



Tri-Township Tribunal

October Edition 2026



Happy October Tiger Nation! Fall has arrived in LaPorte County!!! The air is getting crispier, the nights colder, and the fall colors are making their spectacular display. It's time to think of bonfires, pumpkin spice, hay rides, corn mazes, and Halloween!

Seniors:

The FAFSA application has opened early! All Seniors received an email from Mrs. Urban that the FAFSA has opened. Students attending college or trade schools after graduation will need to complete the FAFSA. Students not planning on attending anymore schooling will need to sign the opt out form. This process is a requirement for graduation.

Juniors:

Juniors will be required to complete their Junior Discovery Meeting. There will be several opportunities this school year that students will be able to sign up to complete this requirement.

Juniors planning on returning to the career center their Senior year will need to complete the online application, which shows their interest in returning for their second year of classes.

Applications for the AK Smith and Eason-Watkins buildings are now open!!!!!!

<https://cte.educatemc.net/enroll>

Mrs. Urban will start Junior meetings next week. Class credits, graduation requirements, and planning for Senior year will be discussed.

CDM Opportunity for Juniors & Seniors

Mrs. Urban will be taking Juniors and Seniors to a career fair at Chesterton High School on Wednesday October 28th. Students interested in attending will need to see Mrs. Urban for a permission slip. All permission slips need to be turned in by Friday October 23rd at 2:30pm. All Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to attend as this activity will count towards your graduation requirements!

Sophomores:

Sophomores who would like to apply to the career center for their Junior year will need to complete the online application, which is now open!!! Students will start the application process at: <https://cte.educatemc.net/enroll>. Parent signature forms will be given to students upon completion of the online application from Mrs. Urban. All applications and parent signature forms must be turned into the career center before the application can be processed. Please see Mrs. Urban for details!

21st Century Scholars

Throughout the year during SRT times, Mrs. Urban will be meeting with students grades 8-12 regarding the 21st Century Scholars Program. Eligible students must complete 3 activities a year over the course of 4 years. Upon completion of the program and graduation from high school, students will receive the 21st Century Scholarship. The 21st Century Scholarship pays for full tuition and mandatory student fees at any public college/institution in Indiana!

PSAT Testing

PSAT8/9 and PSAT/NMSQT will be administered on October 20th for all 9th-11th grades. These assessments will help to determine what areas of instruction need to be addressed for students to be successful. Teachers will be able to utilize SRT time for targeted interventions with specific students. Score from PSAT 8/9 will also be used to determine if a student is eligible during their Sophomore year to earn dual credit. These assessments are utilized in many ways and it is important that students get a good night's sleep the night before, breakfast the morning of, and are mentally prepared for that day. Make sure that Chromebooks are fully charged and working properly before the test. If there are Chromebook issues please see Mr. Avila for assistance in the library.

Important Dates:

October 1st: FAFSA Applications Open

All students planning to attend future schooling will need to complete.

October 1st: Career Center Applications Open

Sophomores and returning Juniors will need to complete the application online

October 12th: Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30p-7pm

Please check your parent square for information from teachers and to sign up for a time slot.

October 14th - 18th: Fall Break!

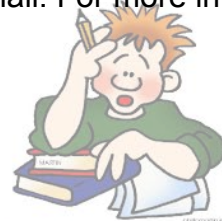
October 20th: PSAT Testing All grades 9-11

October 28th : Career Fair Field Trip (Permission slips due 10/23)

November 1st: Daylight Savings Time Ends. Set those clocks back 1 hour!

Homework Assistance

Ask Rose: If you or your student needs help with math or science homework, he or she can use Ask Rose for free help from a Rose-Hulman tutor. Students can chat, call, or email. For more information, please visit <https://askrose.org/>.



Food Assistance Links:

- [Food Pantry Locator](#)
- [Local Food Pantry Map](#)



Offering FREE fruits, vegetables, protein, and other nutritious items to help meet your family's needs.

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**FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED,
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.**

OCTOBER 2026

THUR, OCT 1
10AM
FRI, OCT 2
2PM
SAT, OCT 3
9AM
TUES, OCT 6
12PM
WED, OCT 7
11AM
THUR, OCT 8
4PM
FRI, OCT 9
10AM
SAT, OCT 10
9AM
TUES, OCT 13
1PM
WED, OCT 14
2PM
THUR, OCT 15
4PM

Faith Bible Church
15327 Cline Ave, Lowell
Anthem Church
6947 Homan Ave, Hammond
Food Bank Of NWI
6490 Broadway, Merrillville
Light House Charter School
1775 W 41 Ave, Gary
Former Mascot Hall of Fame Lot
1851 Front Street, Whiting
Northwest Indiana Islamic Association
9803 Colorado St, Crown Point
Our Lady of Grace Church
3025 Highway Ave, Highland
Food Bank Of NWI
6490 Broadway, Merrillville
Valparaiso Family YMCA
1201 Cumberland Dr, Valparaiso
The Cross Church
3616 Elm St, East Chicago*
Portage High School Door G
6270 US Hwy 6, Portage

FRI, OCT 16
10AM
SAT, OCT 17
9AM
TUES, OCT 20
1PM
WED, OCT 21
3PM
THUR, OCT 22
4PM
FRI, OCT 23
4PM
TUES, OCT 27
12PM
WED, OCT 28
2PM
THUR, OCT 29
12PM
FRI, OCT 30
10AM
SAT, OCT 31
9AM

Kouts Christian Church
208 South Poland Ave, Kouts
Food Bank Of NWI
6490 Broadway, Merrillville
Chesterton United Methodist Church
434 South 2nd Street, Chesterton
Living Hope Church
9000 W Taft St, Merrillville
Griffith Lutheran Church
1000 N Broad Street, Griffith
Food Bank Of NWI
6490 Broadway, Merrillville
Miracle Temple Church
4709 East 13th Ave, Gary
St. Patrick's Church
3810 Grand Blvd, East Chicago*
St. Teresa of Avila
1604 E Lincolnway, Valparaiso
Boys and Girls Club
723 Long Run Rd, South Haven
Food Bank Of NWI
6490 Broadway, Merrillville

The following percentages and dollar amounts of the total costs which will be financed with federal money: TEFAP (28% \$5,154,776) and CSFP (7% \$1,313,104). The percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program that will be financed by nongovernmental sources is 65% (\$12,144,804).

(*) Denotes Sponsorship by Foundations of East Chicago.

Free community meals



Disaster Assistance

Please have the following available:

- Your address with zip code
- Condition of your damaged home
- Insurance information, if available
- Social Security number
- Annual household income
- Phone number where you can be contacted
- Address where you can get mail
- Email address to receive electronic notifications

Direct Deposit: Disaster assistance funds can be sent directly to your bank account. Please provide your bank account type, account number and bank routing number.

Stay in touch with FEMA: When you apply, you will receive a FEMA registration number. Save it. You will need the number whenever you contact FEMA.



DisasterAssistance.gov

2 Ways To Apply

Online: DisasterAssistance.gov

Call: (800) 621-3362 | 711 or Video

Relay Service (VRS)

- Hilltop (608 Union Street, Valparaiso, Indiana) every Monday from 4 PM - 6 PM
- St. Teresa Avila Catholic Student Center- Cafe Manna (1511 LaPorte Ave, Valparaiso, Indiana) every Thursday except the first Thursday of the month from 4 PM - 6 PM.
- Feed the Region - Nana Clare's Kitchen (3907 N Calumet Ave # 106, Valparaiso, Indiana) to-go meals every



Thursday
starting at 7 PM.



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LAPORTE COUNTY ONE-STOP SHOP IS OPENING SOON

Representatives at this center will provide in-person assistance, answer questions and help homeowners and renters apply for FEMA's Individual Assistance program. These services are provided at no cost to survivors. 211 is also available to provide guidance on disaster resources, including transportation services.

**Friday, Oct. 9
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

**Saturday, Oct. 10
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**LaPorte County Fairgrounds, Community Bldg
2581 W. State Road 2
La Porte, IN 46350**



Scholarship Information

Louie's Tux Shop

Louie's Tux Shop will be awarding (2) college scholarships in conjunction with our 14th annual statewide Model Search. We will be bringing together a 100% local cast to participate in our annual photo shoot in October and two students will be named "Top Model" and will receive a \$1,000.00 college scholarship. Please follow the following link for more details:

https://www.louiestuxshop.com/model-search?omnisendContactID=6a903e7dcc5afbd675b643bd&utm_campaign=campaign%3A+Model+Search+2027+-+Faculty+%281%29+%286a8f5734277797be66ec65a8%29&utm_medium=email&utm_source=omnisend

Scholarship Search Engines:

- <https://www.purdue.edu/dfa/apply/scholarshipuniverse/>

- <https://scholarsapp.com/>
- <https://www.fastweb.com/>
- <https://www.scholarships.com/>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search#>
- <https://www.cappex.com/>
- <https://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/>
- <https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/college-scholarships/>
- <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships>
- <https://www.petersons.com/scholarship-search.aspx>
- <https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/>
- <https://www.tuitionfundingsources.com/registration/>
- <https://studentscholarships.org>
- <https://learnmoreindiana.org/paying-for-college/scholarships/>

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**HAPPY
HALLOWEEN!!!**



