



TIGER TRIBUNE

A Newsletter of the School District of Tigerton

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Winter 2025

A note from our District Administrator, Douglas Nowak

Dear Tigerton Community,

We are progressing through another exciting school year, and I want to reflect on some of our schools' fantastic achievements and initiatives. Your continued support and involvement have been crucial to this year's success. Together, we foster a vibrant and enriching environment for our students to thrive.

At Tigerton Elementary School, we are thrilled to have implemented the Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) program this year. CKLA is designed to build a strong foundation in reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. By focusing on building knowledge across diverse subjects, the program not only improves literacy but also enhances critical thinking and curiosity. The enthusiasm from both our students and teachers has been incredible, and we are already seeing positive impacts in the classroom. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this implementation—**your efforts truly make a difference in our students' educational journeys.**

Our athletic programs are also off to a fantastic start this year. The basketball teams have shown remarkable dedication and teamwork, setting the tone for what promises to be an exciting season. Seeing the energy and spirit on the court and in the stands has been wonderful as our **community rallies behind our athletes. Let's continue to show our Tiger pride** by supporting these hardworking students as they represent our Tiger Nation with determination and sportsmanship.

Additionally, our youngest learners in the 4K and 3K programs thrive as they embark on their educational journeys. The success of these expanded programs is a testament to the hard work of our educators and the support of families committed to providing a strong start for their children. Focusing on foundational skills and social-emotional development sets these students up for long-term success in their academic careers.

In closing, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the entire Tigerton community. From parents and teachers to local businesses and volunteers, **your dedication to our schools and students is inspiring. Let's continue to work together to make this school year memorable and impactful for everyone. Here's to a year filled with growth, learning, and Tiger pride!**

Warm regards,

Douglas F. Nowak

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NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION School District of Tigerton April 1, 2025

Election Details

An election is to be held in the School District of Tigerton on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed.

Office Incumbent

School Board Member	Jeremy Erdmann
Town of Morris	
School Board Member	Andrew Tiller
Village of Tigerton	

Office Terms

The term of office for school board member is three years beginning on Monday, April 28, 2025. A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office.

Primary Election

If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Additional Information

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Dated this 11th day of November, 2024
/s/ Scott Suehring

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Jeremy Erdmann, President
Kathy Robbins, Member
Scott Suehring, Clerk
David Awe, Member
Rachael Robbins, Treasurer
Andrew Tiller, Vice President
Hunter Kopitzke, Member



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings and welcome to 2025. With the new year brings a renewed spirit within the buildings. With the school year about half over there are many exciting upcoming events to share with you.

As the new year begins, students in grades eight through eleven will be receiving their course selection booklet and associated "paperwork". This process will determine what classes students will take next year and will also help determine what classes will be offered. Please take some time to discuss this important process with your student.

ACT testing will take place on March 11, 2025. This will be for only JUNIORS. Please share the importance of doing well on this exam to your children. Colleges use ACT scores to place you in the right classes at the right level. And, your ACT score can help you place out of remedial coursework rather than sitting for additional placement tests on campus which save them time and money. The other classes (Seniors, Sophomores and Freshmen have field trips planned for this day).

ACT 20 is a Wisconsin State mandate that requires all students in K-3 be given the aimswebPLUS reading screener in the fall, winter and spring. Tigerton administered the screener to all students in grade K-3 the week of January 15-24. Any students who perform below the 25th percentile on the screener is required to be given a series of additional diagnostic assessments to determine where reading difficulties may be coming from and how interventions will be provided moving forward. Act 20 also requires that summer school be provided for students that score below the 25% percentile beginning in the summer of 2028. Act 20 will also require a promotion policy to be created by July 1, 2025 for students in third grade. This policy is regarding promotion of any students who at the end of third grade are still on a Personal Reading Plan and scored below proficient on the state Forward Reading Exam. This policy will go into effect in the fall of the 2027 school year.

Our schools continue to use PAWS to promote positive behavior within our buildings and provide a sense of understanding and belonging by all students. PAWS (Practice Respect, Accept Responsibility, Work Together, Stay Safe) is celebrated each month in our buildings.

Lastly our students are involved in many areas of co-curriculars here in Tigerton. Their involvement in co-curriculars helps promote life skills such as leadership, teamwork, communication, critical thinking and time management, while also allowing them to explore their interests, build confidence and foster a sense of community.

With each day students are provided opportunities to learn and grow in their education. We look forward to a great second semester and end to the school year.

Sincerely,



Daniel Retzki
K4-12 Principal

Inclement Weather Delays & School Closings

Want to know when school is called off? Get reminders about upcoming events?

Be the first to know by using the link below to join the Students and Parents group! You can get the app, and/or get email, and text messages as soon as the decisions are made. <https://www.remind.com/join/6a7eg4>



School closings and weather delays will also be posted on the Tigerton School District Facebook page, school website www.tigerton.k12.wi.us, or tune into the following tv/radio stations?

Radio: WDEZ-101.9FM	WIFC-95.5FM	TV: WBAY-Channel 2	WAOW-Channel 9
WSAU-95.1FM	WOZZ-94.7/102.9FM	WFRV-Channel 5	WSAW-Channel 7
WRIG-93.9FM/1390AM		WLUK-Channel 11	WGBA-Channel 26



Eat Breakfast at School!

Mornings can be really crazy...the alarm doesn't go off...the kids don't want to get up...there's no time to eat breakfast before the bus comes...or they're just not ready to eat. Or maybe your teenager grabs a can of soda and a candy bar on the way to school.

If this sounds like your house, we have good news for you.

Breakfast is served at school! School breakfast will energize your child's day and provide them with a healthy start. A nutritious breakfast helps students be more alert so they can learn more in class, and has plenty of vitamins and nutrients for a strong and healthy body.

So help your child start the day right with school breakfast!

SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS WANTED!

**TIGERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
is looking for good drivers with
all levels of experience!**

- Paid training provided
- Flexible schedule; summers, holidays and weekends off!
- AM and/or PM routes available
- Extra-curricular trips available; get paid to watch sporting events!
- Route rate: \$25.71/hr
- Trip rate: \$17.04/hr
- Great way to earn extra cash without a large time commitment

Perfect for stay at home parents, retirees, and 2nd/3rd shift workers!



Email: nshumaker@tigerton.k12.wi.us & **APPLY TODAY!**
Or Call: 715-535-4044

Open Enrollment Information

Beginning February 3, 2025, 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 2025-2026 school year runs from February 3 through April 30, 2025. The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2025. 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>.

Notes from the School Nurse

Happy New Year! As we begin the new year, I want to take a moment to update you on health matters that are affecting our schools and surrounding communities during the winter months. Respiratory illnesses are common this time of year, and it is especially important to be aware of the signs and symptoms of illnesses like Pertussis (Whooping Cough), RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus), Influenza (Flu), and other respiratory infections. As always, my goal is to keep students healthy and minimize the spread of illness at school.

Respiratory Illnesses: What You Need to Know:

1. Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

Pertussis is a highly contagious bacterial infection that causes severe coughing fits. It is spread through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes. The disease can be especially dangerous for infants and young children, but adolescents and adults can also become infected. The classic symptom of pertussis is a persistent, severe cough that may be followed by a “whooping” sound as the person breathes in after coughing.

- **Signs to Watch for:** Persistent coughing, whooping sound after coughing, difficulty breathing.
- **Prevention:** The Tdap vaccine is recommended for all adolescents and adults, and the DTaP vaccine is recommended for children. If your child has been in close contact with someone diagnosed with pertussis, please contact your healthcare provider.

2. RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus)

RSV is a common respiratory virus that can cause mild cold-like symptoms in healthy individuals but can lead to more serious illnesses such as bronchiolitis or pneumonia in young children, elderly individuals, or those with weakened immune symptoms. It spreads easily through coughing, sneezing, or touching contaminated surfaces.

- **Signs to Watch for:** Runny nose, cough, fever, wheezing, difficulty breathing.
- **Prevention:** Encourage regular hand washing, cover coughs and sneezes, and avoid close contact with sick individuals. Practice good hand hygiene. Contact your healthcare provider about the RSV vaccine.

3. Influenza (Flu)

Influenza is a viral infection that affects the respiratory system. Flu symptoms can vary but often include fever, chills, cough, sore throat, body aches, fatigue, and runny or stuffy nose. Flu can lead to serious complications, particularly in young children, the elderly, and those with underlying health conditions.

- **Signs to Watch for:** Fever, chills, cough, sore throat, body aches, fatigue.
- **Prevention:** The flu vaccine is the best way to prevent the flu. It is not too late to get vaccinated for the 2024-2025 flu season. Encourage your child to practice good hand hygiene and cover cough and sneezes. **Other Respiratory Infections**

In addition to pertussis, RSV, and influenza, a variety of other respiratory infections circulate during the winter months. These include common colds, pneumonia, viral bronchitis, and other viral and bacterial infections that can affect the respiratory system.

- **Signs to Watch for:** Congestion, cough, sore throat, and difficulty breathing.
- **Prevention:** Again, regular handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes, and keeping children home when they are sick can help reduce the spread of illness.

Preventing Illness at Home:

1. **Keep Vaccination Up to Date:** The flu vaccine, Tdap vaccine, and other recommended vaccines can help prevent many respiratory diseases. Please consult your child's healthcare provider if you are unsure about their vaccination status.
2. **Handwashing:** This remains the top defense. Remind children to wash hands frequently, especially before meals.
3. **Covering Mouth & Nose:** Teach children to cover coughs and sneezes to prevent the spread of germs. Encourage them to avoid touching their face.
4. **Avoid Sharing:** Ensure that children don't share cups, utensils, or water bottles.
5. **Rest:** Encourage children to get adequate sleep – 9 to 11 hours for school-aged children and 8 hours for adults.
6. **Hydration & Nutrition:** Drinking fluids and eating a balanced diet, particularly at breakfast, helps keep the body strong and immune system functioning properly.
7. **Appropriate Clothing:** Dress children in warm, comfortable clothing to stay active outdoors during cooler weather.

When to Keep Your Child Home:

If your child is experiencing any of the following, it's best to keep them home from school to prevent spreading illness.

1. **Fever:** A temperature of 100 F or higher. Keep children home until they are fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.
2. **Vomiting or Diarrhea:** Children should stay home if they had these symptoms the night before or the morning of school.
3. **Persistent Cough:** If the cough is ongoing and severe, it's best to keep them home.

Final Notes:

- Staying home when sick helps not only the ill child but also others at school.
- Always communicate with the school regarding your child's health status and update your contact information if there are any changes to your address or phone number.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to the health and safety of our school community.

Wishing you all a healthy and happy start to the year!

Sincerely,

Amy Strehlow, RN



Tigerton Music Department

TIGERTON MUSIC DEPARTMENT PERFORMED & TRAVELED TO ORLANDO, FLORIDA

The Tigerton Music department traveled to Orlando, Florida for a once-in-a-lifetime performance and theme park fun! Tigerton band and choir students performed a live joint concert in front of the 400-foot tall Orlando Eye ferris wheel at Icon Park during the first week of June 2024.

Students experienced a multitude of attractions including the Wizarding World of Harry Potter at Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure, Star Wars at Hollywood Studios, the World Showcase at EPCOT, and Cinderella's castle at Disney's Magic Kingdom.

While Tigerton music students played out the trip, we utilized a communication app called *TeamReach*.

This app was a great way for travelers to communicate within the park and to families back home! Travelers shared pictures and text messages with families so they could see the fun unfold in real time! Tigerton parent and teacher, Amy Laatsch, had three of her children participate on the trip, "I loved seeing the trip unfold on *TeamReach*. It was great to get updates, pictures, and to see how much fun they were all having."

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Highlights from the trip included Tigerton's top three favorite parks: Universal Studios, Magic Kingdom, and Hollywood Studios following close behind. Holly Lehman, parent of 8th grade clarinet student who attended the trip, experienced many firsts on this trip.

"The fireworks at Magic Kingdom were awesome to see for the first time! The way they displayed the lights, music, and Disney movie scenes on the castle was spectacular too, not to mention the amazing fireworks show that was timed perfectly with everything! Seeing palm trees, unlike we are used to in Wisconsin and traveling by airplane for the first time was an incredible experience!"

Recent Tigerton graduate who attended the trip, Jessalyn Zimdars senior trombone student stated, "It was amazing. Definitely the best experience I had throughout my four years of high school." After performing at ICON park, Zimdars commented, "It was a beautiful park!! It was very hot, but the experience was fun."

Adjusting to the Florida heat and humidity was tough but we made the best of it! Traveling to Florida in early June is the cheapest time of the year to travel to Florida, very much due to the hot temps! Temperatures in Orlando during the first week in June average a steamy 95 degrees, with an equal amount of humidity!

Given the heat and conditions, the students' performance was spectacular and our personal tour guide, Timothy Greenwell, stated, "I have witnessed many student group performances while performing under these hot conditions and many drop like flies! The Tigerton students performed so well and displayed such dedication and perseverance throughout! Bravo and well done!"





Students gave our tour guide the nickname, “Poof” due to his speedy assistance. Whenever we needed help, “Poof!”, Tim was there to help us however we needed. His helpful advice and tips helped us learn about the fun attractions we could visit in the parks before we entered each day. It was a great experience working with the travel agency, *Music Travel Consultants*. Logistics and communication went smoothly thanks to our tour guide allowing us the ability to focus on having a solid performance and enjoy our time in the parks!

After the trip, Kelley Erdmann, Tigerton mother, who attended the trip, was asked if her child gained any new insights or inspiration from visiting these iconic locations? Her response was, “The inspiration came from hearing our son performing the music of *Star Wars* and *Jurassic Park* and then being able to experience the rides at Disney World & Universal - it was a great real world experience and connection to the classroom!”

Many of our students took advantage of fundraising opportunities to help offset the cost of their trip. With each students’ trip costing \$2,256, families agreed that this trip wouldn’t have been possible without that extra financial assistance.



Thank you to the many fundraising partners and volunteers that helped our students reach their financial goals! Your generosity helped students to experience this amazing trip. A special thank you to parent, and Tigerton High School alumni, Joey Gauthier, who volunteered his time, moving trailer, and talents to safely transport all of our musical instruments and equipment to Florida!

Sincerely,

Tigerton Music Department:
Mrs. Kayla Merten - Director of Bands
Mr. Andrew Rewerts - Director of Choirs



Tigerton School District is currently looking for:

- ◆ **Food Service Director:** wecan.waspa.org/Vacancy/226230
- ◆ **Special Education Teacher (50%):** wecan.waspa.org/Vacancy/204213
- ◆ **Superintendent:** wecan.waspa.org/Vacancy/224847
- ◆ **Classroom substitute teachers**
- ◆ **Food Service staff substitutes**

Tigerton Drama

Tigerton Drama Roars into 2024-2025 Season with Sold-Out Shows and a World Premiere



The Tigerton Drama program is having a spectacular 2024-2025 season! We kicked things off with three sold-out performances of **Finding Nemo Jr.** in November. A huge thank you to everyone who came out and supported our talented elementary and middle school students! Audiences were delighted by the colorful underwater world and the heartwarming story brought to life through energetic acting and creative choreography.

one-act plays: "**Grandma Remembers Something**" by Don Zolidis and "**Polar Twilight**" by Hillary DePiano. These productions showcased the troupe's versatility and talent, offering a mix of laughter and holiday intrigue.

In December, Thespi-an Troupe 10316 spread holiday cheer with two captivating



Get Ready for a Spectacular Spring!

Tigerton Drama has two incredible productions lined up this spring:

"The Drowsy Chaperone": This hilarious and heartwarming musical comedy takes the stage **March 21-23 and March 28-30**. Filled with show-stopping numbers and witty dialogue, "The Drowsy Chaperone" is a must-see for all theatre lovers. Tickets go on sale **January 31st at 10 am** at TigertonDrama.Ludus.com. Don't miss out!

World Premiere of "The Month-O-Logues": Tigerton Drama is making history! We are incredibly honored to have been chosen to present the **world premiere** of "The Month-O-Logues" by acclaimed playwright Hillary DePiano on **May 2-4**. This is an exceptionally rare opportunity for our students and our school to be the very first to bring this poignant and funny play to life. "The Month-O-Logues" explores themes of identity, acceptance, and finding your voice through a series of monologues delivered by a group of misfit students. As a special honor, everyone involved in the production will be recognized in the published version of the play!



"The Month-O-Logues" promises to be a powerful and memorable experience, and a fitting culmination to Tigerton Drama's "Season of Journey and Imagination."

We hope to see you at one of our upcoming productions!

Questions? Please reach out to director Andrew Rewerts at arewerts@tigerton.k12.wi.us

Tigerton Bands

Summer Jumpstart Band and Lumberjacks Day Parade

In mid-August, the Tigerton Bands embarked on their musical journey with the Summer Jumpstart Band, uniting students from grades 5 through 12 to form the Tigerton marching band. Their dedication culminated in a proud performance at the annual Lumberjacks Day Parade. Despite marching in 80-degree weather, the students demonstrated remarkable perseverance and delivered an outstanding rendition of "Tusk," a vibrant tune arranged by Matt Conaway and originally made famous by Fleetwood Mac in 1979. The community's enthusiastic response was a testament to the students' hard work and set the tone for a season of musical excellence and connection.



Thundercatz Pep Band and Homecoming Halftime Show

This year's Thundercatz homecoming halftime field show was a celebration of fun and nostalgia, featuring an exhilarating lineup of Smash Mouth hits: "All Star," "Walkin' on the Sun," and "I'm a Believer." With homecoming taking place during late-September, the students had the advantage of perfect weather,

adding an extra spark to both their pre-game pep band performance and their halftime show. The band's energy and precision lit up the field, earning cheers and applause from the crowd.



Middle School Band: Rising to the Challenge

The Middle School Band has been pushing their musical boundaries this year, culminating in a stunning Winter Concert. Their repertoire showcased a delightful mix of styles and challenges, including "March of the Magical Toys," "Jingle Bells and Jungle Drums," and "Christmas Stomp." These young musicians have demonstrated a keen ability to master increasingly complex pieces, and their performance radiated enthusiasm and growing confidence.

High School Band: A Winter Wonderland of Sound

The High School Band transported their audience on an enchanting holiday journey during their Winter Concert. Their performance featured a variety of beloved classics, including "Christmas Angels," "Baby, It's Cold Outside," "Carol of the Bells," and a dynamic medley from "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." The intricate arrangements and harmonies demanded by these pieces were executed with remarkable precision, showcasing the advanced skills these students have honed throughout the year. Audience members were treated to a dazzling display of talent, with many noting how far the band has come in such a short time.

The Tigerton Middle and High School Bands have hit all the right notes this year, showcasing their remarkable talent and growth since the school year began. From energizing halftime performances to magical winter concerts, these young musicians are proving that hard work and dedication yield impressive results.



Sincerely,
Mrs. Kayla Merten – Director, Tigerton Bands

Tigerton Performing Art Center

The Tigerton Performing Arts Center (TPAC) is thrilled to announce a series of exciting upgrades designed to enhance the experience for both performers and audiences. This year's improvements focus on lighting, aesthetics, and technical capabilities, ensuring TPAC remains a top-tier venue for the arts.

Shining a Brighter Light on Talent TPAC has dramatically improved its stage lighting with the installation of eight state-of-the-art LED fixtures. These cutting-edge lights provide superior illumination and clarity, allowing performers to shine even brighter. The addition of a DMX Lighting Interface offers seamless control over all stage lighting, enabling dynamic and immersive visual experiences for every production.

A Fresh Coat of Inspiration Thanks to the dedication of some amazing volunteers, TPAC has also undergone a stunning visual transformation. Members of the Tigerton Drama Directing Team, Thespian Troupe 10316, and with a significant contribution from school nurse Amy Strehlow, the center now boasts a fresh and vibrant new look. The updated aesthetics create an even more inviting and inspiring atmosphere for everyone.

Behind the Scenes Enhancements The upgrades extend beyond the stage and audience. TPAC's sound booth has been reorganized and equipped with major updates to its computer systems for projections and digital sound, along with antenna updates for the microphone system. These technical improvements ensure flawless audio and visual experiences for all productions.

Experience the Transformation The best way to appreciate the exciting changes at TPAC is to experience them firsthand! Join us for one of Tigerton Drama's or the Tigerton Music Department's upcoming productions and see the transformation for yourself.

Community Support Makes it Possible These incredible upgrades were made possible by the generous donations of organizations and individuals within our community and through your continued support of Tigerton Drama productions. TPAC has rapidly become a world-class performing arts venue, and we are immensely grateful for everyone who has contributed to its success.

Have Questions or Want to Book the Space? For any inquiries, concerns, or to discuss hosting a performance or event in this incredible space, please contact Andrew Rewerts, Director of the Tigerton Performing Arts Center, at arewerts@tigerton.k12.wi.us.

Stay in the know about everything happening in the Tigerton Performing Art Center (TPAC) by visiting, following, and liking the Tigerton Performing Art Center on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TigertonPAC>.



#TigertonProud



Third Graders Shine with Creative Habitat Dioramas

Our third graders recently completed a special project to showcase their learning in our Animal Classification unit. As a culminating activity, students created habitat dioramas at home, bringing together their knowledge of ecosystems, plants, and animals.

The dioramas featured a variety of habitats, including oceans, forests, jungles, and deserts. Each student carefully selected plants and animals that represent their chosen habitat, applying what they learned about animal classification and the unique characteristics of each ecosystem.

This hands-on project allowed students to explore their creativity while reinforcing important science concepts. We're so proud of the hard work and imagination our third graders put into these dioramas.





TIGERTON FFA CELEBRATES 75:

The Tigerton FFA is celebrating 75 years during the 2024-25 school year, receiving its charter on December 21, 1949. Surviving charter members include Jerome Alft, William Dankmeyer, Harold and Henry Hoeksema, Herman Otto Kersten, Merlin Much, and Gilbert Selle. We held a celebration dinner and recognition program on Saturday, October 19th at the Tigerton Community Center where FFA members from 1949 to present attended the event. A huge thank you to Cindy Mueller for making a multi-poster timeline display of the history of the Tigerton FFA and Tigerton FHA, who had worked together throughout that time period on a wide variety of projects. Commemorative 75th anniversary t-shirts are available for purchase for \$15. Also, the FFA continued their celebration by decorating a tree at the Tigerton Main Street's Festival of Trees and donated 5 poinsettias and gave them away at the MS/HS Holiday Concert in December. We will plan other ways to celebrate in 2025.

RECENT EVENTS:

In October, the chapter donated 2 large boxes of supplies to be sent to hurricane victims in the southern US as part of a community member's travel to work for a month and a school drive.

In November, more than 350 Sweet Hunting Reminders were assembled and delivered to 5 area businesses to be distributed to hunters, etc to remind them to be safe and "Don't let your eyes play Twix on you!"

In December, 30 holiday gift bags were assembled and given to area citizens during our annual Operation Christmas Cheer Project. Thank you to the district 4K and Kindergarten students for coloring pictures for us!!

See flyer in newsletter for our upcoming Community Rabies Vaccination Clinic and Pet Supply Drive which will benefit Happily Ever After Animal Sanctuary, Shawano County K-9, and Patriot K9's of Wisconsin.

Plans for some upcoming events are being made including National FFA Week in February and a possible chapter lock-in in late Feb. or mid March. Chap-erones are needed.

DEPARTMENT NEEDS:

If you can help with the following Ag Department jobs, please contact Ms. Lori at the HS:

Protecting the little apple tree behind the greenhouse from further deer damage

Repair and refacing kitchen cabinets and drawers in the Food Science lab

Food Processor for Food Science and Food Processing classes

Revamping the Community garden-weed control, tilling, etc.



NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION:

Thank you to all who purchased fall mums during our fundraiser to help finance part of our trip sending 6 FFA officers and advisor to convention October 22-25.

Our first tour stop was at Lake Orchard Aquaponics Farm in Cleveland, WI. The small dairy farm on the shores of Lake Michigan was converted into a thriving aquaponics operation along with a bed and breakfast, event barn, and cabins.

We then traveled to Central IL to visit Hummel Livestock & Exotics and learned about the expensive Savannah cats they raise and sell, saw a kangaroo, rheas, goats, and large number of wind turbines surrounding their farmstead. We then traveled to Lafayette, IN to stay the night.

Wednesday's first stop was to visit the National FFA Center in Indianapolis where we saw a number of historical displays about FFA including the first FFA jacket, all of the National FFA Officer team photos, and Tigerton FFA Alumni's brick on the floor! After a quick lunch, we traveled to the JW Marriott to check in while a few advisors went to the Convention Center to register us and pick up our ID badges. We attended the Opening Convention Session and went out to eat.

Thursday was spent at the convention and we participated in a group escape room activity that night.

Friday morning, we heard Keynote speaker Dr. Temple Grandin, a world renowned expert on animal behavior and Animal Science professor at Colorado State University despite being autistic. We were back home in Wisconsin Friday night.

On Saturday morning, about 4000 FFA members received their American FFA Degrees and later, Mary Schreiber from WI, former State FFA President, was elected Central Region National Vice President.



Pet Supply Drive for the Happily Ever After Animal Sanctuary from January 13 to 31.

Donations can be dropped off @ the THS Ag Dept.

Suggested items include:

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

** No Ol' Roy Pet food donations, please*

Cash donations will be donated to

Happily Ever After Animal Sanctuary,

The Greener Pastures Farm Sanctuary,

and the Patriot K9s of Wisconsin

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

Math League

Tigerton High Schoolers complete against other students across the state solving complex math problems individually and as a team.

Students recently competed at UW - Stevens Point.



Tech Ed Christmas Cookout

On December 20th 2024 the Tech Ed Club hosted the Xmas cookout and basket raffle. The Tech Ed club members brought in a Christmas tree which they decorated, including making a Patrick Star for the top. Other members worked to sell and set up the basket raffle, which was held at 12:30pm. Any members that were left were the cooks/food setup. They grilled about 100 hamburgers and 100 Brats.

All of the school's 9-12 students and staff were invited to join for good food. We hope to keep this tradition going in the future and feel it was a great success.



Middle School Volleyball



6/7th Grade:

The Tigerton 6th/7th grade volleyball team concluded their season finishing with a record of 10 wins and 6 losses; placing 3rd in the end of the season tournament. With hard work and determination, they showed tremendous growth throughout the season as they developed a solid foundation of volleyball skills. I am very proud of the team's efforts this season and am very excited about their future.

Coach Fehrman
6/7th Grade Tigerton Volleyball

Front Row (left to right): Lainey C., Blakely B., Brielle D., Faith E., Braylee B., Allison B., Lillian B.
Back Row (left to right): Kapri H., Esther L., Coach Fehrman, Grace K., Victoria Z.

The Tigerton Middle School 7/8th grade volleyball team roster consisted of Allison B., Faith E., Taylesia H., Grace K., Esther L., Serenity M., Eliana M., and Saphira S. 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 Tigerton Volleyball Coach



Kneeling: Allison B. Standing: Esther L., Serenity M., Faith E., Coach Marquardt, Taylesia H., Grace K. and Eliana M. Not pictured: Saphira S.

JV and Varsity Volleyball



Presley Stewart-Rolfs = Team's Most Improved Player and CWC North Honorable Mention.
 Jessica Burayi = Senior Captain.
 Sienna Breaker = Team's Most Valuable Player, CWC North 2nd Team, 4 year Senior, and Captain.
 Angel Welch = CWC North 1st Team Libero, 4 year Senior, and Captain.
 Danika Tiller = Coaches Award and CWC North Honorable Mention

The Varsity finished the season in 3rd PL CWC North with a record of 5-5 and had an overall record of 10-11. Highlights of the season were beating the CWC Champs Northland Lutheran at Home in 4 sets and earning a come-from-behind win over Stockbridge in the Regional opener.



Volleyball Youth Camp

The Tigerton High School Volleyball Team/Staff recently ran a Youth Volleyball camp for Tigerton girls grades 3-8. A total of 18 campers attended. The girls learned and practiced new skills that will be needed to be successful at the Middle School and High School level.



Middle School Basketball

The Tigerton Middle School Basketball recently concluded their 2024 season. Even though the numbers were small they still exceeded expectations.

The 7th grade team finished with an overall record of (5-12) and finished 5th in the season ending tournament in Gresham.

The 8th grade team finished with an overall record of (10-6) and finished with a record of (1-1) in the season ending tournament at White Lake.

Overall, the teams improved vastly as the season progressed and were complimented on their sportsmanship by opposing coaches. Looking forward to working with these young men in the future.

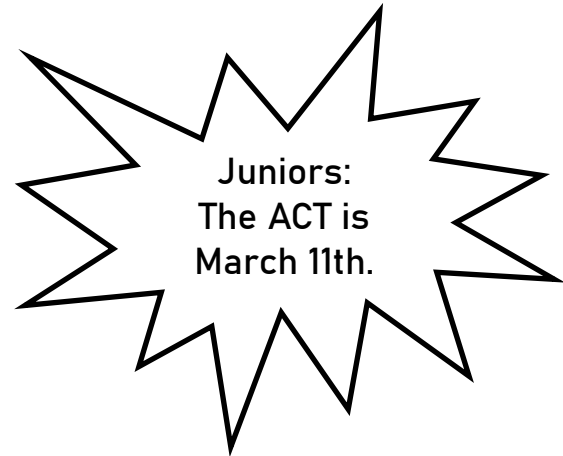
Coach Carlson & Coach Graham



Front Row (left to right): Isaiah Y., Nolan W., Austin P., Tristin R.
Back Row (left to right): Harry K., Coach Carlson, Jaxson B.



Front Row (left to right): Jacob S., Landon D., Aiden L.
Back Row (left to right): Noah L., Coach Graham, Max W.



Senior Students and Parents

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, is delayed this year due to a new form being developed. Filling out the FAFSA is extremely important for all Seniors wanting to attend universities and/or technical colleges starting Fall 2025:

- **All students need to complete the FAFSA in order to be considered for grants, student loans, work study, or income-based scholarships from any public university, private university, or technical college.**

- **The FAFSA application is found online at <https://fafsa.ed.gov>**

- ◆ You can start applying for financial aid for the **2025-2026 school year (this year's Seniors)** between Jan. 1, 2025 and June 30, 2025.

- ◆ The income used on the 2025-26 FAFSA will be from two years prior to the application year (2023 Tax Year).

- ◆ Prior to filling out the FAFSA, each student will need to get an FSA ID. The student can get this ID by going to **the FAFSA website and clicking on "Start a New FAFSA"**. On the following webpage, click on the box that says, **"Enter your (the student's) FSA ID"**. You will then be directed to **click on the link that says "Create an FSA ID"**.

- ◆ If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Hoffa at 715-535-4013.

A scroll graphic with the text "Scholarships are due the first week of April." inside.

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Dan Hoffa Celebrating 200 Career Wins

In an extraordinary career that spans several successful tenures, Dan Hoffa has reached a monumental milestone: his 200th career win. Achieved on January 7th, 2025, this victory is the latest chapter in a story of excellence and leadership that has shaped multiple teams and earned admiration from our small-town community.

Having coached the Pittsville Panthers for 12 years (2003-2004 thru 2014-2015, record of 127-142), Rosholt Hornets for 3 years (2019-2020 thru 2021-2022, record of 27-41), and currently Tigerton Tigers in his 3rd year (2022-2023 thru present, record of 49-15), Dan Hoffa has consistently demonstrated the ability to inspire, develop talent, and lead squads to victory—no matter the team or challenge at hand. With a career that has included triumphs, setbacks, and countless hours of dedication, this milestone reflects not only personal achievement but the profound impact Dan Hoffa has had across various organizations.

When Dan Hoffa began his coaching career with Pittsville in 2003-2004, few could have predicted the trajectory that lay ahead. In his early years, Dan Hoffa quickly established himself as a tactical mastermind and a leader who understood how to connect with players on a personal level. It was during his tenure at Pittsville that he secured his first of many career wins, laying the foundation for a career built on consistent success.



After a few years in a non-coaching hiatus, he wanted to get back into coaching. His new path led him to Rosholt, Dan Hoffa faced new challenges—new players, new dynamics, and new expectations. But the results were no different. Dan Hoffa's leadership guided the team to multiple victories.

In 2022-2023, Dan Hoffa made the move to Tigerton, where he has since brought his unique style of coaching and strategy. It was here that Dan Hoffa reached his 200th win, a crowning achievement that signifies years of hard work, adaptability, and a deep understanding of the game.



Throughout his career, Dan Hoffa has demonstrated a remarkable ability to build successful teams, regardless of the challenges he's faced. Whether it was overcoming injuries, navigating roster changes, or developing young talent, Dan Hoffa has always focused on long-term success rather than short-term gains.

As Dan Hoffa celebrates his 200th career win, the future remains bright. This is just the beginning, every win is a lesson learned and he's always striving for improvement. He has many opportunities to continue building something special here in Tigerton.