





As 2023 comes to a close, I intend to take some time to reflect on this past year and build upon successes and setting a path for a few meaningful intentions for 2024. I hope that you are able to do the same.

The first of those intentions is to be as present as possible. Like our students, I will be bringing my school laptop home, but I only plan to plug it in and set it aside. I intend to unplug for the week and enjoy the company of my family and friends. It is my hope that each of you and our students can do the same - take advantage of the time to be present and enjoy the time *being a kid*.

Wherever these days off may take you, on vacation or on staycation, I wish for you and all of our Tinicum Tigers nothing but safe, enjoyable, and relaxing days.

Enjoy the holiday season and the long(ish) winter break! We'll see you on **January 2nd**.

## NOTES FOR FAMILIES

1. We are still in need of some helpers for our Tinicum After School Clubhouse on Wednesdays from January 10 - February 7, from 3:45 - 5:00 PM. Please email Mrs. Aduddell if you are interested: [starie.a.aduddell.civ@mail.mil](mailto:starie.a.aduddell.civ@mail.mil)
2. Here is [the menu](#) for school lunch through February 9, 2024.
3. During this holiday break, please remind your child/children to store their Chromebooks in a place where they will not be damaged and to charge their Chromebooks to avoid battery issues and problems upon their return to school on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.
4. As we are heading into the winter months, [here is a reminder](#) about weather delays and snow calls.
5. Visitors and volunteers are strongly encouraged! If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know. You will need clearances that are up-to-date. You can check with Mrs. Doerr regarding your clearances. If you don't have them, but need to get them, please use [this link](#).
6. Please consider nominating your favorite Tinicum teacher for a *Citadel Heart of Learning Award*. Nomination forms may be submitted by [clicking here](#).



**A PEEK INTO NEXT WEEK**

Monday, January 1	---	<b>NO SCHOOL / HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b>
Tuesday, January 2	Day 6	Coding Club at 3:30 PM
Wednesday, January 3	Day 1	PTA Meeting at 4:30 PM
Thursday, January 4	Day 2	Gym Club at 3:30 PM
Friday, January 5	Day 3	School Store (during recess)

Specials Rotation at Tinicum:

Days 1 and 2 - Health or Physical Education

Days 3 and 4 - Library or Music

Days 5 and 6 - Art or Spanish

**SAVE THE DATE(S)!**

January 8, 2024	Coding Club at 3:30 PM
January 9, 2024	Canal Cleanup at 3:45 PM
January 10, 2024	After School Clubhouse at 3:45 PM
January 11, 2024	Gym Club at 3:30 PM
January 15, 2024	<b>No school for students</b>

My best,

*Dr. Michael W. Donnelly*