



# 2019-2020 Tuscarawas County Student Programming



## Young Authors' & Illustrators' Conference and Competition

KSU Tuscarawas  
Friday, October 18, 2019  
Friday, February 21, 2020

The Youth Authors' and Illustrators' Conference and Competition are a fantastic opportunity for our most talented 5th grade and 9th grade writers and illustrators. Day one, October 18th, will consist of a true writers' and illustrators' conference with keynote speakers, Sara Holbrook and Michael Salinger, followed by professionally facilitated breakout sessions including sessions on brainstorming, illustrating, using animation, and book making apps. Students will be required to bring a sack lunch for this day hosted by Kent State University Tuscarawas.

The writing merriment continues on day two, February 21st, and will consist of student authors bringing a written piece in one of three assigned genres and student illustrators bringing an illustration in a medium of their choice. Students will work with professional facilitators to edit, revise, and produce a final piece.

Final pieces will be judged and students will be given prizes in each of the assigned genres.

Student illustrators will compete in their own competition on this day.

KSU Tuscarawas will provide a certificate for a scholarship for the top overall prize in each age group. Winning Authors and Illustrators will be published and displayed at the Local Libraries. The event will be hosted by Kent State University Tuscarawas. Lunch and t-shirts will be provided.



## Law Day

New Philadelphia Courthouse  
Judge Thomakos (9:00 am)  
Judge O'Farrell (12:00 pm)

Court Administrator Elizabeth Stephenson extends this opportunity to high school students to witness and observe Felony Criminal hearings in the Tuscarawas County courtrooms of Judge Edward Emmett O'Farrell and Judge Elizabeth Lehigh Thomakos. The criminal hearings occur between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm on the scheduled days. Students are encouraged to ask questions of both the judges and lawyers following the hearings.

Fall: Thursday, November 7, 2019

Conotton Valley, Harrison Hills, Indian Valley, Tuscarawas Central Catholic, Tusky Valley

Winter: Thursday, February 6, 2020

Buckeye Career Center, Claymont, Dover, Garaway

Spring: Thursday, May 21, 2020

Newcomerstown, New Philadelphia, Strasburg, STAR



## Reading Festival

"Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader"  
New Towne Mall 10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Saturday, November 2, 2019

Each year the ECOESC hosts the Reading Festival, inviting families of school age children from Tuscarawas and surrounding counties to attend. Each partnering school, community organization, library, and Ohio authors have a table engaging the children in a literacy-based activity related to the theme. Every child in attendance is given a book of choice and a book bag containing goodies supported by partnerships with community businesses.



## Middle School Honors Band & Choir

Kent State Performing Arts Center  
Wednesday, March 4, 2020  
7:00 pm Performance

Select middle school band and choir students participate in a day long rehearsal culminating in a public-invited concert that evening at the Kent State Performing Arts Center. Teachers and/or Guest Conductors work with the students during the rehearsal times and concert event. About 550 guests came to the 2018 performance!



## Math Tournament

Buckeye Career Center  
May 13 & 14, 2020

Students in grades 5 through 8 compete in three rounds of testing in six categories. Students are awarded trophies for first place and ribbons for second through sixth places. This competition is a great way to contribute to our area's academic challenges. Each year whichever school district has the most points (based on students placing higher in each category) will receive the John Evanosky Memorial Trophy to proudly display for the next school year.



## Franklin B. Walter All- Scholastic Award

Columbus, Ohio  
Nominations due Saturday,  
February 1, 2020  
Banquet April 2020

Each high school may submit one applicant to be considered for this award. From the entrants, one top student is chosen from each county in the state and honored at a luncheon in the Spring. This event is sponsored by the Ohio Association of Educational Service Centers and was established in 1989 by Ohio's County Superintendents to recognize and promote student achievement and academic accomplishment. Annually, one senior from each of Ohio's eighty-eight counties receives this prestigious honor.



## Communication

Pep Talk: This monthly e-newsletter to all K-12 teachers contains gifted teaching strategies, differentiation techniques, conference and PD information, instructional strategies, and a monthly educational game giveaway, among other information.



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