, the biggest impact on your life. Aside from the required classes such as Math, English, and Science, there are the classes known as electives. Electives, much like the required classes, come in a variety of options which help expand a student's interests as well as their understanding of particular topics.

Every school offers electives, including Tri-Village. We have an array of electives such as Psychology, Choir, and Literary Studies. When asked her opinion of the potency of electives, Mrs. Black, Tri-Village's guidance counselor, stated this, "Usually, while you're taking an elective you are gaining knowledge that you may not have been required to take. It can open your eyes to a new point of interest in something you never were really interested in before." The idea of electives is to encourage students to become involved in what they normally wouldn't be involved with and to improve character and cognition as the time goes on. That's why electives are so efficient for students. They can essentially revolutionize a student's entire future just by introducing them to one additional class.

For many students, electives have improved their high school experience by teaching them new passions. Alyssa Begoon, a student at Tri-Village and a long time band participant, believes the electives she's taken have drastically changed her school experience. She stated, "I feel like electives make your curriculum more personalized rather than what's required.

Throughout my time in band, I've learned leadership and teamwork." Not only has the band given her a vast knowledge about the art of music, it's given her an additional understanding and respect to music as a whole. Electives get students more involved in school and give them something to look forward to the following day, as well as trigger some additional initiative along with it.

When debating on what electives to choose, it may be better to first consider what you would like to do in your future. There is always going to be an elective that has something to do with what you would like to do when you're out of high school, whether that's college or straight into the workforce. In other words, electives put the life into the idea of students being lifelong learners.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JH GIRLS BASKETBALL

Jan. 10: National Trail 5:30 A
Jan. 13: Franklin Monroe 5:00 H
Jan. 18: Bradford 5:30 A
Jan. 22: Twin Valley South 10:00 H
Jan. 24: Preble Shawnee 5:30 A
Jan. 29 - Feb. 5 WOAC Tournament

JH BOYS BASKETBALL

Jan. 4: Tecumseh 5:30 A
Jan. 8: Russia 10:00 H
Jan. 10: National Trail 5:30 H
Jan. 18: Bradford 5:30 H
Jan. 22: Twin Valley South 10:00 A
Jan. 24: Preble Shawnee 5:30 H
Jan. 27: Franklin Monroe 5:00 A
Jan. 31: Mississinawa Valley 5:30 A

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LUNCH LADIES FACE DIFFICULT FOOD SHORTAGE IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Written by Logan Byrd, TV News

We all know and love our lunch ladies at Tri-Village. They are the ones who dedicate their hard work and time to preparing our lunches and breakfasts so that everyone can eat. Lately, however, they are having to deal with the consequences of a food shortage. Despite doing their best to get their weekly orders together, the food companies are having a hard time keeping up with the demand. The menu has had to change on multiple occasions as a result of several problems stemming from this.

The first issue, as Food Service Supervisor Sheryll Hedger says, is with the rising costs of disposable plastic. It is becoming increasingly harder to get the disposable, four ounce cups that the fruit is served in. They have also had to switch to paper cups to serve condiments now for the same reason. She orders from two companies to receive this item, which comes in 15 cases of 200 per order. The first vendor sells this for \$122.67, but the second vendor sells it for \$56.70, almost a difference of \$66. When she purchased four cases from the second vendor on December 7th, she saved a total of \$263.88. "Comparing prices is a definite must in the business of school food service," Sheryll says. "Every school lunch program is self supporting and all bills are paid for via the lunch program account. The school lunch program is a business within itself."

Another concerning issue is involved with the shortage of containers to transport the supplies. This is the reason that only white milk was available at lunch time for Friday, December 10th and Monday, December 13th. One of the hardest things for our school cafeteria to get lately is the pizza. They have had to change the kind of pizza they order, and now they can no longer serve it for lunch as often as they used to. And yet, the lunch ladies continue their tiring, valiant effort to assure that every child has a lunch who needs it at Tri-Village Schools. While the future remains uncertain, one thing is for sure: we are thankful for our lunch ladies.

BY BELLA BLACK

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As a student, I am constantly being told to become involved with my school and my community. However, sometimes I worry that joining an extracurricular activity will take a toll on my grades and on my freetime. Is becoming a part of extracurricular activities a good idea?

A

To be involved with your school and community as a young adult is something that can be incredibly impactful on both yourself and the people around you. However, there are lots of things to consider when deciding on whether or not you are wanting to participate in an activity. Time management is the biggest factor to consider when choosing an activity to participate in. Will you be able to give the amount of time that the activity requires you to? If not, joining an extracurricular activity may not be beneficial for you or others who are a part of it. If you do decide to participate in activities, you will want to be sure that you enjoy the environment, what you are doing, and who you are doing it with.

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What are the best school lunches that Tri-Village offers during lunchtime?

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According to a group of junior high and high school students, the top 3 lunches include the salads, taco in a bag, and popcorn chicken. The most popular lunchroom items are the chocolate chip cookies. They are baked to perfection and will make any day better.

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As a high school student, I sometimes struggle with lack of motivation. Are there any tips you could give me to help my lack of motivation?

A

I think that to some extent, everyone has their struggles with having motivation to do things that they simply don't want to do. My advice to you would be to find the positives in what you are doing. An example of this could be studying. At the end of the day, not many people get thrilled over the thought of studying for a test, but doing well on a test is something that people do get excited over. Looking for the positives in negative situations is the best way to find motivation in order to get things done.