



HOME OF THE TROJANS!

Tri-North Middle School

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Above & Beyond 2018-2019

Art

Twenty students participated in the Youth Art Month Exhibition. Seven students were selected to participate in the Brown County Mabel B. Annis Student Art Competition. This prestigious art competition in April rewards young artist from 7 Indiana counties. Our students received Junior High Best of Show, the Judges Award for Video, and the Gallery's Choice Award. Each of these awards came with cash prizes. Also, one of our 7th graders designed our 2018-2019 Yearbook cover.

Band

The BHSN Cougar Marching Band advanced to the State Finals and placed 7th. Three of our 8th graders were members of the Cougar Band.

Six students were selected for the Indiana Bandmaster Association Jr. All-Region Honor Band. Two of our students were selected to perform at the Indiana Music Educators Convention in January. These bands are comprised of the best 7th to 9th grade band members in the state.

Band students earned 4 Silver and 18 Gold ratings as soloists and in ensembles at the ISSMA District Festival. 3 of those students qualified for State for earning Gold on Group 1 performance, and went on to earn Gold awards at State for their solos. One student earned Gold with Distinction.

Jazz Band received a Gold rating at the ISSMA Jazz Band Festival, with three students earning Soloist ribbons. The Intermediate/Symphonic Band earned a Gold rating in Group II, along with very high praise from all three judges at the ISSMA Band Contest.

For the second straight year, the bands earned the ISSMA All-Music Award. They qualified with a Gold rating in Jazz Band, Concert Band, a Solo, and an Ensemble. The banner of recognition will be displayed in the hall.



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Choir

ISSMA District Solo & Ensemble – Choir students earned 1 Silver and 5 Gold ratings as soloists and in ensembles at the ISSMA District Festival. Two students qualified for State for earning Gold on Group 1 Piano Solo, earning a Gold, and a Gold with Distinction at ISSMA State.

English/Language Arts, World Languages, and Reading

We had 66 current or former ENL students who speak 22 different languages.

The French I and French II classes participated in a pen pal exchange with students in Bondy France (a suburb of Paris). Two students had the opportunity to visit with the classes in Bondy while traveling with their families in France.

Monroe County Public Library and Tri-North Library once again collaborated getting eAccess Cards to students to help provide e-book and online resources to students.

In honor of Bloomington's Bicentennial, Derek Richey, author of the book *Bloomington THEN & NOW*, visited Tri-North students for TIE in December. Young Hoosier author K.A. Holt skyped with several Tri-North students. Students also got to Skype with Young Hoosier author Joelle Charbonneau this spring.

Our Spelling Bee was very competitive this year, going 15 rounds. Our winner went on to participate in the regional Spelling Bee at the Monroe County Public Library.

The Tri-North library ran the Young Hoosier Book Award program, a student independent reading project. Students voted for their favorite book by reading a minimum of five of the Young Hoosier Book Award nominees. Tri-North's and Indiana's winning book was *Scythe* by Neal Shusterman.

Tri-North initiated a Summer Reading Program to encourage reading and community. Upcoming 8th graders chose one of 14 books selected by our staff to read over the summer of 2019. This program was funded by grants from the Tri-North PTO and the Community Foundation.

Math

Four of our students represented Tri-North in the MathCounts Chapter Competition in Seymour in February and earned the 1st Place trophy and the Best Rookie School trophy. They will compete in March at the State competition and placed well for their first state competition.

Orchestra

One of our students earned 2nd place in the New World Youth Orchestra's Young Artist Competition Junior Division in January in Indianapolis.

Orchestra students earned 8 Gold medals in the ISSMA District Solo & Ensemble Festival. Four students qualified for State for earning Gold on Group 1, where they all earned went on to earn Gold with Distinction.

Tri-North Orchestra earned a Gold rating performing in Group 1, the highest level of difficulty, at the ISSMA Orchestra Contest.

Physical Education

Students receive recognition for Pacer Laps. Ten students were in the 100 Club. Twelve students were in the 80 Club. Thirty-five students earned the 60 Club. Our community-based class walks 10 laps around the gym daily (10 students).

Science

All students participated in the Hour of Code during the first week of December. They learned how computer science connects to all careers, and that our students are the innovators of the future. 8th graders programmed robots and had the opportunity to create parts of a video game.

8th grade science classes had a new challenge this year: the Science Escape Room. Students had to apply what they learned in class and collaborate to solve their elemental quest.

Tri-North's Science Olympiad team competed against some of the top teams from Indiana and Ohio at the Raymond Park Invitational Tournament. They placed second out of eleven teams. Twenty of our students earned medals for top placements in their events. At Regionals our teams won medals in 19 out of the 23 events and placed 2nd out of 12 teams at Regionals. Every student on both teams medaled in at least one event. This advanced Tri-North to the State Finals. Tri-North was represented with pride and distinction as they placed third in the state out of 36 teams, and set a new school record by earning medals for top-five placements in 20 of the 27 events in the tournament. Seven students earned medals in all of their competition events.

Social Studies

The Tri-North Geography Bee was sponsored by National Geographic. Our school champion placed 7th in the National Geographic Bee state competition in Indianapolis.

Sports

298 students participated in sports this year, including 35 students that were active in each of 3 seasons.

7th & 8th Grade Cheer Teams: Participated in Bloomington 4th of July Parade 2018 and Hoosiers Outrun Cancer (cheering on sidelines) in October 2018

7th Grade Football: County Champions
8th Grade Football: County Champions

7th Grade Volleyball: County Tournament – 3rd place
8th Grade Volleyball: County Tournament – 3rd place

Boys XC: County Champions
Girls XC: County Meet – 2nd place

Boys 8 Basketball: County Tournament – Champions – Back to Back Years
Boys 7 Basketball: County Tournament – 2nd Place
Bloomington Shootout – 2nd Place

Girls 8 Basketball: County Tournament – 3rd Place
Girls 7 Basketball: County Tournament -2nd Place

Girls Swimming: 200 Medley Relay: School Record & County Meet Record
200 Free: School Record
400 Free: School Record and County Meet Record
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400 Free Relay: School Record and County Meet Record
100 Fly: School Record
50 Fly: School Record
50 Breaststroke: County Meet Record
County Meet Champions – 5th year in a row
Undefeated Season in every single swimming event

Boys Swimming: 200 Medley Relay: School Record
400 Free: School Record
100 Free: School Record
Diving: School Record of 20 years
County Meet Champions – 5th year in a row
Undefeated Season

Wrestling: Fastest Pin of the Year was 8 seconds
County Meet – 3rd place

Girls Track & Field: County Meet – 2nd Place
Forsberg Relays Invitational – 3rd place
Shot Put (6 lbs.) School Record
One Indiana Miracle Mile Qualifier
State Track Meet – 15 athletes qualified, 19th Place of 58 teams
State Champion in Shot Put
5th Place in Discus

Boys Track & Field: County Meet – Champions
Forsberg Relays Invitational – 3rd place
2400m School Record
Shot Put (4k) School Record
One Indiana Miracle Mile Qualifier
State Track Meet – 15 athletes qualified, 3rd Place of 55 teams
State Champion in Shot Put
3rd Place in Discus
5th Place in High Jump
2nd Place in 400m Dash
7th Place & School Record in 2400m
3rd Place & School Record in 4 x 100 Relay
7th Place & School Record in 4 x 800 Relay

One of our students earned a Gold medal for Basketball Skills in the State Special Olympics. He also earned a Gold medal and a Silver medal in Special Olympics Track. Another student earned a Gold medal and two Silver medals in Rhythmic Gymnastics in Atlanta.

The Positive Behavior team organized a school-wide assembly in the gym where students played the staff in several volleyball games. Staff also created a cheer team to lead students in spirited chants and cheers.

Community Volunteerism

Food Share - The PTO assisted in the coordination of a Food Rescue Share Table during lunch periods. This is an opportunity for students to donate any extra food items.

The Volunteer Service Award – Tri-North presented 11 awards this spring for a minimum of 50 hours of service over 12 consecutive months. Three students earned Gold Awards (150+ hours), 3 students earned Silver Awards (100-149 hours), and 6 students earned Bronze Awards (50-99 hours). 5 of those students earned the award in their 7th grade year as well.

Global Youth Service Day – Tri-North partnered with IU's SPEA program to serve nine organizations in our community. Ninety-nine 8th grade students volunteered their time in small groups at Area 10 Agency on Aging, Bloomington Community Orchard, Boys & Girls Club, Jill's House Memory Care Center, My Sister's Closet, Opportunity House, Tri-North, Wheeler Mission, and Wonderlab. Additionally the GYSD students conducted a school-wide food donation drive for Area 10 Agency on Aging's food pantry.

Y.E.S. (Youth Engaged in Service) Club – This was the fifth year for Tri-North's Y.E.S. Club, a service learning leadership club. Membership was about 50 students, meetings

were voluntary, and were well attended by both 7th & 8th graders. This year occasional weekend volunteer opportunities were offered as well.

Clubs

Tri-North offers a variety of other after school clubs: Game Club, Drama Club, Garden/Culinary Club, International Club, Makers Club, and Sewing Club.

Tri-North Awards

National Junior Honor Society – 33 students (25 7th graders and 8 8th graders) were newly inducted to NJHS in late March, joining 56 returning 8th grade members. NJHS sponsored a ColorCycle drive, in partner with Crayola, in March and collected over 2400 used markers, highlighters, & dry erase markers, and kept them out of the landfill!

8th Grade Awards – Special awards are presented at 8th Grade Promotion Night French Excellence Award, Spanish Excellence Award, Band Director's Awards, Orchestra Director's Award, Elisha Helton Award, Thurston/Weimer Awards, James Forsberg Student Athletes of the Year, MCCS Foundation/Bloomington North Rotary Outstanding Middle School Reading Award, and Young Hoosier Readers of Excellence.

Field Trips

Tri-North brought 237 students to the IU Auditorium to hear **Dr. Mae Jemison** speak about the importance of STEM education. Dr. Jemison was the first African-American woman to venture into space.

The **Symphonic Band** performed at our six elementary schools in December, encouraging future Trojans to join the band in middle school.

Second Semester Health classes toured the exhibits at **Ivy Tech's Health Fair**.

Eleven of our students attended the **Black Male Summit** in January at Bloomington City Hall. Presentation topics included Creating Pathways to Success, Persistence & Discipline, and Achieving Success Beyond Middle School.

In March Indiana University hosted all 3 entire MCCSC middle schools for a performance by the world-renowned **Alvin Ailey Dance Theater**. This opportunity was provided at no cost to our students by IU, the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater, and the Tri-North PTO.

Other

A Tri-North 8th grader, played the part of young Steve Jobs in The (R)evolution of Steve Jobs, an **opera performed at IU** in September.

One of our 7th graders was awarded **Bloomington's SWAGGER Award** in November. The city's Commission on the Status of Children and Youth recognize Students Who Act Generously, Grow and Earn Respect.

Another of our 7th graders was recognized at the City of Bloomington's Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs annual awards ceremony for receiving the **Pride and Achievement "Learn to Earn" award**.

Two of our students represented Tri-North in the **Bloomington Scholastic Chess Open** and earned the 3rd place trophy.

Two 7th grade and nine 8th grade Tri-North students met before school each week to complete activities and to share their project findings with Chinese students assigned to the **Global Program Partnership** project. Ivy Tech hosted a Global Partnership Seminar for parents, staff, students, and community members in early April where Capstone Presentations were presented by all participating members.

Tri-North 8th graders participated in **Reality Store** in October. This event is coordinated with our math department and the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce Franklin Initiative.

Mrs. Walsh, one of our math and science teachers, achieved her **National Board Certification**. There are currently only three other National Board Certified teachers in the MCCSC, and only 86 statewide. Tri-North now has two.

Mr. Williams, one of our Social Studies teachers, was named **B97 Feature Teacher** in February. He and his class were treated to a pizza lunch by B97 on February 12.

Ms. Cathy Hawkins, our Health and PE teacher, received the **Commitment to Lifelong Health & Wellness of Students Award**. Also, she partnered with IU Health to bring the **Safe Sitter Course** to our students as an afterschool opportunity. 32 students took advantage of the course and earned their Safe Sitter certificate.

Re-imagining Tri-North Groundbreaking Ceremony was held in May. Mrs. A. Rae Floyd, Principal; Dr. Martha Bowman, Science Teacher; and our NJHS President addressed the attendees. The Tri-North Jazz Band performed and our State Science Olympiad team attended.