



TVSD

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District Newsletter

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#RaiderPride

Happy Friday and Welcome to the TVSD update from Dr. Pleis, Superintendent!

Dear Twin Valley Community,

We are writing to update you on the important happenings within Twin Valley School District. Earlier this summer we asked for your feedback on the online learning we provided during the COVID-19 closure and our plan to reopen schools for the 2020-21 school year. Thank you for your participation - we had more than 1,400 responses!

From the feedback you provided, it is overwhelmingly clear that you value the face-to-face educational environment that Twin Valley offers. It is also clear that you would like as normal a learning environment as possible while embracing practices to ensure the safety of our students.

Over the past month, our Twin Valley Pandemic Committee, composed of administrators, teachers, nurses, and support staff, have been meeting to develop an initial draft of our Health and Safety Plan for 2020-21 School Reopening. We will be expanding our Pandemic Committee to include additional administrators and teachers as well as parents, students, and local health professionals. We expect to finalize our plan and present it for approval at the August 10th meeting of our Board of Directors. We ask for your patience as we continue to work through the challenges of frequently changing guidance from Federal and State officials.

While the plan remains a draft, we would like to share a few guiding principles and details to keep you informed. The Twin Valley School District 2020-21 Phased School Reopening Health & Safety Plan will:

- Include the feedback provided by our parents and community stakeholders
- Conform to Federal, State, and local orders as well as guidance from health authorities
- Take into consideration students physical and social-emotional well-being
- Strive to create the most normal school experience while embracing necessary health and safety guidance including:
 - a schedule that includes 5 full school days per week for all students
 - our full educational program – we will not eliminate elective offerings
 - augmented normal cleaning operations to include additional cleaning and sanitization
- Include strict protocols for students and staff members who experience COVID-like symptoms
- Provide the communication, allowed by law, necessary for stakeholders to stay informed

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Over the next few weeks, we will continue to refine our plan and incorporate feedback from our expanded Pandemic Committee and anticipated updated guidance from Federal, State, and local authorities. A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document to clarify questions we received during our Parent Survey is posted on our website. We will continue to update this FAQ throughout the summer.

Twin Valley Virtual Academy

Over the past year, unrelated to the COVID-19 shutdown, Twin Valley School District redesigned our cyber offering. Twin Valley Virtual Academy (TVVA) is not the online learning that Twin Valley School District provided during the COVID-19 shutdown.

TVVA is a comprehensive K-12 virtual academy designed to serve those students looking for a fully online experience. Families looking for online learning have previously looked outside the district at cyber charter schools. These out-of-district placements are costly to TVSD taxpayers, costing between \$11,883 and \$33,798 per student, yet do not provide the same quality of experience offered by TVSD. For students interested in a fully online experience, we believe that TVVA offers the best of both worlds – a first-rate virtual educational program and the full support of the Twin Valley School District.

Families that are considering pursuing a cyber charter are strongly urged to reach out to our Assistant Superintendent, Dr. David Finnerty at dfinnerty@tvsd.org, for more details.

Stay Safe Twin Valley!

Respectfully,

Dr. Robert Pleis

Summer Tech Support

Online chat as well as appointments for hardware repairs are available throughout the Summer.

As always, you can find tech support at tvsd.org/support.

Live chat support will run from 10am-3pm, Monday - Friday.

Announcements regarding device returns/distributions and insurance renewals will be posted July-August.

Summer Library Resources + Reading Assignments

**TVHS - <https://lib.tvsd.org/HSsummerreading>
additional District Resources for HS/MS Students**

TVMS - Rising 9th graders see TVHS link

**HBEC - Summer Reading Club
Summer Resources by Grade Level**

**REC - Summer Reading Club
TVEC - Summer Library Resources**

additional District Resources for Elementary Students



A big thank you goes out to the Boys' Basketball team as they raised over \$4,000 for the local food banks!

Honey Brook Food Pantry received \$1350 (also provided an individual check of \$50 and a number of bags of food) and Twin Valley Food Pantry received \$2171.86 (also provided cash and other individual checks including a \$500 check along with food items).

This was all done by the support of our community and the help our boys' basketball players, coaches and parent group lead by Tracy Phillips! Great job on a job well done! #raiderpride

More TVSD News



Baseballtown Senior Classic will feature players from the Berks Baseball League and scheduled for 6 p.m. July 13 at FirstEnergy Stadium. Come support our Seniors!

Red Team

Twin Valley: Jevan Kennedy, Jordan Lasak, Joey Sciamanna

White Team

Twin Valley: Ryan Davis, Trevor Laraia

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Sarah Clinton, Twin Valley (2018) was honored by the Reading Eagle in the All - Decade Softball team

>> Three-time All-Berks

selection who played outfield and shortstop. Helped Twin Valley win Berks title in 2016 and District 3 Class 5A championship in 2018. Could



hit for average and power and was a speedy baserunner. Played in 57 games at Drexel as a freshman last season. **Twin Valley's A.J. Alexy, Jared Price and Brad Smith were recognized on the All - Decade Baseball Team.**

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