



# Tri-Township Tribunal

March Edition 2026



**Wow it's March!** In just a few short months we will all be saying goodbye to the school year and hello to summer break! March, among many other awareness days, is **National Reading Month!!** National Reading Month is celebrated throughout March to foster a love of reading, improve literacy, and honor Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2, which also marks [Read Across America Day](#). It encourages daily reading for all ages to boost cognitive skills, empathy, and vocabulary, often highlighted by library events, school activities, and reading challenges. So grab a book and start reading!

## *Regular Reading Can*

- Lower stress by 68% in 6 minutes
- Increases vocabulary
- Promotes empathy
- Improves cognitive functioning and potentially delaying dementia
- Increases sleep quality
- Enhances emotions stamina which has a link to longer life span

## Happy National School Social Work Week!



National School Social Work Week is March 1st-March 7th. This week we take time to recognize the essential contributions of Social Workers in our school community, raise awareness of the valuable work they do for students and families, and celebrate our own School Social Worker Mrs. Bowman!!

Mrs. Bowman has been working at Tri-Township Schools/Wanatah Public School for the past 11 years! She has done a tremendous job in helping students during stressful times, supporting mental health, connecting families with resources, teaching life skills, and being a supportive ear for others.

We appreciate all the important work she does to enhance the school and community and we are taking the time to celebrate her this week!

# The Word on the Street About our Social Worker

*"She is sweet and understanding"*

*"She is someone who can make you laugh"*

*"She is kind and supportive" "She is a very giving person" "She is very kind and helps us no matter what"*

*"She does her job well, especially with all the responsibilities she juggles" "She cares about all of us"*

*"Good listener" TAYLOR IS ONE OF THE MOST KIND HEARTED PEOPLE THAT I KNOW.  
SHE TRULY LOVES THE KIDS AND THE ADULTS IN OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM."*

*"She is an invaluable part of our Tri-Township community, providing compassionate support and steady guidance at all school levels"*

**Thank you Mrs. Bowman!!!**

## Seniors

**FAFSA** is open!!! Make sure to log in to [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) and start your FAFSA application. Remember you and 1 parent each need a separate account. If you are not going to college/university, or trade school, you will need to see Mrs. Urban for the opt-out form or print your own here: <https://www.in.gov/che/files/FINAL-2025-26-FAFSA-Opt-Out-Waiver.pdf> . This is a requirement for graduation to either complete the FAFSA or opt out form. The deadline for submitting the FAFSA or opt-out form is April 15th!

All Seniors need to complete their **Pathway Paperwork** and turn it in to Mrs. Urban by April 15th! Pathway paperwork includes: Work based learning or extra curricular activity essay, verification form signed by a coach or employer, resume, coverletter, and signature form. The link to Pathways paperwork is here: <https://www.tritownship.k12.in.us/graduationpathways>

## Juniors

SAT testing will be on **March 5th**. All Juniors (in person and online) need to report to school for SAT testing. If your Junior is a Career Center student, they will not attend their CTE classes that day.

## Course Requests for 26-27 School Year

All students, grades 8-11, have met one on one with Mrs. Urban and completed course requests for next school year. Students in grades 5-7 have been able to indicate if they would like to participate in band or choir. Parents may email [kristinaurban@tritownship.k12.in.us](mailto:kristinaurban@tritownship.k12.in.us) with any questions.

## Parent Opportunity

Purdue NorthWest is hosting a Parent University night at the Hammond campus on Saturday March 7th from 9am-2pm. They will be covering topics such as 21st Century Scholars, Financial Aid, FAFSA, Admissions Process and more! Please see the attached flyer for more information!

 Parent University Flyer-2.pdf

## Important Dates:

**March 5th:** SAT Testing All Juniors report to school in the morning (No Career Center)

**March 17th:** St. Patrick's Day 

**March 18th:** Reports Cards

## 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](#)

## Scholarships

### **2026 IAPSS Sagamore Foundation Scholarship Application**

The Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents will award two \$1,000 scholarships in April 2026. Applicants must be an Indiana Public High School Senior, attending a public high school, and related to a current member of the IAPSS. Applicants must be accepted to a 4 year or 2 year college or vocational/technical school. Please see the link for the application and full details.  2026 Sagamore Scholarship Application.docx

### **Construction Advancement Foundation**

The Construction Advancement Foundation (CAF) Scholarship application is now available! This scholarship provides \$10,000 to students pursuing a bachelor degree in a construction-related field. Additionally, there is an extra \$5,000 in scholarship funding available, which was not publicly advertised. The CAF scholarship committee typically uses these monies to distribute two smaller \$2500 scholarships. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2026.

Attached, you will find the scholarship flyer and application. You can also access these files and learn more on our website: <https://cafwin.org/CAF-Scholarship>

### **Indiana Chapter of the American Public Works**

The Indiana Chapter of the American Public Works Association would like to offer an opportunity to Indiana high school seniors to receive our 2026 annual scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to a high school senior who would pursue a degree program in a public works related field. Such fields would include Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Parks and Recreation, Municipal Planning, Public Administration Public Works/Municipal Operations and Fleet Management among others. The degree may be through a university or technical school course of study. The scholarship awards \$1000.00 annually for 4 years provided

that the student demonstrates continued progress toward a public works field degree. A paid annual membership to the American Public Works Association is included in the award. Interested high school seniors should complete the attached application. For additional information AND the application please go to our website at <https://indiana.apwa.org/resources/scholarship-opportunities/>. An application is attached for your convenience as well. Deadline is April 10, 2026.

### **Indiana Laborers' Training Trust Fund**

The Indiana Laborers Training Trust Fund will be awarding the Virgil E. & Charles R. Morris Scholarship Award to a dependent son or daughter of construction management employees. Applications will need to include admission confirmation from your college/university, transcripts, recommendation from your school advisor or a resume of your personality traits, and parental information. The deadline is April 30th. Please find the application at this link:  Scholarship App.pdf

### **P.E.O. Foundation & Michigan City P.E.O. Chapter BR Scholarships**

P.E.O. is a philanthropic organization that helps women pursue their educational goals through scholarships, grants, and low interest loans. Michigan City P.E.O. Chapter BR is awarding several scholarships to local women. Applications are due April 15th!

- Adele Jaworowski - \$1,960
- June B Kelley - \$2,000
- Dorothea M. Liddell - \$1,000
- Patricia Ann Latchford - \$1,000

Please see the attached flyer for the application and details.  2025-26 PEO Scholarship Form.docx

### ***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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