



# Technical High School

Pride, Respect, Responsibility

## FROM THE TECH PRINCIPAL

There used to be a funny saying about communication and how to get a message out to a larger community: “Telephone, Telegraph, Television and Tell \_\_\_\_\_” (in the blank would go the name of a person who was a well known gossip). Everyone who knew the person would then laugh in agreement.

Today of course, most people don’t even know what a telegram is. Sometimes in old black and white movies you see a telegram delivered which usually contains some bad news. Not too many years ago, rather short telegraph poles marched along side railroad tracks carrying the wires and messages from one town to the other.

Who could have imagined how television has morphed from ABC, NBC and CBS in the 1980’s into the scores of cable networks today, as well as movies available anytime day or night? And then, there are cell phones today that have instant access to news, weather and entertainment.

You get the idea—communication devices and techniques keep changing almost daily. All of which leads me to my blog.

Last week I began a Tech Principal blog with the hope of sharing short and interesting information. Rather than wait for this newsletter or our Tech Website, I can quickly jot a note on a variety of school topics. Some of them will be about Tech and some will be of a more general educational nature.

I hesitated beginning this blog for two reasons. The first is that I thought the word “blog” sounds dumb. And the verb of blog sounds even dumber: “blogging.” The second reason is my self-confidence or lack of it. I thought it was very pretentious of people to think that they were soooooooooooooo important that the world would want to read about their comments on life and themselves.

After struggling whether I should begin a blog or not for a couple of months, I overcame my fears and decided that the blog would be another way to reach out to our Tech Learning Community. The need to find an additional way to communicate with parents and others interested in Tech is more important than my initial misgivings.

So, if you are interested in seeing my blog go to: <http://techprincipal.blogspot.com/> I plan to update it almost daily with school information that you may find worthwhile.

Go Tigers!

Roger Ziemann  
Tech Principal



## **TECH ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

October is here, and for our fall teams, this means playoffs will be beginning very soon. Here are some results and upcoming events for October:

\*Girls' Tennis is having a very good year at 6-0 in the CLC and 10-1 overall. They have two very important matches in the next week as they look to win the CLC title.

\*Volleyball is 2-4 in the CLC and 5-7 overall.

\*Boys' soccer is 3-4-2 in the CLC and is playing well right now.

\*Girls' Swimming is 3-2

\*The boys' and girls' cross country teams are off to a good start and are competing in every meet.

\*The football team is 2-2.

\*The girls' soccer team is 5-3-1 in the CLC and are gearing up for play-offs.

### Upcoming Events:

\*Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> is the National Honor Society Induction. It will be at 7pm in the auditorium.

\*Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> –Girls' Tennis, Tech vs. Brainerd 4:30pm at South

\*Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>- Tech football vs. Rocori, 7pm

\*Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>- Girls' Swimming/Diving True Team Sections at Tech, 12pm

\*Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>- Tech football vs. Apollo at Apollo, 7pm

\*Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>- Boys' and Girls' Soccer playoffs at a site to be determined

If you want to keep up-to-date on Tech activities there is a great website you can visit. It is at [www.centrallakesconference.org](http://www.centrallakesconference.org). This website will give you schedules, maps, results and standings. Please use this website, it is a wonderful resource.

## TECH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Homecoming Dance Tech Gym 8:00 p.m.**  
Saturday, October 3, 2009

**Picture Retakes**  
Tuesday, October 13, 2009

**MEA - No School**  
Thursday and Friday  
October 15 and 16

**Tech's next site council  
meeting is  
Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>  
from 6:00 – 7:00.**



Progress Reports will be mailed home before MEA Break. Watch for this report in your mailbox. If you don't receive a copy of your child's progress report by October 21<sup>st</sup>, please contact your child's guidance counselor.



### TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thursday, November 12, 2009  
4:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 17, 2009  
4:00 – 7:30 p.m.

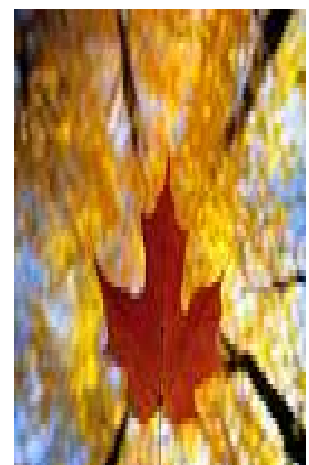
First Quarter Report Cards will be available at conferences.



Tech High School Gym  
Enter door 6, 9 or 10  
*Please join us!*



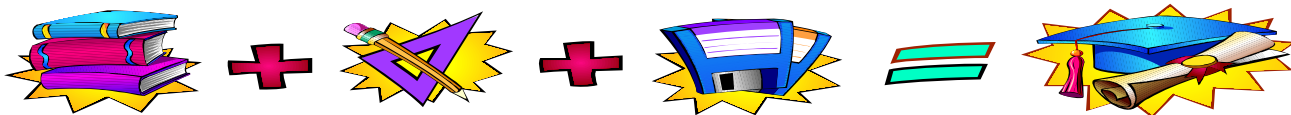
Deposits can be made into your students lunch account on-line at:  
<http://www.payforit.net>



## Guidance News

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