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## TWIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Upcoming Board Meetings Monday, November 14, 2022 Monday, November 21, 2022 All TVSD Board Meetings are at 6:30pm in the District Office Conference Room.

Last Day of 1st Marking Period Tuesday, November 1, 2022

No School Tuesday, November 8, 2022

### Parent/Teacher Conferences: All Grades (PM)

Monday, November 21, 2022 Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Early Dismissal Tuesday, November 22, 2022 No School Wednesday, November 23, 2022

to Monday, November 28, 2022

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Twin Valley Community.

We are so fortunate within the Twin Valley School District to have extremely talented students and staff who have the opportunity to showcase their best through athletics and extracurricular endeavors. Therefore, in this October edition of the District Newsletter, we wanted to share with everyone some exciting events over the course of the next couple of months in the District. These events are open to the public and once again highlight just a few of the many wonderful things that the Twin Valley School District has to offer.



#### October

10/31 PIAA District 3 3A Girls Soccer Semifinals @ 7:00pm: TVHS at Greencastle-Antrim HS

### November

- 11/1 PIAA District 3 3A Girls Volleyball Semifinals @ 7:00pm: TVHS vs. York Suburban HS
- 11/2 TVHS Dinner Concert @ 5:00pm: HS Cafeteria & Auditorium PIAA District 3 2A Field Hockey Semifinals @ 6:00pm: TVHS at Hershey HS
- 11/6 Theater Arts One Act Event Performances @ 1:00pm: HS Auditorium
- 11/11 PIAA District 3 4A Football Quarterfinals @ 7:00pm: TVHS vs. Milton Hershey HS

### December

12/2-12/3 TVHS Girls Basketball Tip-Off Tournament: HS Main Gym

- 12/7 HBEC Holiday Concert from 6:30-7:30pm: HBEC Gymnasium
- 12/8 TVHS Blood Drive from 7:30am-2:00pm: HS Main Gym
- 12/10 Mini-THON Vendor Sale from 8:00am-2:00pm: HS Cafeteria
- 12/11 TVMS Day of the Arts from 12:00-7:30pm: MS Auditorium & Art Wing
- 12/14 REC Holiday Concert from 7:00-8:00pm: REC Gymnasium
- 12/15 TVEC Holiday Concert from 7:00-8:00pm: TVEC Gymnasium
- 12/18 TVHS Symphonic Band Concert from 3:00-4:00pm: HS Auditorium
- 12/21 TVHS Winter Concert (Choir & Orchestra) from 7:00-9:30pm: HS Auditorium

We have so much to be proud of in the Twin Valley School District. Therefore, we encourage everyone to find the time to attend one or more of these events and show their Raider Pride in support of our students and staff.

Thanks,

Patrick T. Winters

## AROUND TWIN VALLEY

### HONEY BROOK ELEMENTARY CENTER: SMILES AT HBEC

At HBEC this year, there are a lot more smiles going around the school. We began the year in art class creating little ceramic smiles as a school-wide project to spread kindness throughout HBEC! We discussed the following questions:

- How do you feel when someone smiles at you?
- When might someone need a smile?

The goal of the project is to "Spread Smiles" across our building when we notice someone needs one. They then should continue to be passed on. Students made many smiles, one of which is allowed to go home, the others should stay in our building for now, but eventually spread in the community. Our teachers and staff received smiles as well. Hopefully, this will be a fun and positive way for students (and us) to show kindness and lift up those of us that need it.















### **TWIN VALLEY ELEMENTARY CENTER:** 2022-2023 KINDNESS COLLABORATION

TVEC kicked off our 2022-2023 Kindness Collaboration on October 13! This year, our theme is Kind People Are My Kinda People! We will be working together throughout the year on kindness, teamwork, and creating a kind environment here at TVEC.

This year, students were tasked with working together as a team to move their entire classroom's t-shirts from one end of the gym to another by moving them through a set of obstacles one shirt at a time! Talk about teamwork!

We are so excited to see what amazing things these children do next! We also thank our TVEC PIE for providing our students with kindness shirts each year!

## Let's Go Robeson

### ROBESON ELEMENTARY CENTER: RACE FOR EDUCATION

Robeson Elementary students participated in the 16th Annual "Race for Education" PTO fundraiser on October 14. Whether they did the run, the walk, or both, it was wonderful to see the students coming together and cheering each other on! Race for Education is the PTO's biggest fundraiser of the year, and we are grateful to our families and community members who supported our school. In fact, this year the PTO surpassed its fundraising goal. We would also like to thank our sponsors who provided healthy snacks for our students during the event: Eshelman Transportation, Weavers Orchard and Unique Snacks. We had beautiful weather for Race for Education, and it was a great day for everyone!

### TWIN VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL: SELECT CHOIR GROUP CHOSEN FOR CLASSROOM COVER

Recently, **Ms. Sarah Weaver**, Middle Chorus Teacher, reached out to Philadelphia-area country radio station, WXTU. One of their on-air personalities, Jeff Kurkjian, does a program to promote music in schools and asked our Select Choir Group to be involved. Our group will be the first ever Philadelphia-Area Classroom Cover! This coming month, the group will be rehearsing an arrangement of the popular country song, **Glad You Exist by Dan + Shay**. They will meet with Jeff, who arranged the music, and record the piece before Thanksgiving break. The group's recording will be featured on WXTU, and the video will be posted on their social media channels.

This will be a great opportunity for us to showcase our students, their musical talents, and more of the great things going on at Twin Valley Middle School.



## **TVHS INTERN OF THE MONTH**

### CONGRATULATIONS TO TVHS SENIOR, MITCHELL AUKAMP, ON BEING NAMED INTERN OF THE MONTH!

Written by Paige Crunkleton

**Mitchell Aukamp** is a dedicated and hardworking Twin Valley student who has been spending many hours learning all of the ins and outs of newspaper editing at The Reading Eagle Company. There, he is working alongside sports editor, Brian Smith, to publish weekly articles about sports in the community.

Mitchell's interest in writing and journalism, combined with his love of sports, made him the perfect candidate for this internship. This past summer, Mitchell had done extensive research into finding who would take him on as an intern. When he came across Brian Smith, a former Twin Valley High School graduate himself, Mitchell immediately knew to reach out.

For the past month, Mitchell has been attending at least one game a week alongside Smith. At first, Mitchell was solely shadowing Smith, then later climbed the ranks to being personally responsible for taking statistics and writing an article that would soon be posted in *The Reading Eagle* Newspaper. Smith described Mitchell to be "willing to listen and eager to learn," and later said, "Mitchell has been a pleasure to work with, [and] I look forward to giving him more opportunities to show his talents."



Outside of his internship, Mitchell is an extremely active member of his school and community with his participation in the National Honors Society, High School Heroes, History Club, TVHS Basketball, and TVHS Baseball.

Following high school, Mitchell plans on attending college and majoring in Journalism. He mentioned that he never had the same passion for math and science as he did for writing, and he has the ultimate goal of working for a newspaper himself as an editor. There is no question that Mitchell will be successful in all of his future ventures, and we wish him the best of luck!

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

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### TVHS SENIORS, LUKE MOHAN AND LAUREN GOLDMAN, HONORED AS OCTOBER ROTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

On October 19, the Twin Valley Rotary Club was proud to honor Twin Valley High School seniors **Luke Mohan** and **Lauren Goldman** as their students of the month. The presentation was made at their biweekly meeting. Luke and Lauren were honored for their participation in extracurricular activities and outstanding academic achievement.

Luke Mohan is currently serving as the President of the Twin Valley High School Student Council. Under his leadership, Student Council sponsored a very successful Fall Spirit Week, which was capped off with Homecoming festivities. In addition to promoting school spirit, Student Council also sponsors a number of philanthropic activities throughout the school year. Luke is a member and leader of Leaders Involved In Networking Kids. LINK is a student organization that sponsors a weekend-long retreat that focuses on leadership and mentoring through group problem-



solving, inclusive peer interactions and networking, positive communication strategies, and affirmative peer support. Luke is also a member of the Twin Valley High School Chapter of the National Honor Society and the Varsity Tennis Team. He is the captain of the Twin Valley Ice Hockey Team and plans to study finance and continue playing hockey at the University of Maryland.

Lauren Goldman is very active in her community. She has the responsibility of Financial Manager for the Twin Valley High School Theatre Arts Club, which is a member of the International Thespian Society. Lauren is also the Induction Chair for the Twin Valley High School Chapter of the National Honor Society; she is in charge of Public Relations for the German Honor Society; and she is the President of the History Club. She is also a member of the Student Council and Art Club. Throughout high school, she played for the Twin Valley High School Girl's Tennis Team. This past season, she and her sister made it to Flight 2 Doubles Semi-Finals at the BCIAA Tournament. Outside of school, she has been active in the Girl Scouts for the past 13 years. Over the Summer of 2022, she participated in a transatlantic human rights leadership program funded by the German government called Ambassadors in Sneakers. She was invited to join the Global Scholars. After high school, Lauren plans to attend college for a double major in International Relations and German. One day, she wants to travel the world, possibly working as a diplomat.

From left to right: **Mr. Bill Clements**, TVHS Principal; **Luke Mohan**; Lauren Goldman; Dr. Patrick Winters, TVSD Superintendent

## DISTRICT HAPPENINGS



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### **We Are Hiring** Support Staff Positions!

### Available Positions:

- FT, PT, & Substitute Custodians
- PT & Substitute Aides
- PT & Substitute Food Service Openings

### Make a **Difference** at Twin Valley!

- ✔ Great Work Environment
- $\checkmark$  Community Atmosphere
- ✓ Convenient Hours
- ✓ Flexibility

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## JOIN OUR TEAM!

The Twin Valley School District is looking for qualified individuals to join our team! View open positions and learn how to apply at the link below.

Twin Valley School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### JOIN TVSD

## THANK YOU!

We want to extend our thanks and appreciation to all of the students and parents/guardians who participated in our District-wide student involvement surveys.

Your valuable feedback will help inform student involvement initiatives across Twin Valley School District.



ATHLETICS NEWS & UPDATES

### FALL 2022 SEASON RECAP

**Boys Cross Country** finished their regular season 18-1. They placed 2nd as a team at BCIAA Championships. **Anthony Engle** placed 1st individually at the Championships. The boys competed at District 3 Championships, and **Anthony Engle** and **Ben Meister** qualified for the State Championship. **Anthony Engle** placed 7th at the District Championships.

**Girls Cross Country** finished their regular season 13-5. They placed 3rd as a team at the BCIAA Championships. The girls competed in District 3 Championships and placed 6th as a team! **Laura Posh** qualified for the State Championships!

**Field Hockey** finished 1st in the BCIAA League 2nd Division with a record of 11-7. (they are currently in BCIAA playoffs). Field Hockey plays on Wednesday, November 2, in the semifinals of the District 3 playoffs. They qualified for the PIAA State Championship which starts on November 8.

**Football** is looking forward to District 3 playoffs. They will have a home game on November 11 at 7:00pm vs. Milton Hershey.

**Golf** had a great season with 2 of their athletes advancing to District 3 Championships, and both making the cut for day 2. Those athletes are **Maddie Morgan** and **Shayne O'Doherty**. **Girls Soccer** ended their regular season 11-5-1 and made it to BCIAA playoffs. Unfortunately, they lost to Fleetwood in the first round. The girls are competing in the District 3 Championships and compete today in the District 3 semifinals.

Girls Tennis ended their season 3-12 but had two athletes advance to BCIAA Doubles Semi-Finals. Lauren and Becca Goldman!

**Girls Volleyball** came in second in the BCIAA tournament. They are in District 3 playoffs and compete Tuesday in the Semifinals at Twin Valley at 7pm.

### Twin Valley Field Hockey, Girls Soccer, Volleyball and Football all advanced to the District 3 Championships.

Our middle school sports are having great seasons, most of which are ending this week or next. The Boys and Girls soccer teams are having a middle school prom on November 4 at 5pm. on the HS turf. This is where the athletes dress up and play against each other.

We are looking forward to winter sports which start November 18! Athletes interested in playing a winter sport should reach out to the coach (contact information is on the <u>Athletics website</u>) and fill out the paper work on Planet HS (information also on the <u>Athletics website</u>).



### 2022 TWIN VALLEY SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

On Friday, October 14, 2022, the Twin Valley Athletic Boosters hosted the 2022 Twin Valley Sports Hall of Fame Induction Reception and Ceremony. The reception was from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. and honored four inductees: **Mr. Donald Means, Mr. Shawn Moore, Mr. Toby Ranck**, and **Mr. Brad Smith**. The inductees were then recognized in the Induction Ceremony during half time of the football game.

The accomplishments of the 2022 Twin Valley Sports Hall of Fame Inductees during their time at Twin Valley High School (TVHS) include:

**Mr. Donald Means** is a 1967 graduate of Twin Valley High School. While at TVHS, he excelled in baseball, basketball, and soccer and received county-wide recognition. Mr. Means was also named Outstanding Male Athlete of the Year in 1967. His other accolades include:

- Berks County 1st Team All-Star Centerfielder
- Berks County Baseball Championship Team in 1966 and 1967
- Berks County Southern Conference All-Star He also helped form the Twin Valley Baseball and Softball League.

**Mr. Shawn Moore** is a 2004 graduate of Twin Valley High School where he ran cross country and track. His athletic achievements include:

- Two-Time Berks County Cross Country Individual Champion in 2002 and 2003
- Three-Time All Berks County Cross Country Runner
- PIAA Cross Country State Medalist in 2003
- Three-Time Cross Country District Medalist
- Twin Valley High School 1600M Record Holder
- 3200M District and State Medalist
- 1600M District Medalist



From left to right: Dr. Patrick Winters, TVSD Superintendent; Mr. Donald Means, Class of 1967; Mr. Shawn Moore, Class of 2004; Mr. Toby Ranck, Class of 1998; and Mr. Brad Smith, Class of 2010

**Mr. Toby Ranck** is a 1998 graduate of Twin Valley High School where he played football, basketball, and baseball. Mr. Ranck's achievements during his time at TVHS include:

- Outstanding Male Athlete of the Year in 1998
- Member of the football team from the time the program started.
- Integral part of a very successful baseball team.

He was also a founding member of the Happy Valley Heroes, now called the TVHS Heroes.

**Mr. Brad Smith** is a 2010 graduate of Twin Valley High School, where he was a member of a very successful baseball team. His achievements in baseball at Twin Valley High School include:

- All-County Junior Year
- Most Valuable Player PIAA District 3 Baseball Championship Game
- All-County Senior Year Berks County Player of the Year
- 2010 Outstanding Male Athlete of the Year
- All-State Baseball Team

Mr. Smith is also a third-generation Hall of Fame Inductee. His mother and grandfather are also Twin Valley Sports Hall of Fame Inductees.

Congratulations to all of our Hall of Fame Inductees!

VIEW ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS, GAME DAY INFO, AND MORE AT TVSDATHLETICS.ORG





















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The Twin Valley High School Girls' Soccer Team hosted a Pink Out Soccer Event. Spectators were able to purchase chances on raffle baskets, mums, and a 50/50 drawing. There were also many delicious items to snack on that were available at the bake sale tables. Due to the success of this event, **\$1,230** was donated to Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Way to go, Division II Champions!

### TWIN VALLEY COMPUNITY EDUCATION FOUNDATION



TVCEF celebrates the 20th Annual Gala on November 4. This special event raises funds for TVCEF's Annual Grants for schools and scholarships for students. Support of the Annual Gala ensures that TVCEF can continue to fund special programs and educational opportunities for students at all Twin Valley schools! In fact, right now teachers and school staff are eligible to apply (until November 1) for a Second Chance Annual Grant for the 2022-2023 school year. Annual Grant programs already funded this year are underway.

They are: Calm Down Boxes at HBEC with Krista Williamson and Allysen Gallagher; Makerspace STEAM Stations at HBEC with Randi Goldberg, Kimberly Armpriester, and Allison Bonds; Re-Write Boards for 1st Grade at REC with Jodie Kline, Stephanie Koch, and Holly Hubert; Raider Pride Student of the Month at TVMS with Jennifer Moyer; New Student Welcome Breakfast at TVMS with Monica Hartey, Rebecca Howell, and Karen Richards Schmitz; Cricut Machine for Business Classes and Beyond at TVHS with Amy Williams and Sara Cipolla; Global Scholars Program at TVHS with Melissa Koehler, Sara Peek, Lauren Lewis, Christian Murray, and Casey Hoffman.