

Dear Staff,

With all of the rain we had late last week, I was wondering what the weather was going to be like earlier this weekend with our first football game on Friday night and all of the Jubilee Days activities planned. As it turned out, the weather cooperated, and the weekend was beautiful with all of the activities going off without a hitch.



Nettle Creek Family of Schools

We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Mr. Snodgrass, his coaches and his players for their impressive 21-13 win Friday Night against Knightstown. The Tiger Nation fans came out in droves and filled the stands. Knightstown is a new member of our conference. This game made a nice introduction for them to our program. We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Ms. Stainbrook, Ms. Murphy and their cheerleaders



for motivating fans and adding a lot to the success of the evening.

This coming weekend, Mr. Snodgrass and his team have a unique opportunity that comes around only every few years. This Saturday night's game (7:00P.M.) will be played at Schuemann Stadium (2800 W Bethel Ave.) on the north side of the Ball State University campus. There is ample parking for everyone at the stadium. This chance to play on a university field that has undergone a \$14 million dollar renovation and seats 22,000+ fans is quite an impressive opportunity for players and for fans! Our opponent will be Centerville that night. Coincidentally, last Friday's and this Saturday's games are played on artificial turf. I'm sure whoever does the team's laundry has to be thrilled!

Mr. Sloniker and his students were first in line behind the fire trucks that led yesterday's Jubilee Days parade. Mr. Sloniker receives a tip of the Tiger's tail for his fine work with his students. Their spiffy uniforms provided by the Band Boosters had the group looking sharp. I followed the group in the Tiger bus, and it was a treat to see first-hand the pride our community has in our marching band. Though I know the kids with their plastic grocery sacks all along the parade route were focused on the candy coming their way; they, too, clapped along as the band marched by. One never knows when a seed is planted and a youngster decides that they want to be in the Golden Tiger Marching Band. Saturday just might have been that day for some!



Congratulations and a tip of the Tiger's tail to everyone who worked to make the opening of school a resounding success. It is interesting from my vantage point to see so many different pieces of the puzzle fit together to support student success so well here. Decisions that are made at every level have far-reaching effects. Our staff is great and generally recognizes that there are influences beyond their own backyard that influence what we do. One good example is scheduling. Whether it's the Master Schedule at the Jr./Sr. High or scheduling Special Classes at HES, everyone is wonderful about giving a little and working toward the greater good to make our students (and our schools) successful.



Ms. Bennett, my assistant, requests that everyone reach out to her when contact information such as your telephone number and other such details change. We know that when a person arranges for a new telephone number there are several recipients that you need to notify. Please remember to notify your school office and us at these times, too. Also, Ms. Bennett will be providing training for affected staff on payroll and other office procedures. The information she will share will assure that things such as claims and time sheets are completed efficiently, accurately and in a timely manner.



We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Ms. Hobson, our FCCLA sponsor and her son, Howard, for their success at the 2018 National FCCLA convention in Atlanta Georgia. Howard represented Indiana and HHS in the area of Chapter Service Portfolio. He coordinated a service project, making items to donate to 2nd Chance animal rescue last year. He received a gold medal at the recognition banquet. Good Job, Howard and Ms. Hobson, too!



A few FYIs for this week: Best of Luck to students who are taking NWEA tests this week. Mr. Munchel prepared the technology early and in a tight window so that testing could begin on time. Results will be available to teachers for planning within 24 hours after Ms. Swain closes the test window. I'm sure she will put out more information and is looking forward to helping teachers know testing procedures beforehand and with data analysis afterward.

Yours for another successful week with children!

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