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Dear Tiger Community:

I hope this installation of the Tiger Tribune finds you well and fulfilled with lasting holiday cheer. The calendar year has drawn to a close, but I hope you continue to reminisce on the outstanding performances of our students during the recent Christmas concerts. As the first semester draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey our students and staff have embarked upon together, including news from the Department of Public Instruction that all Tigerton school report cards met academic expectations for the previous school year.

We have exciting news from the classrooms about the latest technological advancements at all three schools. Additionally, it won't be long until student report cards are out. I'm asking you to review your child(ren)'s progress with them and impress upon them the rewards they obtain by increasing their knowledge and positioning themselves for greater success in the job market after high school.

To begin with, I am delighted to inform you that Tigerton Elementary, Middle, and High Schools have recently undergone significant technology upgrades to enhance the learning experience for our students. Our commitment to providing cutting-edge technology in education is reflected in installing state-of-the-art interactive presentation monitors in all current classrooms, ensuring a dynamic and engaging environment for students and teachers. The district piloted five interactive media display boards last school year, and the students and staff overwhelmingly reported their delight and ease of working with the new technology. "Transformational instruction" were words used to describe one teacher's ability to instruct their class and have the students demonstrate learning.

The past few months have been nothing short of remarkable, and it's a testament to the dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm of every member of our academic community. From overcoming challenges to embracing new opportunities, we have collectively created an environment that fosters learning and achievement. The commitment to excellence from students and faculty has played a pivotal role in our accomplishments. I am inspired by the spirit of collaboration that defines our institutional environment.

The achievements of this semester extend beyond academic success. Our extracurricular activities, outreach programs, such as Sources of Strength, and various initiatives have further enriched our educational experience. The camaraderie and mutual support permeating our community has undoubtedly contributed to our overall success. I want to express my appreciation to every staff member for their contributions and dedication.

As we bid farewell to the first semester, let us also eagerly anticipate the challenges and opportunities the second semester holds. The foundation we have built together sets the stage for continued growth and achievement. With the same passion and determination, I am confident we will reach even greater heights in the coming months.

May the second semester be filled with discoveries, meaningful experiences, and shared successes. Let us continue to support Tigerton schools, nurture our student's talents, and work towards a future where our collective efforts lead to even more extraordinary accomplishments. We are delighted when our community witnesses our students' advancements firsthand and partakes in the activities we work diligently to master. Your support and presence mean the world to our students and the school community.

Warm regards,

Douglas F. Nowak
District Administrator

Yearbook Grad Ads for Sale!!

The yearbook staff is giving THS Senior parents, grandparents, friends, and relatives the opportunity to purchase a Graduation Ad for the 2023-24 Tigerton Yearbook.

The cost is \$30 per ad. We ask that you supply a photo and write a few sentences congratulating the senior. Each ad will take up approximately 1/8 of a page. Larger sized ads are available.

You can email photos and a write up to tschmidt@tigerton.k12.wi.us or drop off the information in the high school office.

Hurry!! Deadline for the ads is February 1!

Thank you for your support of the Tigerton Yearbook!

SKYWARD FAMILY ACCESS INSTRUCTIONS

Did you know you can check on your child's grades, schedule, food service account, etc. anytime you want?

Please see the following directions to view your family's Skyward account. Call the high school office, 715-535-4001, if you need help or if you need your Skyward Login ID and/or Password.

Go to: <https://www.tigerton.k12.wi.us/>
STUDENTS & PARENTS
SKYWARD FAMILY ACCESS

Login ID:

Password:

Open Family Access

Happy
New
Year

Academic and Career Planning

The state of Wisconsin requires, by law, some kind of career planning be offered to all students K-12 in some capacity. Here at Tigerton, our Academic and Career Planning program (ACP) includes the following:

At the elementary level, different careers are talked about in guidance lessons with Ms. Kaczrowski, and there is a safety fair put on by FFA where different careers are brought to the elementary school parking lot for students to explore.

At the Tigerton Middle/High School level, ACP is carried out on Wednesday afternoons during our Tiger Time (2:50-3:20). The ACP activities include a variety of lessons every week regarding ACP concepts, such as: job exploration, post-secondary planning, budgeting, interviewing skills, and resume building. We also have various speakers throughout the school year, such as: the Blood Drive, the Department of Corrections, the Army, and Stubborn Brothers. The speakers talk about what their job is, how they got to where they are, and what their day to day responsibilities look like.

Finally, we have a variety of field trips that students are able to attend, such as: touring different colleges; NTC and UWSP, and career fairs at UWSP Wausau and Clintonville High School. We will be starting 8th grade and 11th grade conferencing in the future with parents.

All of these activities encompass Tigerton's ACP program and lead students to a successful post-secondary career.

Teletherapy

Kimberley Welk & Associates Family Therapy Center is excited to provide another year of school-based counseling for Tigerton students and families. KWA is a certified counseling clinic based out of Green Bay. They recognize that it can be challenging to find affordable and accessible counseling services for communities in Northeast Wisconsin, and are committed to eliminating the barriers to counseling services for Tigerton students. By providing therapy to students at the school at a time that is convenient with their class schedule, students are able to avoid long waitlists and the disruptions that can often accompany traveling out of town regularly for appointments. KWA therapists work collaboratively with caregivers and students to help students find success in the counseling process.

Please reach out to your student's counselor for more information or to enroll in the program.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION School District of Tigerton April 2, 2024

Election Details

An election is to be held in the School District of Tigerton on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
School Board Member Town of Fairbanks/Wyoming	Jill Brown
School Board Member Town of Germania	Kathryn Robbins
School Board Member Town of Grant/Seneca	Scott Suehring

Office Terms

The term of office for school board members is three years beginning on Monday, April 22, 2024. A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office.

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Tigerton MS/HS Agriculture Department Happenings

By Ms. Lori Rowe—Ag Educator and FFA Advisor



The FFA Fair Booth won a blue ribbon @ the Shawano County Fair.



Part of the Officer team at Section 8 Fall Leadership Workshop in Seymour.



110 fall mums were sold to raise money to send four FFA officers and advisor to 2023 National FFA Convention in Indy.



Food Science students assemble and sort the 160+ Nueske's meat boxes sold by the Tigerton FFA Alumni & supporters for their recent fundraiser.



First quarter students in the Ag, Leadership, & U (Ag 8) class enjoy home-made ice cream on their last day of class.



Our favorite tour during National FFA Convention was at Broken Wagon Bison Farm in Hobart, IN.

On the right, students in the second quarter Ag, Leadership, & U (Ag 8) class show off the holiday evergreen wreathes they made for their families for the holiday season.



The Ag Department is in need of ice cream pails in good condition. Please drop them off at the high school office.

Tigerton MS/HS Agriculture Department Happenings, cont.



Above, Jessica B., Gabe D., Casey P., and Bella D. attend the 96th National FFA Convention & Expo.



Students in the Ag Productions (SE) class recently harvested the first crop of lettuce grown in the Tower Garden Grow System and donated it to the school lunch program.



Above, these six young men are the newest owners of their own/new FFA jackets: Gabe D., Michiah H., Gavin L., Casey P., Drake and Draven H.



Above, Edythe S. practices forest measurement techniques during a lab this fall.

On the right, Ryen G., one of the Food Science students, puts final touches on her group's pecan pie made in class before Thanksgiving.



On the right, the four FFA Officers attending the National FFA Convention present their trip highlights to the TSD Board of Education during their December meeting.



FFA News

Community Rabies Clinic & Supply Drive January 27, 2024 10-11:30 a.m. THS Metalworks Shop



Vaccinations offered for both cats and dogs.
Questions?? Call Birnamwood Veterinary Clinic at
(715) 449-2566

State law requires that ALL dogs and cats be vaccinated. Proof of vaccination must be made when licensing your animal.



We're also hosting a Pet Supply Drive for the Happily Ever After Animal Sanctuary from January 15 to 31.

Donations can be dropped off @ the THS Ag Dept. and during the Rabies Clinic.

Suggested items include:

Blankets (gently used/new)	Cat Litter
Bath Towels	*Dry Dog Food
Paper Towels	Dish Soap
Pet Toys	*Canned Cat Food
Laundry Soap	Pet Food/Water Dishes
Grooming Brushes	Hand Sanitizer

***No Olroy pet food donations, please.**

Cash donations will be donated to Happily Ever After Animal Sanctuary and the Shawano County K-9 Unit.

***** Contact Ms. Lori Rowe @ Tigerton High School (715-535-4026) if you have any questions or would like to donate any supplies or money!!**

THS Math Team 2023-24

The THS mathletes have begun their season. The first Central Wisconsin Mathematics League meet was held at the University of WI—Stevens Point in November. The mathletes completed a 55-minute paper exam that was created by the UWSP mathematics department. Stay tuned for the results. The Tiger geometry team consisted of: freshman Presley S-R., sophomore Grace L., sophomore Lillian W., and junior Joey Z. The (advanced) algebra team members were: sophomores Aaliyah L., Logan D., Gavin K., and junior Kyle B. The advanced team member was senior Edythe S. The team is coached by Ms. Amy Krolow. Good luck with this season, mathletes!

2023-2024 Mathletes



Front Row (l-r): Logan D., Gavin K., Kyle B., Joey Z.
Back Row (l-r): Ms. Amy Krolow, Edythe S., Presley S-R., Grace L., Aaliyah L., Lillian W.

Open Enrollment Information

Beginning February 5, 2024, parents of non-resident students may apply for Open Enrollment to the School District of Tigerton. Public School Open Enrollment is the program that allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live.

The program for the School District of Tigerton is open to students in 5 year-old kindergarten to grade 12. It also applies to 4 year-old kindergarten students provided the district of residence also operates that program.

The open enrollment application period for the 2024-2025 school year runs from February 5 through April 30, 2024. **The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2024. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.**

Parents may apply online at <http://dpi.wi.gov/oe>.

If you would like additional information concerning open enrolling students to the School District of Tigerton, please contact Beth Rogowski, at 715-535-4044, Doug Nowak, at 715-535-4040, or check the DPI Open Enrollment Website <http://dpi.wi.gov/oe>.

MT Thundercatz Football



Photos Courtesy of:
North Woods Studio



2023 WIAA/Rural Sportsmanship Summit

Four athletes represented THS at the 2023 WIAA/Rural Sportsmanship Summit in Stevens Point on December 13. Team members attending were: Sam A., Tanner D., Coach Hoffa, Sienna B., and Danika T.

Varsity Volleyball '23



Front Row (l-r): Sienna B., Emily R., Grace L., Carley O., Myah D., Danika T., Hailey E.
Back Row (l-r): Coach Carlee, Elizabeth S., Samantha S., McKenzie H., Aaliyah L.,
Presley S-R., Lillian W., Jade S., Angel W., Coach Kassidee

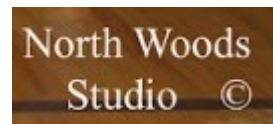
Junior Varsity Volleyball '23



Front Row (l-r): Emily R., Hailey E., Danika T.

Back Row (l-r): Elizabeth S., Grace L., Presley S-R., Myah D., Coach Kassidee

Photos courtesy of:



Middle School Volleyball

6/7th Grade

I would like to congratulate the Tigerton Middle School 6/7 Grade Volleyball Team on their hard work throughout the 2023 season! We faced a few obstacles this year, but that did not stop these girls. They each pushed through and came out stronger as a TEAM. I'm very proud of how much they supported each other on and off of the court. Showing the true meaning of how a team should act, by supporting and helping one another, cheering for each other, and coming together when it counted most. As a second year coach, I am absolutely amazed to see how far they have come as athletes and their development on team camaraderie and school spirit this season was above and beyond. As a youth coach I believe these girls deserve to be recognized for that. To show such outstanding sportsmanship at this younger level is nothing less than commendable. Great job this season Tigers! I hope to see you all again next year!

Coach Amanda
6/7th grade TMS Volleyball Coach

Front Row (l-r): Anahla H., Taylesia H., Shakira A.,
Allison B., Saphira S.
Back Row (l-r): Eliana M., Serenity M., Coach
Amanda, Esther L., Grace K.



7/8th Grade

Even though a small team, each practice and game had to be used to its fullest in order to work on skills and build on team chemistry. Throughout the season, each player made a significant contribution to the team. In each game, the players stepped up to the challenge and tried to work together to show all the skills that each one has developed throughout the past few years. Everyone showed up with a never give up attitude and took all opportunities to get the ball out of the net, hustle after the ball, or make that spike over the net. Each moment made my heart pump faster and made me excited for what each player would show me next. A big thank you goes out to the parents and fans for their support, which made the season a success. It is hoped that these players will go on to play volleyball at the high school level and continue to build upon their junior high successes. Hope to see you for next year's season or best of luck in your future sport endeavors ladies!

Coach Marquardt
7/8th grade TMS Volleyball Coach

Front Row (l-r): Anahla H., Taylesia H.,
Jaelyn B., Saphira S.
Back Row (l-r): Mya S., Eliana M.,
Coach Marquardt, Serenity M., Renata N.



Tigerton Drama

As autumn yielded to winter, the Tigerton Drama Department shone brightly with captivating performances, marking a season of talent and laughter. Two standout productions left an indelible mark on hearts, showcasing the students' prowess across grades.

In a burst of youthful exuberance, grades 4 to 7 transported audiences to Arendale with "Frozen Kids." The vibrant energy of these budding performers brought beloved characters and timeless tunes to life, proving age is no barrier to the magic of theater.



Shifting to comedy, grades 8 to 12, alongside staff volunteers, presented "The Internet is Distract... OH LOOK A KITTEN." This side-splitting exploration of digital distractions showcased not just comedic timing but also the department's ability to address contemporary themes with wit.

High School Thespians added a feather to their cap by attending the Wisconsin Inter-scholastic Theater Festival at UW-Green Bay in November. Immersed in one-act performances and workshops, they gained valuable insights into the collegiate world of performing arts.

Anticipation builds for the crown jewel of the Tigerton Drama Department's repertoire: "Shrek: The Musical" in May. Students from grades 5 to 12 will embark on their first full-length musical production, a testament to the department's growth and commitment to delivering high-quality entertainment. Tickets will go on sale in early March. Keep an eye on the district website and the Tigerton Performing Art Center Facebook Page for more information.



Join the celebration of the Tigerton Drama Department's dedication to the performing arts. Stay tuned for updates, ticket information, and behind-the-scenes glimpses. While winter chills persist outside, the department continues to radiate warmth and creativity, enriching lives with each spellbinding performance.

Special thank you this fall to all of the incredible parent volunteers who helped make all of these productions such a huge success.

Tigerton Drama Program Directors: Mr. Andrew Rewerts, Mrs. Candice McHugh, Mrs. Catherine Rewerts, and Mrs. Summer Howard

Tigerton Choir

As the director of the Tigerton High School Choirs, I am excited to reflect on the incredible journey we undertook throughout 2023—a year marked by growth, unique experiences, and the sheer joy of making music together.

I'm thrilled to share that our choir program has flourished this year, with an impressive 26 students now participating in the high school choir. Witnessing their dedication and passion for music has set the stage for an unforgettable year.

Our musical journey commenced with a heartfelt performance at the Veteran's Day Concert. The middle school choir, alongside our talented fifth-grade singers, presented Karl Hitzemann's "How Do You Tell a Veteran Thank You," while the high school choir showcased their talents with "Heroes" by PinkZebra and "America" by Lon Beery. Opting for separate performances allowed each choir to shine individually, providing a unique and enriching experience.

A standout moment was our visit to Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin, for the Lakeside Choral Festival on October 31, 2023. Guided by the esteemed Dr. Dimitri Shapovalov, our choir participated in workshops, explored the campus, and delivered a breathtaking rendition of "Can You Hear the Angels" by Greg Gilpin in the awe-inspiring A. F. Siebert Chapel. Personally, it was a nostalgic experience to direct a choir in the same chapel where I once performed as a student.

Bringing the year to a festive close was our Winter Concert on December 20, 2023. The Middle School Choir enchanted the audience with tunes like "Holiday Lights" by Teresa Jennings, "Winter Waltz" by Karl Hitzemann, and the traditional "Hey! Ho! Nobody Home." The High School Choir continued the celebration with stirring renditions, including "Can You Hear the Angels?" by Greg Gilpin, "Hallelujah" arranged by Roger Emerson, "Mary Did You Know?" arranged by Victor C. Johnson, and "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" arranged by Mac Huff.



a beautiful and serene atmosphere that perfectly complemented the song.

The grand finale featured both choirs coming together for a magical performance of "I Saw Three Ships" arranged by Andy Beck and the timeless "Silent Night" in a traditional arrangement. It is worth noting that our rendition of "Silent Night" was accompanied by our annual "Celebration of Light." With all gymnasium lights turned off, each choir member held a candle, creating

As we step into the new year, I extend my deepest gratitude for the unwavering support from our community. With the echoes of this year's melodies still resonating, I eagerly anticipate another year of musical excellence and growth. Wishing each and every one of you a harmonious and joyous 2024!

Sincerely,

Mr. Andrew Rewerts—Director, Tigerton Choirs

Tigerton Band

As we reflect on the past few months, our musical journey has been nothing short of extraordinary. From sunny summer days to the crisp winter air, our band has embraced challenges, celebrated triumphs, and created lasting memories. Here are the Tigerton Band highlights from August to December:

Our journey began in mid-August with the Summer Jumpstart Band, where students from grades 5 to 12 came together to create the Tigerton marching band. The culmination of our hard work was showcased as we proudly marched in the annual Lumberjack Days Parade. This year's parade tune, "On, Wisconsin" arranged by Paul Lavender, had every spectator's toes tapping and hands clapping as the streets echoed with the sounds of our music. The community's response was heartwarming and it set the tone for a season filled with musical excellence and community connection.

Band seniors pictured left to right found on the right are Elizabeth S. (trumpet), Edythe S. (sousaphone), and Isabella D. (flute) as they enjoyed their final rehearsals before performing in the Lumberjack Days Parade. Their leadership and dedication to the Tigerton bands helped us to achieve musical excellence.



Thanks to community members' support, the Tigerton band program recently purchased a "new to us," 1960 King Sousaphone that Edythe is showcasing in each of the band pictures above and below. This beautiful new addition to our inventory will allow students to have access to instruments they otherwise wouldn't have had the opportunity to learn on. Your support is enriching their musical education and shaping our Tigerton bands.



Thundercatz' homecoming halftime field show this year was A Blast from the Past—Late '90s to Early 2000s Extravaganza! We successfully joined forces with Marion High School Band to form our Thundercatz pre-game pep band and halftime field show performances! We took a nostalgic trip back to the late '90s and early 2000s performing the following selections: "All The Small Things" arr. Michael Sweeney, "Impression That I Get" arr. Michael Sweeney, and "Mr. Brightside" arr. Matt Conaway. The field pulsated with energy as we brought back the iconic sounds of the era.

The Middle School Band showcased their talents with progressively challenging repertoire for our Winter Concert, featuring pieces such as: "First Rockin' Christmas" arr. John O'Reilly, "Abominable Snowman Chase" by Robert Smith, "Hanukkah Is Here" arr. Scott Watson.

The High School Band featured highlights that guided our audience on an enchanting journey through the musical landscapes of "Frozen," the timeless charm of "A Charlie Brown Christmas," and the lighthearted joy of "Holiday Funny Favorites." Our musicians' commitment to excellence shone through, making the winter concert a resounding success and a testament to the growth and talent within our band.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kayla Merten—Director, Tigerton Bands

Tigerton Music Department

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for the success of our recent chocolate bar sale and our Club's Choice Fall Fundraiser. Our students successfully sold a variety of delicious frozen pizzas, cookie dough, and holiday gifts. The funds generated will go a long way in enhancing the musical experiences and opportunities available to our talented musicians. Your support made a significant impact on the students attending our music trip!

As we bring this successful chocolate sale to a close, we kindly ask that you finalize any remaining sales. Your cooperation in wrapping up this fundraiser will help us achieve our financial goals and further support the musical endeavors of our students.

Mark your calendars for our biggest fundraising event of the year—the Tigerton Music Department's 3rd Annual Mattress Fundraiser! On Saturday, March 16, 2024, our Tigerton gymnasium will transform into a mattress store, offering top-quality mattresses and accessories at fantastic prices. This event is a unique opportunity to upgrade your sleep space while supporting our talented musicians and music programs.

Proceeds from the mattress fundraiser will directly benefit our musicians who are gearing up for an exciting adventure. We are thrilled to soon be traveling and performing in Orlando, Florida, from June 3 to 8, 2024. Your support at the mattress fundraiser plays a crucial role in making this musical journey possible for our dedicated performers. We look forward to seeing you there and appreciate your ongoing support.

Thank you once again for being an integral part of the Tigerton Music Department family. Together, we are making a positive difference in the lives of our students.

Sincerely,

Tigerton Music Department
Mrs. Kayla Merten—Director, Tigerton Bands
Mr. Andrew Rewerts—Director, Tigerton Choirs

Orlando, Florida, Disney 2024 Trip

The Tigerton Music Department has planned a performance trip to Orlando, Florida, from June 3 to 8, 2024, for performances by both the Tigerton Band and Choir! This unique opportunity not only allows our talented musicians to showcase their skills but also offers them a chance to immerse themselves in the rich cultural experiences that Orlando has to offer.

To help make this trip possible and ensure that all our students can participate, we kindly ask for your support through donations. Please consider donating to the Tigerton Music Department and being a crucial part of this extraordinary experience for our students. Your generous contributions will go directly towards covering travel expenses, accommodations, and other associated costs. Your support plays a pivotal role in helping us provide enriching opportunities that contribute to the growth and development of our young musicians.

To donate, simply click on the following link: <http://bit.ly/Tigerton2Orlando>

Additionally, for those unable to join us in person, we have exciting plans to livestream our performances. Stay tuned for the performance link on the District Website and Facebook page. We look forward to you being able to enjoy our performances from the comfort of your home. We want to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to share in the joy and pride of our students' accomplishments.

Thank you for being a vital part of the Tigerton Music Department family. Your generosity enables us to continue fostering a passion for music and creating memories that will last a lifetime. We appreciate your support, and we look forward to sharing this incredible journey with you.

Sincerely,

Tigerton Music Department
Mrs. Kayla Merten
Mr. Andrew Rewerts