Fall Parent Teacher Conferences

By: Logan Dickey

Twin River held their annual fall parent teacher conferences on August 12th and 13th. Conferences are a great way for parents to keep up with their students’ education by visiting with their teachers. Conferences are held twice a year, in the fall and spring. If a parent was unable to attend, a great resource they have at their fingertips is Infinite Campus. Infinite Campus is a program that is designed to manage all students information such as attendance, grades, schedules, and other information. Teachers usually update this daily. Parents may also contact the teacher or school anytime. Thanks parents for taking an interest in your child’s education!

Homecoming 2017

By: Logan Dickey

Twin River students and staff are getting ready for homecoming week at Twin River. Homecoming is about showing your titan spirit and making memories that will last a lifetime. The homecoming boys and girls candidates for 2017 are Ryan Range, Jayden Schroeder, Jared Czarnick, Jack Reeg, Blaine Jacobi, Natalie Held, Shyla Oberhauser, Nina Parry, Maddy Rinkol, and Cali Shane. Homecoming week is set for October 2nd -7th, with coronation following the home football game on the 6th and the dance will be held on October 7th at the high school gym in Genoa. Tickets are $5 in advance or $10 at the door and dates need to be signed up by 3:30 pm on the 6th. Snacks will be provided by the Twin River Booster Club. When the students dress up for homecoming, make sure they are appropriate for school. Here’s what’s going on during the homecoming spirit week:

MONDAY - ‘Merica Monday/Titans Against Bullying
Wear red, white, and blue or BLUE to fight against bullying for Bullying Awareness Month

TUESDAY - Country Boy vs. Frat Boy
Dress as a farmer or a preppy student

WEDNESDAY - Color Day
- Seniors: Black
- Juniors: White
- Sophomores: Blue
- Freshmen: Red
- 8th Grade: Orange
- 7th Grade: Green
- Elementary: Purple
- Teachers: Alma Mater/Fav. College

THURSDAY - Titan Spirit Day
Wear your Titan best and show school spirit.

FRIDAY - Farmyard Day
Dress as your favorite barnyard animal and wear that also to the football game.
FCCLA Happenings

The FCCLA group has been busy since the beginning of the school year. One big item the Twin River’s chapter will focus on this year is the national program “Families First.” One way they have put this into action was holding a family movie night in the gym on Sunday, September 10th to watch Smurfs: The Lost Village. The nice thing about the event was it was free to families, and it was a great family and social event for families to come and watch a great movie, as well as just spending time together as a family. The FCCLA also hosted a concession stand for those that must have popcorn while watching a movie.

Another fun activity FCCLA members recently held was a Knocker Ball tournament on Sunday, September 17th in Columbus. Knocker ball is a newer sport to the USA and is also known as “Bubble Soccer.” It is a single chamber inflatable sphere with inner handles and adjustable shoulder straps which allows a single person to do rolls, flips, and wheels while playing soccer. It is as almost to say you are “defying gravity.” It allows individuals to experience this fun sport without putting any stress on the body. Students that participated had a blast. FCCLA sponsored this event to focus on promoting physical, mental, and emotional health for students.

Members have also held several meetings to plan other items throughout the school year and put together their annual babysitting schedule during Parent Teacher Conferences. Some members of the group have started working on their individual power by working to complete one of the five units of “The Power of One.” This is a great activity that helps the students on game leadership, time management, and personal skills by setting and achieving goals. The members can complete all five units in one year or over the course of several years. If the member completes all five units, they have the opportunity to compete and possibly even go to the state leadership conference. One big aspect in this is the STAR projects.

Lastly, several officers attended the annual Fall Leadership Workshop in Kearney on Wednesday, September 13th. Officers that attended developed leadership skills to help educate, support, and share with their chapter members. Twin River’s officers this year are seniors Hallie Ellenwood and Maddy Rinkol, juniors Lana Hebdal and Halle Konz, sophomores Irelynd Pearson and Payton Rinkol, and freshmen Alexis Cherry and Sydnei Kemper.

FFA Happenings

The FFA chapter has been off to a good start this year. They have had several events this year which have included State Horse Judging, State Fair competitions, Land and Range Judging, seniors attending Husker Harvest Days in Grand Island, and several chapter members attending Careers in Ag which was held in York.

The Twin River FFA chapter competed for the first time in the State Horse Judging competition. There were only two competitors for the Titans this year which were Blaine Jacobi and Nina Parry. Both of them placed with Blaine placing individually overall sixth and bringing home a blue ribbon, and Nina placing third in performance to bring home a purple ribbon. She also placed in the halter event receiving a blue ribbon, and oral reasons also receiving a blue ribbon.

Several individuals also took place and placed in the Nebraska State Fair FFA weekend during the state fair. Blaine Jacobi received a blue ribbon in the Simmental Breeding Heifer category. Andrew Nelson received several ribbons in the Crops category, bringing home a red, blue, and purple ribbon. That was his first purple ribbon on his shelled blue corn. Lastly, Kelsey Swantek also brought home several ribbons in the Crops category, one blue and four purples. She was Champion in Popcorn, and received her first purple on her alfalfa sheath.

District Range Judging was held on Wednesday, September 7th between St. Paul and Palmer Nebraska. Ten students from the chapter made up the Twin River, with the Junior Division having 112 individuals total and the Twin River Senior team placing 5th out of six teams with 43 individual’s total. Landon Cuba placed ninth and received a blue ribbon. Kate Mohr also received a blue ribbon and placed twelfth. Other Titans to place in the top thirty were Nina Parry (27th) and Blaine Jacobi (30th).

District Land Judging was held on Wednesday, September 20th at Valley County. While the official results are not back, the thirteen students that participated felt they did a great job.

FBLA OFFICERS 2017-18

President: Maddy Rinkol
Vice Presidents: Shyla Oberhauser & Cali Shanle
Treasurer: Gabi Wieck
Secretary/Reporter: Madison Ternus
Class Representatives: Donnie Otto, Macie Engstrom, Korie Rosno
It’s FAFSA Time!
Beginning October 1, you and your parents can complete the 2018-19 FAFSA. The FAFSA is the application for state, federal, and college-based financial aid. Follow these tips to prepare:
1. **Create a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID** for you and one for a parent at fsaid.ed.gov. You and a parent will each need an FSA ID to access and sign the FAFSA.
2. **Review the FAFSA Checklist** at EducationQuest.org to determine items you’ll need to complete the FAFSA.
3. **See FAFSA Tools** at EducationQuest.org for helpful resources.

For free personal help, call EducationQuest to make an appointment: Omaha – 888.357.6300, Lincoln – 800.303.3745, Kearney – 800.666.3721, and Scottsbluff – 800.303.3745, ext. 6654.

Winning the Scholarship Game
Follow these tips to increase your chances of earning scholarships:
1. **Don’t pay for scholarship services!** Free resources include ScholarshipQuest at EducationQuest.org, your school counselor’s office, and EducationQuest offices in Omaha, Lincoln, and Kearney.
2. **Focus on college-based and local scholarships.** You’re more likely to earn them over large national awards.
3. **Continually update your activities, honors, and volunteer or paid jobs** using the Activities Resume at EducationQuest.org.
4. **Earn the best possible ACT/SAT scores** by taking the exams in the spring of your junior year and again in the fall of your senior year.
5. **Use quality references** such as a teacher, coach or counselor. Give them advance notice, a specific deadline, and a copy of your Activities Resume.
6. **Ask at least two people** to proofread your application.

Are you Ready to Apply2College?
This fall, over 200 Nebraska high schools are holding Apply2College events during the school day to help seniors complete college applications. Whether or not your school is participating, here are tips and resources to help you prepare for the application process:
1. **Narrow your college choices to 3 or 4.** Visit with college representatives at College Fairs, Educational Planning Programs, during campus visits, and when they visit your high school.
2. **Contact your top college choices** and ask about deadlines to apply for admission and college-based scholarships. Most will hit in December or January.
3. **Go to EducationQuest.org to use these free resources** to help you with the college selection process:
   a. Selecting a College section of our website
   b. About Nebraska Colleges
   c. College Profiles
   d. Campus Visit Tips
   e. Questions to Ask on a Campus Visit

October “To Do” List
**Juniors and Seniors:**
___ Attend a College Fair or Educational Planning Program in your area.
___ Attend a Financial Aid Program.

**Seniors:**
___ Create an FSA ID for you and one for a parent. You’ll need them for the FAFSA.
___ Complete the FAFSA on or after October 1.
___ Complete college applications. If your school is hosting an Apply2College event, participate!
___ Register by October 5 for the November 4 SAT.

Seniors Attend College Fair
Area colleges had reps and tables set up with college information for prospective students on Monday, September 18th. The annual Northeast Community College Fair took place in the Cox Activities Center and allowed seniors from all over visit with college reps, as well as get free information and goodies. The Twin River senior class attended the fair, along with guidance counselor Mr. Koziol. The students had a great time and gained some more valuable information to help them finalize their plans for the future.

For free help with college planning, contact EducationQuest Foundation: Omaha 402-391-4033 or 888-357-6300, Lincoln 402-475-5222 or 800-303-3745, Kearney 308-234-6310 or 800-666-3721
New Titans In Town

Journalism member Jerry Worden interviewed the new staff at Twin River. Below you will find info about each member that includes their: name, picture, occupation at the district, their education background, what they’re most excited for this school year, hobbies, favorite food and movie, and their pet peeve.

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<td>Getting to meet everybody and see what they are like.</td>
<td>Reading, crafting, and playing with my kids and grandkids.</td>
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<td>Secondary Principal</td>
<td>Gordon High</td>
<td>Starting here and meeting new people, as well as learning the school and all the students progress.</td>
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<td>Secondary Math and Activities Director</td>
<td>St. Cecilia High Concordia, undergrad Doane, grad</td>
<td>Getting to know and work with the students and staff at TR.</td>
<td>Playing and watching sports, spending time with his wife and two kids.</td>
<td>Steak, prime rib, hamburgers, popcorn</td>
<td>Law Abiding Citizen, The Dark Knight, The Kingdom</td>
<td>When someone doesn’t even try to reach their potential.</td>
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WELCOME TO TWIN RIVER
### Spotlight: Kindergarten Corner

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Rick and Morty is a television show on Adult Swim about a 14 year old boy named Morty Smith, and his Grandpa Rick Sanchez. Their family consists of Beth Smith (Morty’s mom and Rick’s daughter), Jerry Smith (Morty’s dad and Beth’s husband), and Summer Smith (Morty’s sister and Rick’s granddaughter). The setting of the tv show is based at the Smith household but most of the time they leave the house, as well as Earth, and go to different planets in different dimensions using Rick’s Portal gun. I would say this show is a balanced mix of Sci Fi, Comedy, and Action.

There are a lot of things I like about Rick and Morty. Rick has a wacky, fun, and just plain weird personality. Rick’s the smartest man in the universe and can literally do anything you could ever imagine. He can create any gadget that will fulfill any task at hand. To give you a quick example, in Season 3 Rick turns himself into a pickle just to get out of family counseling. Rick has the power to save or destroy a world, it all just depends on what he wants to do. He has an amazing but slightly offensive sense of humor. Rick searches for danger and doesn’t back down. Morty on the other hand, has a very different personality from Rick. Morty’s intelligence compared to Rick is like the intelligence of a cow. In fact Rick even reveals that having Morty with him blocks Rick’s brain waves so people can’t track him down.

Morty is a very nervous and cautious kid and often is scared on their adventures. Morty often questions his grandpa and even doubts him sometimes, but Rick always proves him wrong. Morty, like most 14 year old boys, has a major crush on the cutest girl in his school, Jessica.

There are so many things to like about Rick and Morty such as the action, the science, the humor, or all of the hidden messages and objects that spark fan theories about what they mean and what role they will play. The writers of Rick and Morty intentionally put these things in the show to spark creativity from fans and to keep things interesting and keep you curious. The show is just so diverse, interesting, and it's absolutely hilarious.

I would have to rate Rick and Morty a solid 5/5. The show is literally just amazing in every way and can appeal to everyone. People who enjoy science and sci fi shows, people who like to search for hidden messages and objects, or just somebody who wants a good laugh. I would recommend this show for everyone over the age of 14. I can personally say this is my favorite show and it's the best show in the universe.

American Sniper: The Movie

By: Jet-Lynn Worden

In 2014 Clint Eastwood directed a grab your tissue box, stand on your feet kind of movie. American Sniper is a movie that is based on a true story. Chris Kyle (Bradley Cooper) grows up hunting with his father and younger brother. His father teaches him how to properly take care of a gun. After finding his love for guns and shooting, Chris Kyle decides to become an American Navy SEAL. He enters training and almost gives up but doesn’t. Later on, he gets called to active duty in Iraq not long after him and his future wife, Taya (Sienna Miller), watch the terror attacks on 9/11. Chris serves a total of four tours in Iraq and struggles once he returns home to his urban life with his wife and kids. Chris is known by his Navy family as “The Legend” because of the countless lives he saves on the battlefield.

I personally loved this movie. American Sniper gives you that adrenaline rush, and it will keep you on your toes. There wasn’t anything I disliked about the movie. This movie has a four star rating, but I would give it five stars! This movie is rated R so I would recommend this to anyone 17 or older, or someone younger if accompanied by an adult.
Your Favorite Athletes Performing Their Best  
Written By: Ezra Turpitt

Football
For the third game of the year Twin River faced off against Hartington Cedar Catholic. The game didn’t go exactly as planned for the Titans with an end result of 6-61. The game was held in Hartington. Twin River’s fourth game was against Crofton and they unfortunately lost at home 0-41. The fifth game of the year was against Cross County and Twin River came home with the W. The nailbiting game was 14-12. The team is very young and just had a recent change in coaching staff, so they are starting to build a new team and are continuing to work hard in practice.

Volleyball
The volleyball girls have been doing well. Their fifth event for the season was at home against the rivals Fullerton and they lost (2-3). They were very close matches with final scores 25-18, 25-17, 22-25, 23-25, and 10-15. Their next games were two days later at the Stanton Tournament. There they beat Laurel Concord Coleridge (2-0), but then they lost against Battle Creek (1-2) and Stanton (0-2). The game against Clarkson Leigh was played in Clarkson with the Titans also losing (2-3). After that they beat Madison (3-0) in Madison. The following Saturday was the David City Tournament and the Titans won their first game against Shelby-Rising City in two sets, lost their next game against North Bend also in two sets, and they won their last game against David City also in two sets.

Softball
The softball girls have been busy the last few weeks traveling starting by playing in a tournament at Lakeview and beat Lakeview and GACC, but sadly lost to York in finals. They did claim second place in the tournament and brought home a trophy though! Next they played Central City at and beat them (12-7). Three days later they lost a good game to GICC with a (12-8) score. Resting two days before competing again, the Lady Titans had a tournament in David City where their first game they beat Schuyler (13-8). Next they played Aquinas and lost 13-9. The third game of the day they played DCEBSRC and also lost (8-11). Twin River hosted the next two games with Pierce first and the Titans won (4-1), St. Paul was next on the schedule and Twin River won (11-3). The last big current event was the EHC tournament which was hosted by Madison. The Titans won the first two games against North Bend and Highway 91, and lost the third game against Tekamah Herman.

Cross Country
The Cross Country team, consisting of Donnie Otto and Connor Oberhauser, with Ryan Range as student manager, ran at the Central City Invite on the 14th and at the Boone Central Invite in Albion on the 22nd. These boys work hard and get pushed to their limit everyday by their coach, Mr. Morris. They also continue to improve and represent the Titans well at each meet getting personal bests.

Current Records
Football
(1-4)

Softball
(17-11)

Volleyball
(12-13)

Athlete of the Month
Jayden Shroder
Jayden shows hard work on and off the field. He is one of the hardest working athletes in the school. He puts a lot of time in the weight room and into academics to better his skills.
Volleyball

The seventh and eighth grade volleyball girls are off to a good start with their season. They are just at the halfway point of the season. Coach Stankoski had the following quote about the eighth grade team, “We have a good group of young ladies who are working hard. With more experience, we will be a competitive team.” To see any of the final games for the year, below you will find their dates and locations. Come out and support these young ladies who have been working hard.

- September 30 @ Lakeview 4:00
- October 5 @ Silver Creek 4:30/5:30
- October 9 @ Scotus 4:30
- October 10 @ Lindsay 4:30/5:30

Football

Twin River Junior High Football Opens the Season
Submitted By: Coach Koziol

On Monday, September 11th the Twin River Junior High Football team hosted Centennial in the first home contest of the year for the Titans. This year’s Junior High team is made up of fifteen 8th graders and thirteen 7th graders. Centennial led the Titans at halftime 12-0 and added another touchdown to lead 18-0. Twin River was able to get on the scoreboard later in the game, making the score 18-6, which ended up to be the final score. Coaches Koziol and Fehringer stated “The team can learn a lot from the first game. One of the main keys to any successful team is blocking and tackling, something in which we need to improve on.” The Titans next game is September 25th at Lutheran High Northeast in Norfolk.

Season Schedule:

- October 3rd @ Genoa against Boone Central Newman Grove 5:00
- October 10th @ Genoa against David City 4:30
- October 17th @ Central City 4:30