

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2013

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Wow. It is hard to believe we have completed the first ten weeks of school. And what a first quarter we have had! Our sports teams have been high competitive, with field hockey, boys' soccer, volleyball, and football all advancing into post season play. Did someone mention champions? Well. Tioga has TWO Section IV Championship teams: Volleyball and Football. Volleyball has also just won the regional championships, and is playing for a state title this coming weekend.

We are proud of all of our athletes! When looking at the value of athletics to a school community, physical fitness, sportsmanship, and team building skills are just some of the positives these programs provide for the student body. What may be more subtle, but certainly of as much importance, is the optimistic tone success in fall sports brings to the school community as a whole. Students participating feel good about themselves. Their peers enjoy attending the events and supporting their friends. And the school itself rides a wave of success and confidence that spills over into the classroom and the pride students take in being a part of the Tioga Central School District. The proof? Well, ask the adults in the building. Behavior write-ups are at an all-time low. School attendance is up. And academic ineligibility (students failing two or more subjects) is at an all-time low (just 3%).

As we head into the second quarter of the year, may our students continue to excel in their extracurricular events, whether it be drama club, the music program, or the winter sports season that has just begun. We have set the right tone for the building. Now let's carry it through the New Year!



*2013 Section IV Class D and
NYS Regional Champions!*



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National Honor Society Has Busy Fall

This fall members of the National Honor Society have been busy participating in various civic activities. Roadside clean-up was held in October, along with a beautification project in the high school courtyard. Presently, members are organizing a blood drive here at the high school. Students ages 17 and older may donate a unit of blood and help save a life! At the end of November, students will be volunteering their time serving food at the Share-A-Thon dinner put on by the Community Care Network of Nichols, and this will be immediately followed by the group's organizing a food drive for Holiday baskets for needy families within the district.

Plans for the Holidays

The winter holiday season is fast approaching. Thanksgiving is just a couple of weeks away, with the winter holidays following shortly thereafter. Planning for the holidays can be stressful. There seems to be so much to plan. But what are we planning for? One of the easiest gifts to give at this time of year is the gift of your time. Time to help out a family down the road shovel out their driveway after a snow fall. Time to donate nonperishable food items to the school's community food drive. Time to ring the Salvation Army bell in an effort to gather coins for their annual drive. Time to sit back and be thankful for what we *have*, rather than thinking about what we may *want*. Whatever plans you and your family may have for the upcoming holidays, may those plans include taking some *time* to give back and say thank you for your own good fortune. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



*Section IV Class D Champions
for Third Straight Year!*

