

May 2019

Tri-Center Newsletter



High School 485-2257

Middle School 485-2211

Elementary 485-2271



Superintendent's News and Comments ... Dr. Angela Huseman

Congratulations to the graduating Class of 2019!

**Commencement May 19th, 2019
2:00 p.m. HS Gymnasium**

Graduation is a time for excitement, celebration and a little apprehension. Most seniors want you to believe they are ready for the world NOW, but inside (and it is buried a little more deeply in some than others), next steps bring uncertainty.

I am hoping between school and family, we have taught them the lessons they need to be successful in their next steps. Academics is supposed to be the school's main charge for kids, but we hope that the lessons we have taught and the opportunities we have given them, have made them strong, confident and capable good citizens and human beings.

I found a list that Jon Gordon has published for graduates or anyone pursuing a dream:

1. Where you are now is not where you are going to be.
2. You don't have to be perfect to start. Just start.
3. Don't be afraid to fail.
4. Sometimes you have to lose a goal to find your destiny.
5. You are here for a reason. You have a purpose and you are meant to live and share it.
6. You don't have to be great. You just have to have a great desire to be your best and bring out the best in others.
7. Ignore the critics. Just show up each day and do the work.

8. Stay Positive. There is a plan!

9. If you believe your best days are ahead of you, they are. The best is yet to come.

Financial Information:

At the regular April Board Meeting, which will be held on April 9th, 2019, the Tri-Center Board of Education will hold a hearing for the certified budget for the 2019-2020 school year. After several years of working to end the school year with a positive balance, we continue to be moving in the right direction. Tax rates will be decreasing by almost \$.06, going from a rate of \$12.88 for the current school year to \$12.82 for the 2019-2020 school year. This is the fourth consecutive year the tax rate has decreased. This is good news for the district and you, the taxpayers.

Recognition and Appreciation of Staff and School Board Members

The months of April and May contain several days/weeks of recognition and appreciation for various school employees and the board of education. Each of these individuals and collective groups come together to form a major portion of the Tri-Center Family. Their dedication and commitment to the task is tremendous--and consistent--for 180+ days every year. Please take the opportunity to extend a word of thanks or show some appreciation for the work they do and the unselfish efforts they make to create a safe and productive learning environment for the kids of our school district.

Paraprofessional's Day: April 3rd
 Administrative Professional's Day: April 24th
 Teacher Appreciation Week: May 5th-11th
 School Board Recognition Month: May
 Last Day of School: May 24th, 2019



Counseling Comments
 Tami Harman

Conversations with your School Board

Our school board members volunteer many hours, early mornings and evenings of their time for the benefit of our community's children. They know they represent more than just the citizens who elected them to their positions, and they want to hear from those folks about issues (good, bad and indifferent) that are critical to all students in the district. At the same time, they are very aware that their role is to hire the superintendent, set policy and adopt goals. The superintendent and other district administrators are responsible for the the day-to-day operations of the district.

When you are considering taking a concern/request/comment to the school board member, ask yourself if the school board is the proper place for the concern. Here is a quick checklist of questions to help you with that decision:

*If I am concerned about something, have I already talked to those closest to the problem and tried to resolve it there? If it wasn't resolved there, have I followed the chain of command through the bus driver, teacher/coach, principal/AD, and superintendent? Is it still unresolved?

*Is my concern something that affects all children in the district rather than one child, one bus, one classroom of children, or one building?

*Is my concern an idea, comment or question about the daily operations of the district? Have I talked with the appropriate administrator?

If you answer to these questions is 'yes', but you are still not satisfied that the problem has been solved, you have probably followed the proper 'chain of command' and should think about contacting the school board. If you want to speak to the board at a meeting, our school board has established procedures so it can hear from concerned members of our community.

It feels like I just wrote my first newsletter article and this is my last one I will be writing. I will be retiring at the end of this school year and I personally wanted to thank all the Tri-Center families for my wonderful 34 years of service. I have loved working with all the students and families.

Scheduling has already happened and schedules will be used to design the master schedule. Parents, you should be having discussions about the coursework that you think your son/daughter will need for next school year. Schedules will be completed for both semesters to help us build the master schedule.

SENIORS should be finalizing post secondary plans and continue to work on scholarships. April seems to be the month when a lot of scholarships are due and then scholarship opportunities begin to quickly taper off through the month of May. Keep researching and looking for scholarships that are still available.

The last two ACT test dates for 2018-2019 are June 8, 2019 and July 13th, 2019.

The test dates for 2019-2020 are as follows:

| <u>Test Date</u> | <u>Registration Deadline</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| September 14, 2019 | August 16, 2019 |
| October 26, 2019 | September 20, 2019 |
| December 14, 2019 | November 8, 2019 |
| February 8, 2020 | January 10, 2020 |
| April 4, 2020 | February 28, 2020 |
| June 13, 2020 | May 8, 2020 |
| July 20, 2020 | June 19, 2020 |

Tri-Center plans to provide a John Baylor ACT Test Prep before the October 26th test date, mainly for seniors and another prep before the April 4th test date for juniors. It is advantageous to have a baseline score before taking the Prep course but not

required. If you have any questions about the prep course please call 712-485-2257 and ask for the Guidance Counselor.

National Honor Society

On March 25th, 2019, nineteen students were inducted into the National Honor Society. Those new members include: Sidney Stowe, Tatum McKee, Frances Skow, Trinity Weers, Kylie Alfers, Laura Brockhoff, Ethan Chmelka, Annie Dahir, Jade Daughenbaugh, Jaydon Dooley, Zachary Elliott, Pearl Huddle, Luke Lehan, Brett McGee, Faith McPhillips, Mollie Nelson, Presley Pogge, Madison Rivera and Emma Wulff. Congratulations to these new inductees and their families.

Congratulations to the graduating seniors and good-luck in your chosen career pathway. I am sure the skills of leadership, character, service and scholarship will help guide your future.



Yearbook News and Information Sarah Elliott

2018-2019 PUBLICATIONS STAFF: **Juniors:** Amanda Brich, Bryson Freeberg, Sage Schroder, and Tom Turner; and **Sophomores:** Addi McAtee, Ethan Chmelka, Zach Elliott, Derrick Goble, Trent Kozeal, Desi Macias, Faith McPhillips, and Presley Pogge.

2019 YEARBOOK SALE!!! Purchase the **2019 Trojan Yearbook (Through the Eyes of a Trojan)** The FULL COLOR books are \$50 and include the FULL COLOR Year-in-Review insert for FREE. Also, we do except a \$25 deposit if you wish to make payments. A yearbook could make **A GREAT GRADUATION GIFT.** The staff is hoping to sell 115 books.

2018 & OTHER PAST YEARBOOKS! We do not have any copies of the 2018 book left, but we have other past yearbooks. Purchase the 2017 or 2016 for just \$30; the 2015, 2014 and 2013 for the

low price of \$20; and the 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, and 2003 for the unbelievable price of \$10. Sorry, we are completely out of 2012 books as well. **We need to clean out the closet and fund the printing of the current book; so get your yearbooks today.** Contact Adviser Mrs. Sarah Elliott at the high school at 485-2257, ext. 100 or selliott@tctrojans.org

PARENT AND PERSONAL ADS: The final deadline for the parent and personal ads has passed. Some parents recently contacted us about missing the deadline, and we have or can make room on the spread and have extended the deadline one last time to **Friday, April 26.** Support the yearbook and honor your son/daughter, grandson/daughter, sibling, friend, or others at the same time. Parent and personal full-color ads are \$30 (\$25 with the purchase of a 2019 yearbook) and include the honored person's name, a small photo or two, and a message limited to approximately 25 words. Parent and personal ads can be purchased from Publications Adviser Sarah Elliott at 485-2257, ext. 100.

PICTURES ARE ACCEPTED: The Publications staff is in need of and will accept pictures for possible use in the yearbook. Pictures can be submitted by email (selliott@tctrojans.org).

SPONSORSHIP/AD CAMPAIGN: We are looking to finish up our ad campaign before May, but first we still need sponsors for about a dozen spreads. If you are or know of someone and/or a business owner who may want to sponsor a spread, contact Adviser Sarah Elliott at 485-2257, ext. 100. Sponsors/Advertisers not only help fund a yearbook of which the district and surrounding communities can be proud, but have the opportunity to support an educational program that teaches students valuable skills in writing, design, photography, computer use, and business. We sponsorships/ads are \$50.

Common Sense Parenting Class

18 parents with the Tri-Center district worked through a 7 week Common Sense Parenting Class based on Boys Town Curriculum. Many high school students volunteered to provide free childcare for the children whose parents were attending class each week. We also had wonderful community partners provide free meals for the class participants. A few of those organizations include the First Presbyterian Church of Neola, Minden United Church of Christ, and the Neola Lions Club. Participants in the class learned skills like communicating effectively with their children, avoiding power struggles, giving positive attention, controlling our emotions, praising good behaviors and balancing discipline with affection. Rachel Eikenberry, Green Hills AEA School Psychologist and Tri-Center Alumni, taught the class through grant funding provided by Harrison County Mental Health Coalition. If you are interested in joining future parenting education classes at Tri-Center, please reach out to your child's principal so that we can plan age-appropriate follow-up courses.