

Dear Staff,

Let's take a look at local success by the numbers! We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Mr. Snodgrass and his staff and players for their win over Tri last Friday night. The final score of 33-14 meant success in the semifinals of Class A Sectional 46 and means they'll have the opportunity to play in the championship game this Friday against Indianapolis Lutheran. While a winning final score is the ticket to moving on, the score doesn't describe what the Tigers needed to do to get to this point. I noticed as I was driving home earlier in the week, Mr.



Snodgrass had his team practicing late on Cory Field with rain coming down and a cold breeze blowing.



Whether it was the weather forecast for Friday night's game or just a lot of experience of what weather is like in the Nettle Creek valley at the end of October, when Friday night arrived with even wetter and colder playing conditions, I am sure the rationale for practicing in crummy conditions earlier was

abundantly clear to everyone involved. Prepare for the worst and play the cards your dealt. Best of luck this Friday. You've worked hard and played hard without excuses. The team has earned every win they've accomplished!

Looking further at local success by the numbers, we send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Mr.



Oliger, Ms. Swimm and Mr. Hamilton for their students' success showing what they know on MAPS tests. Fall NWEA math scores indicate that 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>-grade students are performing at very high levels in math compared to students in the same grades across the country. There is not a class system



like in athletics in the NWEA norm groups in which our students compete academically. The norm group is composed of students from larger schools, smaller schools richer schools and poorer schools. If you lined up 99 representative students of this large and national norm group, the average Hagerstown Tiger in 9<sup>th</sup> grade performed better than 82 students. In tenth grade, the average Tiger performed better than 82 students in the group of 99 as well, and in eleventh grade the average Tiger performed better than 86 students in the norm group of 99.

Congratulations! Thank you for these exemplary results. Teach On!



Bringing Chartwells in to manage our Food Services department continues to be a phenomenon that is GROWING @ THE CREEK! We send a big tip of the Tiger's tail to everyone who has made accommodations and changed "business as usual" to give this operation a chance to show what they can do for our students and staff. For two months now, I have reviewed revenue and expenditures with Matthew Huffman, our Chartwells manager. September's numbers are encouraging. Food Service expenditures in September are down from August. (Really, this is no great feat because they did a lot of stocking for the new school year in August...) Better news is that on average they are serving 45 more meals per day, corporation-wide, in September than they did in August while controlling for the number of school days in each month.



Projections show that October balances should be in the black which will help balance August's and September's losses. My goal for the program is to end the calendar year in the black with a trend that results in Food Services once again operating securely. Mr. Huffman's next strategy to help meet this goal is to begin offering a greater variety of chips and snacks. Ms. Hardin has always maintained that the real money is in a la' cart items. The Jr./Sr. high cafeteria will offer Doritos, seasoned popcorn, baked chips, Oreos, fruit roll ups, and Rice Krispie Treats. Thanks to everyone who patronizes the cafeteria. I hope you find school lunches tasty, convenient and healthy.

Mr. Catey, our Wellness Coach, is starting another series of fun wellness incentive activities! Beginning Wednesday, November 1, every day that you share one thing you are grateful for, you will be entered into a drawing for a massage from Reid Hospital. Mr. Catey will share a google drive to enter your good thoughts. There will be one winner each week from November 1 to November 21. He has more wellness fun planned right through Christmas! Look for his emails for more information!

Here is one more positive note to start your week! I received an email from Ms. Nugent thanking our staff for accommodating the town's Halloween party sponsored by the Nettle Creek Lion's Club. She sends a tip of the Tiger's tail to the coaches and HHS staff who willingly gave up the gymnasium with a smile when they learned the Lion's Club needed the facility that night for the Halloween party. We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Ms. Nugent, too, for sharing her good news!

Yours for another successful week with children!

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