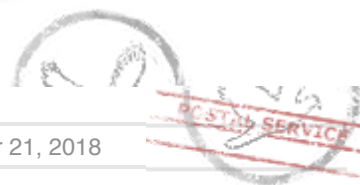


# THE TC INSIDER

November 21, 2018



To the Tri-County Community,

Since my last update, we have completed our NEASC visit. I want to thank the School Committee, parents, students, and faculty for their support. The very next week we sponsored our Career Days on October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, where area middle schools visited us over a two-day period to explore career options and our programs. The two career days were followed immediately on November 1<sup>st</sup> by our Grade 8 Open House. Over 400 visitors attended the Open House that kicks off our admissions effort for the coming year.

In sports, we had five teams that competed in the MIAA, State Vocational, and league tournaments in the past few weeks. Boys' soccer qualified for the MIAA tournament and lost a tough battle in the quarterfinals to Cardinal Spellman. The girls' soccer team won the State Vocational tournament but came up short to Dover-Sherborn in the MIAA quarterfinals. The Golf team won the Mayflower League Championship. The girls' volleyball team won the State Vocational Championships as well as the quarterfinals of the MIAA tournament but lost to Millbury in semi-finals. The football team moved through the MIAA South Sectional quarterfinals but lost to West Bridgewater in the semifinals as well. We have had a very successful and exhausting fall and I want to thank the students, faculty, and parents that have come out to all these playoff games these past few weeks. In football, we still look forward to the Cougar Cup. This year we will face off with Old Colony at Taunton HS for the annual Thanksgiving-eve classic.

We postponed our National Honor Society induction ceremony scheduled for Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> as many of the members and inductees were involved in sports competitions the same evening. We have rescheduled the induction for Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

Lastly, our Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9 pm. At 6:30 pm, please join the Dean of Students in the auditorium for a discussion on Bullying Prevention and other student issues. On Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, at 9 am, all Tri-County families will receive both a phone call and an email letting them know the link is up and running for signing up for Parent/Teacher Conferences. Families will have from November 24<sup>th</sup> through December 5<sup>th</sup> to sign up for conferences. More detailed information will be sent via email. If your email is not on file with Tri-County, you will not be able to sign up for conferences. Please call the Guidance office at 508-528-5400 ext. 125 to update your email information.

Thanks for your support and have a great Thanksgiving.

## Upcoming Events

### Early Release Day

November 21

### Thanksgiving Recess

November 22-23

### National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

November 29

### Parent Night (All Grades)

December 6

### Gerry's Place International Buffet

December 13

### Early Release Day

December 10

### Early Release Day

December 21

### Winter Holiday Vacation

December 24 - January 1

### Early Release

January 8

## About The TC Insider

The TC Insider is a biweekly newsletter for the families of Tri-County students.

Remember – Work Hard, Today Counts,

Mr. Procaccini

## From the Office of the Dean of Students:

### AAA Drivers Education

AAA will be at the school for Drivers Education starting on Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup> and ending on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Information can be obtained through the Dean of Students office or you can contact AAA at 855-222-1050 or [AAA.com/DriverTraining](http://AAA.com/DriverTraining). There is a discount if you have AAA.

### Class Fees

Students are responsible to pay class fees each year. Class fees are \$75.00 a year and help to defray the cost for senior yearbooks, senior trips, and co-curricular activities. We are excited to offer MySchoolBucks® School Store which is an online payment service that provides an easy way to pay for annual Class Fees using your credit/debit card or electronic check. MySchoolBucks provides:

- Convenience- Available 24/7 on the web.
- Efficiency- Make purchases for all your students and eliminate the need for your students to bring money to school.
- Flexibility- Make payments using credit/debit cards and electronic checks.
- Security – MySchoolBucks adheres to the highest security standards.

Enrollment is easy!

If you are already using MySchoolBucks to pay for school meals or parking fees, your account is already set-up and ready to go! Just log in and click on School Store. If you don't have an account, follow the steps below:

1. Go to [www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com) and register for a free account.
2. Add your students using their school name and student ID.
3. Make purchases with your credit/debit card or electronic check.

### Lost & Found

We have many items that have been found throughout the school and put in the Lost & Found bin in the Dean's Office. Please have your student check in the Dean's Office, should he/she find something missing.

### Dress Code


Students are reminded that ripped and torn clothing is not allowed per the Student Handbook. With the cold weather coming, flannel pajama bottoms are not permitted.

### Parking Tags

Parking tags have sold out. You may come to the Dean of Students office to put your name on a list just in case one becomes available. Juniors will be able to park for the rest of the school year once the seniors have graduated in June.

### Class Rings

Balfour Rings will be in on Tuesday, November 27 and Wednesday, November 28 during all three lunches. Any sophomore, junior or senior who would like to order a ring but did not receive the

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information package may pick one up in the Dean of Students office.

## **From the Office of the Director of Cooperative Education:**

### **Senior Project**

Senior Project production week is November 26-30, 2018. All Co-op students are remanded back into the building for the creation of their Product. Students who are unable to complete their Product during the week should arrange with their shop instructor(s) to stay during their late help days whenever possible between now and the winter break. Alternately, they can continue to finish it at home.

Please remember that the student is responsible for providing the necessary materials to fabricate the Product. Tri-County does not pay for Senior Projects. Projects do not need to be expensive. Many students avail themselves of recycled materials. Seniors solicit donations they garner scrap from their Co-op jobs, local garages, friends, and relatives. If finances are still looking to be prohibitive, students are encouraged to stay for late help and any of their shop instructors will be happy to advise how to modify morph, downsize or even re-think a Product to be cost-effective.

Students must come prepared with the appropriate materials. All seniors have been reminded not to wait until the last minute to gather/purchase their materials. Items have a way of getting back ordered and out of stock. Students are graded daily on effort and production of the product; working on the PowerPoint is **not** a part of the production daily grade, and is **not** a gradable alternative to coming into school prepared to work on the Product. You can access the Daily Grading Rubric on pg. 27 of the Senior Project Manual.

**Students WILL NOT be allowed to sign out, or dismiss themselves during this week to “shop” for missing materials; this must be accomplished during after school hours.**

Looking for those early submission points? The “window” of opportunity for early submission of the *finished* project is on or before Tuesday, December 18, firm. **All Senior Projects are due in school for final submission and grading on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.**

Late submissions receive a 10% penalty for each day late including absences.

### **Co-operative Education**

**NOTE:** Co-op students may go back out on co-op if they have completed the product in its entirety and it meets acceptable quality standards sanctioned by the shop instructor.

Co-op students are reminded that if they were unable to complete their Senior Product, they can arrange with their shop instructor(s) to stay during their late help days during their academic week for project assistance or as mentioned; elect to complete it at home. **REMINDER: Co-ops are not allowed to take time off from co-op to work on the Project after production week.** (*refer to page 12 of the Senior Project Manual*).

**Again, all projects are due in school for final submission and grading on Wednesday, January 2, 2019, firm.**

### **Back to Work?**

So what about the Holiday and the day after? Yes, they can work them. Just because Tri-County

does not have school and it is not a "B" week, doesn't mean that co-ops can't ask to work. If the employer keeps these hours, co-ops can ask if they are needed. There is no time sheet for these days because it's "down time". They can earn some extra cash! This holds true for the big vacation weeks as well.

## **Guidance Update:**

### **Q1 Report Cards**

Quarter 1 Grades closed on November 9, 2018. Tri-County report cards are now digital and will not be mailed home. To view your child's report card, please log in to your PowerSchool account to view current Q1 grades.

## **Club News:**

### **National Honor Society**

The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, November 29, at 7:00 pm. We will honor 29 outstanding students who are being recognized.

### **Get ready for Ski Club!**

Attention Skiers and Snowboarders! The Ski Club will begin their 6 weeks for skiing/boarding at Wachusett Mountain beginning Thursday, January 3, 2019. The bus will leave Tri-County at 2:00 PM and return at 8:00 PM. Skiing/boarding at the mountain will be from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Rentals and lessons are available at discounted rates. The price for 6 weeks of skiing/boarding at Mt. Wachusett is only \$140.00 plus a mandatory bus fee of \$80.00 (to Tri-County). Students interested in skiing/boarding at Wachusett Mountain this winter with Tri-County can contact Ms. Johannesen to get more information and pick up the forms.

## **Athletics News:**

Winter sports begin on Monday, November 26th. All athletes must be registered through the FamilyID portal which can be found on the Athletics page on the TC website or you can go there directly by clicking [here](#).

The varsity volleyball team wrapped up their season with a final record of 24-1. The team finished the season with a Mayflower League Championship, and a Massachusetts State Vocational Championship before falling in the semifinals of the MIAA state tournament. On top of the team awards, individual highlights include Kiara Dempsey being named Mayflower League Player of the Year, Sarah Killoy and Ashley Barry were also named Mayflower League all-stars. Coach Stephanie Caffrey was named Coach of the Year!

Tri-County Cheerleaders placed 7th in the Small Co-Ed division of the MSAA State Cheerleading Championship Competition on Sunday, November 18, 2019.

The Varsity girls soccer team won the Mayflower League and State Vocational championships for the second year in a row.

Congratulations to all our teams!

For the latest scores and schedule changes, visit our new TC Athletics Twitter page @TriRvths.

Individual sports pages can be found on our website at [www.tri-county.us/athletics](http://www.tri-county.us/athletics).

## **Sophomore Class of 2021 Update:**

Ms. Sabasowitz, the sophomore class advisor, is pleased to announce the Class Officers for the Sophomore class of 2021 are: James Slamin of Franklin is President, David Lusk of Plainville is Vice President, Karoline McNamara of Attleboro is Treasurer, and Noelle Hicks of Plainville is Secretary.

The Freshman-Sophomore Semi-Formal dance will be taking place on Friday, March 22, 2019, from 7pm-10pm here at Tri-County. Tickets cost \$15 per person. They will be available soon.

Class Ring info and important dates. On Friday, November 16th, a sophomore class assembly was held where Balfour distributed information and explained the ordering process to students. Family ring ordering night is scheduled for Monday, November 26th 5-7PM cafeteria (pizza will be served). Tuesday & Wednesday, November 27th & 28th is in-school ring order days during lunches in the cafeteria. The rings will be ready for pickup in March (there will be an event at that time...further info to come).

Don't forget to pay your Class Dues!!

## **Academics Update:**

The junior class had an English assignment to read 'The Things They Carried' by Tim O'Brien. The book is comprised of a collection of short stories about a platoon of American soldiers fighting on the ground in the Vietnam War. Tri-County English Teacher and Coast Guard Veteran, Lisa LaPlante asked a local Vietnam Veteran to come and speak to the class about his experiences during the war. For the full story, click [Veteran](#).

## **Vocational Update:**

### **Carpentry**

Carpentry students attended the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) Youth Remodeling Career Day at the Bolton Fair Grounds. Grade 10 and 12 students received hands-on experience in core remodeling skills such as carpentry, framing, plumbing, electrical work, installation of cabinets, lighting, flooring and more.

Skilled trades are the backbone of America and prosperity. This was a great networking event for students looking for opportunities in the construction industry.

### **Computer Information Systems (CIS)**

CIS Students placed 2nd overall in Massachusetts in the First Round of the US Air Force Association's CyberPatriot Competition. They will compete in Round 2 on Friday, December 7th for a chance to move on to the State Round.

### **Cosmetology**

The Cosmetology career program held a Cosmetology Career Fair for post-secondary education and high school students. Students were able to meet and speak one-on-one with many area salons who came to Tri-County to present job opportunities. Tri-County Cosmetology offers their students the opportunity to meet with many industry-leading companies all in one day.

The companies who participated in the career fair were in search of quality talent that typically graduates from Tri-County. Participating salons included: Fernando's Hair Design of Medfield, L'quipe of Franklin, Salon B'eni of Walpole, Salon Capri of Norwood, Shear Magic of Medway, Sports Clips of Milford and Super Cuts of Franklin.

### **Culinary**

The International Buffet is scheduled for December 13th from 10:44 - 12:30 on a first come first serve basis. No reservations will be taken. The price is \$10.95 per person. The menu will be published after Thanksgiving

### **Dental & Medical Careers**

Tri-County students in the Medical and Dental career programs are in the process of putting together resources for our community at large. They are asking the community to please complete a seasonal allergy survey to help to further identify the information students will share that will support the needs of our community at large. Click [Survey](#).

### **Early Education**

On November 2nd and November 9th, Early Education students visited the Wonder of Learning/Hundred Languages of Children Exhibit at Wheelock College. The exhibit is a visual representation of the Reggio Emilia philosophy of Early Education, which originated in Reggio Emilia, Italy. In preparation for their visit, students heard from a guest speaker, Alicia Kolovson. Alicia is an Early Education graduate, has visited Reggio-inspired schools in Italy, and works in a Reggio Inspired classroom in Massachusetts.

This field trip was a rare opportunity to experience the exhibit, which travels throughout the country and has not been in Boston for decades. Students were led through the exhibit by their facilitator, Mary Mindess, Professor Emerita from Lesley University. Professor Mindess had this message: "To the students at Tri-County, who were engaged, reflective and clearly thinking about the "Wonder of Learning". It was a pleasure working with you and hearing about all the ways that the Wonder of Learning Exhibit has inspired you."

### **Legal & Protective Services**

Juniors have become certified in identifying and responding to fraudulent practices and financial scams that target the elderly. They presented their findings to local senior centers in Bellingham and Mendon to share with their clients. The juniors hope to provide tips and information about avoiding scams that have been reported to the police in this region recently.

### **Save the Date:**

#### **Tee Off for Tri-County Golf Tournament**

Mark your calendars for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Tee Off for Tri-County Golf Tournament Fundraiser which will be held on Friday, June 7, 2019.

### **Social Media:**

Are you on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or LinkedIn? Tri-County has a social media presence on all of these social media platforms where the latest news all about Tri-County is reported. Follow us by clicking: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

### **The Tri-County Education Foundation:**

**Buy-A-Brick Campaign**

The Tri-County Education Foundation is continuing to sell commemorative bricks to help fund educational programs and innovation. The bricks will be used to create a commemorative walkway in the front the flagpole at Tri-County. This makes a great gift for students, graduates and anyone who would like to become a part of Tri-County's history through generous donations. To buy a brick click here: [Buy-A-Brick](#).

**Board Members Wanted**

Members of the Tri-County community founded the Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical Education Foundation to enrich and expand programs needed to meet the school district's stated mission of excellence. Anyone interested in joining the Foundation can contact Superintendent-Director Stephen Dockray at [dockray@tri-county.us](mailto:dockray@tri-county.us).

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