

“Summertime is always the best of what might be.” —
Charles Bowden



August 27th is the 1st day of school. Please keep the 2018 – 2019 calendar handy.

With this being our last newsletter of the school year, our minds and hearts are filled to the brim. It's been a fantastic year! Together, we've learned much and shared experiences that will remain with us for years to come. The strength of our community and wholehearted passion make our school an outstanding place of education, religion and friendships. This is what makes HTS truly a special place.

Special thanks to all of you who have contributed in small, large and unimaginable ways! Every one who chaired an event or fundraiser, coached our children and volunteered in any way it is appreciated. Thanks for sharing your time, talents, and treasures. You have supported our work in countless ways and provided resources that have allowed us to do many extra activities. So as the end of the 2017-2018 school year is in sight, please help your children to finish strong. Our students have worked diligently throughout the year to strive for academic excellence and we all want them to end the year strong. The last day of school will be here before we know it and I want to remind you to read with your children and take time to review math concepts over the summer.

Thank you for taking your children to mass, and sharing the Catholic faith and morals with them. Thanks for acting in a Christ like way and being an outstanding role model. Have a wonderful summer!

Farewell: There will be two special people retiring at the end of the school year. They have touched so many lives and will be difficult to replace. Mrs. D'Itri has been in Catholic education for 35 years, the last 25 at HTS. Mrs. D'Itri introduced hundreds of children to their first school experience in a loving and exciting way. She touched the lives of so many students, parents, and staff members. Her pleasant personality, dedication to her students, and willingness to lend a helping hand will surely be missed. It will not be the same without you.

Mrs. D'Itri's retirement plans include prepping her soon to be 6 grandchildren for preschool and traveling with her husband Jim and anyone else who would like to join them.

Mrs. McClelland will also be retiring from HTS. She has been an aide in the kindergarten for 8 years and spent 25 plus years as a teacher. Mrs. McClelland has been a great asset to our kindergarten program.

We wish both Mrs. D'Itri and Mrs. McClelland much happiness and continued good health in the years to come. Relax and enjoy your retirement, you deserve it.



Thank you Coaches: This year will be the last year that Mr. Golomb, Mr. Feeley, Mr. Rees, and Mr. Schiavo will serve as coaches at HTS. The time they have dedicated to instruct our children and instill in them good sportsmanship is to be commended. Special thanks to Mr. Golomb for starting the Track and Field Program. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us, it is greatly appreciated.

Holy Trinity Catholic School Presents Our 2018 Graduates:

Eighth Grade Graduates: I want to wish our eighth grade students all the best as they journey on to High School. Eighth grade graduation is a time for celebration and reflection on the impact that a faith-based education has made on each student, and parents proudly see their child as an 8th Grade Graduate: The eighth grade graduation mass will be held on Thursday, June 7th at 6:30 pm at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with a small reception immediately following in the school cafeteria. Thank you to the 7th grade parents and the PTG for hosting the reception. We wish continued success to our graduates as they continue on their educational journey. May the Good Lord Bless you always: Vanessa Betten, Connor Bridges, Braehm Brown, Connor Callahan, Anthony Cicchino, Nicholas DiPerna, Andrew Feeley, Audrey Flanagan, Patrick Forster, Taytem, Froehlich, Jillian Frosell, Chiara Golomb, Cheyenne Gorsuch, James Haseleu, Cameron Hurwitz, Isabelle Kulak, Averil Ludwick, Renee LaGrosse, Ian Lecker, Isabel Majoris, Andrew Marcello, Gabriel Miller, Ethan Minzer, Mason Moore, Alex Paluso, Joseph Rees, Joseph Ruscoe, Madeline Schiavo, Austin Smith, Anabella Sueiras, Kennedy Walsh, and Ethan Williams

Kindergarten Graduates: Our kindergarten students will graduate on Thursday, June 7th at 9:00AM in the gym. We wish our kindergarten class much success as they enter first grade. Our graduates are Scarlett Barbisch, Elizabeth Bensko, Liam Blatt, Noah Bridge, Capri Butera, Isabelle Capalongo, Garrett Carlowski, Vivienne Cavicchia, McKenzie Cipriani, Joseph Davoli, Lisa DeCaria, Camden Douglass, Clare Einloth, Mia Gaffney, Max Getz, Karly Gill, Sydney Goshorn, Carter Guzel, Walker Hankinson, Zoe Henriquez, Avaya Hess, Xavier Hess, Aiden Hughes, Declan Ireland, Lily Jamiolkowski, Carter Kalasky, Kennedy Kalich, Aarav Nagarkoti, Edward Nagel, Wylie Ogurchak, Nico Osso, Charlie Poore, Caiden Price, Jacob Rattenni, Mia Reilly, Nicholas Rohrdanz, Aria Roncone, Elizabeth Sellman, Charlie Seng, Jack Stragand, August Stuckeman, Heidi Surlow, Parker Thomas, Liam Voshall, James Watson, Lucas Werteleit, Abigail Williams, Emily Williams, and Natalie Zottola

Preschool Graduation: Congratulations to our Preschool four year old graduates. Look out Kindergarten here we come!

Mrs. D'Itri's Class: Paxton Brown, Brooke Bujaky, Calleigh Carothers, Westin Dreger, Elijah Ficocelli, Marlow Foust, Dean Glidden, Danielle Harris, Olivia Hawk, Logan Kbrom, Michael Kroniser, Owen McClintock, Luca Novelli, Audrina Oliver, Hadley Peters, Nora Peters, Loreline Pino, Peter Schneider, Ethan Silvestri, Anastasha Spewock, Blaise Terpack, Aidan Thomas, and Haylee Vanderloos

Miss McGuire's Class: Noa Bennett, Adam Cadarette, Brooks Callahan, James Cassell, Gabriella Ciamacco, Dustin Daniel, Leo Dugan, Colin Ihrig, Bryce Iorio, Zalia Irby, Aarvi Joshi, Milana Kolocouris, Courtney Kulbieda, Carter Lachesky, McKinley Meredith, Jaden Molinaro, Katherine Neilson, Isabelle Niskach, Olivia Pasquarelli, Olivia Portune-Solano, Logan Recker, Blake Simpson, Levi Solarczyk, and Delayne Suehr

Miss Folino's Class: Niko Ameredes, Maeve Beadling, Marco Berthney, Sophia Boleky, Brooklyn Campbell, Brooke Carlson, Corinn Cooper, Marianna Cowan, Ryan Hoffman, Samantha Incorvati, Noelle Jerabek, Elizabeth Jones, Michaela Lucas, Elliot Owens, Arnav Pagidi, Arden Shiring, Colton Snyder, Finnley Wainwright, Brock Weakland, Harley Wilson, and Ivy Wu

Medication Pick Up: All student medication must be picked up by a parent or adult at the school office on the last day of school. This includes all prescriptions, Epi-Pens, inhalers, and over the counter medicines. Medicine cannot be sent home with students. Any medicine not picked up will be disposed of. Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this matter.

Summer Office Hours: The school office hours will change beginning on June 18th through August 10th. The office will be opened for parents and visitors on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00AM – 1:00PM. Stop in and buy your Gift Cards. They will be on sale all summer. The office will be closed for vacation throughout the summer. Please check your email or the school answering service for these dates. Remember you can also purchase gift cards at mass and receive credit.

Scholarship Winners

Many of our 8th grade students have been blessed to receive scholarships from our Catholic High Schools. Scholarships were awarded for Academic Excellence, Leadership, School Involvement, Excellence in a Foreign Language and Athletics. Congratulations to all of our scholarship recipients. We are proud of you.



Bishop Canevin: On Sunday, April 29, 2018, Bishop Canevin High School held its annual Scholarship Brunch for incoming students where over \$225,000 in scholarships were awarded. These scholarships are awarded based on strong academics, involvement in school activities, leadership or service to church, school and community. We are proud to announce that the students from your school listed below were among the awardees:

Ian Lecker – Carey Scholarship (half-tuition renewable for 4 years)
Chiara Golomb – Fr. Arrupe Scholarship
Gabriel Miller – Maura Schwab Scholarship
Anthony Cicchino – Mr. Cygrymus Scholarship
Jillian Frosell – Mrs. Doris Hesselberg Scholarship



Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic: In addition to attending Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School, Connor Bridges has been accepted into the EXCEL Hockey Academy. The EXCEL Hockey Academy is for students with an outstanding academic background who receive world class hockey training that will maximize each student athlete's potential to advance to top tier colleges and universities.



Central Catholic: Joseph Rees and Ethan Williams have each been awarded the De La Salle Merit Scholarship at Central Catholic High School. The scholarship is awarded to applicants who belong to a Catholic parish, demonstrate high academic achievement, and have strong Placement Test results. The award is half-tuition for four years. Joseph and Ethan are two of the five recipients this year.



Junior Achievement Award: Congratulations to Renee LaGrosse for receiving the Junior Achievement Cardinal Wuerl Scholarship. Renee will receive \$3,000 toward her tuition at Bishop Canevin High School.

Oakland High School: Audrey Flanagan will be attending Oakland Catholic High School and was awarded the Academic Excellence Award.



Begin Fundraising and Volunteering Now! There are opportunities listed below. Starting on May 26th you may begin earning hours for the 2018 – 2019 school year.

Festival & White Elephant Sale: There are many ways to volunteer at the Festival. These events will be held on August 2nd – 4th. There will be a preview night on August 1st. Watch for Festival information in the web blasts from the Chairs Rich & Heather Murray and White Elephant chairs Dennis & Elise Minzer.

Mass Gift Card: We are looking for volunteers to sell gift cards after weekend masses. Please consider promoting our gift card program by selling gift cards before and after Mass. We are looking for volunteers to sell gift cards at the Saturday 5pm mass and Sundays at 8am, 10am, & 12pm. You will earn two hours of volunteer time and potential fundraising credit. If interested in volunteering, sign up on this link <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/1802805/false#/invitation>

Gift Cards: Gift cards will be sold Tuesday through Thursday in the school office during the summer. You can still order your cards online. Remember if you are remodeling, purchasing appliances, or going on vacation- buy gift cards through school.

The Car Raffle: HTS will once again raffle off a new car or chose a \$10,000 payout option. This year the car will be a 2018 Camaro, purchased from Rohrich Chevrolet with the assistance of Jack Hinds, coach of the developmental basketball program. The cost of the car is approximately \$28,000 so it is critical that all families make an effort to sell their five tickets.

The chairpersons are Cathy Lugaila and Heather Murray. The raffle will begin on June 1st. The winner will be drawn at the Robinson Township Autumn Festival on September 15th. Details and tickets will be sent home soon. This fundraiser is an excellent way to earn both volunteer hours and fundraising dollars. The family who is volunteering at the booth will receive credit for tickets sold during the time they work. The only exception to this is if the buyer chooses to give credit to a school family. Car Raffle tickets will sell for \$20.00 each and each family will be receiving 5 tickets to sell. You will earn \$10.00 credit for on each ticket sold toward the next year's assessment. All stubs and money must be returned by September 13, 2018. Please join us in making this year the best car raffle ever!

We will again use [Signup.com](https://signup.com) to coordinate volunteer spots in the booth. The link to sign up will be emailed from the school office on a monthly basis. We ask that everyone only sign up for five spots initially to give everyone an opportunity to volunteer. If there are open spots after the first two weeks of the month, then please sign up for more. If you cannot make your scheduled spot, please find a replacement. Car raffle tickets will again be sold at the festival, but fund raising credit will not be given for tickets sold there.

Please remember it is important that once you sign up you show up to work or find someone to take your place, however if you have to absolutely cancel simply log on to the site and click on the cancel button. This will notify Mrs. Lugaila and she will notify the office so that we can send out a web blast to try to fill your spot. It is important we have coverage at all times in the booth.

Last year, 60% of the tickets sold came from ticket booth sales with multiple families meeting their fundraising goals by volunteering in the booth. In 2017 we raised almost \$15,000 from the car raffle. We're hoping to increase our profit this year, but we need everyone to participate.

Please sign up for Car Raffle Volunteers 2018!

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on [SignUp.com](https://signup.com): <http://signup.com/login/entry/396987729248382036>
2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on [SignUp.com](https://signup.com))
3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - [SignUp.com](https://signup.com) will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Steeler Football Pool: HTS is sponsoring a football pool for the 2018 Steeler football season. We are hoping to have five pools this year. Each completed pool brings in \$3,200.00 for the school. There are 100 squares on the pool with each square costing \$80.00 (this is just \$5.00 per week). The weekly payout will be Halftime - \$100.00 and Final Score - \$200.00. Assuming all squares are sold, the total payout for the pool is \$4,800.00 and the school profit is \$3,200.00. The numbers are drawn for each weekly game, therefore, your numbers should be different each week. You will receive all 16 games prior to the start of the season via email. You will receive \$32.00 for each square purchased/sold toward your fundraising assessment.

Remember to Save: Please remember to save BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION, Coke Rewards and scan your receipts into Shoparoo all summer long. Shop on Amazon Smile and the school will receive credit. Ask your family and friends to save and scan too. This is a great way to get a jump on our collections for next year

Science Comes Alive

Covestro: Through their STEM program and as part of their Sustainability initiative, Covestro both visited Holy Trinity classrooms and had Holy Trinity students visit their laboratories to discuss the importance of science in everyday life. The classroom visits included student experiments that corresponded with what is being learned currently in the science classes. 6th grade participated in “Chemistry in a Bag” and differentiated between endothermic and exothermic reactions as they analyzed three different chemical reactions. 2nd grade enjoyed chemistry as well, learning about solids, liquids, and gases by filling bubbles with carbon dioxide. Even bubbles filled with fog can bounce! Physics experiments were conducted by the 5th grade as they reviewed “Newton’ Laws of Cooling” and watched heat transfer from warm objects to cooler ones.

The 8th grade had the opportunity to visit Covestro and see first-hand what research and development scientists do to create the products we use. In the polyurethanes laboratory, researchers manufacture the chemical components that create polyurethanes for customers that go into furniture, pillows, shoe soles, water heater insulation, and soccer and bowling balls. The same facility uses fiberglass to strengthen doors and tractor parts and tests components used in hardwood flooring. Students also had the opportunity to visit the coatings, adhesives, and specialties research laboratory that works to develop and supply substances to make products more durable and attractive. They learned how Covestro scientists must consider various chemical and physical properties when formulating paint components, and the lengthy testing processes that occur before a product is ready for the customer. As part of such testing, the students observed weather simulating machines in action. Students also visited the polycarbonates research facility that designs and molds plastic materials as glass substitutes to make parts more lightweight, thereby increasing energy efficiency while not compromising strength. Students were able to watch molding machines in action.

Covestro is a manufacturer of high-tech polymer materials whose North American headquarters are located in the Robinson area. We are grateful to have such a wonderful partner in our community! Special thanks to Ben Renwick, STEM Coordinator for Covestro, who visited Holy Trinity School and facilitated our site visit.



Our Amazing Kids

Diocesan Spelling Winner: Contessa Tripodi placed 3rd at in The Diocesan Spelling on Wednesday, May 16th at St Louise de Marillac School. The Bee lasted 24 rounds, due of the strong spelling ability of the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade contestants. Contessa is an avid reader and spelling comes natural to her but she still worked hard studying for event. She was very confident and posed each time she approached the microphone. Contessa is the daughter of Jeffrey and Caroline Tripodi and the sister of Roman who is a 4th grader. Contessa, we are very proud of you! The other winners were 1st Place: Patrick Weldon, Saint Thomas More School, Grade 5, 2nd Place: Gia Rocco DeNinno, East Catholic School, Grade 6.



Lion King

Congratulations to the cast and crew of Lion King. Your performances were amazing. Every year new hidden talents emerge. Thank you for entertaining us with your God given talents. Thank you, Director Lauren Sutton, Co-Director Miss Castello, Music Director Miss Shipley and Producer Dawn Lecker. Thanks also to all of the volunteers. We could not have done it without of you.

Lion King Cast and Crew





Stars of Tomorrow: The students in Stars of Tomorrow entertained the audience before the show on Friday. They did a great job and in a few years will be in the musicals. Jason Swauger is the director of this group.



Fairchild Challenge #5, Environmental Action: Home, School, or Community

The 6th and 7th grade science students participated in their fifth and final challenge, sponsored by Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, in April. Their task was to initiate, implement, and sustain an activity that promotes environmental awareness and conservation within the home, school, or community. The students voted on a recycling competition to be held in grades kindergarten through eighth over a two-week period, and the class that earned the most points, would receive a pizza party. The goal was to collect 2000 items, but after three days the goal was adjusted to 10,000. Students spent their recess tallying items. After 2 weeks, 2A was the winner with 30,775 points, with 8B coming in a close second. The overwhelming participation by Holy Trinity students reached a goal of 20,000 recyclable items collected. WOW!! Thank you to everyone who participated and remember to keep recycling, the benefits are endless. (Including donating supplies to Mrs. Boehm for art class and to a local organization)



DEVELOPMENTAL TRACK TEAM NEWS

Congratulations to the Developmental Track Team: Our boys and girls developmental track teams ended the season on a positive note. The girls' team placed 2nd in the Diocese. This is the second year in a row that the girls' team took home a team trophy. The Developmental boys, team placed 6th. Below you will find the full list of results. Individual medalists were:

Leah Parker: 2nd 50m, 2nd 100m, 5th 200m, 8th 400m, Diocesan Champs 4x100

Sophia Saginaw: 7th 50m, 4th 200m, 3rd 400m, 3rd Long Jump, Diocesan Champs 4x100

Elise Hornyak Diocesan Champs 4x100

Zoe Woessner 8th 800 m, Diocesan Champs 4x100

Christian Williams: 7th 100m, 5th 200m, 7th 400m, 3rd 4x100m

Dominic Michnowicz 7th Long Jump, 3rd 4x100m

Alex Smith 3rd 4x100m

Elias Latouf 3rd 4x100m



Diocesan Track and Field Championship JV and Varsity

Holy Trinity's JV and Varsity Track and Field team participated in the Diocesan Championship on Saturday, May 19th. There were 24 schools in the competition.

The JV Girls team finished 5th and many of our girls placed in the competition.

Chloe Hornyak was the Diocesan Champion in the 100m and Diocesan Champion in 200m. She placed 2nd in the 4x100m and 5th place 4x400 m. **Mia Crofford** 7th place 800m, 2nd place 4x100m, & 5th place 4x400m **Lily Ireland** 2nd place 4x100m, **Ava Tournay** 2nd place 4x100m, 5th place 4x400 m, **Sophia Saginaw** 5th place 4x400 m

The JV Boys team placed 7th and many of our boys placed in the competition.

Aaron Williams 7th place 4x100m, 8th place 4x400m, **Michael Smith** 7th place 4x100m, 8th place 4x400m, 4th place shot put, **Ryan Saginaw** 7th place 4x100m, 8th place 4x400m, 7th place shot put, 4th place javelin **Henry Barbisch** 7th place 4x100m, 8th place 4x400m, 5th place shot put

Varsity Girls Team placed 4th. The following students placed in the competition.

Evie Minzer 3rd place 400m, 3rd place 4x100m, 3rd place 4x400m, 5th place 200m, **Kennedy Walsh** was the

Diocesan Champion in Shot Put 3rd place 4x100m, 3rd place 4x400m, , 8th place Javelin **Kate Mickle** 3rd place 4x100m, 3rd place 4x400m, **Chiara Golomb** 3rd place 4x100m, 3rd place 4x400m, 7th place 800m

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Alan Betten 6th place 800m, 2nd place 4x400m, **Collin Cimino** 2nd place 4x400m, **Tyler Gaffney** 3rd place 4x100m, 2nd place 4x400m, **Sam Gaffney** 3rd place 4x100m, 2nd place 4x400m, **Chris Ireland** 3rd place 4x100m, **Vincent Frank** 3rd place 4x100m, **Ethan Williams** 4th place Shot Put, 5th place Javelin, **Kyle Janas** 7th place Javelin



PJAS: Congratulations to Ian Lecker for placing first in the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science State Competition held at Penn State University on Monday, May 21. Ian had advanced from the Regional Competition held at Duquesne in February. Ian's project was titled "Optimizing the Electrolysis of Water to Increase Efficiency." Way to go Ian! You represented Holy Trinity with pride. Sponsor: Mrs. Ford



Battle of the Books: The Battle of the Books competition was held on May 31st. Students in grades 4th – 6th choosing to participate read 6 novels from different genres and met as a team to discuss the books. Each team had a parent who organized meeting times and quizzed the students on the novels. There were 7 teams in the competition, 1 sixth grade team, 2 fifth grade teams and 2 fourth grade teams and 2 mixed grade teams. The 1st place team was the Rockin Readers a 4th grade team and the 2nd place team was from 5th grade the Return of the Fabulous Vocabulists. All of the teams were winners as they recognize the importance and enjoyment of reading.



Christian, Ricky, Owen, Zoe, Helene, Sophia



Mariah, Alex, Ashlyn, Corinna, Rachael, Casie



Reighan, Aaron, Ryan, Luke, Julia, Grace



Colton, Kenzie, Samantha, Matthew, Finn



Joelle, Lydia, Gianna, Natalie, Sarah, Angelina



Mia, Bailey, Riley, Lily, Noelle, Gianna



Julia, Norah, Lexie, Eli, Sarah, Marina